

In the President's "Journey for Peace" - the first big dividend, it seems. At any rate, President Nixon held another four-hour meeting today - with Red China's Premier Chou En-Lai; after which a report that the two men have now reached general agreement - on a, "prospective accord." This is said to stop short - of formal diplomatic relations; nevertheless, calling for continued Chinese-American contacts - through a mutual exchange of students, scientists, reporters and so on. In short - a program of "peaceful coexistence." All of which will be spelled out - we are told - in a final communique marking the end of the President's visit.

Later, the President and Mrs. Nixon - enjoyed a bit of relaxation in the evening. Taking in a Chinese gymnastic exhibition - with Premier Chou again serving as host and guide. The final event, appropriately enough - a fast-paced ping-pong match.

COMMENT FOLLOW PEKING

Incidentally, at least one reporter accompanying the President - observed that a "cult of Richard Nixon" is sweeping the land. Robert Boyd of the Knight Newspapers said: "It seems incredible - it may not last; but thanks to his extraordinarily warm reception by the Communist demigod, Mao Tse-Tung - the President is definitely 'in'."

*Another note: U.S. reporters say they have yet to see a Chinese woman - wearing a skirt. A U.S. technician - who has now been there three weeks - adding that the "sameness" in Chinese women is "striking."
"But they are beginning to look pretty" - said he.*

PARIS FOLLOW VIETNAM

On the peace front - Paris - the U.S. and South Vietnam today agreed to resume talks as of tomorrow. This - we are told - "in expectation that the other side will be prepared to have a constructive exchange - on our proposals as well as on theirs."

HI-JACK

In the Persian Gulf country of Yemen - the final chapter on that hi-jacked West German airliner is being written. The Arab Commandos who hi-jacked the plane - have now released all crew members - all passengers were freed yesterday - and the plane itself will be turned back to West German authorities tomorrow. The explosive charges that had been placed aboard - have been removed. The hi-jackers ~~we're~~ we're told - surrendered to Yemen authorities.

ANGELA DAVIS

In San Jose, California - bail has been set for Angela Davis - paving the way for her release - after spending sixteen months in prison on murder-kidnap charges. Bail was not granted earlier because - in California - capital crimes are notailable. But then - last week - the state supreme court ruled that California's capital punishment law is unconstitutional - so Miss Davis's lawyers made the point - that there is no longer any valid reason to deny her freedom on bail. A judge agreed and set her trial bail at One-Hundred-Two-Thousand-Five-Hundred-Dollars. Her trial is scheduled to start next week.

WASHINGTON

On the political front - a meeting of Republican governors in Washington; with outgoing Attorney General John Mitchell - reading a letter from President Nixon dated before he left for China. This dealt with a question - that has also plagued the Democrats of late. The President said: "One of my strongest convictions is that a candidate for President - under no circumstances, should write off any section of the country or any state in the country." The President added: "You can be sure that we will go out to carry our battle to the opponent" - in all states.

INDICTMENT

Elsewhere in Washington - the commander and three other top officers of the Alabama Air National Guard - were today indicted by a Federal grand jury. All charged with conspiring illegally - to solicit political contributions. And these - it was said - partly for Governor Wallace of Alabama.

DUBLIN

The outlawed Irish Republican Army - was the target of a major crackdown today in the Irish Republic. At Dublin - police seizing seven alleged IRA leaders. This in response to yesterday's bombing of a British officers' mess - killing seven - at Aldershot in England.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "ANGEL FALLS "

And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas.

Subject tonight - the conquest of fabled Angel Falls.

Lowell...

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "ANGEL FALLS"

Thank you, Lowell.

A final note - in a moment.

PROXMIRE

Senator William Proxmire of Wisconsin - was the bearer of a couple of beautiful black eyes a week or so ago, you may recall. These - it was later explained - the result of a partial face-lift.

Now - a second surgical procedure. Proxmire showing up in the Senate today - with gauze bandages covering his normally semi-bald head; explaining this time - that he had started undergoing hair transplants.

Proxmire adding, when it's all done - he'll still be a semi-baldy; but , as he put it - a little more semi- and a little less baldy."