

UPI Roundup

Who'll succeed Mao?

LONDON — The Chinese National Party Congress, highest organ of the Chinese Communist Party, is expected to meet in September for the first time in nearly five years, neutral diplomats have reported from Peking. The reports said the congress probably will approve a new constitution and elect a new Political Bureau Politburo. It may also deal with the vital question of the succession to Mao Tse-tung, the reports said. Other reports mentioned August as the likely date. There was no official confirmation of the meeting. Membership of the Politburo is depleted and many of the surviving members are in their 70s and 80s. Only about half of the 25 member Politburo are now in office, several top military commands are vacant.

Mills might have to retire

WASHINGTON — Rep. Wilbur Mills (D-Ark.), chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, said Tuesday he probably would not undergo surgery for a back ailment, because of his age. Mills, 64, revealed Saturday that he would end his congressional career unless he could get relief from increasing pain from a "degenerating back disc." In an interview, Mills disclosed that his doctors advised him against surgery "at this time" because of his age. Mills said he was tentatively scheduled to enter Bethesda Naval Hospital this week for a complete physical examination. He said he did not know how long he would be there, but that he would probably be put in traction. He has been chairman of the powerful committee for 15 years.

Young Catholics protest bombing

WASHINGTON — Six Roman Catholic protesters were arrested Tuesday when they knelt to pray during a tour through the White House. It was the third such incident in five days, by young priests and nuns protesting the continued bombing of Cambodia. Those arrested yesterday from Baltimore, Columbia, Md., and Harrisburg, Pa. All were charged with unlawful entry after they knelt to pray and refused to leave the White House.

'... burning bright in forest'—scared

HEMINGFORD, Que. — Ground searchers armed with dart guns and hustling behind yapping hound dogs scoured rugged woodland country along the Quebec-New York State border Tuesday in search of three Bengal tiger cubs strayed from a nearby wild animal sanctuary. Helicopters whirled overhead and Royal Canadian Mounted police joined the search for three 100-pound cubs. Nine other escaped cubs that had escaped were recaptured earlier either by tranquilizing darts or by jeeps herding them home. Police warned residents in farming districts near the African Safari Park to stay behind locked doors and avoid contact with the 100 to 125 pound cubs. Park officials noted the young tigers probably were as nervous as the hunters, and said unless provoked they were not likely to be dangerous. Twelve of the tigers escaped Monday night after a double-bolt lock was left open on the gates of their compound in the 800-acre park.

House votes today on bill to limit farm subsidies

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Tuesday tentatively voted for a \$20,000 per farmer limit on crop subsidies in a see-saw battle over a massive farm bill.

The House approved on a 246-163 vote an amendment by Rep. Paul Findley (R-Ill.) to scrap the present \$55,000 per crop subsidy on wheat, cotton and feed grains. The House thus put itself on record in favor of the \$20,000 per farmer subsidy approved earlier by the Senate.

The House Tuesday took up the controversial four-year farm proposal, but put off final voting on the measure until today.

The Findley provision, more restrictive than an earlier House-approved measure, would put a limit of \$20,000 for all three crops together. It also would ban leasing of cotton allotments, which Findley called "a wholesale evasion" of the present law.

Approval of the Findley amendment came despite an unusual plea by Speaker Carl Albert of Oklahoma for its defeat. The speaker rarely takes

part in debate and amendment voting on bills. Albert claimed that "this is a time of a shortage of agriculture products and a time that we want to encourage the production of farm products."

Rep. Silvio Conte (R-Mass.), backing Findley, cited statistics he has put in the Congressional Record in recent weeks showing that such non-farm businesses as bowling alleys and airports were reaping large federal payments because of their landholdings.

The vote, which is still subject to a formal roll call before final passage of the bill, came after opening debate centered on the subsidy issue and was interrupted by women who shouted their protests against high food prices from the House visitors' galleries.

As the House measure was reported out of the Agriculture Committee, it would have set a \$37,500 subsidy limit per crop on commodities. It also contained a so-called "escalator clause" that would have allowed the subsidy to vary depending on the market prices for wheat, corn and cotton.

'Uninformed' shoppers anger Butz

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz said Tuesday that consumers face serious food shortages if price ceilings last much longer, and a Cost of Living Council official predicted only a little relief from the high cost of food during Phase IV.

At the same time, President Nixon gathered his top economic and White House aides to discuss the economy, including the shape of the next phase of wage-price controls. An announcement on the revamped stabilization program may only be days away.

Butz told the National Association of Farm Broadcasters that the biggest obstacle is not the farmer, but an uninformed consumer.

Butz noted that angry shoppers have repeatedly called for tough controls on food prices. But, he said, when broiler chickens were controlled last year, farmers squeezed between low selling prices and high feed costs simply cut back their flocks to avoid losing money.

When controls on broilers were lifted earlier this year, high demand for the small poultry

supply caused prices to boom, he said.

"We should have learned something from that experience," Butz said. "The very action forced by housewives to get cheap food ultimately produced the highest prices in 20 years. Yet here we are with price ceilings again and Phase IV could yield more of the same."

At a briefing for reporters, CLC Deputy Director James McLane said it would take time before the government's efforts to boost food supplies would be felt at the supermarket in the form of lower prices.

Mitchell says he aided cover-up

WASHINGTON (UPI) — John Mitchell testified Tuesday he refused to tell President Nixon about Watergate and its coverup last year as an overriding political expedient to ensure Nixon's re-election.

He also said he was convinced from his conversations with the President after the June 17, 1972

bugging of Democratic headquarters that Nixon was ignorant for months of the involvement of key White House aides.

Mitchell—the President's friend, adviser and former law partner, attorney general and campaign director — told the Senate Watergate committee in nearly five hours of sworn testimony he never approved the bugging plans.

But he freely acknowledged he took part in the Watergate coverup to avoid serious jeopardy to the re-election of a man "who was not involved."

"Am I to understand from your response, that you placed the expediency of the next election above your responsibilities as an intimate adviser to the President?" Sen. Talmadge (D-Ga.) asked.

"... All around him were people involved in crime, perjury, accessory after the fact. And you deliberately refused to tell him that? Would you state that the expediency of the election was more important than that?"

Replied Mitchell: "Senator, I think you have put it exactly correct. In my mind, the re-election of Richard Nixon, compared with what was available on the other side, was so much more important that I put it in just that context."

Mitchell reversed the testimony he gave before the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 15, 1972, and agreed Tuesday with assertions by several Watergate committee witnesses that he had played a role in the campaign while he was still attorney.

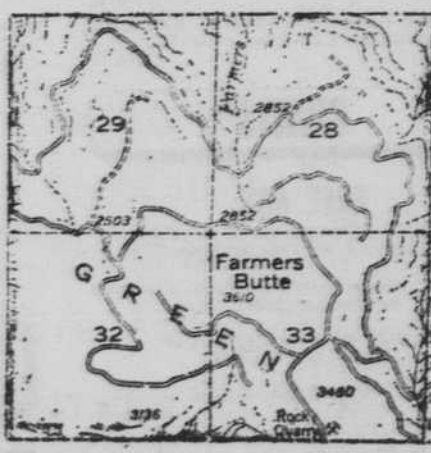


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