

Wednesday, July 7, 1971

## **HELSINKI**

**With the resumption of Salt talks now just a day away - Russia's chief delegate - Vladimir Semenov - arrived today at Helsinki; there stating that he had received "clear cut guide lines" from the Kremlin - "to work constructively" toward a nuclear arms agreement.**

**Semenov adding that "a positive outcome of the talks - would promote the interest of the people" of the U S and Russia - "and universal peace." This a truly - - an important job" - said he.**

## **SENATE**

**U S Attorney General Mitchell was the chief witness today before a Senate panel, testifying in behalf of the President's proposed program for combating drug abuse.**

**For one thing he said is true that certain local government officials, in Burma, Laos, and Thailand have been involved in illicit drug trade. He added that some of them have been identified, and "steps are being taken" as he put it - "to eliminate their participation" both in drugs and government.**

## **PARIS**

*From Paris a report that the U S will criticize - but not reject - Hanoi's peace proposal. This - according to U S diplomatic sources; who add that the U S will ask the Communists to "spell out" - exactly what they mean. The big question - we are told - is whether the issue of troop withdrawals and prisoners of war can be considered separately; or does it still hinge on the achievement of a political settlement, too.*



## **VIETNAM**

***In the wake of Typhoon Harriet - battle action in Vietnam is again reported at its lowest in six years.***

***However, the big American B-Fifty-Twos did fly some thirty sorties against enemy traffic along the Ho Chi Minh Trail - in the Laotian Panhandle.***

## **NEW DELHI FOLLOW VIETNAM**

**Elsewhere in Southeast Asia - U S Presidential advisor Henry Kissinger in New Delhi conferred today with India's Prime Minister Madame Indira Gandhi, who told him that a resumption of U S aid to Pakistan would pose a "serious threat to the peace and security of the entire sub-continent," of Hindustan. Madame Gandhi adding that even "so-called non-lethal arms - were dangerous;" because "they activate" said she - "the most lethal engines of destruction and they are lethal."**

## **KUWAIT**

***For Vice President Agnew - the highest ranking American ever to visit oil rich Kuwait - a conference today with Sheikh Sabah al-Salam Al-Sabah; followed by a cruise - on the historic waters of the Persian Gulf once sailed by Sinbad the Sailor. Radio Kuwait reported the two had discussed - the Middle East crisis; and other "matters of interest."***

***Next stop - Saudi Arabia.***



## **HAVANA**

**By order of Fideal Castro - as you may have heard - eighteen "cast-away-Americans" were released today by Cuba. This coming simultaneous with the U S release of four Cuban fishing captains who were sentenced to jail for trespassing in U S waters.**

**The U. S. State Department later saying - it was "not a deal, not a swap." The Cuban government seems to be of a different opinion. Radio Havana saying Cuba was "over-joyed - that a way has been found to free the four fisherman."**

## **PAROLE**

*From the U S parole board comes an announcement that it plans to review, next month - Jimmy Hoffa's request for parole. This on the basis of "new and substantial information." Presumably this means Hoffa's recent decision - to relinquish leadership of the giant Teamsters Union.*



## **WILMINGTON**

***At Wilmington, North Carolina - two unarmed Pinkerton guards were found shot to death today, in a racially troubled junior high school that they had been hired to protect. Why - and how - still a mystery. As Coroner Starr McMillan put it: "We're up a tree on this one."***

## **ANCHORAGE**

*Anchorage, Alaska: Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans today told Alaskans that Alaska's annual seal harvest in the Pribilof Islands - has become the target of a callous, continuing campaign of defamation;" replete with charges "that the government is decimating the herd - that the harvest is conducted with wanton cruelty." Not true said he. - Nothing could be further from the truth. Commerce Secretary Stans adding that the saga of the seals - is really "best described as a triumph of wild life management - a real conservation success story;" in that the killing is most humane and closely regulated - as shown by a seven fold increase in the seal herd. Secretary Stans also noting that the seal harvest is of great importance to Aleut natives; without which - they "would be forced to become wards of the government;" thereby depriving them of the dignity of gainful employment and self-reliance - which they prize highly and which is their right as U S citizens.*

## **NEW YORK**

**Transportation Secretary Volpe told a New York meeting of the American Bar Association that "no fault" auto insurance is coming, like it or not. The arguments in favor of "no fault" insurance are so persuasive - said he - that the primary question now is - not whether but rather where the reform should take place - at the state or Federal level.**



## COOPERSTOWN

*On the sports front - still another win for the legendary Satchel Paige; who today was accorded full membership in baseball's Hall of Fame; that is, instead of that separate niche in a wing reserved for players from the old negro leagues.*

*Officials adding that all future inductees - will also receive full membership. This - in response to public demand with Satchel Paige himself saying: "I didn't have no kick or no say - when they put me in that separate wing; but getting into the real Hall of Fame - that's the greatest thing that ever happened to me." So said Satchel Page, Warren.*

## **SARASOTA**

*At the University of Cornell's Mote Marine Laboratory, Sarasota, Florida an eighteen month study; aimed at determining the feasibility of using porpoises as "watch dogs" to protect divers from sharks. Professor Perry Gilbert thinks it's possible. He tells of a seven foot male porpoise named Nimo - in a lab experiment - successfully repelling huge bull sharks.*

*The professor says this may never be one hundred percent effective. That is "If the porpoise is being sought after by a hungry twenty foot white shark - it may be too busy defending itself to act as a watch dog for anyone."*