

REACTION

Fri, Apr 11th '75

President Ford's State of the World address -
warmly greeted today in South Vietnam and by most ~~of our~~
allies. The West German government, for one, saying:
"We welcome the statement that the U.S. will continue its
obligations to Europe - and will pursue a policy of detente."

~~But~~ Here at home - a somewhat different story.

The White House reporting that first reaction to the
President's speech - was running about two-to-one against
his recommendations. ~~And, in the~~ Senate, Majority Leader
Mike Mansfield ~~pledging~~ ^{did} speedy consideration of additional
aid to Southeast Asia in general; ~~add~~ ^{but} ~~that~~ the
President's specific request for emergency military aid to
South Vietnam - is in for "very difficult sledding."

XUAN LOC FOLLOW REACTION

Meanwhile, the fighting continues. Government forces
(Zwan Lock)
at Xuan Lock near Saigon - today stopping two human wave
assaults by Communist troops. ~~Government commanders then~~
~~Also with~~ ^{sent in} reinforcements by helicopter, attempting to
~~sending by~~ salvage a victory at last after so many defeats.

In Cambodia - Khmer Rouge rebels ^{have} ~~advancing today~~ -
to within four miles of Phnom Penh, ^{with} ~~and we are told~~
another government shakeup there ~~may be~~ in the offing.

SECRET

~~From~~ Senator Sparkman of Alabama, ~~the~~ Chairman
of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee ^{today sent} a message
~~today addressed~~ to the White House, ~~Sparkman~~ demanding
a full accounting - of any private assurances of support
given ~~the~~ South Vietnamese ~~government~~ ^{said} Sparkman ^{to} ~~the~~
the President: "As you know," there is much public interest
about whether there are any secret understandings." To
which ~~this~~ ^(was) White House response a quick and ~~straight~~ to
the point. Spokesman Ron Nessen saying: "The President
knows of no secret commitments." Adding that Secretary of
State Kissinger, General Haig and former President Nixon -
have also said there were none; that "private communications"
at the time of the Paris peace accords - were "in
substance" the same as public statements. Nessen further
saying: "This is an issue of importance - and it would be
unfortunate if a mistaken impression were perpetuated."

LISBON

At the Portuguese National Palace in Lisbon ~~in~~ a
brief ceremony ~~today, in effect~~ ^{there was today} a complete surrender to the
military. Portugal's six major political parties - agreeing
to accept a government takeover by Portugal's leftist armed
forces movement. This ^{to be} for a period of at least three years.
~~but~~ If past performance is any guide, ^{it may continue on and on} ~~a takeover that could~~
~~stretch on indefinitely~~

MOSCOW

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The possibility that Bobby Fischer may yet play Anatoly Karpov for the world chess championship ~~was~~ raised ~~now~~ today in Moscow. Karpov telling a Soviet newsman: "If Fischer personally states he would ~~like~~ like to play - I am willing to meet him, on conditions which we would agree to - between ourselves."

~~Karpov ^{saying} ~~stressing~~~~, however ~~that he is~~ ~~it is he who is~~ now the world champ. ^{And} Adding that he will deal only with Fischer personally and not with any officials of the U.S. Chess Federation.

HUNT

His appeals all rejected, E. Howard Hunt was recommitted today to ~~Leavenworth~~ prison - to resume serving his Watergate burglary sentence. This by order of Judge Hart - following a brief hearing in Washington.

Along the way, Hunt was asked by reporters - whether he felt any remorse over the past three or four years. He replied: "I wish I had never heard of the White House." But of his nineteen years in the CIA - he said he had no regrets. Adding matter-of-factly: "I was - where the action was."

HYDE PARK

~~Coming up tomorrow - the~~ ^{Tomorrow - the} Thirtieth Anniversary
of the death of ^{FDR,} ~~Franklin Delano Roosevelt; an occasion to~~
~~be marked by a quiet ceremony - at his estate in Hyde~~
~~Park, New York.~~

~~By the way, this is also the site of the FDR~~
~~library - also, the busiest. Director William Emerson~~
~~saying the former President - has already been the subject~~
~~of more than five hundred books. Emerson adding that~~
~~Roosevelt, "Only thirty years after his death~~ ^{we hear he} ~~is now the~~
~~most written-about President, surpassing even Lincoln."~~
^{More than 500 books on FDR}

BEIRUT

Famous
An American coed at the American University in

Beirut - the victim of an attack reported today by

university officials. Michele Moran, age twenty, of

Sarasota, Florida - ~~grabbed~~ ^{was} ~~and~~ bound hand-and-foot by two

young men; who then scratched the word "Jew" - on her

abdomen, on her legs and on her left arm. ^{Altho'} Miss Moran ^{is} ~~not~~

a Jew ~~but~~ she did visit Israel over the Easter holiday;

and that ~~providing~~ apparently ^{brought on the incident, at} - ~~efficient motive~~

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EAST HAVEN

At East Haven, Connecticut - a request for additional school funds was rejected last night, ^{and} As a result, ^{was issued} an order today closing down all ~~of the~~ East Haven schools - for the remainder of the year. The local school board saying it ~~was~~ broke - ~~flat~~ busted - ~~unable~~ unable to carry on.

~~At, but~~ ^{The} teachers ^{are} saying they ^{will} continue to conduct ~~their~~ classes - schools or no - in the open air, if ^{Said their} necessary. ~~Teachers~~ spokesman, Joseph Ricchio, ~~saying~~:
"Would you ^{call it} - a strike in reverse?"
~~"You might~~

Canadian educator and humorist once told me all you in order to start a college is a professor, a bell and a shade tree.

ORLANDO

At Orlando's

~~This next - from Florida Tech at Orlando, where~~

a course in "Basic Chemistry" was offered last Fall ~~that~~

drew only seven students. With the course,

~~The course since~~ renamed - for the Spring

semester, They call it now: "The Science of Wine and

Wine-Making," Instructor Frank Juge reporting ~~the class~~

~~Substantially~~ ~~to go full up~~ packed classroom -
every seat taken.

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ASHLAND

First, a salute to CBS Radio station W C M I

Ashland, Kentucky - today celebrating its fortieth

anniversary on the air. And now the news...

WHITE HOUSE

At the White House - a meeting today the result of what they're calling -- an extraordinary gesture. President Ford summoning the entire Senate Foreign Relations Committee -- to meet with him to discuss the current situation in Vietnam. And the outcome, a compromise apparently - that could lead to a resumption of U S ~~sub~~ aid to at least Saigon; for quote "limited purposes."

This - ~~some~~ according to Senate Case of New Jersey, ~~who~~ who added: "The immediate purposes - are to attempt to bring a degree of stability to the area;" and thus "to permit serious negotiations and it is hoped some kind of settlement - which would, among other ~~like~~ things, prevent to the greatest degree possible - further bloodshed."