

Wednesday, February 20, 1974

RIYADH

The Middle East - another Arab reconciliation, today. Libya's mercurial Colonel Kahadafy flying to Riyadh there to bury the hatchet with King Feisal of Saudi Arabia. Moreover he was accompanied by Egypt's President Sadat to whom he publicly apologized only yesterday. Kahadafy and Sadat later making an "al-umra!" - or "little pilgrimage," to Mecca.

Kahadafy, Sadat and Feisal - all three - planning to attend an all-Islamic summit conference - opening tomorrow at Lahore in Pakistan. The first order of business - expected to be a joint call for the "liberation of Jerusalem!"

JERUSALEM

In Jerusalem there is a report that Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir has finally succeeded in forming a new coalition government. An Israeli source saying, if true, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan ^{has} apparently been left "high and dry."

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Nixon met today with Vice President Ford and Republican Congressional leaders. Their talks said to have dealt mainly with campaign reform and pending energy legislation. The President again saying he would veto the proposed emergency energy bill - if approved by Congress in its present form.

The President also commended, briefly - on the loss of Gerald Ford 's former House seat to the Democrats: - the President quoted as saying - he was "disappointed" and that the defeat was due - to "several things such as the auto lay-offs, the energy crisis and the over-all political situation." That last - meaning, of course, Watergate.

CONFERENCE

*The White House again - an announcement
the President will hold a press conference - later
this week or early next week - and to be broadcast.
His first Washington press conference -in nearly
four months.*

MEXICO CITY

Secretary of State ~~Henry~~ Kissinger flew today to Mexico City - where tomorrow he meets with the Foreign Ministers of twenty-four Latin American countries. Dr. Kissinger taking along a high-level congressional delegation including House Speaker Carl Albert, Senate Majority leader ~~do~~ Mike Mansfield and Senate minority leader ~~is~~ Hugh Scott. The topics they plan to discuss - including the Panama Canal - the Energy Crisis and so-called "economic coercion."

GARY

Here at home - at Gary, Indiana - a long line of cars waiting for gas; when suddenly a passing motorist pulling ahead of all the rest. The station owner one Willy Hartman - ordering him off the premises. An argument -- they both pulled guns. Willy Hartman killed instantly - the motorist shot twice. And all he wanted, it ~~now~~ turn^{ed} out - ~~was~~ ~~some~~ air for one of his tires.

DALLAS

At a Junior High School in Dallas, Texas -
a brief fight between two girls. The principal taking
them both to his office - where he paddled them with
a small board. He also called home - and that was
a big mistake. The father of one of the girls -
coming to school. Knocking the principal over ~~the~~
a desk allegedly hitting him in the head with a ~~water~~
water pitcher. The father - later charged with
assault; ~~while~~ the principal ^{taken to a} ~~was being treated at a~~
~~nearly~~ nearby hospital. ~~The latter saying, by the way,~~
~~it wasn't the beating but "the lack of respect,"~~
~~that really got him.~~

TREASURE ISLAND

*The socalled theme girl at the Nineteen
Thirty Nine Golden Gate International Exposition -
beautiful Zoe Dell Lantis; at the time, age twenty-
three - measurements thirty-five, twenty-five,
thirty-five and now she's back as Mrs. E. J. Nutter
of Zenia Ohio - helping with the exposition's thirty-
fifth anniversary celebration. And guess what - at
age fifty-eight she still measures thirty-five,
twenty-five, thirty-five.*

SOUTH ATLANTIC

*Balloonist Thomas Gatch - where is he?
Still somewhere over the Atlantic? Or is he down
in the Sahara? Has he turned out to be the first
ever to cross the Atlantic in a ~~balloon~~ balloon? Maybe
his balloon has drifted to some remote African jungle
area - such as the great Ituri Forest, home of the
pygmies. It's all another mystery tonight. Maybe
he's being entertained by the pygmies. If alive,
Bill, what a tale he'll have to tell.*

KATHMANDU

The Himalayan kingdom of Nepal ^{we hear} ~~has just~~
~~is~~ ^{affected by} the latest ^{thing} ~~to~~ ~~foot~~ the energy ~~crisis~~.

The Nepalese government ordering a ban on Saturday

driving - Saturday ~~being a public~~ ^Q holiday ⁱⁿ Nepal.

Also, cutting bus service ^{in Shangri La} ~~in~~ ~~half~~, and limiting motorists

to eight gallons of gas a week.

~~Of course this mainly affects~~
~~As might be expected, this applies mainly~~

^{Pokhara and a few more,}
~~to~~ the capital city, ~~of~~ Kathmandu, ~~The rest of Nepal -~~

The rest of Nepal depends mainly on leg power,
~~still relying mostly on muscle power.~~
elephants in the Terai and Yaks in the
Himalayas.