

Monday, October 4, 1971

SAIGON

In response to President Thieu's landslide re-election in South Vietnam - a series of enemy shelling attacks today. They say - the heaviest in eighteen months; mainly targets along the D M Z, as well as in the vicinity of Saigon.

President Thieu was pointing out today how Sunday's voter turn-out - was the greatest since the days of the late President Diem. He called it: An achievement - for our nation and our people - in the building and implementing of democracy."

The U.S. Command in Saigon in taking note of Thieu's victory, ordered a speed-up in troop withdrawals. This had been slowed down because of expected election fighting. The new pull-out will start with more than thirty-two hundred men; the third largest single withdrawal to date.

President Nixon so far has said nothing about Thieu's re-election. However, the Florida White House was pointing

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out that "there was a large turn out despite the intensified effort on the part of the enemy to disrupt the election.

SUPREME COURT

In Washington when the U.S. Supreme Court, reconvened, Chief Justice Warren Burger paid tribute to the late Justice Black as a man who "never waivered in his unbounded faith in the political processes of a free people under the constitution." The Chief Justice also praised retired Justice Harlan - for "his prolific and erudite contribution to the court." As to who will fill the two vacant seats - no news.

KEY BISCAIYNE

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From the Florida White House -- again a warning that "time is running out" on that West Coast dock strike. Press Secretary Ron Ziegler saying: After three months of waiting for a voluntary settlement - we are going to have to reach some decision very shortly.

And indication that the President had in mind using the Taft-Hartley Act, and already has taken the first step by appointing a five man fact finding board.

It was also announced today - that the President will fly to Elkins, West Virginia - this Friday to take part in the annual Mountain State Forest Festival; the first President to do so since F D R was there thirty-five years ago.

CAIRO AMMAN

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, Syrian President Hafez Assad, and Libyan Premier Moammar El-Khadafy met today in Cairo to discuss - one, the present military and political situation in the Middle East - and, two, the status of the Palestinian guerrilla movement, vis a vis Jordan.

In Jordan today three more members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, were hung - convicted of kidnapping and killing five Jordanian citizens. An eye for an eye.

ALGIERS

**Meanwhile Soviet Premier Kosygin a visitor in
Algiers, met with Algerian leaders in an attempt to smooth
over past policy differences on the Middle East. This part
of a worldwide flurry - of Soviet diplomatic activity;
apparently intended to shore up Russia's global relations -
just in case the U S and Red China really do bury the hatchet**

UNITED NATIONS FOLLOW ALGIERS

In a major policy address today - at the U.N.

U.S. Secretary of State Rogers urged acceptance of America's new two China proposal; on the grounds that this would not further divide China - but only give U N representation to all the peoples of China.

Rogers also presented a new six point plan for peace in the Middle East - reopen the Suez Canal, and then build toward a full settlement; do it all under the auspices of U N peace envoy Gunnar Jarring. Secretary Rogers saying "This effort is imperative - because there is no more realistic and hopeful alternatives to pursue."

BELFAST

At Belfast, another bomb blast at a British army post; killing at least one soldier - and injuring several more. This following a six hour battle - between British troops and I R A snipers; a clash that left at least one sniper - seriously wounded. Elsewhere in Belfast - a policeman was shot in the back; apparently by an I R A sniper.

MAIL

If the new U S postal service has its way - the cost of mailing a ~~letter~~ letter will be going up again, come spring; with a new scale of at least nine cents for first class mail - and twelve cents for air mail. This - according to a postal service ~~spoke~~ spokesman who said today the rate hikes are absolutely necessary - to help pay for scheduled pay raises for postal workers - all of which would mean a ~~total~~ fifty percent hike in postal rates in less than a year.

DALLAS

*Dallas, Texas - a call today for a U S
boycott - on all French made products - this in a
speech by Postmaster General Winton Blount--
apparently with White House approval. Blount asserting:
"There is no reason for the American people to buy
French goods - when an estimated eighty percent of
the heroin which finds its way into this country and
into the blood steams of our young - still comes from
France. And he added that this is one way that
American citizens - can ^{play}~~have~~ a direct role "in the war
against the international drug traffic."*

HARRISON

Harrison, Ohio - at the farm of Edwin Barth

- a new litter of pigs ~~These~~ ^{so} including - one - with
two heads ; also four eyes, two noses and two mouths, --
both of which were nursing merrily at last report.

- Bill Martin -

~~And~~ you can be ~~darn~~ sure -, this is one little piggie
that won't be going to market.

BOIS DE BOULOGNE

On a visit to Japan nearly fifteen years ago -
the then ~~after~~ future King of England played golf once
with the then future Emperor of Japan. Today - in
France - they renewed old acquaintances. Emperor
Hirohito of Japan - who is currently touring Europe -
paying a call on the Duke of Windsor; at the latter's
villa -- in the Bois de Boulogne, ~~just west of Paris.~~

The two men - sipping tea; and then - while
their wives chatted strolling together in the park;
~~dreaming dreams~~ ^{talking} no doubt, of long ago - ~~and~~ what might
have been.

VATICAN

At the Vatican - Pope Paul with a cold was absent today from the World's synod of Bishops. He missed a speech - by Archbishop Gregoire of Montreal urging full discussion of priestly celibacy - also, the role priests should play in social and political movements. Archbishop Gregoire charging that anything less would be to "risk losing touch with reality."