

SENATE

Tues. July 17-73,

For the first time since taking office -
Vice President Spiro Agnew ^{today} cast a ^{decisive} tie-breaking vote
~~today~~ in the U S Senate; thereby blocking any additional
environmentalist court challenges to the construction
of a trans-Alaska oil pipe-line.

A few minutes later - the Senate approved ^{ed}
actual ~~construction~~ ^{Did so} construction of the pipe-line overwhelmingly!
seventy-seven for - as compared with only twenty
against. The measure now going to the House - for
final passage, expected shortly.

The new ~~is~~ pipeline to run nearly eight
hundred miles from Alaska's north slope - way up in
the Arctic - ^{on the edge of the Polar Sea -} all the way to the ice free port of
Valdez - ^{far to the} ~~down~~ ^{on the Gulf of Alaska. This} south, At an expected cost of three
and a half billion - perhaps the greatest construction
project in all history. - ^{greater than The Panama}
Canal or the Great Wall of China -- or
the Pyramids at Giza? I wonder.

TOKYO

Tokyo - the release of a joint communique - marking the completion of two days of talks -- between U S Secretary of State ~~William~~ Rogers and Japanese leaders. The U S and Japan pledging mutual cooperation -- indealing with the present world energy crisis.

A possible exchange of visits between President Nixon and ~~Emperor~~ Emperor Hirohito -- was also discussed. -- ~~we hear~~. Japan's Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ohira saying, ^{that:} ~~however~~, "we merely agreed ~~this~~ ^{the} ~~matter~~ matter ~ should be left to the judgment of the two heads of state."

OIL

Here again
also today
~~Washington again~~

- the Federal Trade

Commission ~~today~~ issued an anti-trust complaint -

against the nation's eight largest oil companies.

These including: Exxon - Texaco - Gulf - Mobil -

Standard of California - Standard of Indiana -

Shell - and Atlantic Richfield. One and all accused

of monopolizing refining and marketing operations -

thereby causing the current gasoline ~~shortage~~ shortage.

DETROIT

*Yesterday - General Motors - today -
Ford. The United Auto workers - again laying out
their new contract proposals. Ford Vice President
Malcolm Denise - promptly observing that a new
contract can be reached without a strike.*

*This can be done - said he - provided the
problems; at issue - "are, in fact, real and important;
a clear warning - we are told - ~~to~~ to the U A W -
not to place too much stress on volatile issues;
specifically, voluntary over-time -- and changes in
disciplinary procedures.*

BETHESDA

At Bethesda Naval Hospital everything was coming up roses today. The President's lungs finally cleared of congestion. His temperature and blood pressure returning to normal. His recovery from viral pneumonia - nearly complete - to the ~~point~~ point where the doctors are now saying -- he can be safely released from the hospital Friday morning.

Next stop - Camp David; where the President will work in a relaxed atmosphere - while completing his recuperation. The President's personal physician Dr. Watler Tkach - saying he would have preferred a sunnier clime; like Key Biscayne or San Clemente - where the President could swim and walk on the beach. Dr. Tkach adding, however, "I lost the fight."

Meanwhile, the President himself - was stepping up his official duties. Meeting today with his Watergate lawyers - Leonard Garment and J. Fred

Buzhardt. Also, conferring with Vice President ~~Spive~~
Agnew - Treasury Secretary ~~George~~ Shultz - and others.

Along the way, completing final details - of his new
phase four economic program. Its official unveiling ^{for this}
^{by} ~~via~~ George Shultz ^{is now} ~~later~~ set for late tomorrow.

WATERGATE

In the Senate Watergate hearings - the President's personal lawyer ~~was~~ was again the main witness today. Herbert Kalmbach again telling how he secretly raised nearly a quarter of a million - on behalf of the original Watergate defendant - until in September of Nineteen Seventy Two he finally realized that something was drastically wrong.

Senator Inouye⁵ of Hawaii: "in retrospect - are you now convinced you were involved in a criminal activity?" Kalmbach: - "in retrospect, I realized that from what Mr. Dean has testified - this was ^{an} improper, an illegal act - ~~is~~ and it was just as if I had been kicked in the stomach."

The committee later meeting in ~~an~~ executive session - followed by the public reading of a letter from President Nixon. The President personally barring testimony by secret service agents - in any way dealing

with his taped conversations and ~~at~~ telephone calls.

The President adding, ~~however~~ however, that "request for information on procedures in the White House - will be given prompt consideration." This leading to speculation - that some sort of compromise may be in the works.

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KABUL

Now, the revolution in Afghanistan: A new military regime seized power today from King Mohammed Zahir Shah. This while the King was vacationing in Rome. The new government - quickly pledging to establish - a genuine democracy. Whereupon a foreign diplomat observing: "We are watching a nation - about to spring right into the Sixteenth Century."

This is exciting news from Kabul. Just fifty-three years ago I was one of the first Americans to visit Kabul, the remote capitol of this then primitive central Asian buffer state midway between the British in Hindustan and the Russians in Turkistan. Afghanistan has changed since then - since Amir Habibullah Khan sat on the throne. But ready to become a full-fledged democracy? I wonder.

CADIZ

Found: The fabled "lost continent of Atlantis." So ~~was~~ claimed today - by the head of a seventy member U S scientific team. Mrs. Maxine Asher placing the find - in Bay of Cadiz off southern Spain. The proof - we are told - in the discovery of underwater roads and large columns; some of the latter ~~surrounding~~ bearing concentric spiral motifs. All said to be in the exact place - as ~~that~~ described by the Greek philosopher Plato.

Mrs. Asher adding: "This is probably the greatest discovery in world history;" one that "will begin a new era of research - in anthropology, archaeology and under-water sciences."

BRASILIA

Brazil's ultra-modern "city of the future" -
its new capital of Brasilia - ^{is} ~~was~~ branded today
an anachronism. This ~~according to~~ ^{by} ~~famed~~ French
architect Pierre Vago - honorary president of the
International Architects's union - who rendered his
verdict following a first ~~look~~ hand survey. Brasilia's
main problem says Monsieur Vago - the fact that it
was clearly designed for ~~autos~~ automobiles rather than
people; whereas the trend today - is just the opposite -
Monsieur Vago adding that this ~~look~~ has lead to a lack
of communication among the city's inhabitants. - ^{He says} ~~indeed~~,
Brasilia's principal meeting places ~~said he~~ "are
the gasoline stations."

MOSCOW

This next - from the Moscow film festival.

The U S delegation there - ~~xxxxxx~~ headed by President Jack Valenti, of the Motion picture Association of America, who disclosed today what Russia's Leonid Brezhnev did with some of his spare time - during his recent visit to the U S. Valenti saying that Brezhnev ~~was~~ while at Camp David was given private screenings of five all-time western film classics.

These including - Shane, Red River, Fort Apache, The Big Country and My Darling Clementine.

Valenti adding that Brezhnev liked the last one so much - John Ford's Clementine - he even took it ~~home~~

home. Not lost, but gone forever, - dreadfully sorry.

*Bill,
My Darling
Clementine!*

KATHMANDU

Starting ~~as~~ of today, in Kathmandu and throughout Nepal - a ban on the sale of opium, hashish marijuana, and other drugs; all of which - were ^{have been} heretofore sold legally under government license.

At the same time, a bill headed for the Nepalese national assembly - aimed at banning the commercial raising of poppies and hemp. Nepal thus hoping to wipe out - its once wide open drug traffic.

The new government policy also striking a blow at "flower children" and drug cultists - from all over the globe. Those who flocked to Kathmandu in hopes of finding a paradise on earth, ^{a Shangri La for hippies.} Now discovering, ^{Bill that} the "do" in Kathmandu ^{has become} ~~is no longer~~ "don't."