

Thursday, February 22, 1973

**WHITE HOUSE - PEKING**

*From the White House and from Peking - a joint communique, spelling out today - the results of Henry Kissinger's latest mission to Red China. Another major step in spanning the great divide between East and West. The two sides agreeing that now is the time - for "accelerating the normalization of relations;" therefore, pledging "to broaden their contacts - in all fields;" to expand trade "as well as scientific, cultural and other exchanges." Further, pledging to "facilitate this process and to improve communications - through the establishment of "liaison offices" in each other's capitals; a move said to be just short - of a full diplomatic exchange.*

*In a later press conference Dr. Kissinger adding that Peking has agreed to release - two downed American pilots from the Vietnam War. These - Navy Lieutenant Commander Robert Flynn of Salt Lake City - and Air Force Major*

*Philip Smith of Victorville, California.*

*And then - an apparent attempt to reassure the Soviet Union. Dr. Kissinger stressing - that "this normalization process is not directed against any other nation." "We are part of an international community" - said he - "one in which all nations have a stake in preserving the peace."*

AID FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE PEKING

Dr. Kissinger also discussed briefly today - his stop in Hanoi enroute to Peking. Saying his purpose "was not to work out a post war aid program - but to establish contact with North Vietnamese leaders; to see if it would be possible to establish a relationship - similar to that worked out with China."

Dr. Kissinger adding that post war aid to Hanoi -- should not be considered a ransom, war reparations - or a hand out. "It is" - said he - "rather a long term investment - in a structure of peace."

## PRICES

*The U. S. cost of living index was up again last month half a percent; small when compared with the recent past. In the words of Ezra Solomon of the President's Council of Economic Advisors this reflects "substantial and continuing progress in reducing inflationary forces."*

*On the debit side - food prices were accounting for most of the total increase; jumping more than two percent for their biggest one month gain since the Korean War. About this Solomon saying "steps have already been taken - to correct the situation by increasing food supplies;" and adding that "these actions should begin" to bear fruit - "later this year."*

## **PRESIDENT FOLLOW PRICES**

*Following up on his radio broadcasting of yesterday - President Nixon today sent to Congress his economic message; also, touching briefly - on food prices. The President saying his administration is paying particular attention - to this tough problem.*

*On the tax front - the President pledging no increase. Adding that he does plan to "recommend a tax program to build further reforms on those achieved in Nineteen Sixty Nine and Nineteen Seventy One." This to include - said he - a plan "for alleviating the crushing burdens - which property taxes now creat for older Americans;" plus a tax break for families whose children attend parochial schools.*

## WINTHROP ROCKEFELLER

*One of the famed Rockefellers - Winthrop, grandson of the legendary John D. Rockefeller died today at Palm Springs, California. As the fourth of five brothers he was gay and full of high spirits in his youth. Dropping out of college he worked at odd jobs - finally joining the army in Nineteen Forty. There he matured and found himself - rising from private to Lieutenant Colonel - fighting his way across the Pacific.*

*After the war, a brief stint with the government - handling veterans readjustment problems. He also immersed himself in philanthropic activities. Finally he moved to Arkansas to start a new life. This he did, and of course, he made quite a mark on that state serving two terms as Governor. A dynamic American, and a good friend whom I had known for more than thirty years. Winthrop Rockefeller only sixty years old.*

DUBLIN

*In the Irish republic - the home stretch of a nationwide election campaign. The latest poll showing Premier Jack Lynch in desperate straits and so - a desperate action - would you say? With Lynch pledging today, if re-elected - to abolish property taxes on all private homes. Also, announcing an increase in benefits - for the unemployed, pensioners, widows and the children of low income families. In short, something - for practically everybody.*

MOSCOW

From Moscow - a report today that the U S and Russia have just concluded a new fishing pact - the Russians agreeing to cut back by more than a third - their annual catch of king and tanner crabs off the coast of Alaska. Also, agreeing to limit their trolling - off the coasts of Washington and Oregon. This so as not to disrupt - the start of the U S ~~new~~ halibut fishing season.

In return, the U S to permit Russian ~~fishing~~ fishing ships to enter the ports of Seattle, Portland and Honolulu - there to replenish ship's stores - rest their personnel - and make ~~to~~ minor repairs. Which may not seem much; <sup>but</sup> - to the Russians though, quite a lot. Up to now - their Pacific fishing fleet forced to remain at sea - two and sometimes three months at a time.



## *SINAI*

*The death toll in the crash of that Libyan jet liner in the Sinai Desert now near the hundred mark with two of the seven survivors - listed as "very serious."*

*Meanwhile Cairo was making public - a tape of the last recorded words of the plane's French pilot. These said to show that he was shot down without warning. A Cairo spokesman saying "Israel will pay a high price for this cowardly, monstrous and barbaric crime." But Israel says the plane had overflown a top secret air base. An Israeli pilot claiming there was no intent to shoot the plane down, and that the French crew botched an attempted crash landing.*

*Israeli Defense Ministers Moche Dayan also saying the plane should have landed on its own. Adding: "Ultimately the Arabs will realize it was an unfortunate incident and the fault of the captain."*

## **HARRISBURG**

***Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner Herbert***

***Denenberg in what he calls - a shoppers guide to dentistry,  
charging that "at least fifteen percent of all dentists - are  
incompetent, dishonest or both."***

***Commissioner Denenberg saying six million teeth  
are unnecessarily removed each year. Bill - I've never  
known a dentist who would do ~~anything~~ anything like that!***

LAS PIEDRAS

Frailty, ~~thats~~ thy name is woman - so the old saying goes. Ah, but times change - and now a reverse twist from Las Piedras, Uruguay. Senora Celina Machado - a thirty seven year old widow out shopping; passing a group of five men one of ~~them~~ whom allegedly said something he shouldn't

have. ~~thats~~ <sup>Celina Machado</sup> Whereupon the Senora <sup>^</sup>grabbing a stick - and wading in <sup>e</sup> arms flailing.

By the time police arrived - the young widow was cut and bruised but so were <sup>all</sup> ~~the~~ five men - including one who was later found to have suffered a fractured skull.

<sup>Celina</sup> Senora <sup>^</sup>Machado apparently taking her cue - from that new womens lib song. The one that says "I am strong - I am invincible - I am woman." <sup>And from WDBF Del Ray, Fla.</sup>  
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