

Thursday, Sept. 14, 1972

SENATE

The Senate today approved overwhelmingly - a Soviet-American arms control agreement; the same one that President Nixon hammered out months ago - on his historic mission to Moscow. This for the first time setting official limits - on the number of U.S. and Russian offensive missiles.

All of which followed an earlier vote for cloture, choking off marathon debate. The tenth time in all U.S. history - for cloture to be invoked on the first attempt. But the Senate also serving notice that the present agreement - if unacceptable as the basis for a permanent treaty. At any rate the measure now goes to a joint Senate-House conference - for final approval.

GRAIN

Elsewhere in Washington, the U.S. officially announced today - the proposed sale of fifteen million bushels of wheat to Red China. This the first commercial transaction between the U.S. and Mainland China - in nearly a quarter of a century.

In the same vein, the White House was also discussing today - the purpose of Henry Kissinger's latest mission to Moscow; with Dr. Kissinger said to have entered into trade negotiations - to be continued later in Washington. The White House saying this may lead to a comprehensive trade agreement - perhaps "in the next few weeks."

PARIS

On the peace front - Paris - the U.S. today rejected flatly - ~~the~~ Communist call for a new tri-partite government in South Vietnam. William Porter for the U.S. - accusing the enemy of trying to get "an emasculated Saigon government; one ~~that~~ it could then - easily dominate.

Porter also quoted from Alice in Wonderland - the part that goes: "Let the jury consider their verdict," the King said. "No, no," said the Red Queen, "sentence first - verdict afterwards." Porter observing - this is exactly what the Communists~~are~~ trying to do; trying "to sentence the people of South Vietnam to a Communist existence - before they can render a verdict by vote."

ALBANY-NEW YORK

In campaign appearances today in Albany and New York - ~~George~~^{Sen.} McGovern continued to hammer away at two main issues: First - the Ten Million in unreported Republican campaign contributions; and second - the alleged bugging of Democratic Party headquarters. ~~Why,~~ For some of the things the Republicans have done - said he - "you can go to jail."

DAMASCUS

In the Middle East - at Damascus - the Palestine Liberation Organization today disavowed any responsibility for the actions of Black September ~~and~~ guerillas. It was the Black Septembers, you'll recall - who killed those eleven Israeli Olympic team members.

The PLO stopped far short though - of condemning the Black September terrorists. Indeed, ^{it claims} ~~stressing that~~ their actions were "aimed only at pressuring Israel to release detained guerillas."

CHICAGO

In the Spring, ^{does} ~~true enough~~ - a young man's fancy
^{Maybe. At any rate} turns lightly to thoughts of love. In the Fall ~~though~~ -
it's ~~often~~ football. ~~Heavy, man!~~ ^{Heavy} And thus the timing of
a special football report - from the AMA's Committee on
the Medical Aspects of Sports; a report today recommending
an immediate ban - on cross-body blocking.

This - following the compilation of nationwide
figures; said to show that fully seventy per cent of all
serious knee injuries in football - are the direct result
of cross-body ~~blocking.~~ ^{blocking.} The report ~~also notes~~ ^{further observing} that kick
coverage and kick return units - are easily the most
vulnerable. ~~Saying, in effect,~~ ^{Saying} they really are - "suicide
squads."

MAIDANETSKOYE

Near the city of Maidanetskoeye in the Soviet Ukraine - a remarkable archaeological find; the discovery of the remains of a city - that existed about five thousand years ago; a city with a population of about twenty thousand - which ~~thus~~ makes it the largest Stone Age community yet excavated in Eastern Europe.

All this - according to Soviet archaeologist Nikita Shmagli, ^{who says this} ~~who adds that said~~ city - was a product of the ancient Tripolye culture; ^{built 5000 yrs. ago} ~~that it was built~~ along a concentric pattern - much the same as early Paris and later Washington. The Tripolyans - living in adobe houses; some of which may have been among man's first two-story dwellings - as evidenced by the discovery of special work tools.

It appears though ^{these} Tripolyans were not yet accomplished second-story men; for the tools I mentioned earlier - found in a rubble of heavy beams and ceiling-like partitions, ^{as tho' they had fully collapsed,} ~~which indicates - we are told - in the middle~~

PRINEVILLE

One of the men who accompanied Richard Byrd on his first expedition to the South Pole - a young fellow by the name of Lyle Womack; who later became a professional boxer - and then a lion tamer; finally settling in Prineville, Oregon - where he became a real estate developer.

Now - the end. Lyle Womack - age seventy; an ex-adventurer, explorer and world-traveler - ironically, the victim of injuries suffered when he was kicked by a pet burro.

TEETH

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From the head of the U.S. Army Institute of Dental
Research - a story today - well, you might call it a bit
hard to swallow. Anyway, General Surindar Bhaskar -
report~~ing~~^{ed} the results of a recent dental study; said to show
that the bacteria that cause human tooth decay and gum
disease - normally live and thrive on the top of the tongue.

General Bhaskar, therefore, urging his patients -
in fact, all of us - to brush our tongues twice a day.

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~~Except, of course, if you happen to be a silver-tongued~~
Bill^{here}, you are with your

~~orator - like our own Bill Martin here. Right, Bill?~~

PARIS

This next - from Paris again; where the House of Dior - recently presented its latest winter fur collection; with repeat performances also scheduled for next week - in New York and Washington; ~~except an announcement today~~ - ^{But we hear} it won't be quite the same.

The U. S. and French governments ^{have been} receiving numerous complaints from U. S. conservation and wildlife groups ~~These~~ objecting to the use of striped and spotted furs ⁱⁿ many of Dior's coats and costumes; the furs of tigers, leopards and so on - which are still legal in France but now officially banned from the U. S.

And the upshot of it all - Dior finally bowing to official pressure; agreeing now to keep its disputed furs - ^{I won't say} ~~fur~~ fur away. - merely keep them in Paris!