

Friday, November 10, 1972

PEACE

In Washington, Paris, Saigon, - and perhaps even Hanoi - peace rumors were again filling the air today - based mainly on the current talks between South Vietnam's President Thieu and General Haig of the U.S.

According to at least one "informed source" the two are nearing completion of the draft of a new peace treaty - one that could end the war - perhaps "by the end of the year". This same source quoted as saying: "We want to get the boys on their way home as a Christmas present."

As yet though - nothing official. And, while the talks continue, so does the fighting, with a series of air raids against the Communist North said to be the heaviest in nearly three weeks.

WALL STREET FOLLOW PEACE

On Wall Street - spurred partly by peace rumors - another big day; with the Dow Jones "industrials" breaking through the "magic" one thousand mark for the fifth time ever. Later the market backed off a bit.

KEY BISCAIYNE

Key Biscayne - an announcement today that President Nixon has appointed a special ad-hoc committee; that is a committee composed of three key aides - Henry Kissinger, H R Haldeman and John Ehrlichman with an assignment to prepare recommendations - for a possible reorganization of the nation's foreign policy structure. This a first step - in the President's announced plan of stream-lining the Federal bureaucracy.

The White House stressing - this is not an attempt "to arrogate more power" to the President. It's an attempt, we hear to make government work better."

LONDON

From the pages of a prestigious British magazine - comes today Britain's first major assessment of the U.S. election. The weekly Economist citing President Nixon's landslide triumph - as proof that "Americans are coming back on course:" that the U S has finally overcome its dissident elements - has finally "Pulled itself together" thereby demonstrating quote - "the resilience of the other and much bigger America."

The Economist also saying that the President's victory bodes well for the future of the entire free world. Why? Because the U S and Russia - will be the main contenders for political power through the rest of the Seventies," - says the Economist. Adding that "after Tuesday - the U S seems a much more plausible contender than it did before." In other words, to the British it had seemed we were heading down hill - getting flabby. And that Tuesday's election puts us on the rails again.

PENTAGON

Some eighty to ninety of the nation's top admirals - were called on the carpet today at the Pentagon. There they were given a tongue lashing by Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, chief of naval operations; for allegedly dragging their feet in the Navy's attempts to end racial discrimination.

Admiral Zumwalt telling his top officers - "I am speaking to you and through you to the Navy's entire command structure - to emphasize again that this issue of discrimination must be faced openly and fully - also, stressing that "henceforth, equal opportunity and race-relation-training" shall have "the same priority level as professional performance" in determining future assignments.

Lest there be any doubt, Admiral Zumwalt adding flatly: "Equal means exactly that, - equal."

ATLANTA

For Black militant Angela Davis - an angry reception at largely black Atlanta University. - Members of the audience fidgeting through a fund-raising appeal - for so-called "political prisoners" held in American jails; and then - in a question and answer period - accusing Miss Davis of being "used and manipulated" by the Communists.

One black co-ed, in particular, demanding of Miss Davis: "How can you - as a black woman, be a member of a party - that has a white power base?" Adding: "The Communist party never did anything for me - or any of my brothers or sisters." "Do you know any Communists?" responded Miss Davis. To which the student replied: "No." But she still questioned whether Communism was really as "cool" as it was said to be. "Other black people have told me things were cool" - said she - "and when I got into them I found they weren't so cool."

When it was all over Miss Davis saying: "These questions are the same as I've gotten from hostile

journalists and the bourgeois media." But "nowhere" she added - "nowhere have I found such blatant hostility" as there at all black Atlanta University.

STOCKHOLM

At Stockholm in Sweden - a gathering of the cream of scandinavian aristocracy; including King Olav of Norway - Queen Margarethe of Denmark - President Kekkonen of Finland, President Eldjarn of Iceland - and Swedish born Queen Anne-Marie of Greece, along with her husband King Constantine.

All on hand for tomorrow's birthday celebration for King Gustav, the Sixth of Sweden, as he reaches age ninety - the world's oldest ruling monarch - as his Father was before him. All Sweden will be joining in. The festivities starting out with a special flag raising ceremony tomorrow morning - to be followed by parades, lunches, dinners, and so on - ending up with a gala performance of a Royal opera. For a man age ninety, or any age - quite a day! Court officials say the King is still agile - in mind and body. Adding that at day's end - he will probably be "less fatigued than many of the younger participants." Just as we used to hear about his equally aged, agile Father who reigned so long

**the present King didn't get to the throne until he was
past age Sixty.**

WASHINGTON

The New York Times today has what may be by far the most important Anthropological story of the year.

A man perhaps One Million years older than the remains found in the Olduvai Gorge some years ago. Walter Sullivan tells of the finding of the oldest complete skull of early man; a large brained, tool-using human - who lived in East Africa somewhere between two and a half million and Seven Million years ago. This time it's the anthropologist son, Richard Leakey, who unearthed the skull piece by piece in the wind-swept desert just east of Lake Rudolf in Kenya.

Richard Leakey is the son of the famed Doctor Louis Leakey who died just last month. So he is carrying on in his father's footsteps in the quest for man's earliest origins. So maybe - early man was around more than three million years ago. Do you care Bill?

BATON ROUGE

From Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the story of a woman driver who thought she might have brake trouble; so she drove on down to a local gas station - in fact, she drove right on into the gas station smashing through a big plate glass window, scattering auto supplies in every direction. A station attendant later explaining: Her brakes failed! And so long until ~~Monday~~ Monday.