

Tues. January 2, 1973

PARIS

At the peace table in Paris - those so-called "technical talks" were resumed today - on a limited basis. U.S. bombing attacks also were resumed - on a limited basis. While here at home - President Nixon was arranging to meet with Henry Kissinger and other top advisers to chart strategy for the resumption of full-scale peace talks next Monday.

Meanwhile this is another peace rumor from Saigon; with the U.S. and North Vietnam - said to have reached a tentative accord, with a cease-fire agreement - supposedly set to take effect around mid-January. When asked for reaction - the White House issuing a brief "no comment."

CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill at a House Democratic caucus, Carl Albert of Oklahoma easily won reelection as Speaker of the House; turning back a challenge from Congressman Conyers of Michigan by an overwhelming two hundred-and-two to twenty-five. Congressman Albert then making a "tough talk" - we are told - on the subject of reasserting Congressional power and influence. Also, threatening to back an end-the-war bill - if the fighting in Vietnam is not ended soon.

By mutual agreement though, an immediate end-the-war movement - was quickly, quietly tabled.

INDEPENDENCE

Before he died, former President Truman said all he wanted for an epitaph - was a brief inscription saying: "He done his damndest." However Mrs. Truman must have had her say. At any rate, the former President's will - as filed today at Independence - calls for a joint gravestone for him and his wife. This to consist of a massive slab - inscribed with important dates in the lives of each. For Mr. Truman - the date he was born - the date of his marriage - the date of his daughter's birth; plus the dates of his election to public office - from County Judge on up to President.

Not exactly what he wanted perhaps. But for anyone looking at it - the message is still clear: "He done his damndest."

SAN JUAN

At San Juan - Rafael Hernandez Colon was sworn
in today ~~as~~ as the new Governor of Puerto Rico, ^{with} The
occasion ~~was~~ muted; ~~however~~ - by the sudden death of
Pittsburgh's and Puerto Rico's Roberto Clemente.

Hernandez Colon saying: "Our youth has lost an idol and an
example - our people have lost one of their glories."

In Washington - President Nixon was also paying ^{Tribute}
to ~~the fallen~~ Clemente, calling him - "one of the greatest
baseball players of our time." Adding: "The best
memorial we can build to his memory - is to contribute
generously for the relief of those he was trying to help -
the earthquake victims in Nicaragua."

EDMONTON

Right around the world - the weather was on a
rampage today. At Edmonton up in Canada, for example -
a raging blizzard; with fifty mile-an-hour winds - making it
feel like ^{minus} sixty ^{or more.} ~~below~~ And a brief power failure at the
Edmonton Airport ~~leading~~ to a jet crash killing five. The
lights going out - and the radio, too - just as the plane was
making its final approach.

GHIGO DI PARIL FOLLOW EDMONTON

In the Italian Alps heavy snows trapped thousands of weekend skiers and climbers; among them, many who were holed up at Ghigo Di Paril - where an avalanche had cut off all power and telephone communications.

Farther South - in Sicily torrential rains, with massive mudslides at Messina and Catania - killing at least ten.

MORADABAD FOLLOW GHIGO DI PARIL

*And then - a sudden cold snap in Northern India;
with temperatures at Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh State -
near the zero-mark. For this part of India the worst cold
wave in years; already claiming some sixty lives.*

GRAND TETON FOLLOW MORADABAD

Here at home again - snow and fifty-mile-an-hour winds today at Grand Teton National Park; making it tough for a thirteen-man party led by veteran mountaineer Paul Petzoldt; and their attempt to do a winter ascent of the thirteen thousand, seven hundred and seventy-foot GrandTeton. By radio Paul Petzoldt says they still expect to make it.

MIDDLE EAST

In the skies high over Syria - an aerial dog-fight today; with Syrian jets - rising to meet the challenge of an Israeli air patrol; the battle that followed - spilling over into neighboring Lebanon. Syria losing at least one plane^R and possibly two; ^{the} Israelis- apparently none.

MANILA

As you may have heard - there was renewed fighting in the Southern Philippines this past weekend. Rebel guerillas clashing with government forces - on Mindanao and in Sulu, mainly Moslem areas. The death toll so far is put at forty-eight.

As a result, Philippine President Marcos - set up a meeting today with some two hundred Moslem leaders. This an attempt - said he - to work out a program of peaceful coexistence.

NEW YORK

Here in New York - a nun's story. Mary Thomas Waldron - a nurse and member of the Sisters of Charity, whose order recently switched from long black robes - to more conventional dress; whereupon the sixty-year-old nun embarked on a massive reducing campaign; dropping from two hundred and twelve pounds - down to a hundred and thirty-four; from a size forty-four dress - down to size twelve.

Not only that, but Sister Mary is now a regular lecturer - for the Weight Watchers program with the money she earns going into a special Sisters of Charity Retirement Fund. All because of a simple change of dress. Sister Mary saying "new habits led to new habits."

NEW YORK

More on the fashion front - the news we've all been waiting for; - or have you? The "Best Dressed" list of Nineteen-Seventy-Two - for men as well as women. And it contains this year - for the first time in memory - a husband-and-wife team; namely - Mr. and Mrs. Mick Jagger. He a singer with the Rolling Stones. She - his bride. When last seen in New York, I'm told, one of them was wearing high-heeled boots, luminescent stretch pants, a skin-tight jersey and a flowing floor-length scarf. Would you vote a rousing yea for that, Bill.

PASADENA

If you were stranded in Timbuctu the past few days
- you may not have noticed; but here at home - the air
- to some, especially wives footballs
waves were just filled with footballs. Sugar Bowl - Cotton
Bowl - Rose Bowl - Orange Bowl - also, the two playoffs
in pro football. With one of the most avid of TV fans -
~~admittedly~~, President Nixon.

Now - a report from Pasadena; where the President's
wife - was herself attending the Rose Bowl. First Lady
Pat Nixon offering a word of advice - to the wives of
husbands similarly afflicted with football mania. Said Pat
Nixon: "They should get right in there and join him -

that's what I do!" So, shall we give a
locomotive for Pat? Or - if you're
~~Way to go, Pat!~~ a Yale you'll probably do a boola boola
for the First Lady - and s-l-u-t-m.

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