

Wednesday, April 23, 1975

NEW ORLEANS

President Ford today flew to New Orleans - for ground breaking ceremonies for a new library to house the memorabilia of veteran Louisiana Congressman Edward Hebert.

The President calling the former chairman of the House Armed Services Committee - a "courageous and untiring patriot." Also saying: "However good their intentions, those who claim that America is over-armed and over-spending on defense - are dead wrong."

Later more of the same at the seventy-third Navy League convention in New Orleans where the President spoke of how "Soviet naval units - now freely roam the world's seas." Adding: "We cannot afford to cut defense spending without endangering our national security." In fact, the foundation of detente" he continued - "is the military balance that exists today."

Next stop - Tulane University; where the

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President is saying tonight - the U.S. can "regain the sense of pride that existed before Viet Nam;" can do so - by fulfilling goals such as full employment, freedom from hunger and disease, and a richer life for all.

Stressing that these cannot be achieved - "by re-fighting a war that is finished." Adding: "The time has come to look forward to the future - to unity - to binding up the nation's wounds and restoring it to health."

SAIGON

~~In Southeast Asia - the end draws ever closer.~~

Today, ~~appealing today~~ ^{ed} for a cease fire, - ^{time to line} ~~pending the~~
~~formation of~~ ^{up} a cabinet ^{acceptable} ~~suitable~~ to the Communists.

~~This to permit the~~ ^{Then} start ^{the} of talks ^{to be followed by} ~~expected to result~~

~~in~~ a complete Communist take-over.

The Viet Cong ^{still} ~~refusing, however,~~ even to
discuss ^{any} ~~the~~ Saigon offer. ~~A spokesman saying~~

~~it merely another "maneuver" aimed at slowing~~

~~off the collapse of South Vietnam.~~

SENATE FOLLOW NEW OREANS

Back in Washington the Senate today approved
a bill - aimed at providing two hundred ^{and fifty} million
in humanitarian aid to Vietnam. Also, granting the
President the authority to use troops, if necessary -
to evacuate Americans and some South Vietnamese.

~~But~~ The House ~~is~~ still working on its own
aid bill; ~~and when, if ever, it will pass - well~~
~~we'll know in will and see.~~

RE-ELECTION FOLLOW NEW ORLEANS

~~Incidentally~~ ^{From} the White ~~House~~ ^{word that} ~~also serving~~

~~notice today~~ President Ford will be running for

re-election in Seventy Six - "definitely, ~~and~~ absolutely."

~~for sure.~~ This in response to questions arising

from his broadcast interview - Monday night on

CBS. Spokesman Ron Nessen saying the President

was with-holding his formal announcement - only

for legal reasons, such as equal time and so on.

And for fear that "all his actions and statements

would become suspect & because he was a Presidential

candidate."

RIYADH

At Riyadh in Saudi Arabia - Egypt and Syria

~~were mending their fences today. This by means~~

~~issued~~
of a joint communique marking the end of two days

of talks - between ~~Egypt's~~ President Sadat, -

~~Syria's~~ ^{Pres.} President Assad and Saudi Arabia's ^{new} King.

~~Related:~~

Egypt and Syria pledging, henceforth, "to coordinate all moves - concerning the struggle against the Israeli enemy." Also pledging that any "future move on a given Arab front - should be part of an over-all movement the whole length of the Arab front." And ~~so apparently an Arab epitaph to the~~
~~what was once called Henry Kissinger's step-by-step~~
~~diplomacy.~~

TEL AVIV FOLLOW RIYADH

~~At the same time~~ Tel Aviv ^{today was} - ~~a charge~~ ^{today}

that the U S is now stalling on arms shipments -
to Israel. This - according to Israeli Defense
Minister Shimon Peres. "There is a definite hold
up --in the supply of weapons from the U S," said
he. Adding that Israel must concern itself - "that
this does not become an embargo."

PULLMAN

From two Washington State University research ^{students} ~~ers~~

^{comes} ~~--~~ a report ~~today~~ on a series of studies of surface snow at the South Pole. These disclosing high concentrations of gaseous ~~compounds~~ compounds such as chlorinated hydro-carbons and fluoro-chloro-~~carbons~~ carbons, gaseous ~~compounds~~ compounds apparently extracted from the air - as if by a giant precipitator.

The Antarctic is thus said to serve as a sort of balancing factor - in the earth's atmosphere; filtering out toxic substances - ^{— would you} ~~and, you might~~ say, placing them on ice?

And now —

ENDANGERED

The U S Interior Department today announced plans to add ten more names - to its list of endangered species: ~~These including~~ the American crocodile, - the Mexican wolf, - the Cedros Island mule deer - the Peninsula Pronghorn antelope, - the Bayou Darter, a fish, = and the Scioto madtom, another fish; also, three Hawaiian birds - the Hawaiian creeper, the Manx Sheerwater and the Po'o Uli; and ~~last, as well as maybe least~~ - the Grey Back.

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Would you know a Grey Back -
~~Have you ever seen a Grey Back mother in~~
or a Po'o Uli if you saw one? I wouldn't.
~~laws excluded well, now you know why.~~

And now -