

Wednesday, June 5, 1974

NEW DELHI

The world's worst smallpox epidemic since the turn of the century is reported from India. The government at New Delhi - admits some ten thousand dead over the past six months. But the World Health Organization - says the actual toll is more like twenty-five thousand.

The epidemic largely in the states of Bihar and Uttarpradesh - northern India; and spreading into neighboring Nepal. All of which - has lead to a massive vaccination program.

GENEVA - GOLAN HEIGHTS

The final terms of the Syrian and Israeli troop disengagement - were formally signed today in Geneva. Both forces on the Golan Heights - immediately began pulling back their heavy equipment - while advance groups of U N troops moved into position in the new buffer zone.

COLORADO

The Mid-East truce agreement was the subject of a commencement address today - by Vice President Gerald Ford; at the Air Force Academy. The Vice President noting that the Arabs and Israelis - were apparently hopelessly deadlocked. "Did they ask Brezhnev of Russia to intercede?" he demanded. "Or Pompidou of France - or Heath of England?" "No" - he went on - "they asked our President - because" said Vice President Ford, "they ~~never~~ knew he could get the job done."

ANNAPOLIS

And, President Nixon was the speaker at Annapolis; outlining what we can and cannot do in foreign relations. He spoke of "eloquent appeals some are making for the U S to transform the internal as well as international behavior of other countries, especially the Soviet Union." Said the President - the Russians resent this - just as we would resent Soviet intervention in U S domestic affairs." Adding: "We cannot gear our foreign policy - to the transformation of other societies."

But what we can do, said he is to continue the present policy of detente - and build on it; with "our first responsibility - the prevention of a war that could destroy all societies."

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SIMON

Treasury Secretary William Simon - a witness

today before the Senate finance Committee; urging the

panel to drop its plans for a new tax reform package.

**Including a tax cut - on the grounds that it could do
more harm than good. Simon observing that "uncertainty**

alone - can cause major dislocations;" which in turn

causes "economic slowdowns - from which no one

benefits."

FRANCE

~~France's new government today spelled out~~

~~the foreign policy it intends to pursue -- in the~~

~~months and years ahead.~~ ~~Prime~~ Premier Jacques

Chirac ^{today told his} ~~telling the French~~ parliament ^{that} France will

remain a faithful member of ~~the~~ Nato, ~~alliance.~~ Also,

pledging "active and friendly cooperation" - with what

he called "that great country," the United States.

"It is clear" said he - "our economic development

implies close ties - with the world's first economic

power."

PARIS

Solzhenitsyn this week will publish his first book since he was exiled from Russia. Volume Two of "the Gulag Archipelago;" all about Soviet police and prison camp methods.

SENATE

The nomination of Air Force General George Brown as new chairman of the Joint Chiefs - was approved today by the Senate. General Brown succeeding Admiral Thomas Moorer - who retires.

And now this message.

HUNTSVILLE

Seventeen inmates at the Texas State

prison in Huntsville, Texas have just been graduated from a course in construction ~~technology~~ technobgy - the first of its kind ever offered at a U S prison. A prison spokesman saying: "These gentlemen are now under the supervision of architects - in designing our buildings, sewage systems and all other construction."

Helping to make sure, no doubt - they're all escape proof.

PANAMA CITY

This next from Panama City, the story of a poor loser? Victor Manuel Bustamante had bet heavily on his own horse at the local race track. When the horse lost Bustamante rushed out on the track; whipped out a gun and shot the horse in the nose; whereupon he himself - was almost lynched by irate horse lovers.

The horse will recover. But Victor Manuel Bustamante, is henceforth barred from racing.

And so long until tomorrow. This is Lowell Thomas for CBS News.

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L.T. From.....The Normandy Beach

L.T. From.....Port Said, Egypt

L.T. From.....Great Yarmouth, England

.....comes today's news.