

Thursday, May 20, 1971

From the White House and from the Kremlin - a joint announcement today: This signaling - in the words of President Nixon - "a major step in breaking the stale-mate on nuclear arms talks.

It's in the form of a pact between the U S and the Soviet Union; a pact pledging both sides "to concentrate this year - on working out an agreement for a limitation on the deployment of anti-ballistic missile systems, A B M's;" also pledging both sides to agree on certain measures - with respect to the limitation of strategic weapons," In short, a combined effort - to negotiate curbs on both offensive and defensive weapons; in the hope of creating, quote, "more favorable conditions - for further negotiations to limit all strategic arms."

President Nixon adding on his own that the U.S. and Russian governments are committed - "at the highest levels to achieve that goal." And, "if we succeed" - said he - "this joint statement may well be remembered as the

**beginning of a new era;" one "in which all nations will devote
more of their energies and their resources - not to the
weapons of war - but to the works of peace."**

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- or messenger - between east and west. Indeed,
his main purpose in coming to Russia is said to be
that of dismantling Canadian "relations" of the
past, hopefully, fortifying Canada's "national
identity" against that of its "great neighbor"
after "power-sharing" negotiations. He said
he does not intend to "abdicate" as he has
no intention of abridging any of his obligations
"military, political or economic."

MOSCOW

Moscow again - a fourth straight day of talks today - between Canada's Prime Minister Trudeau and top Kremlin leaders. The latter reportedly urging the P M to help spur talks - aimed at cutting back troop levels on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

However, Trudeau later stressing that he has no intention of serving as a mere "broker" - or messenger - between east and west. Indeed, his main purpose in coming to Russia - said he - that of diversifying Canadian "relations"; in the process, hopefully, fortifying Canada's "national identity" against that of its "great and good" but often "over-powering neighbor: - meaning the U S; so let there be no mistake - said he - Canada has no intention of abridging any of its obligations - "military, political or economic."

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*And with that - a flight to Kiev; the
first stop - on a planned six day tour of Russia;
one that will take him from Samarkand in the
South - all the way to Norilsk in northern Siberia.*

LENINGRAD FOLLOW MOSCOW

Same county - but this time Leningrad -
a verdict of guilty today as expected; ~~thereby~~ ^{which seems to}
sealing the fate of those nine Russian Jews -
accused of illegal Zionist activities. The prisoners
promptly sentenced to "strict regime" labor camps -
for terms ranging from one to ten years.

SPACE

On the space front - Russia ^{today} launched

~~today~~ an un-manned craft listed officially as Mars Two. This - we ~~are~~ are told - indicating another Soviet attempt - the first in eight years - to achieve a closer look at the Red Planet Mars; perhaps by means of so-called -- "automatic stations."

In any event, Mars Two weighing in - at more than five tons; making it Russia's biggest - interplanetary spacecraft ever. At last report - according to the Soviets - "functioning normally."

CAIRO

In the Middle East - Cairo - a major policy speech by Egypt's President Anwar Sadat; who said that a reopening of the Suez Canal - can be accomplished only in the context of an overall Mid-East peace settlement; one that gives Egypt a guaranteed right - to occupy both sides of the canal. And barring this - said he - "It would be better to fill it with sand." Sadat also saying he had told U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers - ~~he could "not accept America's talk of persuading Israel - or pressuring Israel" into accepting a peace settlement.~~ What is really needed - ~~said he~~ ^{is} what "I am officially asking President Nixon" to do - ~~to~~ "to force Israel" to accept a peace settlement.

BALTIMORE

*Here's one - Baltimore - a weird and
~~horrible~~ terrible story - police arresting a young man -
obviously drugged - who was wandering aimlessly
through the street; placing ~~him~~ him in a cell - where,
it was thought - he could then sleep it off. But
once he was left alone - the young man apparently ~~was~~
racked by hallucinations; to the point where he finally
gouged out both his eyes with his own fingers -
permanently blinding himself.*

*Police later reporting that the youth had
apparently taken a massive dose - of a substance
called T H C. This, - ~~was not told~~ a powerful
animal tranquilizer but often sold by drug dealers -
as a substitute for marijuana.*

AUSTIN

*Austin, Texas, the Presidency in retrospect
as recorded by L B J - for the benefit of those who
will visit the new Lyndon Baines Johnson Library.
The former chief executive saying: "No president
ever came to office - on a platform of doing what
was wrong." But all too often - said he - "the people
seem to feel that most of the things we have done -
have been wrong." So says L B J.*

HOUSTON

For a Navy Captain Jim Lovell - America's most experienced astronaut - a new assignment today; as number two man in the Science and Application Directorate - at the U.S. Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston; where his duties will include the development of space missions - for America's new Skylab Project.

At age forty-three - Jim Lovell handing in his space suit; one job "well done" - another just beginning.

ECOLOGY ENDING

Some years ago there was an able P R man over at the U N, who eventually moved his talents to the New York Planetarium. There, perhaps inspired by looking at all those stars, he has been writing poems and drawing amusing sketches that have just been put out in a book called "NURSERY RHYMES FOR THE TIMES"-- Ecology and Mother Goose, Words and pictures by Jeff Sparks. His longest poem is about the House That Jack Built and then what happened. I'll quote just one verse:

"This is the man
Who ate the fish
That ate the plankton
That ate the algae
That took up the waste
That came from the river
That carried the waste
That spilled from the house
That Jack built.

The moral of the poem, ^{is} Warren, _A "Don't put waste to the river: It could end up in your liver."

MANILA

For Charles Lindbergh - the famed "Lone Eagle" - a visit to Manila in the Philippines; where he received as a gift - a rare Philippine monkey-eating eagle; a present from an admirer - a wealthy Philippine business man.

This - doubly appropriate - as it turns out. For the "Lone Eagle" was then able to arrange for a return of the bird - to its native Mindano wilderness; ~~and~~ an area where he had been working of late - to save endangered species. These including especially - you guessed it -- the eagle.