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ECONOMY

President Nixon today cast aside most of the current wage price controls - deciding instead to rely on voluntary economic guidelines. At the same time, he announced that those areas where inflation is worse - such as food, health care and construction - will remain under wage price controls. The new regulations are effective at once. In a major revision of his economic policy, the President also abolished the pay-board and price commission placing its remaining duties in care of the cost of living council to be headed by Harvard professor John Dunlop. The council - faced with the prospect of even higher food prices - began laying plans to increase farm production - hopefully and eventually to stabilize prices with higher production of food commodities. Wholesale farm prices are up by nearly six percent for December - largest one month increase in twenty-six years.

VIET FOREIGN

In Paris, the Hanoi representatives again today vowed they will never accept a permanent division of Vietnam into two countries - and they charge the United States and South Vietnam with even now preparing new military operations while talking of peace. The Communists made their charges while their top negotiators held private talks with Henry Kissinger outside Paris - ^{for the} ~~their~~ fourth straight session this week. No announcement was made of progress, if any - with another meeting set for tomorrow. In the air war, American B-52s bombed all four countries of Indo China today - North and South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. And Radio Hanoi says the port of Haiphong, and Hanoi, are hastily improving their air defenses in anticipation of further air strikes. ¶ In Stockholm, King Gustav of Sweden today called for an immediate peace in Indo China - adding

that the United States must not resume its "merciless bombing" - as he put it - of Hanoi and Haiphong.

Speaking from the throne in the Royal Palace, ~~and~~ the ninety year old Monarch said - "the Vietnamese

people must be given the opportunity to shape their own destiny." ~~but that~~ what Washington has been saying right thru 4 administrations both Democratic and Republican?

Some optimism, however cautious was voiced today by Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev. He told newsmen in ~~Minsk~~ Minsk - capital of the Byelorussian Republic - that peace is coming to Vietnam "little by little." Brezhnev made the comment while awaiting the arrival of French President Pompidou for talks on the future of Europe.

R Also, today the Soviet Union called for a system of collective security for Asia - based on a non-aggression pact and acknowledgement of existing

frontiers in the Far East. Such a system - the
announcement ~~added~~ added would have to
await the end of the Vietnam war. And in Vatican
City Pope Paul said the world is doomed unless
it overcomes what he ~~is~~ called "touchy nationalisms."
- he said -
One of the first goals - a fight against international
terrorism.

WATERGATE

Former White House consultant Howard Hunt, Jr. pled guilty ~~to~~ today to all charges against him in the watergate bugging trial now under way in Washington. Under questioning by a federal judge, Hunt admitted ~~that~~ he committed six counts of conspiracy, burglary, and illegal eavesdropping against the Democratic National Committee. He was jailed briefly then freed on a hundred thousand dollar bond. Also, in Washington, the Justice Department charged President Nixon's re-election campaign finance committee with committing eight violations of the federal election campaign act. Among the eight counts were charges of failing to report campaign expenditures to the general accounting office.

REPORTER

Supreme Court Justice ~~William~~ Douglas

today ordered newspaper reporter William Farr to be released from jail in Los Angeles - pending lower court action in his contempt case. Farr - who has been in jail since ~~Nov~~ November twenty-seventh - was placed there for refusing to reveal the source of material he used in writing a story about the Sharon Tate murder trial - a story published in the ~~sex~~ Los Angeles Herald Examiner. In Oakland, California former ^{Republican} Senator William Knowland - editor and publisher of the Oakland Tribune - says he's willing to go to jail himself, if necessary - to protect his reporters from subpoenas should they refuse to hand over their news notes to the courts. Said he - "I wouldn't expect my reporters to go to jail for carrying out my instructions."

CADETS

Five air Force cadets - including two varsity members of the football team - resigned from the Air Force Academy in Colorado today following a two day investigation of charges of smoking marijuana. Academy officials ~~say~~ say marijuana smoking by Air Force cadets is ~~an~~ a violation of federal law.

TAXICABS

Environmental officials in New York City are reported ready to ask for a legal ban on all taxicab cruising in mid-town and downtown Manhattan as a means of cutting down air pollution. If the ban is approved - anyone desiring a cab would have to pick up one at designated taxi stands around the city - or call one by phone. The first motorized taxicabs in the United States made their debut in New York in Nineteen Oh Seven - New Yorkers blinking their eyes in astonishment, as the shiny red cabs imported from gay Paree drove up in front of the Plaza hotel to give the guests free rides as publicity. Ticket books were available then, and Diamond Jim Brady would buy five hundred dollars worth at a time. When asked what he did with all those tickets - he replied - "I give them to the girls of course."

When the spacious British taxi cabs arrived one

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American millionaire thought so much of them he bought thirty as Christmas presents for his friends. There are about one hundred sixty thousand licensed taxi cabs in the U S, but only ^{about} fifty thousand cruise the streets in major cities. In bad weather, or during the rush hour or late ~~in the~~ evening it's difficult to find a cab almost anywhere ~~xxx~~ in the world, and hailing one becomes a fine art. **R** In Tokyo, people bid for cabs late at night by raising fingers - ~~two~~ two indicating a willingness to double the fair ~~shown~~ shown on the meter - three to triple it. ^{So} says one Tokyo visitor - "flashing a peace sign to a Japanese cabby can have costly consequences". **R** In Peru a taxi is summoned with a loud and persistent hiss - says ^{the} National Geographic, and in Washington, D C there's no problem hailing a cab after ten P M. Why? There simply aren't any, says one unhappy hiker.

NEWS FOOD

Perhaps people who keep dogs, cats and other pets in their homes should stop throwing away those old newspapers. In Birmingham, England scientists at the University of Aston say they've developed a process that converts newspapers into animal food - claiming good results from feeding large quantities of news print to beef and dairy cattle. The test - they say - shows that paper is non-poisonous, is nutritious and has no adverse effect on the yields of beef or milk. Left unanswered was the question of whether good news tastes better than bad news, Bill.

PILOT

Frontier Airlines - which flies out West - says it has hired the first female pilot for a U S commercial airline. She's a Denver, Colorado miss - thirty-three year ~~lx~~ old Emily Howell - who learned to fly when she was seventeen ^{and} ~~being~~ too young to ~~become~~ a stewardess. An airline spokesman says that to the best of their knowledge and research Miss Howell is the first ~~one~~ woman pilot for a scheduled U S airline.

So - here's to Frontier Airlines!
I only wish it had happened years ago when
I was on the Frontier Board!