

Wed. October 11, 1972

PARIS

From Paris - as you have heard - a charge that the French legation in Hanoi - was destroyed today by a bomb from a U.S. plane. The French government lodging a strong protest with Washington - as you may have heard by now.

This drawing an expression of "personal regret" from U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers. The Pentagon - also ordering a full investigation. U S officials suggesting that it might not have been a bomb; possibly a North Vietnamese anti-aircraft missile - which missed and then fell back to earth.

Bomb or no those secret Vietnam peace talks were continuing today in Paris for an unprecedented fourth straight day.

VIETNAM

Meanwhile, in Vietnam - more fighting; with government troops retaking another hamlet only fifteen miles north of Saigon. Also, on the central coast - government troops were retaking the district town of Ba To.

REACTION

Reaction today to the McGovern plan for peace in Vietnam perhaps best described as luke war at best. In the U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield refusing to "agree or disagree." "It is not a Senate affair" - said he - "it will be up to the American people to make a judgement on November Seventh."

A number of Republicans - and a few additional Democrats expressing their comment in no uncertain terms. Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott calling the McGovern peace plan "outrageous." Adding "it would leave the South Vietnamese at the mercy of the enemy." Defense Secretary Laird calling it "unconditional surrender."

Republican National Chairman Robert Dole - observing that Sargent Shriver would get a "heroes welcome" were he to go to Hanoi as suggested. He would be the first American Vice President said Dole "ever to go to an enemy capital to personally deliver the terms of surrender."

Next - A F L - C I O President Meany called the

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McGovern approach - "a complete capitulation to Hanoi."

And then Longshoremen leader Thomas Gleason - his reaction

to the McGovern speech was that this was the ^{first} presidential

contender speech ever made "on his knees!" Said the Long-

shoreman: McGovern has already lost the U S election - and

"now he's trying for the Lenin peace prize."

WHEATON FOLLOW REACTION

As for McGovern himself - the Democratic nominee was attempting to defend his stand - in an early morning appearance on TV. And then - a rally at Wheaton College an ^{Illinois} evangelical institution, ~~where~~ he assumed, in the words of ~~at least~~ one report - a "holier than Nixon" role.

"The wish of our forbears" said he - "was to see the way of God prevail." But ~~the~~ "we have strayed from their pilgrimage - like lost sheep" he went on. Adding that ^{now} is the time to "change ^{those} ~~those~~ things in our national heritage" which led us astray; away from the truth - that the people of Vietnam are like us, the children of God."

It was also noted that McGovern ended his speech as he does, "routinely"- ~~and~~ now saying to his audience: "God bless you."

CAMP DAVID FOLLOW WHEATON

President Nixon, ~~was~~ again at Camp David,
~~today. The President~~^{is} said to be working on another
radio campaign speech - that he "may deliver this
weekend." The White House adding that said speech
will not deal with Vietnam but ~~rather~~^{with} domestic issues.

SENATE

The Senate ~~again~~ again - a second attempt to break a liberal ~~filibuster~~ filibuster on proposed anti-bussing legislation. For the second time - no-go.

The Senate's anti bussing forces - again falling ten votes short of the required two thirds majority.

And so it appears for anti-bussing this term & at least -

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^ the end of the line.*

BELFAST

At Belfast in Northern Ireland - another case of poetic justice; with an accidental explosion today in an ~~an~~ I R A terrorist "bomb factory". The blast killing three young men - members all - of the I R A's militant provisional wing.

BOSTON

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Auto insurance policy holders in the state of Massachusetts will soon be getting thirty seven million in refunds. So announced today - by Governor Sargent. The money in question constituting excess profits - under Massachusetts first-in-the-nation no-fault auto insurance plan. This - in addition to a reduction of fifteen percent in initial premiums.

Gov. Sargent also reporting - still another dividend. Noting that "auto accident cases on the district court level - have been cut by some fifty percent." The Governor saying: "It is clear that no-fault-insurance - has been an unqualified success."

DOYLESTOWN

At the Bucks County prison - Doylestown, Pennsylvania a staff meeting on ways and means of improving prison security; a meeting coming to an abrupt halt when it was learned that two inmates had just scaled ^(a) ~~the~~ wall and escaped.

DETROIT

Mrs. Helen O'Brien of Detroit - the divorced mother of six children; including one son in college - and a daughter requiring institutional care. So she knew just what to say - when accosted by a would-be bandit. "I told him" - Mrs. O'Brien reported later - "that I support six children - and no one gives me any money - and it costs me all I make just to raise my kids." And so on and so on; till her assailant finally patted her on the shoulder reassuringly -- said "see ya" and walked away.

Mrs. O'Brien also observing: When you're divorced and raising six kids there are lots of times in your life when you have to rely on sheer courage."

DUBLIN

Dublin, New Hampshire - the official unveiling of another farmer's almanac. Old Abe Weatherwise predicting for this winter - snow, snow and more snow. I hope all you ski area operators are listening - and skiers, too. Supposedly starting out with a pre-Christmas storm and then followed by blizzards in January and February: For New England and New York - we are told - more than eighty inches in all.

Old Abe says this will assure northerners a traditional white Christmas, and he adds the time will quickly come when even skiers will say enuf. I doubt it, Bill. Never enough!

JACKSONVILLE

At the Jacksonville Naval Hospital a clean bill of health today for Navy Lieutenant Mark Gartley. The freed prisoner of war - ^{now} ~~immediately~~ starting a ninety day leave. Destination - his native Maine - for some hunting and fishing.

Before he left though - Gartley discussing for TV his reactions on returning to the U S. These - said he - highlighted by a number of "first experiences; "the first ~~long~~ hot dog, the first steak." And so on. The handsome bachelor was then asked - "which first experience he enjoyed most." Whereupon he replied: "I'm not sure I want to mention that on TV. *Phil L-U-T-M.*