

Monday, October 29, 1973

MIDDLE EAST

On the West bank of the Suez - Egyptian and Israeli officers met tonight - for their third face to face meeting in as many days. Israel's Colonel Nacham Karni saying: "There are outstanding issues that have to be discussed" including an exchange of prisoners - this following free passage of food, water and medical supplies - bound for Egypt's trapped third army.

Meanwhile there is a report today from Beirut saying the U.S. and Russia have now agreed on a new Mid-East peace plan; it's main points to include: One - an Israeli withdrawal from all of the Sinai; two, the creation of a U.N. buffer strip in the Golan Heights; and three - the establishment of a Palestinian state on the West bank of the Jordan.

Syrian President Hafez Assad today made his first public speech ^{since} the start of the cease fire. Assad saying if peace talks fail to produce a suitable agreement - "we will return to armed struggle with all our strength."

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And now the latest: Israeli Premier Golda Meir - touring Israeli positions West of Suez - there saying it was President Nixon - who pressured Israel into accepting a cease-fire. "It was perfectly clear" = said she - "that the Americans would not take with any pleasure our negative ~~answer~~ answer." "And, as it ^s known" - she continued - "we haven't got any particular surplus of friends in the world."

~~Elsewhere~~ ⁱⁿ Washington, Henry Kissinger reportedly read the riot act today - to a group of visiting European parliamentary leaders, for allegedly failing to back up the U S - in its efforts to bring about a cease fire in the Middle East.

Dr. Kissinger ^{is} quoted as saying: "What concerns us is that for two weeks, while the U S had to make significant decisions - the Europeans acted as though the North Atlantic alliance didn't exist." Dr. Kissinger ^{is} also quoted as saying: "The Europeans ~~and~~ seemed more intersted in gaining marginal individual advantages - than in cooperating on United action."

FORD FOLLOW WATERGATE

Capitol Hill again - a meeting of House and Senate Democratic leaders; agreeing^d today to consider the nomination of Gerald Ford as Vice President - *do so* "with all due deliberateness." The Democrats also saying that "barring objections of substance" - they are hopeful of confirmation "during the current session."

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This - followed by a meeting of the Senate Rules Committee. Chairman Cannon of Nevada later ~~scheduled~~ scheduling the start of confirmation hearings -- as of Thursday. Adding that he hopes the Ford appointment will reach the Senate floor - "well before Thanksgiving."

WATERGATE

Here at home - the Senate judiciary committee opened hearings today - into the dismissal of Archibald Cox as special Watergate prosecutor. Cox himself the first witness in a lengthy statement, ^{ed}accusing the White House of ~~withhold~~ withholding logs of meetings between the President and his staff which might have influenced the ~~Watergate~~ Watergate investigation.

Cox also saying his investigation was "pretty well complete" - when he was finally fired. Insisting ~~was~~ nevertheless, that a special prosecutor must have the authority to determine what ~~has~~ to investigate - to determine ~~how~~ how far to push it -- and to maintain secrecy even from the President.

WHITE HOUSE

The White House also stressed again today - the President's determination to name a "free and independent" special Watergate prosecutor; do it - as soon as possible.

Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren observing that such a man - must be free as well "from partisan political pressures".

In a lengthy exchange with news men Warren then went on to reiterate some of the President's recent criticism. Too often

- said he - the news media carry reports that "someone says he's investigating something" without giving the White House sufficient time to challenge. "What the President is asking for is very clear" - said Warren. "And that is perspective."

MADRID

At Madrid - the making of a King continues. This in conjunction with ceremonies marking the fortieth anniversary of Spain's right-wing movement. Generalissimo Franco arriving and later leaving - in the same car as Juan Carlos de Bourbon. The first time he has ever done so. In the words of government officials this means "another step in the consecration" of Spain's future king.

WORLD TRAVEL CONGRESS

I'm often amazed at a convention to find five or six thousand people attending. Over the weekend I took part in a World Travel Congress Hall of Fame affair at Acapulco, Mexico. Before their ~~Hall of Fame~~ ceremony I said to First Man-on-the Moon Neil Armstrong, "astronomers tell us there is no human life on any of our planets. And since other solar systems are hundreds of millions of miles away do you think there is any chance of human beings on our planet ~~no~~ ever getting close enough to visit another inhabited planet?"

Said Neil Armstrong: "Maybe." Then ~~he~~ he added: "As we sit here in Acapulco, we are moving at the rate of sixty thousand miles an hour -- in the direction of the constellation Hercules."

The master of ceremonies at this World Travel Hall of Fame event was the humorous British star of stage and screen, Robert Morley, ^{who} For the rest of the day he kept saying how worried he was because of the speed

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at which we were travelling toward Hercules. "I've been on this planet for sixty-five years without knowing we were going anywhere that fast," said Morley. Then on that exciting July 20th four years ago, when Armstrong, and Aldrin arrived on the Moon, he told how he "stayed up all night watching. I was quite cross with other members of my family who went to bed," said Morley. "With much apprehension I watched you take that "first step" wondering if you would suddenly dissolve into jelly."

MT EVEREST

From Kathmandu in Nepal a report ~~was~~ today
that two Japanese mountain climbers have ~~just~~ succeeded
in conquering Mt. Everest. This said to mark the first
ascent of the world's tallest mountain *^* in the autumn
mountaineering season.

BUCHANAN

From Presidential speech writer Patrick

Buchanan - a blast today at what he called the "excessive power" of the major TV networks. Buchanan declaring that such power - was "injurious to the Democratic process." Adding that one ~~has~~ solution might be eight networks - instead of the present three.

Buchanan also defended the right of the Nixon administration to attack its critics in the press. "just as a free press can say the President is not doing a ~~good~~ good job," = ~~satisfying~~. So, too, ^{should} ~~can~~ the President be able to "exercise the same freedom to say the networks are not doing a ~~so~~ good job."

NEW YORK

This next from a federally funded Senior Citizen center in New York City. Said center ~~was~~ offering free hot meals - along with cultural and social programs. It did run into quite a problem though. They found that in ~~the~~^{the} ~~part of the city~~^{part of the city} ~~area~~[^] Senior Citizens are afraid to come out at night to take part. I wonder if they have a solution? As part of ~~the~~^{the} program the center ^{is now} offering ~~to~~[^] Senior Citizens free karate lessons. At age seventy or eighty or ninety would you be interested in Jujitsu and Karate?

RESPONSE FOLLOW BUCHANAN

In the same vein - the White House was reporting a flood of response today - overwhelmingly supporting the President's attack on the broadcast media. Some of the telegrams - said to carry messages like - "hang in there"! ^{with} ~~with~~ others reportedly comparing the President - to David in the Lion's Den.

Bill, ^{or did you} do you ever feel like David in the Lion's Den?