

Thursday, April 26, 1973

## MISSISSIPPI

*Ten miles wide and forty feet deep - the rain-swollen Mississippi was sweeping Southward tonight; along the way, leaving tens of thousands of homeless - in Missouri and Illinois and on South; also, threatening now - to inundate whole cities. At least one flood worker saying: "All we're really doing is retreating." And the damage so far - from Iowa to the Gulf - an estimated Four Hundred Million.*

## WATERGATE

For the first time in weeks, it seems - a temporary lull today in ~~the~~ Watergate, ~~revelations~~. Behind the scenes though - a Federal grand jury was continuing its investigation; hopefully, ~~once again~~ - in secret. President Nixon was also <sup>reported to be</sup> continuing - his own private investigation.

The White House saying today he's determined to find out - "what happened, how it <sup>happened</sup> ~~happened~~ and why it happened."

## GOLAN HEIGHTS

*In the Middle East - an Israeli Army patrol in the Occupied Golan Heights - today captured five would-be Palestinian infiltrators. All five - armed with Russian-made rifles and grenades. <sup>They were</sup> Quoted as saying they crossed the Mideast cease-fire line - "with the knowledge and approval of the Syrian Army."*

*Meanwhile, in Jerusalem, a charge that eighteen French-made Mirage jets - have just been transferred from Libya to Egypt. Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban - claiming "incontestable information" to this effect. But he also said that despite Arab "oratorical campaigns" - he does not expect renewed hostilities; not now - anyway.*

## TRADE

*In the U.S. balance of trade - at last, some encouraging news. The U.S. Commerce Department reporting today - our trade deficit for March was only Fifty-Three Million; which may sound like a lot - except that the February figure was nearly Half-a-Billion. Indeed, the March showing was the best for the U.S. - since September of 'Seventy-One.*

*Total exports - jumping by Three Hundred and Fifteen Million; while total imports were dropping - more than a Hundred Million.*

ATLANTA

From the National Center for Disease Control -

Atlanta - comes an alarming report. Government doctors noting that less than two-thirds of all U.S. children, age one to four - have been fully immunized against polio; which means that all the rest - are still running the risk of contracting this dread disease.

Dr. John Witte ~~observes, what's more~~ <sup>says</sup> the immunity level is still dropping; especially among children - of middle and upper income families. "People haven't seen polio for ten or fifteen years" - he explains <sup>and have</sup> - ~~they've~~ forgotten what it can do."



## SYDNEY

Yesterday in Australia - ~~was~~ Anzac Day; the Australian equivalent - of our own Memorial Day. Today in Sydney - ~~the arrival of~~ trade delegations from North Vietnam and North Korea <sup>arrived,</sup> For a number of Australian veterans who once fought in Vietnam and Korea <sup>it seemed</sup> - too much, too soon.

The vets invading an arrival ceremony - at the Sydney Town Hall. Raising their own placards - in front of welcoming banners held by Australian peace groups. The vets telling their former enemies - to "go home." Chanting it - over and over and over.

Australia's new Trade Minister - James Cairns - later telling his Communist guests: - he looks forward to the day when Australia can recognize their governments. But when this might occur - said Cairns - he could not say. Adding - it's a matter for future negotiation.

WELLINGTON FOLLOW SYDNEY

Australia's new Prime Minister - Gough Whitlam -  
~~is currently~~ in London, <sup>says</sup> ~~he said there~~ he plans to go to the  
International Court at the Hague - in an effort to get a ban  
on French nuclear testing in the South Pacific.

More on the same - from Wellington in New Zealand.

Prime Minister Norman Kirk of New Zealand - saying he  
intends to send a Navy frigate, if necessary, to stop the next  
French test. "We are going to follow through" - said he -  
"on what we have said we will do and what is open to us to do."

## SOUTH COTABATO

Deep in the forest in South Cotabato in the Philippines - to the "lost tribe" of cave-dwellers called Tasadays - a child is born. A bouncing baby girl - delivered by Dul, the wife of Udelon. Both mother and daughter - said to be doing fine. The new arrival raising the Tasaday population - to a grand total of twenty-eight.

The Tasadays, ~~as you perhaps know~~ - the world's <sup>authentic</sup> <sup>cave</sup> last known <sup>^</sup> cavemen and <sup>^</sup> women. They were discovered just a few years ago - by an expedition led by famed aviator-~~turned~~-conservationist Charles Lindbergh. The Philippine government - since attempting to maintain the tribe in its native state.

Incidentally, the new baby - has as yet no name. Philippine officials saying the Tasadays customarily wait <sup>a</sup> ~~one~~ year - before they "christen" a child. In the past, at least, the main reason - we are told - simply that few lived that long.



TOKYO

*In Japan - a new day is already dawning; bringing with it - the threat of the worst transportation tie-up in Japanese history. This the product of a planned three-day strike - by railworkers, public service workers, communications workers, taxi drivers, airline crews, postal workers and longshoremen. Officials saying the strike could strand - literally millions of commuters and travelers.*

## **NAIROBI**

*From the government of Kenya in East Africa - an order today banning from that country the Association of Jehovah's Witnesses. Kenya's Attorney General - Charles Njonjo - calling the Jehovah's Witnesses "dangerous to the good of the Republic."*

*At the same time - Kenya also banning: The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society - International Bible Students - the Association of Zion - the Millennial Dawnists - the Russellites - and the Standfasters. Home Minister Daniel Arap - observing that Kenya believes in freedom of worship; but there is no room - said he - for people who create havoc under the guise of religion.*

## GENEVA

The next annual conference of the International Labor Organization - is not scheduled till early June. But its first item of business - was set forth today at ILO headquarters in Geneva. Officials saying they plan to propose a new world convention - banning child labor. This the result of a recent study - around the globe; a study disclosing an estimated forty million workers - age fourteen and under.

## **BARNUM CITY**

**Not far from Walt Disney World in Florida - a gala  
ground-breaking today; featuring midgets - clowns -  
beautiful girls - and giant elephants wearing bright yellow  
construction hats.**

**This the first step - in the building of brand new  
Barnum City; the future home - of <sup>the</sup> Ringling Brothers and  
Barnum and Bailey Circus World. In the words of circus  
impresario Irvin Feld - "a new dimension" to the "greatest  
show on earth."**



## LONDON

**When people take LSD - they often do strange things; like taking off their clothes and climbing a tree - or attempting to fly. Now the story of Vincent Casey - age twenty-five - of London; said to have taken LSD - whereupon he attempted to walk across the Thames River.**

**Only trouble - he couldn't swim. A London coroner ruling - "death by drowning."**



## SAN FRANCISCO

1/2  
One of the biggest parties in years - is coming up tomorrow in San Francisco; ~~starting out~~ with a ticker tape parade - ~~and then~~ a civic luncheon, sightseeing and shopping tours, a dinner dance and on and on for two days.

The guests of honors - some two hundred and seventy former POW's - who were once held at Son Tay Prison Camp in North Vietnam; also, a group of Green Berets - who made a daring attempt to rescue them. Others who will be there including John Wayne, Clint Eastwood, Red Skelton and the Andrews Sisters.

The cost of all this - expected to run about a Quarter-of-a-Million. But Texas <sup>7</sup>millionaire H. Ross Perot - is picking up the tab; and ~~he says~~ in effect <sup>Bill, he says -</sup> "who's counting?"

## **HOUSE**

*A new suggestion on how to beat the energy crisis - comes today from Capitol Hill. This in a statement - endorsed by some thirty members of the House; a statement urging the use of bicycles instead of cars - wherever possible; noting that such a switch by only two or three per cent of the driving public - could mean there would be no gas shortage this summer.*

*The House statement further saying: "There is a need to accept the bicycle - as an integral component of a balanced transportation system." Adding: "You can beat the energy crisis - protect the environment - and have fun at the same time."*