

Tues. July 18, 1972

CAIRO

In the sometimes inscrutable Middle East - another strange and inscrutable move today. President Anwar Sadat of Egypt ordering expelled from that country an estimated twenty thousand Russian military advisers; telling the Russians - to pack up their bags and head for home; thus ending a military collaboration - stretching back sixteen years.

Next question: Why? So far - no clear answer.

Observers noting only that Egypt's Premier Aziz Sidky - recently cut short a schedule three day visit to Moscow; said to mean that Russia may have refused Egypt - any additional military assistance. But nobody really knows for sure - of if they do. they are not talking.

Indeed, Washington clamping an official blackout - on the whole subject. A State Department spokesman saying: "I will have no comment - interpretation - or other remarks to make."

SAN FRANCISCO

Ah, but here in San Francisco, Secretary of State Rogers, at noon today, appearing before the Commonwealth Club, radiated the Nixon Administration's delight with the turn of events in Cairo. He chuckled, laughed when pressed passed for comment, and finally said - that's an internal matter for Egypt - only for Egypt to decide.

HOUSE

At a hearing of the House Select Committee on Crime - standing room only today for the first time in years.

Quite a tribute to the appearance of singer Frank Sinatra - who promptly accused the panel of attempted "character assassination." This - said he - by widely-publicizing a number of flagrant charges against him, but later - refusing to set the record straight.

How could we have done that? Asked Committee Counsel Joseph Phillips. "Just call in the press and tell them it's a grave mistake" - shot back Sinatra. Lest there be any doubt, Sinatra adding: "I am not a second class citizen - let's get that straight."

SENATE

On the Senate Floor - the first partisan clash since George McGovern was nominated. Senate Minority leader Hugh Scott - saying he intends to "expose" Senator ~~McGovern~~ McGovern's tax program; for this - said he - is "not merely a soak the rich proposal" - but is a plan to hit the average family." Scott pledging: "We will then ask the American people - if they can afford the candidate."

Next up - Democratic Senate Majority Mike Mansfield; who said that he was "delighted" that Scott will "go over in detail" Senator McGovern's tax program; adding that he himself intends to do the same - with President Nixon's campaign rhetoric. And then - said Mansfield - let the people decide.

WASHINGTON FOLLOW SENATE

Elsewhere in Washington - an attempt to launch a so-called "dump Agnew" movement. Republican Senator Javits of New York - urging President Nixon to select a new running mate; or failing that - to let the Republican National Convention pick one.

"I have nothing personal against Spiro Agnew" - said Javits. But he added that his long-standing reservations "about the Vice President - continue unabated; in terms of the best interests of the total ticket and of the country," was the way he put it.

PHILADELPHIA FOLLOW WASHINGTON

Meanwhile, the Democratic Mayor of America's fourth largest city - announcing plans to vote for President Nixon. Mayor Rizzo of Philadelphia saying he also intends to "urge" all his friends to help re-elect the President. Further saying he's even "entertaining the thought" - of organizing a Pennsylvania Democrats-for-Nixon movement; for President Nixon - said he - is "the greatest President this country has ever had." Certainly tremendous praise from a top Democrat. ^(D) What about the Democratic Nominee - Senator McGovern? Said Mayor Rizzo: "I'll do anything and everything in my power - to bring about the defeat of Senator McGovern." And he added: "If McGovern is elected - I have a standing order to buy a ticket for Australia."

VIETNAM

Off the coast of North Vietnam - the U.S. Navy destroyer Warrington was heavily damaged by several underwater explosions. Officials saying the blast came from quote - "unknown sources." Adding that a full investigation is planned at Subic Bay in the Phillipines where the ship is now being towed for repairs.

On the political front, Hanoi today urging the U.S. "to suspend at once and indefinitely - the bombing, mining and blockade of North Vietnam, its Vietnamization policy and its involvement in South Vietnam." At the same time, voicing "absolute faith" in its own "final victory."

COMMONS

The British House of Commons - was rocked today by scandal; with British Prime Minister Heath - announcing the resignation of Home Secretary Reginald Maudling; also, the immediate suspension - of two civil servants. All three allegedly involved in the manipulation of a Yorkshire financier - who recently went bankrupt.

LONDON MOSCOW

From London and Moscow - a joint announcement today; disclosing the signing of a five year scientific and technical cooperation agreement - between the Soviet Union and the American Occidental Petroleum Company. Said Pact applying to oil and gas, agricultural fertilizers and chemicals also, metal treating and metal plating - the design and building of hotels - the utilization of solid waste. All this - according to Occidental President Armand Hammer, who is now in London and en route home - is a direct result of President Nixon's recent mission to Moscow.

NEW YORK HARBOR

In two Federal courts in New York City and four in New Jersey - the start of a landmark legal action. The Federal Government today charging more than a dozen cities, Mayors and Sewage Authorities - with polluting New York Harbor and adjacent New Jersey water. This - we are told - an attempt to zero in for the first time - on "one body of water; then bring into one courtroom all of those people responsible."

ROME

In Rome - in the midst of a summer heat wave - an advance look at upcoming winter fashions. At the Andre Laug display - dyed fox collars "on everything"; and the main feature at Fendi's - a new two-in-one fur coat.

Remember the old cloth coat - lined in fur? Well, this one is a fur coat on one side - and reversing it still more fur; a combination of otter for "go" - and mink for "show." Just the thing - we are told - for the jet setter who likes to travel light. Two in one.