

PEKING

Wed. Dec. 3-75

For President Ford - in Peking - a two-and-a-half-hour meeting today with Red China's Acting Premier, Teng Hsiao-Ping; for, quote "significant discussions - on a wide range of issues." Also, a tour of the Peking Agriculture Exhibition Hall - an informal dinner at the Great Hall of the People - and a display of table tennis, gymnastics and swordplay.

But along the way, an announcement there will be no final communique - to mark the end of the President's China visit; ~~and this - to some, at least - an indication there have~~ ^{Does this} ~~been~~ no major breakthroughs - in U.S. and Chinese relations. White House spokesman Ron Nessen insisting, however - it would be "a terrible mistake to believe the meetings are not going well." Adding; ~~that~~ "every sign has been a good sign - there have been no bad signs."

And now this m —

JERUSALEM

In the wake of those Israeli air strikes into Lebanon - a ^{request} ~~call~~ today for an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council. Egypt and Lebanon both calling for "deterrent steps" against Israel - also, demanding that the Palestine Liberation Organization be allowed to take part in the proceedings. At the same time, ~~at the Vatican in Rome~~ - Pope Paul calling^s the Israeli strike an "inadmissible act of violence."

~~In Jerusalem though~~ ^{However} - the Israeli^s government insisting^{the} ~~its~~ raids were directed only at military targets - and not civilians. Also, saying it will not negotiate with the PLO - under any circumstances. The PLO - said Jerusalem - "a framework of murderous organizations - whose goal is to destroy Israel."

VIENTIANE

At Vientiane in Laos - an official Communist takeover; completing today - the Communist conquest of all of Indochina. The Communist Pathet Lao forcing the abdication of King Savang Vatthana - abolishing the coalition government of neutralist Premier Prince Souvanna Phouma -

What was once
seizing power in name as well as in fact. ~~The Six Hundred-~~
year-old Kingdom of Laos - ~~now "The~~
People's Democratic Republic of Laos."

DETROIT

U.S. new car sales in November - the most since June of last year; more than Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand - according to figures today from Detroit. The big push in U.S. cars - also cutting imports to their lowest share of the market in two years.

SENATE

That save New York bill approved yesterday by
the House - ~~was given top priority~~ *the first order of business* today in the Senate.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield also filing a cloture
petition - in order to head off a threatened filibuster. An
attempt to refer the bill to committee - then killed by a vote
of Fifty-Seven to only Twenty-Three. Observers saying
passage is now virtually assured - if not by Friday, then
early next week.

DEMOCRATS

SAYRE From the Democratic Governors Conference in Washington - a blueprint today for economic recovery, including standby wage-and-price controls. The Democratic plan was vigorously opposed, however - by Governor Briscoe of Texas; who objected mainly to a provision - calling for an "Emergency Job Creation Program." ^{Gov.} Briscoe ^{saying} ~~noting the~~ ~~Federal government - is already deep in the red. Adding:~~ "I don't believe we can spend ourselves into prosperity."

SAYRE

~~This next - about a series of events in
Pennsylvania - that might be headlined "the case of the
missing males."~~

At Sayre, Pennsylvania - a house catching ~~on~~ fire
- an alarm sent out for volunteer firemen - but there were
none - they were all gone; as was the owner of the house -
who still doesn't know about it. In Allegheny County -
an attempt to try a number of cases ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~but the~~ witnesses ^{and}
~~including at least one~~ ^{and} policemen, failing to show up in court,
~~- forcing adjournment to a later date.~~ ^{In Pennsylvania} ~~and~~ all around the
state - wives and families left in the lurch.

Nothing sinister though - just the start of
another ~~Pennsylvania~~ ^{with} deer season; ~~with~~ an estimated One-
point-Three Million ^{Pennsylvania hunters} ~~hunters~~ taking part in the chase.

And now this -

TOKYO

An eight-day strike by Japanese government
employees, ^{tying} ~~shutting~~ up railroads, the mails and other public
services - was finally broken today. The unions involved
seeking the right to strike legally - but the Japanese
government simply refusing to give in. In announcing their surrender, the
unionists ~~was~~ apologizing to the Japanese people ^{saying} for
causing ~~them~~ ^{such "immense"} trouble. Ad, so -- so sorry.

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