

Thurs. Apr. 24-69.

The White House -- President Nixon continues his efforts to <sup>improv</sup> ~~to renovate the~~ U.S. mail service. <sup>Today</sup> ~~to~~ Sending ~~to~~ Congress today a special message ~~is~~ calling for another postal rate increase.

One that would raise the cost of sending cards and letters ~~each~~ <sup>more --</sup> a penny ~~a piece~~ -- up to six and seven cents, respectively.

~~will~~ also <sup>a</sup> jumping <sup>in</sup> the rates <sup>for</sup> ~~on~~ second and third class mail.

"I regret the need to raise postal rates", said the President. <sup>Then</sup> ~~Adding, however:~~ "This administration is determined -- that the cycle of greater and greater postal deficits and more and more rate increases -- will be broken. ~~And~~ The only way to break that cycle" -- said he -- "is through effective, long range reforms in the way the postal system operates."

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PARIS

On the peace front -- Paris -- <sup>again where there was</sup> an attempt today to give a little  
-- and <sup>maybe.</sup> get a little. With U.S. and South Vietnamese negotiators-  
offering three concessions in a bid to get the peace talks rolling  
again.

First and foremost, U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge --  
agreeing to discuss political as well as military matters. South  
Viet Nam also agreeing for the first time -- that mutual withdrawal  
of foreign troops should be a key issue. Further dropping a previous  
ban on Communist participation -- in any future post-war government.  
A South Vietnamese spokesman saying Saigon has no wish to destroy its  
enemy -- but only to turn them from violence.

~~However,~~ Reaction from the other side -- again -- ~~strictly~~  
"no dice." For public ~~consumption, at least,~~ consumption, at  
least, Hanoi branding the concession plan -- nothing more than a  
"U.S. ploy" -- an effort to build up Saigon prestige.

VIET NAM FOLLOW PARIS

Meanwhile in Viet Nam -- U.S. B-52s were carrying out today -- one of their heaviest raids of the war. Dropping thousands of tons of bombs -- on threatening enemy troop concentrations near Tay Ninh, on the Cambodian border.

*From* ~~Back in~~ *we here* ~~in~~ Saigon *— cost in lives —* a cost analysis of the current waning Red offensive. In terms of human sacrifice -- the tally coming to nearly a hundred thousand enemy troops -- killed or wounded.

## KOREAN TRUCE LINE

Elsewhere in the Pacific theatre -- North Korean border guards opened fire today across that Korean truce line. According to U.N. observers -- South Korean border guards responding in kind. The long-range duel -- lasting seventy minutes before it was finally ended. Luckily though -- no apparent casualties.

BOYS TOWN

Here at home -- Pueblo skipper Lloyd Bucher <sup>- returning home</sup> ~~was a visitor~~  
~~today at~~ <sup>to</sup> Boys Town, Nebraska -- where he grew to manhood, ~~then~~  
telling reporters he was "intensely proud" of his ship. "It  
becomes a part of you", said he -- "a part of every sinew, every  
muscle, every part of your life."

And how does he feel about the Pueblo now -- now that  
North Korea has it? The Commander answered that by saying --  
he wants his ship returned -- "or removed from the face of the  
earth."



BELFAST

Explosion in Northern Ireland. In the midst of a major civil rights struggle at Belfast -- saboteurs blasting <sup>ed</sup> a hole in one of the city's major pipelines, forcing water-rationing -- for half a million; also forcing a call up of ten thousand police reserves -- to enforce drastic new security measures.

~~As might be expected,~~ Catholic-mad <sup>(Civil Righters) were</sup> ~~civil rights~~ ~~first~~ ~~to be~~ blamed. Indeed, Right Wing elements in Premier O'Neill's own Protestant-dominated Unionist Party <sup>were</sup> --vowing to oust the government ~~in~~ "in a matter of days." Charging O'Neill and his Cabinet -- with being too soft on Civil Righters.

<sup>Now the</sup> ~~this~~ latest: a fire-bombing tonight at a Catholic school -- in the nearby village of Maghera.

BEIRUT - SUEZ

For the second straight day -- rioting in Lebanon.

Government forces clashing with Palestinian demonstrators --  
at Beirut.-- also, the <sup>old</sup> city of Tyre only twelve miles from the  
Israeli border. <sup>You all remember Tyre and Sidon in the Bible.</sup> First reports indicating at least three dead --  
several injured.

While at the Suez -- another shoot-out -- between Egyptian  
and Israeli forces, ~~this~~ following a warning from Tel Aviv --  
against any more Egyptian raids across the canal. The Israelis  
adding ominously -- they may find it necessary to take strong  
counter-action -- to regain the initiative in that area.

~~Now this:~~ <sup>Lebanon again:</sup> Lebanese Premier Rashid Karami resigning <sup>ed</sup>  
tonight -- unable to cope with the crisis in <sup>his</sup> ~~that~~ country.

KENT - BOULDER

At Kent State University in Ohio -- also the University of Colorado, the worm turned. The long suffering, heretofore "silent majority" -- standing up to be counted.

At Kent -- about eight thousand students taking part in a straw vote. With the final tally -- five to three against dropping criminal charges -- against lifting suspension -- with regard to students involved in recent campus violence.

More of the same, at the U. of C.; where the militant demands of the Students for a Democratic Society -- were also voted down by <sup>the</sup> moderate students. According to moderate leader Howard Kroymann -- <sup>this is</sup> "proof positive that the silent majority will stand up for what they believe."



LEBANON

From Lebanon, Pennsylvania, comes the story today of a  
sactimonious crook -- a fellow who broke into a local supply  
company some time during the night. Finding nothing of value --  
he took nothing,-- but he did leave a note.

In it he said simply: "Bessed is he ~~who~~ expects nothing --  
for he shall not be disappointed." ~~And do you know something --~~

~~I spect he's right.~~

From you Warren - we do expect something!

WASHINGTON

Question: Is it possible to kill a tornado? Yes.

This according to Dr. C.C. Chang of Catholic University -- in a report today at that Washington meeting of the American Geophysical Union. Dr. Chang telling of lab experiments -- where he found he could actually "blow apart" scale model tornadoes. The trick -- said he -- in exploding a balloon full of explosives -- at the very vortex of the swirling funnel. Next step: to get a full blown balloon bomb -- inside a full scale, fast moving tornado. Ah, but how -- that's the question -- said Dr. Chang. Adding that he ~~tries~~ plans to try soon -- working with miniature desert "~~death~~ Devils"; hopefully building toward the day -- when he can <sup>give his own twist to</sup> ~~twist and turn~~ a real twister, ~~inside out~~.

Harness a tornado. And a-l-