

Friday, May 17, 1974

KEY BISCAYNE

From the Florida White House at Key Biscayne a blast today at members of the House Judiciary Committee, for allegedly distorting the President's role in the Watergate case - doing it through calculated leaks.

Press Secretary Ziegler saying: "This parceling out of information from the committee's supposedly private sessions - has violated not just the committees own rules - but the most basic sense of fairness and justice." Ziegler adding, "it's imperative that the committee open its hearings - now - so the American people can judge whether they are fair."

~~On another front~~ - The President today agreed to waive executive privilege - in four cases involving the ~~alleged~~ alleged sale of U S Ambassadorships. This - in a letter submitted to Federal Judge George Hart. The President insisting that the confidentiality of all other cases - "must be protected."

Judge ~~has~~ Hart refusing, however, to go along. Ordering the documents in question - brought into court; on the grounds that he and he alone - must determine the validity of the President's claim.

TALLAHASSEE

At Tallahassee - Florida Senator Edward Gurney today was cleared of charges - that he had violated a state election law. The law in question - was also declared unconstitutional.

Senator Gurney's Washington office later ~~is~~ issuing a statement - saying he was "grateful and ~~thankful~~ thankful." Adding that the Florida decision -- renews his faith - "in the American system of justice."

DUBLIN

In downtown Dublin in the Republic of Ireland three car bombs went off almost simultaneously today during the evening rush hour. First reports indicating twenty dead and more than a hundred injured.

An hour and a half later - a fourth bomb exploding at Monaghan, near the border of northern Ireland. Four killed and more than twenty injured. But who set the bombs and why - as yet unknown.

JERUSALEM

In the Middle East- ^{Sec. of State} Jerusalem ~~Henry~~ Kissinger

today presented some "new American ideas" - for
breaking the present deadlock between Israel and Syria.
He flies to Damascus tomorrow - and then back again
to Jerusalem. American officials saying, however,
his chances of achieving a disengagement of troops -
are now fifty-fifty at best.

*In his first major speech as Chancellor of West
~~Germany~~ Germany - Helmut Schmidt today pledged to
 carry on the ~~politic~~ policies of his predecessor Willy
 Brandt. This to include "the political unification of
 Europe - in partnership with the United States."*

*Schmidt also saying that European security "remains
 dependent on the military and political presence of the
 U S ^Q_A - for the foreseeable future."*

SENATE FOLLOW BONN

Here at home - a somewhat different view.

*The Senate Armed Services committee voting to reduce over-all U S military man-power by two percent. This to include a twenty percent reduction in U S support troops - currently stationed in Europe. ~~Committee~~ Committee aides saying the projected savings - could well come to a **G** billion dollars over the next two years.*

CANBERRA

Australia's latest political campaign - was officially ended today. The elections set for ~~saturday~~ tomorrow - expected to draw a record eight million voters. Labor Prime Minister Gough Whitlam - remaining a slight favorite to retain his leadership post.

PARIS FOLLOW CANBERRA

France's run off campaign for President -
was also ended today. Conservative ~~Valéry Giscard~~
D'Estaing -- running neck and neck with leftist ~~François~~
Mitterand. The voting ~~is~~ in France set for Sunday -
the final accounting a day later.

PENNIES

*From the National Association of Food Chains -
a report today on the growing shortage of pennies.*

*A spokesman saying: "The situation is ~~very~~ critical
in Chicago - ~~very~~ critical on the west coast and spreading
all over." Adding: "It's only a matter of weeks - before
it's nationwide."*

*The penny shortage getting started when copper
prices started to climb. Then snowballing - when the
government announced it might be forced to stop making
copper ~~sp~~ pennies. ~~Now at the point where~~ Some stores
are seeking permission to issue script, ~~in effect~~
paper pennies.*

SALT LAKE CITY

The Nineteen Seventy Four Womens Rights Almanac
lists lady legislators from the State of Utah; including
Dixie Leavitt, Lynn Hilton, and Dannel Dennis; all of
whom - we now hear - prefer to be "Mr." instead of
Mrs. Miss or Ms.

Reason? Oh, they are men. Not only men - but
self-proclaimed male chauvinist pigs. Dannel Dennis for
one saying: Bill - "a terrific mistake somewhere."

MOTHERS

From the Metropolitan life insurance company
a new booklet called 'Mothers at work'. Its purpose:
"to help working ~~and~~ mothers in coping with all the
demands on their time and energy." Step one - we are
told - ^{to} ~~that of retraining~~ the working mother's husband
and children. ~~Getting~~ them all started on a new "share
the work plan", So, when work is done - they can all
share some fun. - And over the weekend I hope
You all have a lot of fun - & s. l. Mon.