

BRUSSELS

Fri. May 30-75

For President Ford - at that NATO summit in Brussels - a vote of confidence today from key Western leaders. The President ^{had told them} ~~said~~ that the U.S. commitment to NATO - has never been doubted. And a final comunique from the NATO meeting ^{today says} ~~says~~ the Western allies "are strengthened in their resolve to preserve their solidarity."

The President ^{later} ~~then~~ meeting with newsmen - ^{he} ~~said~~ he was "extremely pleased" with the results of talks with NATO leaders. Also ^{that} ~~that~~ he had "had an extremely candid discussion" - with Premier Vasco Goncalves of Portugal. "There is a general agreement" in NATO - he continued ^{that} ~~that~~ "the situation in Portugal must be watched with care and concern - and with sympathy for the people of Portugal."

The President ^{now goes on to} ~~leaves next for~~ Spain, ~~and~~ then Salzburg, Austria - where he meets Sunday with Egypt's President Anwar Sadat.

POLLUTE

Midnight tomorrow, for most of the nation - the official deadline for cleaning up U.S. air pollution. That is according to provisions of the Clean Air Act & passed in Nineteen-Seventy. ^{However} Environmental chief Russell Train today ~~conceding, however, that roughly~~ ^{says while} two-thirds of the ~~country~~ ^{country} will need additional time, The U.S. "has made significant progress in cleaning up the air" - ~~is to be~~ - ~~"but many of us, back in Nineteen-Seventy, doubtless underestimated the complexities involved."~~

TREASURY

From the U. S. Treasury Department - an announcement today that it plans to sell next month - another five hundred thousand ounces of gold. The proceeds of the sale expected to total about Eighty Million - or roughly five times the gold's original cost.

WASHINGTON

Washington again --

~~WASHINGTON~~ - the director of the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration - today handed in his

resignation. John Bartels calling it quits, ^{as a result} ~~in his own~~

~~words - "pursuant to the request of the Attorney General"~~

~~the result of what is being called~~ ^{of} "internal squabbling"

and "unprofessional" performance.

But the final straw, apparently - Bartels' public stand last week against the decriminalization of marijuana.

Attorney General Edward Levi since saying he would like to see marijuana - ~~if not decriminalized then~~ at least "downgraded in terms of penalty."

SUB-SAHARA

In sub-Sahara Northern Africa - first, it was six straight years of drought - then a single year of torrential rains; and now - we hear - an ~~expected~~ plague of locust^s ~~probably~~ worst in Mali, Mauritania and Niger - with Senegal, Gambia, Upper Volta and Chad ~~perhaps~~ next on the list.

~~At~~ ^{But} ~~but this time~~, there may be hope. The U.N. ^{is} sending ~~in~~ vast quantities of pesticides - along with equipment and advisors to see that it's used properly. ~~And so for the starving millions in sub-Sahara - at least a fighting chance.~~

EARTH ORBIT

Those two Russian cosmonauts in earth orbit - were getting in their Spring planting today. Flight commander Pyotr Klimuk and civilian engineer Vitaly Sevastiyarov - laying in a small crop of onions and peas; an experiment aimed at determining the advantages, if any - of growing food in space; and a further indication - we are told - that they plan to be up there - quite a while.

EUGENE

America's premier distance runner - the victim of an auto accident early today at Eugene, Oregon. Steve Prefontaine, formerly of the University of Oregon - the U.S. recordholder at Three Thousand Meters, Two Miles, Five Thousand Meters, Six Miles and Ten Thousand Meters; winning his last race in near-record time - ~~just~~ ^{just} a few hours before his fatal crash. Steve Prefontaine - only twenty-four. - ~~and what a waste.~~

PORT SAID

The last two of fifteen ships long trapped in the Suez Canal - were finally towed today to Port Said on the Mediterranean. Officials saying the Canal is now "free of all obstacles, all mines, all wrecks" - and ready to go

steam ahead
full ~~blast~~ when it officially reopens next week. *At double the old rates, A River of Gold for Egypt - at least.*
By the way, the new rates for Canal shipping,

~~as announced earlier this week - nearly double what they were in 'Sixty-Seven; and thus expected to bring into Egypt - about a Half-Billion-a-year in badly-needed foreign exchange. The Suez Canal, they tell us, soon - a river of gold.~~

And now this Mes -

BUENOS AIRES

From Buenos Aires - a report today telling of an Argentine rancher who claims to have bred - the world's smallest horse - and the tallest. ^{- the smallest -} The first [^] said to be only fifteen inches tall - weighing less than thirty pounds; the second said to be seven-one at the shoulder - weighing nearly three thousand pounds. ~~And that's the long and the short of it - from the horsey cat.~~ ^{Some horse!} [^] And now -

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