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REYKJAVIK

Two days of French and American summit talks at Reykjavik ended today - with no joint communique due mainly to a prior agreement - that there would be no joint communique.

As to results, if any - President Nixon is quoted as saying: "Naturally, there was some disagreement - but it must not be over-emphasized." White House adviser Henry Kissinger observing: "There were no winners - and no losers." He also said that negotiations will continue - "in established forums;" especially on problems of trade - and monetary reform.

It remained, however, for French President Pompidou - to set the summit in very French perspective. "These meetings are more like a conception than a delivery" - said he. Adding: "The effects may not be immediately visible but they will be visible in the future."

NORTH ATLANTIC

Some twenty miles off the coast of Iceland - a brief escalation today in the "cod war" between Iceland and Britain. A British tugboat - allegedly ramming an Icelandic gunboat. This - according to Reykjavik; which quickly filed - a diplomatic protest.

From Britain though - a somewhat different version. A London spokesman saying it was actually the gunboat - that rammed ^{The} ~~a~~ British tug. Adding that the same gunboat - then cut the lines of one fishing trawler and rammed two others. The British Foreign Office - also filing an official protest.

GREECE

George Papadopoulos - the Premier of Greece - and self appointed crown REGENT for exiled King Constantine - went on Greek Radio today to make several proclamations. He said Constantine had collaborated with murderers - was involved in the attempted NAVY coup, last week - and so HE - Papadopoulos - and his cabinet had decided to dissolve the monarchy. From now on - said Papadopoulos - Greece would be a Republic - and he - Papadopoulos, would serve as provisional President of it - until elections can RATIFY his decisions. He did not say what he'd do if the election doesn't go his way.

EARTH ORBIT

In the flight of America's Skylab-One - a sort of day off - a one-day respite today from official duties; to allow for showers - to give the crew an opportunity to police their quarters - to give them some time for rest and relaxation.

While here below - at Houston - space officials were rushing plans for a possible spacewalk - perhaps as early as next Tuesday; thereby, hoping to free the space ship's jammed power generating wing - and alleviate a drastic power shortage.

It was also announced today that the Skylab's next three-man crew - will be launched July Twenty-Seventh, twelve days ahead of schedule. This - we are told - an attempt to get the most out of the Skylab mission - as fast as possible; in other words - before anything else goes wrong.

AUSTIN

The City of Austin - capital of Texas - was hit last week by a drastic cutback in natural gas. Now - a ^{similar} ~~severe~~ ~~gasoline~~ ^{of gasoline and oil.} shortage. City officials saying they may be forced to order city-wide "brownouts" - along with reduced police patrols and bus operations.

More on the same - from Washington. Senator Jackson of Washington demanding a thorough investigation of the petroleum industry - under the auspices of the Federal Trade Commission. Jackson charging "a deliberate, conscious contrivance" on the part of big oil companies - "to destroy the independent refiners and marketers, to capture new markets, to increase prices, and to obtain the repeal of environmental protection legislation."

LOS ANGELES

Out on the Coast - film star Shirley MacLaine has just returned from a six-week tour of Red China. Miss MacLaine asserting: "The desire of the Chinese people to be friends with the American people - is extraordinary." Adding that Chinese women were also very curious - about the role of women in American life; apparently finding it incredible - that American women should be mainly concerned with male-female relationships - instead of politics.

Miss MacLaine then went on to say: "I think without question - this trip was the most fundamentally profound experience - that any of us have ever had." But she conceded, nevertheless - she "couldn't live there more than a year."

LONDON

The price of gold again hit a record high today - on the big London bullion market: One Hundred and Twenty Dollars an ounce. While the U.S. dollar was again taking a beating - in London, Frankfurt and Paris.

Here at home - a former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board - was testifying today before a Senate Finance Subcommittee. William McChesney Martin saying the dollar is undervalued - and the U.S. should now step in to support it wherever necessary. He also said that spiraling inflation - could ~~lead~~^{lead} to "at least a moderate recession" within a year.

On the brighter side - the government reporting today a sharp increase in tax revenues; enough to reduce an expected budget deficit this year - from Eighteen Billion down to less than Three Billion. And that - we are told - the closest we've come to balancing the books - since Nineteen-Sixty-Nine.

SAN FRANCISCO

From San Francisco - a story of love and marriage, Australian-style; starting out with the arrival of Dr. John Sanders - a Sydney psychologist; who promptly announced plans - to open twenty matchmaker offices here in the U.S.

The ultimate goal - says Dr. Sanders - to recruit more than one hundred and sixty thousand mail-order brides; who can then take their pick - of a like number of lonely Australian bachelors. Dr. Sanders observing: "It's a golden opportunity - for adventurous American women."

NEWPORT

The development of a new-style wrist watch - is reported from the Microelectronics Division of Hughes Aircraft at Newport Beach, California. A company spokesman saying the new watch - has no hands, no dial and, indeed, no moving parts. It operates instead - by electric pulsar; its power - supplied by two tiny batteries. You simply press a button - and the time appears in lighted digits on the otherwise plain black face; hours, minutes and seconds - even the date of the month.

The Hughes watch is also hermetically sealed - and therefore shock proof, dust proof and water proof. All of which calls to the mind the story about the fellow - who had a similar watch; shock proof, dust proof, water proof - perfect in every way; except - he lost it.

LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE

*You don't hear too many tributes to HAMS - but -
well - an exception now - from Lowell Thomas.*

RADIO HAMS

Here's one - a tribute to amateur radio operators. In the U.S. there are more than a quarter of a million Hams plus an equal number around the globe; a vast army of "hams" - over the past fifty years^{or so} rolling up a record of tremendous service to mankind.

For example, a group of "hams" at Georgetown University in Washington - recently picked up a distress call from Venezuela. A little boy was seriously ill - he needed a rare vaccine. Georgetown University doctors quickly found the medicine - and a life was saved.

When tropical storm Agnes blacked out parts of New York and Pennsylvania - "hams" directed emergency rescue operations and arranged for relief supplies. When a ninety foot tidal wave was headed toward Naknek, Alaska - it was a "ham" who sounded the alarm.

And now we hear about the launching of a forty pound spacecraft - Oscar Six - built and financed by "hams." It allows a ham operator to communicate with any or all of his

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*colleagues - within a radius of four thousand miles,
regardless of atmospheric conditions. To a dedicated ham
that's just about the next best thing to paradise.*

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "RADIO HAMS"

Thank you, Lowell. A final story - in a moment.

FAIRFIELD

Back in the 'Sixties - Parsons College at Fairfield, Iowa, was known far and wide as "Dropout U.;" for taking in great numbers of strays - who couldn't quite "cut it" at other schools.

Since the end of the draft though - Parsons College has hit upon hard times; to the point where its Acting President finally announced today - it's closing its doors.

Dr. Everett Hadley explaining that Parsons College - was "irretrievably insolvent." And so "Dropout U." - is now dropping out—

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