

Tuesday, June 17, 1975

CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill - a rare address today by a foreign leader - to a joint session of Congress. West German President Walter Scheel saying the Indo-China debacle - has strengthened rather than weakened U.S. ties with Europe. "More energies have been set free - said he. Adding: "The awareness of our interdependence - is deeper than ever. "

President Scheel also did call for renewed social conscience - in our dealings with developing nations. This as part of the continuing battle - against Communist ideologies. Communism can only "succeed" - said he - "where injustice and misery predominate."

WASHINGTON

At a meeting of small business men in Washington - President Ford said today "the worst recession since the Nineteen Thirties is coming to an end;" As proof citing a drop ⁱⁿ ~~business in~~ inventories, an increase in over-all employment, declining interest rates, increased home building and so on. ~~The President adding that "some indicators will continue to be depressed because they record only what is gone past. But, I am confident"~~ - said he - "that we are at the bottom of the economic slide - and ~~we~~ will soon be on our way up."

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WHITE HOUSE

~~On another front~~ - The White House said ~~today~~
the President is "displeased" - about leaks on
alleged C I A involvment~~s~~ in assassination plots.
Spokesman Ron Nessen saying there seems to be
"a continuing series of leaks - of alleged partial
~~infor~~ information" also, quoting the President as
~~saying~~ ~~says~~ this ill-serves "personal reputations,
history, foreign relations" - ~~and~~ ^{and} "the national interest."

ELECTION

Capitol Hill again - the Senate today rejected the idea of a special election - to determine the new junior Senator from New Hampshire. They'll take more action on this tomorrow.

SAIPAN

The people of the northern Mariana islands in the ^{far}~~South~~ Pacific ^{today} voted overwhelmingly ~~today~~ in favor of ~~the~~ accepting commonwealth status with the U S. This marking the first time in more than fifty years - that the U S has ~~quickly~~ acquired a new territory. The area in question including Saipan and Tinian - which played such a ~~prominent~~ prominent role in World War Two. The new ~~new~~ commonwealth to become ^{united}~~united~~ with ^{our}~~the~~ fifty states, ^{plus} Guam and Puerto Rico, as soon as approved by Congress - probably this summer.

MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East - a five hour meeting of the Israeli cabinet; followed today by an announcement from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin - that Israel is ready now to resume interim peace negotiations with Egypt. Rabin adding that "Israel will be prepared to review its position - consonant with changes that may occur in the Egyptian position."

ANKARA

A thirty day deadline for the start of talks aimed at ending the U.S. arms embargo against Turkey. The Turks say if nothing has been accomplished by July Fifteenth - they'll close down all twenty-five U.S. bases on Turkish soil.

PEKING

As has happened so often in the past, the twin scourges of flood and ~~drought~~ drought are again threatening Chinese agriculture. Reports from Peking tell ~~us today~~ of severe flooding in Central and Southern China - ^{and} at the same time ~~is~~ severe drought in the northeast and northwest. Also, warning of heavy losses in wheat and rice production - if the weather doesn't ^{soon} improve. ~~and soon.~~

SWIMMING

In medieval Europe -- swimming as a sport was banned -- to prevent the spread of disease. But it was finally accepted as a sport -- in Nineteenth Century England; and further popularized here in the U.S. -- by ~~such as~~ President Teddy Roosevelt, who used to go skinny-dipping in the Potomac.

TR's companion on one ^{such}outing -- ^{says} the National Geographic ~~tells us~~ -- was ^{the} French Ambassador, who forgot to remove his gloves. When ^{T.R. mentioned it he replied:} ~~she advised -- saying:~~ "I think I'll leave them on -- we might meet some ladies."

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HOUSE

A number of top college football coaches went to Capitol Hill today to challenge the new rules requiring equal treatment for women athletes. The coaches ^{were} led by Darrel Royal of the University of Texas ^{who is} also President of the American football coaches association. - ^{Royal} ~~he~~ said that equal treatment would have a "destructive economic impact" and would "eventually" kill college ~~the~~ sports programs "for both men and women."

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