

WEST POINT

Wed. June 4 - 75.

Back from Europe President Ford was ~~off~~
~~again to~~ ^{at} West Point ^{today. In} ~~for~~ a commencement address.
~~The President saying~~ ^{he said} his talks with ~~fellow~~ Nato
leaders ~~had~~ reflected "a new sense of unity and
confidence in the U.S." ^{But that} ~~Adding, however,~~ the U S
must continue to demonstrate ~~the~~ leadership ~~in~~ in
meeting the tremendous ~~and~~ challenges of ^{maintaining} ~~maintaining~~
the peace." ~~And,~~ "One such practical demonstration,"
said he "would be for Congress to kill an attempt
to cut more than one billion - out of his new
defense budget."

The President also telling his West Point
audience - we must develop a program of energy
independence, and show friend and foe alike - "that
Americans have lost neither their nerve nor their
~~sup~~ national will."

ANAPOLIS

Also, Vice President ~~Nelson~~ Rockefeller ^{at the} ~~the main~~
~~speaker at commencement exercises at the U S~~
naval academy, at ~~the~~ Annapolis; ^{was} ~~as number two the~~
~~vice President perhaps trying a little harder. At any~~
~~where he~~ ^{such} ~~rate~~ accepting ~~a number of~~ traditional gifts ~~from~~
~~the graduating mid-shipmen. These including~~ ^{as} a mickey
mouse hat, which he donned ~~briefly~~ - and, a water
rocket, ^{that} ~~which~~ went off in his face.
In his speech ^{too} ~~he emphasised~~ ~~though in a serious vein~~ -
~~the Vice President, same as the President, cutting~~
~~for a set-up in U S defense spending. If not - he~~
~~continued - we might soon "find ourselves on the~~
~~path of unilateral withdrawal from the world -~~
~~without adequate safeguards."~~ Rockefeller adding
that "detente ~~is~~ can only be meaningful - if we deal
^{from} ~~with~~ strength."

CAPITOL HILL

~~Back~~ ^{In} Washington - the President's victory
in the Senate today \leftarrow was followed shortly by another
in the House. The lower body refusing to over-ride
the President's veto of the ²/₄ five billion dollar job
bill. The President upheld by ~~only~~ five votes. - ~~and~~
~~this a~~ Close call - but still a decisive win.

— And Now —

SENATE

~~Capitol Hill again~~ - The Senate Foreign Relations
committee began hearings today on the nomination of
Daniel Moynihan as our new Ambassador, ^{UN} ~~to the U N.~~
~~First test witness~~ - The man himself; urging a freeze
on U S ~~contributions~~ contributions to the ~~UN~~ U N
and a boycott of the U N General Assembly - if the
world body goes through with its threat to expell
Israel. Moynihan also saying the U S stand should
be made clear to non-alligned nations - "before they
have frozen their ideas."

LISBON

At Lisbon - a decision today by Portugal's
new leftist government - to put an end to workers
purges of managers, engineers, doctors and do on,

~~The main reason - we are told - the fact that so~~

^{because}
many skilled people have been ^{fleeing} ~~forced to flee~~ to Brazil.

A government spokesman saying: "We cannot keep

sending to Brazil - ~~the~~ people ^{we need for} ~~who have a place in~~

the new society we want to build."

MOSCOW

Just out in Moscow - a ~~new~~ book called
" Pages from Mao Tse Tung 's political biography;
which ^{tells how} ~~says, among other things,~~ the Red Chinese
leader - "was never a real Marxist". His sole aim,
according to the Kremlin, ~~was to~~ - to ~~the~~ usurp
all power in the Communist party ^{throughout all Asia,} ~~of China - and all Asia,~~
~~China.~~

THE LOWELL THOMAS DISCOVERER

I've just returned from another unusual experience.

When I flew to Canada Monday morning I had no idea what I was getting into. I had merely been told a ship was to be named for me, to be used for a series of cruises on The Great Lakes, the first such cruises in many many years.

My first surprise was when I saw what Bill Hughes, travel editor, today wrote in The Cleveland Press; describing it as "a glittering ship." Now renamed The Lowell Thomas World Discoverer. Why, I don't know. How do you get a handsome vessel named for you? That's a mystery. But I'm glad it turned out to be a new "glittering ship" - not an old tub.

And now....

COACH

At West Point the President told of a recent White House dinner - where army football coach Homer Smith sat next to what he later described as a rather "nice looking girl." The coach asking her name. "Raquel" - she replied. The coach: "What's your last name?" Reply: "Welch."

Said the President: "If you wonder how anyone could describe Raquel Welch as just a nice looking girl - you have to understand the thoughts of a football coach." The President, once a coach himself, explaining: "To a coach, real beauty is someone six-foot-five weighing two-hundred-sixty, and minus his front teeth."