

HOUSE

Thurs, Dec. 6th. 73.

*As you probably know,* in a crowded house chamber, *a little while ago we had* the final act ~~today~~

in the making of a New Vice President. Gerald Ford

taking his oath of office *&* following confirmation by his

House colleagues; ~~waiting only long enough for~~ President

*the combined House and* Nixon, - ~~the~~ Senate and other dignitaries - *all sharing in* ~~to arrive on~~

~~the scene~~ *the* historic moment,

In later remarks, Ford saying: "Together - we

have made history here today; for the first time we have

carried out the commands of the Twenty Fifth amendment

we have demonstrated to the world - that our great

Republic stands solid and strong, upon the bed rock

of the Constitution. "

The new Vice President going on to say: "I promise

my fellow citizens only this: To uphold the Constitution -

to do what is right as God gives me to see the right, and

within the limited powers and duties of the Vice President,

to do the very best I can for America. "

now

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That from Gerald Ford - *our* fortieth Vice President

## **SIMON**

The ~~President~~ new energy czar - was a witness today before the Senate government operations committee. William Simon saying ~~that~~ gasoline rationing - "should be an absolute last resort." Adding that a decision on rationing - will be made by the end of the month.

He stressed, however, that the earliest possible date for nationwide controls -- would be march one of next year. This - said he - allowing a minimum of sixty days - to work out the machinery of rationing.

~~Do~~ Meanwhile, the fourth straight day of highway blockades - organized by dissident truck drivers. The truckers protesting higher fuel prices - and lower speed limits. At least one driver further suggesting the possibility of a nationwide ~~gas~~ blockade - ~~made~~ next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

## **PRICES**

**The U S wholesale price index was again up sharply ~~and~~ last month; jumping one point six percent -- according to figures announced today. And ~~the~~ the main reason - we are told -- record ~~shattering~~ increases in fuel prices.**



## KISSINGER

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Secretary of State ~~Henry~~ <sup>today</sup> Kissinger, was discussing ~~today~~ the outlook for that Geneva peace ~~summit~~ conference on the Middle East. Dr. Kissinger saying the Soviet Union - was cooperating very well so far. Adding that if this continues into substantive talks - it offers great hope that an ~~an~~ Arab-Israeli peace can be reached. In any event - said he - "I have no reason to doubt - that the conference will take place."

Dr. Kissinger also saying that the Geneva parley will probably begin - "with problems of a military nature." Meaning apparently - the task of <sup>(disengaging</sup> ~~disengaging~~ opposing troops. Once that is accomplished - he continued - talks can begin toward a permanent settlement; a settlement complying with the U N resolution - calling for Israeli withdrawal to pre-Nineteen Sixty-Seven borders.

Dr. Kissinger going on to note - there have been



*occasional violations of the cease-fire. But, "we don't believe" said he - "the cease fire will come apart."*

## TEL AVIV FOLLOW KISSINGER

Meanwhile, in Tel Aviv - a meeting of Israel's ruling labor party, ending<sup>ed</sup> in an over-whelming vote of confidence -- for ~~Israel~~ Prime Minister Golda Meir.

Along the way, Madame Meir also turning aside - an attempt to force the resignation of Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan; even going so far - as to reject his preferred resignation. "We must indicate who must go"- she later remarked -- "but for any change in the leadership - it would be advisable to wait until after the election."

The election referred to - coming up December thirty-first.

## SENATE

*Senate leaders of both parties were denying today - the existence of a movement to force President Nixon to resign.*

*Democratic Chieftain Mike Mansfield saying there isn't anyone - "putting any pressure" on him. Further saying he expects Gerald Ford to serve as Vice President - for "three years, one month and a few days;" meaning - all the way.*

*Republican leader Hugh Scott also brushing ~~aside~~ aside a resignation query. No, I don't expect it." said he. Adding, "what I do expect - is more questions like that."*



## **EDINBURGH**

*The death of one of Britain's greatest ~~men~~  
inventors - is reported today from Edinbrugh, Scotland.*

*Sir Robert Watson Watt - the man who developed radar ~~to~~  
to meet the threat of Nazi bombers during World War Two.*

*Also, the inventor of a "high frequency direction finder" ~~which~~  
that was used with great effectiveness against German  
U-boats.*

*Sir Robert Watson Watt - age eighty-one.*

## **PARIS**

*The whole of France was virtually paralyzed today by its first general strike in five years. The twenty-four hour work stoppage - affecting factories, transportation, radio and TV newspapers, port facilities, schools, sanitation services, the civil service and power ~~and~~ supplies. This in protest against a French inflation rate -- now running about eleven percent a year.*

## **SUNNINGDALE**

*Amid massive security precautions - the leaders of Britain and the two Irelands were meeting today in Sunningdale, England; there discussing the possible creation of a Council of Ireland - to help put an end to continuing violence, in Northern Ireland. A spokesman saying: "The whole field of law and order, including policing arrangements and common law enforcement - is an area where the Council of Ireland might play a useful role."*

*The talks - continuing into tomorrow.*



## STOESSEL

*The White House again - career Diplomat Walter Stoessel Jr. today was named the new U S Ambassador to Moscow. The former assistant Secretary of State for European affairs - succeeding Jabo Beam, who retired nearly a year ago. The White House also announcing the resignation of William J. Casey - as Under Secretary of State. This to permit him to become the new President - of the Export-Import Bank.*

## CHAPEL HILL

From the University of North Carolina <sup>comes</sup> a report ~~today~~ on the quality of TV network news ~~now~~ coverage during the Nineteen Seventy Two Presidential Campaign. Dr. Howard Doll and Dr. Bert Bradley - reporting that TV newsmen were - essentially objective. Adding, however, that some evidence of "bias" - was discovered.

This we are told - in the work of reporters who ~~are~~ occasionally phrased reports - in language neither neutral nor objective; who sometimes used evidence to develop stories - which the evidence didn't really support; who occasionally introduced into their narrative -- gratuitous and uncalled-for statements.

Drs. Doll and Bradley coming to the conclusion that "total objectivity is often an ideal rather than a common practice in television news-casting."

## NEW YORK FOLLOW DETROIT

A related item - from New York; where the French "Peugeot" Company today announced the results of a test run - in a small diesel engine automobile it plans to sell soon in the U S. The new Peugeot - said to have averaged more than thirty-seven miles per ~~gallon~~ gallon - travelling all the way from Los Angeles to Boston <sup>- Bill -</sup> at a total fuel cost of twenty-eight dollars, and sixty-one cents. How's that?



## **EARTH ORBIT**

*For astronomers right around the globe - including the crew of Sky Lab Three - today was international astronomical union comet ~~the~~ day. One and all training their telescopes on Comet ~~Halley~~ Kohoutek -- as it swings around the sun. The data thus collected - to serve as a basis for future study.*

*The comet discoverer, Polish astronomer Luboc Kohoutek - warning, however, that many people have over-estimated its brilliance. It will/not be <sup>hundred</sup> several ~~times~~ brighter than Halley's Comet - as earlier reported - said he. But even so - quite a sight.*

**DETROIT**

*From General Motors President Edward Cole -  
a report today on the state of the auto business. Ed  
Cole noting that Nineteen Seventy Three - was a record  
year; with total sales of U S and foreign cars - coming  
to ~~the~~ eleven point eight million.*

*As for next year - perhaps a ten percent drop -  
~~he~~ said he. Adding, however, that "this <sup>(would,</sup> ~~year~~ put total  
sales in Nineteen Seventy Four - at about ten point  
seven million." A drop - ~~true~~ but still the second  
best year - in the history of auto making.*