

PENTAGON FOLLOW PHNUM PENH

Tues. Sept. 7-71.

Here at home - another Vietnam milestone. For the first time in six years - the Pentagon failing to issue its daily list of war dead. For the first time in six years - not a single fatality, neither from hostile or non-hostile causes.

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Nixon ~~continues to~~

~~apply the pressure,~~ today announcing ^{ed} plans & for his second

major address in four days; a speech he ~~plans to deliver on~~

Thursday ^{before} ~~to~~ a rare joint session of the House and Senate;

^{It is} expected to include a personal appeal & for speedy approval

of his new economic program; and this to come only the second

day - after the end of a month-long Congressional recess;

~~an attempt,~~ ^{and} obviously ^{an attempt} to head off ~~burgeoning~~ opposition.

TOKYO

The President is also scheduled to meet later this week - with a trade delegation from Japan; a group headed by Japanese Foreign Minister Takeo Fukuda - who is expected to press for a cut in the present ten per cent U. S. surtax on foreign imports.

Reports from Tokyo are said to stress, however - that Japan has now ^{largely} recovered from the initial shock of the President's new economic policy. Further ~~stating~~ that Japan will not "fall all over itself" - in attempting to achieve an immediate trade break. This - we are told - in line with an old Japanese proverb; to the effect that "the man in a hurry - is the man who gets the worst of any deal."

PHNOM PENH

At Phnom Penh, ~~in neighboring~~ Cambodia, ^{there was} a terrorist attempt today to assassinate U.S. Ambassador Emory Swank.

It failed, ^{as you may have} ~~though~~ ~~as no doubt you've~~ heard by now.

What you may not have heard - ^{has} this ~~leading~~ to a strengthening of Cambodian security precautions; with a number of crack Cambodian troopers - now patrolling the grounds around the U.S. Embassy, ^{each} ~~of them~~ armed with an A.K. - Forty-Seven rifle. - ^{That's,} ~~made~~ ^{a weapon made} ironically, in Red China.

VIETNAM

In Vietnam - U. S. Army artillery crews were again rushed into the breach today. Reoccupying an abandoned fire base - near the DMZ. This in support of a big South Vietnamese sweep - through a nearby jungle area.

While back in Saigon - a demonstration by some thirty disabled South Vietnamese veterans, ^{was} demanding immediate passage of a new law - to ease their financial burdens. One of the vets going so far as to cut off a thumb - in order to dramatize his plight; whereupon they were each given Five Thousands piasters - about Twenty Bucks-American; and soon - they were gone.

LONDONDERRY

By order of the militant Provisional wing of the IRA - a two-day suspension of terrorist activities in Northern Ireland. This - it was said - out of respect for fourteen-year-old Annette McGavigan; who was killed yesterday in Londonderry - during a clash between Provisional snipers and British Army troops.

Only trouble - the truce lasting but a few hours; followed by ~~another~~ another burst of sniper fire directed against British troops in the same area where Annette was killed; forcing mourners to duck into doorways - and finally disband altogether.

LYNCH FOLLOW LONDONDERRY

Meanwhile ⁱⁿ London, Premier Jack Lynch of the Irish Republic ^{was} meeting for a second straight day with Britain's Prime Minister Heath. Lynch later saying that he had told Heath - the only means of permanently solving Irish civil strife is, quote, "a reunification of our country." ^{At this} ~~But~~ Heath, ~~of course~~ ^{ed} turning him down flat. Forcing Lynch to admit that there was no political agreement ~~and was~~ in sight. Lynch adding only: "We have agreed to keep in touch."

NARCOTICS

The formation of a new Cabinet-level Committee on International Narcotics Control ^{was} announced today by the President, ~~Nixon~~, ~~with its assigned task - that of locating~~ ^{its assignment to} the sources of heroin and other illicit drugs ~~and they will~~ ^{and they will} wipe them out. ~~And the man who will~~ ^{to} head this [?] ~~job~~ ^{The} Secretary of State ~~William~~ ^{in person,} ~~Boggs, who called the President's action~~ ^{who calls it a} "the ~~most~~ ["] major effort ~~yet made~~ ^{the} to control international narcotics traffic."

WASHINGTON

While the rest of the world has been talking about the threat of a population explosion - Americans, it seems, have been doing something about it; or maybe - not doing something about it. In any event, the Washington Center for Metropolitan Studies - reporting^S~~ing~~ a sharp drop last year in the nation's birth rate; in actual fact - the sharpest drop since Eighteen-Fifty; said to make a so-called "zero population growth" - entirely possible within this century; at least - here in the U.S.

SPEAKING

Elsewhere on the economic front - a report today that public speaking is now a Billion Dollar-a-year business. This - according to Dan ~~Tyler~~ Moore - director ~~general~~ of the International Platform Association; who explains that business education and civic groups - are presently offering more than half-a-million professional speaking opportunities a year; with some fees ~~for such as cartoonist Al Capp and columnist Art Buchwald~~ running as high as Forty-Five Hundred Bucks a night; thus making public speaking - a ~~rrreally~~ big business, for a few. *TPJ PA head*

^ Dan ~~Tyler~~ Moore ~~adding~~ that Teddy Roosevelt was indeed right - when he said; "America's four greatest institutions - are the home, the church, the school *^* and the speaker's platform."

OTTAWA

Here's one - a collection of travel notes; starting out with a brief announcement - from Canada's Prime Minister Trudeau; who says that Soviet Premier Kosygin will be visiting our ~~good~~ neighbor to the North, - ~~for seven or eight days~~ next month.

This coming almost simultaneous - with ~~a~~ ^{second} ~~record~~ item from Bonn; stating that West German Chancellor Willy Brandt - will be making "an early visit" to the Soviet Union.

In the meantime, King Olav the Fifth of Norway ~~will~~ a visitor today to our own Long Island; where he was taking part in the world championship racing competition - for five-~~and~~ ^{and} a-half-meter yachts. The King "bunking" with U. S. financier Henry Morgan - ~~himself~~ a grandson of the ^{legendary} ~~great~~ who also was a potentate, in the world of finance, J. P. Morgan; ~~so they should find lots to talk about, I guess.~~
So King Olav should feel right at home.

HOLLYWOOD

This next - a bit late ~~■~~ perhaps; but anyway a reminder from Hollywood - that Samuel Goldwyn has just celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday; in typical Goldwyn fashion - getting two big birthday parties from family and friends.

The famed filmmaker - though he suffered a stroke two years ago ^{is} still going strong; with the help of his wife Frances, - whom he wed in Nineteen-Twenty-Five, ^{he still runs} ~~maintaining~~ one of the biggest independent operations in Hollywood.

^{Sam} ~~indeed~~ Goldwyn once described ^{ed} his wife - as "the best man ~~to~~ get on my staff."

All of which calls to mind - my favorite "Goldwyn-ism" of all. When told ~~once~~ that a friend had consulted a psychiatrist - ^{said Sam} ~~Samuel~~ Goldwyn ~~observing:~~ "Why, ^q anyone who goes to see a psychiatrist - ~~he~~ ought to have his head examined."

HORSEHEADS

In and around Horseheads, New York - a weekend

wave of - ~~welt~~ would you call ^{this} ~~it~~ vandalism? ~~At any rate,~~

Police reporting that ~~person or~~ persons unknown - cut down seven roadside billboards; including one - a giant ten-by-twenty feet.

Another of the signs ^{was} replaced by a small tree; to which was attached a note explaining that this was ^{simply a noble} attempt

to remove "scenic eyesores." The note signed: "Americans for Better Scenery!" ~~for scenic environment."~~