

MOSCOW

Wed. Mar. 27-74.

At the last minute, in Moscow, a cancellation of ~~today's~~ ^{this morning's} scheduled talk - between Henry Kissinger and Soviet leader Leonard Brezhnev. Instead, Brezhnev meeting with other members - of the ruling Soviet Politburo.

Dr. Kissinger refusing, however, to view the cancellation - as an ill omen. Saying: "You can look on it - the other way." He then had lunch - with Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko. In an exchange of toasts - both men pledging a continuation of Soviet-American cooperation. Gromyko adding that he hoped the current meetings - would produce "good, or better still, excellent results."

Brezhnev and Kissinger did get together tonight - their talk said to have been business-like constructive.

India
In the Northern States of Bihar and Uttar

Pradesh ~~in India~~ - an epidemic of small pox. *Some* ~~Nearly~~

twenty-four thousand reported cases - in ~~the past~~ two

months. And now, eighty more in the ~~Indian~~ capital *city,*

of New Delhi.

The result - a grim house to house search

- throughout the Indian capital. New Delhi health

teams aided by experts from the World Health Organization

- attempting to track down additional victims;

attempting to halt the spread of the ~~dread~~ disease -

sweeps over
before it ~~envelopes~~ all of Hindustan.

MOZAMBIQUE

In Portuguese Mozambique - a head-on crash today between a Portuguese freight train and a passenger train - from nearby Rhodesia. The freight said to be carrying fuel - and both trains immediately bursting into flame. First reports indicating at least sixty dead. ~~For~~ Mozambique - the worst train wreck ever.

TOPEKA

At Topeka, Kansas - a dissertation on the psychology of kidnapping; from Dr. Herbert Modlin - director of preventive psychiatry at the Menninger Institute.

Dr. Modlin saying: "In many parts of the world - life is relatively cheap; but Americans value it highly - and so are willing to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars to get it back." Dr. Modlin adding, in short: "We are softies - and are being taken advantage of."

KIDNAPPING FOLLOW TOPEKA

~~And now the latest,~~ ^{From} Hermosillo, Mexico -

the kidnapping of U.S. diplomatic official John Patterson
^{is a mystery. That is, our State}
~~How and why - as yet undisclosed. The U.S. State~~

Department refusing ^{to} ~~to provide~~ any details - "in

the interest of the safety of the individual." In Mexico,

~~it might be noted,~~ the official government policy - is

simply "no negotiations" with kidnappers.

~~At~~ the Mitchell-Stans trial in New York City

- John Dean was ~~the man in the hot seat~~ ^{on again} today.

Attorneys for both ~~the~~ defendants * hammering away at the former White House counsel; attempting to point up alleged discrepancies - in what he told the President, according to tape transcripts, and what he has since testified in open court.

Along the way, Dean was twice reprimanded by Judge ~~Lee~~ Gagliardi * for making comments beyond the scope of the questions asked him. The second time - the Judge, ~~was clearly~~ ^{said} angry, ~~Telling Dean:~~

"I don't want to reprimand you again."

A three man delegation from Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party - arrived today in Manila. The Japanese bearing a check for a million bucks - as a token of gratitude for the recent safe return of World War Two hold-out Lieutenant Hiroo Onoda.

The check
~~They hope to present it~~ to President Marcos ~~of the Philippines~~ - to be used for a good cause. *However*

~~But~~ Marcos ~~refusing~~^{ed} to accept ~~the donation~~^{it}.

~~Reportedly~~ saying the return of Onoda was an "act of hospitality - for which we do not expect anything in return."

Caracus

~~From Caracus~~ ^Q postscript ^{on last night's} today on ~~the~~
at Caracus
heavyweight championship fight [^] between ~~George~~ Forman
and ~~Ken~~ Norton. As you, ^{perhaps} know, the champ all but
destroying Norton - scoring a T K O in the second
round; whereupon Mohammad Ali whom Forman ^{may} ~~will~~
probably meet next ^{went down a} ~~going into his act.~~

~~In the hallway separating the two fighters~~
~~dressing rooms - Ali~~ pounding on ~~one of the~~ doors.
Shouting ~~over and over~~: "Get me Forman! - get me
Forman!" Only trouble - he was pounding on Norton's
door. When told that ~~this was the case -~~ Ali walking
away, ^{we hear} ~~As he left - we are told~~ muttering, ~~under his~~
~~breath: "I want my bus - I don't want George."~~

Now Bill, who never mutters.

Nuevo Laredo-Nairobi

The steaking fad here in the U.S. - seems to have run its course. But not so - in foreign lands.

At Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, for example, a downtown streak by three women - ~~who normally ply their trade in the city's bordello district.~~ The three ~~"ladies of the evening"~~ - complaining about unfair competition from non-professionals.

^{In Kenya,}
~~Mombasa,~~ at Nairobi, ~~Kenya,~~ a government order calling for the ~~immediate~~ arrest of anyone found streaking; especially anyone - from a foreign country. ^{They} ~~The latter~~ to be deported - in, quote, "exactly the same attire as when apprehended."