

Tuesday, February 11, 1975

TOPEKA

For President Ford - a tremendous welcome today in Topeka; with more than ten thousand cheering his arrival at the Kansas State Capital.

Inside, another standing ovation - from a joint session of the Kansas State Legislature; whereupon the President casting aside his prepared text chose instead to belabor the Democratic controlled congress - for failure to pass his new energy and economic proposals.

Along the way - the President also announcing the immediate release - of up to two billion in Federal highway funds - a move expected to generate - about one hundred and twenty-five thousand new jobs. The President further telling of plans for a rebate program - to help farmers pay their higher energy costs. "As long as I am President" - said he - "I will not let American agriculture run out of gas."

SENATE

Back in Washington - the Senate finance Committee was supposed to take up two bills today. The first - aimed at rescinding the President's oil tariff increase the second, aimed at raising the ~~ceiling~~ ceiling on the national debt. But neither - coming to vote.

This because of a lack of ^a quorum; - ~~with~~ with only seven of the committee's eighteen members present. The rest apparently taking ~~adv~~ advantage of a house ~~break~~ break to do some politicking back home. Committee Chairman Russell Long later saying that both measures - will probably be held over ~~at~~ at least ^{until next} ~~next week~~ week.

LONDON

In London Britain's Margaret Thatcher today completed the job she began last week. The forty-nine year old former Education Minister - winning election ~~as~~ as the new head of Britain's conservative Party; thereby succeeding former Prime Minister Edward Heath - whom she previously ~~ousted~~^{forced} from office.

^{— almost incredibly — now}
Mrs. Thatcher ~~was~~^{is} in line to become Britain's first woman Prime Minister ^{if} if the Conservatives ~~can~~ win the next election. For now though ^{she} ~~says~~^s she plans to ~~concentrate~~ concentrate on rebuilding ~~her~~ her party. Mrs. Thatcher also telling newsmen - she was "very, very thrilled."

JERUSALEM

Secretary ~~of State~~ State Kissinger, in Jerusalem, today conferred with Israeli officials for a ~~second~~ second straight day. Israeli foreign minister - Yigal Allon ~~is~~ later saying the consultation had been "very productive". But Doctor Kissinger ^{was clearly} - ~~attempting to~~ avoid ^{ing} un-due optimism, saying he was "making no attempt at this stage - to engage in actual negotiations," His first goal - said he - ~~that of gain~~ ^{to} gaining a full understanding of all the ~~co~~ nuances of ~~each~~ each side's ~~specific~~ position.

SCHLESINGER

Defense Secretary James Schlesinger ^{today} sent to
to Congress,
Capitol Hill, ~~today~~ his annual report, ^{In it he} ~~to Congress.~~
~~Schlesinger saying~~ ^{said} among other things, that the
Chinese have encountered some unexpected ^{technical} ~~technical~~
difficulties - in developing full range intercontinental
~~ballistic~~ ballistics ~~and~~ missiles. ^{Then} ~~Schlesinger~~ adding that
it now appears China will be unable to achieve full
intercontinental missile capability - till mid-nineteen
eighty - at the earliest.

WASHINGTON

Washington again - an attack today on the growing "the st institutionalization" of mental patients.

This from President Gerry Wurf of the American ~~Federation~~ Federation of State, County and municipal employees - whose members ^{make up the} staff ^{of} many institutions.

Wurf saying mental patients ^{are} being turned out by the thousands - often with no place to go "It's worse than a snake pit" said he. With the nation's most ~~dependent~~ dependent citizens" ending up "among addicts, ~~and~~ alcoholics, and prostitutes on ~~our~~ America's new Skid Rows.

MAURITIUS

Over the past few years in southeast Asia
- a great hue and cry over the growing U S Naval
presence in the Indian Ocean. ~~At the~~ ^{But when} the U S
aircraft carrier Enterprise ~~was~~ ^{today} arriving ~~today~~ ^{ed}
at the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean; ~~and~~
the Mauritians ^{seemed elated,} ~~more than glad to~~ ~~see it.~~
The Enterprise ^{at once} ~~was~~ helping with disaster relief
-- in the wake of a devastating cyclone. This ~~at the~~
~~official~~ request ^{of} ~~from~~ the government of Mauritius.

KISS

Topeka again - a kiss for the President.

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It came from Kansas state representative Sharon Hess - who, with her husband standing by, asked if it would be all right. The President saying okay - and she kissed him on the cheek.

Mrs. Hess, later ^{as she blushed, said:-} ~~blushing prettily - saying~~


"It was nice - sort of like kissing your father."

And now -

LIBERAL OLNEY

Once again today - here and in Britain - the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake race; with the first leg - at Olney, England, ^{where} ~~Eighteen~~ year old Sally Anne Faulkner ^{is} the first ever to break ^{one} minute ⁱⁿ covering ~~the~~ ^{the} quarter mile course ^{while} flipping a pancake all the way. ~~Her~~ ^{Her} record, ~~setting~~ fifty-nine-point-eight-seconds.

~~As fate would have it though,~~ ^{Ah, but her} ~~the~~ new mark was quickly erased. - On the American leg of the race at Liberal, Kansas, ~~Mrs.~~ Sheila Turner, age twenty-one, covering ^{ed} an identical course - in fifty-eight point four) ^{4 seconds faster.} ~~seconds.~~ ~~A new record -~~ ~~by a lady named~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~Americans~~ now lead in the series - ~~fourteen~~ ~~to~~ ~~eleven~~.



EAT FOLLOW LIBERAL-~~OO~~x OLNEY

Also -
~~In a similar vein~~ a new record today for
eating pancakes. Nineteen year old Mark Mishon
of London - downing sixty-one six inch ~~flat~~ flap-jacks
in seven minutes - or nearly double -- the previous
record.

After it was all over, young Mark saying:

"I enjoyed the first twenty-five - but ~~that~~ after
that I just rammed ~~th~~'em down.