

Thursday, December 12, 1975

WHITE HOUSE

President Ford met for two hours today - with top auto industry Labor and Management officials. The President pledging if necessary to "do something" about slumping auto sales. But said he: "You're going to have to do something, too! You can move more rapidly than the government, and time is essential" - all of which was an apparent call for a price cut - and soon.

The possibility of an increase in gasoline taxes was also raised, again, with the President saying: That's out - because it's inequitable. And he added: "I wish we'd stop talking about it."

CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill - the nomination of Nelson

Rockefeller as Vice President was approved ~~unanimously~~

overwhelmingly today - by the House Judiciary Committee.

Twenty-six ^{to} _^ four -- only twelve against. The former

New York Governor thus virtually assured final

confirmation - probably ~~some time~~ next week.

BEIRUT

In the Middle East - again - an eye for an eye.

Israeli jets today blasting a Palestinian guerrilla camp on the outskirts of Beirut. This in return for an Arab bombing yesterday -at a Tel Aviv movie theater. The theater bombing - likewise following a rocket attack on Palestinian headquarters in Beirut. And so it goes ~~in that part of the world~~ - a vicious cycle ~~is~~ seemingly without end.

GUADELOUPE

President Giscard D'Estaing of France - a guest today on the French island of Guadeloupe. This ~~moment~~ enroute to his weekend Caribbean summit < with President Ford. The French President getting at ~~first~~ although later was a royal ~~no~~ welcome, ~~but~~ his motorcade ~~late~~ mobbed by demonstrators in a - protest over the island's soaring unemployment rate.

PARIS

From a Paris based economic study group - a
report today on inflation around the world. ~~The most~~
^{For instance}
~~In Japan~~ ^{where} the cost of living has soared more
than twenty-six percent in the past year. The least
in West Germany, only six-percent. ^{Here in} ~~while~~ the U S -
~~with an inflation rate of about eleven percent -~~ ^{putting us} ~~roughly~~
in the middle.

VIENNA

A meeting of delegates from the world's major oil exporting nations - in session today at Vienna, there agreeing to adopt - a unified worldwide pricing system. This - we are told - an attempt to protect the ~~oil~~ consumer from price manipulation by oil companies.

~~K~~UALA LUMPUR

An American lecturer on the university of
~~the~~ Malaya law faculty - ^{today was} ~~was~~ ordered ~~today~~ to
leave Malaysia, within seven days. Philadelphia ~~law~~
lawyer Howard Dickstein - accused of getting involved
in a ~~series~~ series of recent anti-government demonstrations.

ATLANTA

A so-called new South^{ern} governor today became the second announced candidate - for the Democratic Presidential nomination in seventy-six. Governor Carter of Georgia joining ~~Congressman~~ Udall of Arizona - in the Presidential sweepstakes; Pledging to run - a super-clean campaign, The Governor ^{told his} ~~telling a~~ ~~group of~~ supporters - if I ever mislead you - if I ever place political favor ahead of what is right and best for our country - if I ever fail to apply the highest standards of personal integrity to ~~this campaign~~ - then I do not deserve ~~the~~ the office I seek.

TUCSON

Another attempt to stem the nation's growing ~~discuss~~ divorce rate is reported today from Tucson.

This one dealing with parents - who think they've had it and can't wait to get out. Judge Normal Fenton

saying he plans to order ~~an attempt at~~ ^{a go at re} conciliation,

^{especially if} ~~henceforth - whenever~~ he gets a letter ~~for~~ from a

child saying he ~~does~~ not want his parents to ^{part.} ~~split up~~.

The Judge observing that "children have a ~~own~~ ~~real~~ stake in the family unit - and ~~they~~ should have the right to try and preserve it."

OPP

In the police department at Opp, Alabama ~~there~~
~~were~~ ^{were} ~~some extremely~~ red faces today, ~~the~~ ^{as a} result of a hold
up - right at police headquarters. Three men wearing
~~ski masks~~ ^{an} masks, taking ^a undisposed amount of
money from a dispatcher who was working alone at the

~~time~~

~~time~~, The victim ^{then} refusing, ~~however~~, to give any
details of how it happened, ^{saying that since it} ~~Explaining he was simply~~
took place at police headquarters, it was
"too embarrassing" ^{to} ~~to talk about it.~~

LADY WILKINS

The passing of Suzanne Wilkins, at a sanitarium in Anaheim, California, takes from the scene one of the talented, picturesque women of our time. ~~Perhaps you remember how she met~~ Her famous husband [^] ~~his~~ most important flight was in 1931, from Alaska, across the Polar Sea to Spitsbergen. ~~No one had flown to the Pole,~~ ^{flown via the Pole where no} ~~which~~ Wilkins ~~could~~ ^{could} have ~~done.~~ ^{done.} ~~Instead he wanted~~ ^{plan has been,} but his goal was to see if ~~to find out whether~~ there were ^{any} islands in the Arctic Ocean, north of Alaska, Canada and Greenland.

For this flight he was knighted, and when as Sir Hubert Wilkins he arrived by steamer from England New York's Mayor Jimmy Walker sent the usual committee out to welcome him - including two beautiful young women who at the time were in an Earl Carroll ~~show~~ ^{show} musical. ^{show} One was a stunning Australian, ~~actress~~. When she gave Sir Hubert a kiss, he asked if he could call her on the phone after the day's ceremonies. And so, they were married!

Sir Hubert laughingly used to say ~~his beautiful~~

Lady Wilkins,

Suzanne, didn't know the difference between the North

and the South Pole. But what was more important
she was beautiful and charming.