

MONDAY, March 4, 1974

JERUSALEM

Jerusalem: the lady changes her mind. Golda Meir agreeing not to resign at least till Wednesday midnight; thereby giving herself three more days in which to attempt to form a new coalition government. Madame Meir's decision following meetings with dozens of Labor Party leaders - who pleaded with her to carry on. Obviously an extraordinary woman this onetime Wisconsin school marm.

SUEZ FOLLOW JERUSALEM

For the first time since Nineteen Sixty-Seven Egyptian troops today controlled both banks of the Suez Canal. The last link in the Egyptian takeover following Israeli withdrawal from an area between Ismailia and the ~~great~~ Bitter Lakes. Now ^{comes} ~~begin~~ ~~to~~ ~~begin~~ the task of clearing the canal to permit ~~of~~ resumption of shipping.

LONDON

*For Britain's Edward Heath - the end of the line.
Heath today resigning following a futile attempt to form
a new coalition government. The task now falls to Labor
Leader Harold Wilson. If he, too, should fail, as
expected - the only recourse would seem to be a new election*

BRUSSELS

Secretary of State ~~Henry~~ Kissinger stopped off in Brussels today enroute home from the Middle East. Dr. Kissinger ~~meeting there with~~ ^{telling the} Nato Ambassadors ~~setting~~ of his efforts ~~aimed at achieving~~ ^{to} ~~achieving~~ peace in the Mid-East. Also, discussing the ~~new~~ tentative text of two declarations ~~4~~ redefining U S relations with its European allies. Dr. Kissinger later saying when the two documents are completed satisfactorily - "the President will come to Europe to sign them."

MOSCOW

From Soviet physicist ~~Dr~~ Andrei Sakharov, the so-called "father" of Russia's hydrogen bomb - a dissertation today on the high cost of bucking the Soviet system. This in a thirty-page forward to a collection of his writings - soon to appear in the U.S.--

~~Dr~~ Sakharov charging that nearly two million political prisoners are now being held in Soviet prisons and labor camps. Adding that the Soviet dissidents - must cope with "mal-nutrition, pitiless formalism and ~~could~~ endless repression."

BILLY GRAHAM

At Kansas State University - an address today by famed Evangelist Billy Graham; who said that Americans are now facing the "most dangerous crisis in all our history."

From abroad - said Billy Graham - we are confronted by "the greatest atheistic ideology in history." And, "the greatest assembled military machine - the world has ever known." While here at home - he continued - we have the Watergate case, economic problems, an energy shortage, a food shortage and now political terrorism. "But" he went on, "the supreme crisis that confronts us - is neither political nor economic - it is moral and spiritual." Adding: "If we fail to solve this moral and spiritual crisis - we may be doomed like the great nations of the past."

NEW YORK

A motion for a mis-trial in court proceedings against John ~~John~~ Mitchell and Maurice Stans - was officially turned down today. New York Federal Judge ~~the~~ Gagliardi ruling that ~~the~~ statement last Friday by a ~~government~~ prosecutor - was, in effect, serious but not critical. Whereupon the trial resuming - with a continuation of opening statements; and then - the first in a long parade of expected witnesses.

WATERGATE

*Judge Sirica says his court has set a hearing -
for ten o'clock Wednesday morning; at which time - "all
interested counsel may state their views - regarding
disposition of the sealed report."*

MISSILE

The Secret Service detail at the White House - has a new weapon. Aviation Week says they are now equipped with "Red Eye" anti-aircraft missiles; some as used in Vietnam. The advent of the "red eye" - because of that surprise helicopter landing on the White House lawn.

AGING FOLLOW SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco again - the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Where Dr. Robert Kohn of the Case Western Reserve discussing aging says the process really begins around age twenty-five; when the body's connective tissue begins to stiffen; in much the same way rubber in paint and paper - becomes increasingly brittle with age.

This scientist says, Bill, that at thirty you're over the hill. How's your connective tissue?

SAN FRANCISCO

Also at San Francisco, the California medical association heard scientist Dr. Charles Becker - describe alcohol as "America's most widely used drug." He said there are at least ten million alcoholics in the U.S. with alcoholism in the military put at fifty percent."

Surprise, surprise, the medical profession has the highest rate of all. Said he: "We now lose the equivalent of one medical school class per year" to Demon Rum.