

Monday, September 2, 1974

## PENSIONS

*Labor Day took on a special meaning in the White House Rose Garden. It was Pension Day - with President Ford signing a new law guaranteeing minimum retirement benefits for workers who are covered by private pension plans. Many of the country's top government, labor and business leaders were present for the signing ceremony.*

*Said the President: "This is a model of what can be done to improve the lives of Americans without harming our free enterprise system."*

*It does not require employers to have pension plans; but under certain conditions, like being on the job at least five years, it guarantees benefits for those whose employers do have pension plans.*

*President Ford flew by helicopter for the ceremony, then back to Camp David to spend the remainder of the holiday weekend with his family.*

FOREIGN

The OAS, ~~the~~ Organization of American States -  
begins talks this week <sup>hopefully to</sup> ~~which could~~ end the ten year  
~~the~~ economic sanctions against Cuba; - possibly <sup>bring</sup>  
<sup>this to pass</sup>  
within six months. The O A S approach has the  
tacit approval of President Ford who <sup>favours</sup> ~~apparently~~  
~~is expanding U S foreign policy into new areas -~~  
~~such as softening,~~ <sup>our attitude toward</sup> ~~the rigid stand against~~ Cuba, and  
<sup>also</sup>  
~~and~~ extending diplomatic recognition to Communist  
East Germany. <sup>π</sup> ~~and~~ Today, State Department officials  
<sup>also</sup>  
let it be known ~~and~~ that Washington is receptive  
toward diplomatic ties with the Mongolian Peoples  
Republic, <sup>also</sup> ~~and~~ the Albanian Peoples Republic -  
both Communist, ~~countries. For the moment,~~ North  
Korea and North Vietnam seem to be the only  
Communist nations, <sup>so far not approached by us,</sup> ~~without diplomatic overtures~~  
~~from the U S. By comparison, some European~~  
~~countries, - traditional allies - are complaining of~~

INDO CHINA

When South Vietnamese paratroopers, <sup>today</sup> entered  
Loc Quan they found ~~village today~~ - only to find all its two ~~thous~~ thousand  
residents missing - apparently <sup>moved out</sup> ~~carried away~~ or  
kidnapped by Communist troops who left slogans on  
the walls re-naming the ~~village~~ <sup>place</sup> "peace city."

TP In and ~~was~~ around the ~~hamlet~~ - Loc Quan -- ~~the~~  
~~Saigon~~ <sup>Saigon</sup> ~~government~~ troops found rice and potato crops  
ready for harvesting. But a <sup>rumored</sup> ~~was expected~~  
Communist offensive to mark North Vietnam's  
Independence Day, <sup>did not</sup> ~~failed to~~ materialize.

# SIKKIM

*small Himalayan principality*  
In New Delhi, the ~~neighboring kingdom of~~

*again*  
Sikkim became an ~~even larger~~ controversial issue.

In the Indian parliament ~~with the introduction of~~  
*there was*  
a government ~~amendment that would~~ *move to* absorb Sikkim,

~~into its~~ India's political life. It would give Sikkim

voting representation in both houses of the Indian

Parliament. Opposition arose immediately from

Communist and Socialist members who called it

Indian "expansionism" that ~~could~~ ~~surely~~ provoke

*a break*  
~~bad relations~~ with China. *Up to now* ~~India considers~~ Sikkim has

*been*  
a buffer zone *between the two - much the same* ~~to its defense against China, to the~~

~~as~~ as Bhutan - and Nepal.

MID EAST

*Israeli Defense Minister Shimon Peres*

*says Israel is willing to negotiate a return of  
the Jordan River's west bank to ~~Jordan~~ Jordan but  
he ~~is~~ rules out any evacuation of territory before  
a peace treaty is agreed upon. ~~Meaning~~ <sup>while</sup> ~~time~~*

*Jordanian King Hussein flew to London - seeking  
support for a troop disengagement pact with  
Israel similar to those negotiated by Egypt and  
Syria last fall.*

# LLOYDS

One of Britain's <sup>major</sup> ~~biggest~~ banks - Lloyds -

says it has lost almost eighty million dollars because of irregular foreign exchange dealings, at a branch in Switzerland, <sup>where</sup> Two Swiss employees face ~~possible~~ criminal charges, ~~in connection with the case.~~

## STATUE

In Moscow the late Premier Nikita

Khrushchev finally <sup>gets</sup> ~~was given~~ a monument ~~in his~~  
~~honor today~~ <sup>so far</sup> the only one ~~erected~~ <sup>in his honor.</sup> ~~to him in the~~  
~~Soviet Union.~~ <sup>It's</sup> An eight foot ~~high~~ black and  
white granite pedestal -- topped by a a bronze  
bust, of Khrushchev, ~~placed~~ <sup>to commemorate</sup> in a cemetery, ~~at the~~  
<sup>the</sup> third anniversary of his ~~was~~ death. ~~was~~ The  
sculptor - Ernest Neizvestny -- once drew critical  
fire from Khrushchev although the two ~~was~~ later  
were reconciled.

# SHIP

~~Just~~ <sup>last</sup> week ago <sup>is</sup> Japan's first atomic  
powered cargo ship - The Mutso - sailed on its  
test voyage - <sup>= did so</sup> <sub>^</sub> despite a harbor blockade by hundreds  
of fishermen who feared possible radio active  
~~contamination~~ contamination of their fishing  
waters. Today, a government agency says The Mutso  
may have to cut short its voyage and return to  
port - because of a radio active leak in the ship's  
re-actor. <sup>All of which</sup> ~~It~~ <sub>^</sub> brought a <sup>quick</sup> ~~prompt~~ reaction from ~~these~~  
fishermen at the ship's home port - ~~some~~ four  
hundred miles north of Tokyo. They <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ <sub>^</sub> threaten<sup>ing</sup>  
to use force ~~if necessary~~ to bar the vessel's  
return.



## BULLFIGHTERS

~~Those lady~~ <sup>Feminine</sup> bull fighters are having their

troubles in ~~the bull rings of~~ Spain. The Spanish government recently issued a new law - permitting

women to fight bulls <sup>as torreadors</sup> ~~on foot~~ for the first time in

thirty-five years. <sup>The Sunday adventure</sup> ~~But, the appearance Sunday~~ of

Estrella Raya of Cuba was termed <sup>a</sup> ~~a virtual~~

"disaster" ~~by~~ <sup>by</sup> ~~the~~ critics in Madrid. Miss Raya

was tossed twice by <sup>a bull.</sup> ~~the animal~~ - and When she

gave up, a spectator ~~even~~ tried to slay the bull. -

~~but~~ He too, failed.

And now this message.

CARMEN

Today was

Hurricane Carmen ~~is~~ ~~more~~ sweeping across

the Mexican peninsula of Yucatan -- site of the

ancient Mayan Empire - while the Mexican army

organizes air and rescue stations in ~~the~~ stricken

area. <sup>s.</sup> The storm ~~struck with gusts~~ <sup>swept over Yucatan at</sup> up to one hundred

seventy five miles an hour, - but as it moved

~~westward~~ <sup>it has</sup> ~~westward~~ <sup>slowing down</sup> ~~across Yucatan, its forward~~

~~speed slowed~~ to fifty miles <sup>an</sup> per hour. ~~In Miami~~ <sup>Carmen no</sup>  
longer as wild as she <sup>was</sup>.

the hurricane center says Carmen will move

overland for the next twenty hours or so and should

weaken - but could pick up speed again on reaching

the open Gulf of Mexico on the other side. At

present, the storm appears headed for ~~the~~

~~Mexican~~ coastal cities in Campeche State.

This is LT for CBS News  
saying a-l-u-t-m

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VIENNA

After six days of talks in Vienna - an agreement today among the advisors to the world's major oil exporting nations. The advisors agreeing to advise a freeze on crude oil prices - through the remainder of the year; also, advising a cut back in production - to make sure the freeze sticks. This in response to a sudden surplus of oil - right around the globe - a surplus now said to be growing at a rate of about two millions barrels a day.

A conference spokesman noting that "house-  
wives <sup>aren't</sup> ~~are~~ driving as much, and more people have smaller cars."

WHITE HOUSE

From

~~At~~ the White House - an announcement

~~today~~ that President Ford is still weighing the

amnesty issue, <sup>and</sup> ~~that he~~ plans to delay a final

decision - <sup>until</sup> ~~till and possibly early~~ next week. Press

Secretary ~~Fernald~~ terHorst saying the President

~~"has some ideas of his own" - he~~ "wants to refine

his thinking."

~~The President was also meeting again today~~

- ~~with key economic advisors~~ Budget Director

Roy Ash <sup>today</sup> ~~warning~~ <sup>ed that</sup> ~~however~~, it could take as

much as two years to turn the tide against inflation.