

Wed, Aug, 22, 73.

In the open air at San Clemente, an attempt today
to clear ^{away} ~~out~~ the cobwebs - ~~to~~ remove the ~~state~~ odor of
suspicion - ~~to~~ get the country back on the track, ~~again~~.

President Nixon holding his first news conference - in more
than five months.

First ⁱⁿ a brief statement, The President
announc^{ed as he put it,} "with deep regret" - the resignation of William
Rogers as Secretary of State. ^{As suspected he did name} ~~naming~~ as Rogers' successor
^{none other than} Henry Kissinger; with ^{Dr. Kissinger also} ~~the latter~~ continuing to serve
as the President's Chief Advisor - on national security.

This - said he - an attempt to achieve "a closer
coordination between national security affairs - the
National Security Council - and the State Department."

And then ^{came the long expected} ~~a~~ ^{mainly about} ~~the~~ barrage of questions;

Watergate, ~~affair - again~~ ~~paraphrased~~. The President citing
Chapter and Verse - in his dealings with John Dean,
L. Patrick Gray, John Mitchell, ~~etc. et al.~~ et al. Telling
how he attempted to get to the bottom of the case - in

every possible way; 'til at last - it was broken wide open.

At one point, ^{he said} ~~observing~~ if John Mitchell "had told me" ^{said he -} that high officials were involved - "I would have blown my ^{adding: -} stack," "just as I did at Ziegler the other day."

The President insisted, however, there was no way - in which he would voluntarily ~~disclose~~ divulge the contents of confidential White House tapes. ^{with} The principal of confidentiality ~~is~~ thereby irreparably damaged."

Along the way, the President also ^{saying} ~~expressed~~ his confidence in Vice President Spiro Agnew - has not been shaken." Further, telling of ordering a thorough investigation - as to the source of Grand Jury news leaks. Pledging to fire on the spot those found responsible. Suggesting, what's more, that allegations against the Vice President - simply will not stand up.

But time and again - ^{those} ~~the~~ questions returned ^{ed} to

Watergate; 'till the President finally ^{pointed out how} ~~sitting~~ the press was
~~for~~ failing to ask anything about ^{quote} "the business of the
people." "Years from now" - he continued - "people
are perhaps going to be interested in what happened
in terms of efforts to build a strong peace in the world;"
in the ~~efforts~~ ^{to} of this administration - ~~who~~ have the
kind of prosperity we have not ~~not~~ had since Nineteen
Fifty-five."

~~Later on - a question as to whether he had~~

^{P Had he}
~~ever~~ given any thought - to the possibility of ~~resigning~~
~~resigning~~ resigning? - The President responding flatly -
"no". As to his capacity to govern - the President
saying "to be under a constant barrage of twelve to
fifteen minutes a night - on each of the three major
networks for four months - ^{does} tends to raise some questions
in peoples' minds with regard to the President. But I also
know this" - said he - "I was elected to do a job - and

I intend to move forward."

On his own, the President ^{also} returned ^{ed} to the same subject ^A in response to a subsequent question.

"A great number of people would prefer that I do resign" said he. "People who don't accept the mandate of Nineteen Seventy-Two." "After all," he went on - "there are a great ~~number of~~ number of the members of the press - who don't accept the things I do;" also, "people who do not want the strong America I want to build - who do not want the strong leadership I offer - who do not want to cut down the size of the government bureaucracy - who would exploit ~~the~~ any issue to keep the President from doing his job."

"They want me to fail" - said the President.

Adding, however, "I'm not going to fail! - I'm going to do the best I can!" And so the President ^{weather} fighting back; with all the skill and determination ^{he could summon as a} ~~result of his more~~ result of his more than a quarter of a century in the glare of national politics.

WASHINGTON FOLLOW SANCLEMENTE

Meanwhile ~~there~~ in Washington ^{there was} a federal court hearing with the question of the President's tapes once again at issue. This time - ^{with} ~~in~~ oral arguments.

Special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox demanding immediate access to the disputed tapes: ^{Said he:}
"There is reason to believe ^{that} ~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~executive~~ ~~offices~~ ~~have~~ ~~been~~ ~~corrupted~~ - although the extent of the rot" he continued - "is not yet clear."

^{Responding from the other side}
~~Responding from the other side~~ White House Attorney

Charles Alan Wright ~~was~~ argued that there was no legal precedent for ^{the} Cox's request in all U S history

Adding, that, indeed, as recently as eighteen months ago - "no responsible body of legal opinion" would have contended that any court - had the power to order a President to disclose his most confidential communications.

Judge John Sirica then saying: "You are arguing Mr. Wright - ^{that} the President is the sole judge of the scope of executive privilege?" ~~Answer:~~ Answer:

WASHINGTON FOLLOW SAN CLEMENTE - 2

"Yes, Sir." Judge Sirica again : "Doesn't this pose a potential for grave abuse - isn't this a threat to the spirit of checks and balances?" Wright again - "the framers of the Constitution were aware the powers they were granting - were great and could be abused; so ~~there was~~ there was remedy - the impeachment powers of Congress; but so long as the President is President - they wanted him to use those powers."

The Judge's decision ^{has been} ~~later~~ promised for

"a week from today".

GALLOP FOLLOW WASHINGTON

There was an ~~in the meantime, an~~ indication ^{today} that the

President may have already "turned the corner" in the court of public opinion. The latest Gallop Polls - showing a sharp increase in the President's performance rating; a jump of seven percent - in the number of persons approving his conduct in office.

This in a poll ~~that was~~ taken - immediately following the President's Watergate address of last week. The same poll also showing a drop of three percent - in those who disapproved of the President's conduct.

A former New Orleans policeman wanted for allegedly threatening the life of the President has surrendered to Secret Service agents. Edwin Gaudet giving himself up today - near a commune in northern New Mexico, not far from Taos. This at the urging of his wife and a cousin - who met with him secretly last night. ^{The} Gaudet surrendered - ending a two day intensive manhunt.

BARA SIGRI

Here's ~~one~~ a story about a ~~Polish~~ Polish mountain climbing expedition. ~~No joke. In fact, deadly~~
~~serious.~~ ⁹ twelve man ~~Polish~~ team attempting to scale lofty Bara Sigri glacier in ^{the} Indian ^{himalayas.} ~~Himalayas~~ ~~state.~~ ~~More than half way to the top - when suddenly~~
An avalanche ^{of ice} burying two of the climbers, - ~~under tons~~
~~and tons of ice.~~

The victims later identified as expedition leader Zbigniew Stepek, age forty-one - and Andrzej Grazazek, thirty-three. ~~But~~ ~~Bodies~~ ^{so far not} ~~recovered.~~

KENAI

A tale of high drama is reported today from the

Kenai ~~is~~ in Alaska. ~~The story actually beginning~~

~~at nearby Anchorage.~~ Alaskan bush pilot Bill Renfrew -

^{from Anchorage} taking off ⁱⁿ a float plane, bound for ^{the} Iliamna; taking

along a ~~single~~ passenger - sixty-two year old Sheldon

Taylor of Cromberg, California. ~~was~~ Suddenly - the

pilot ^{had} ~~suffering~~ a fatal heart attack. ^{Passenger} ~~Sheldon~~ Taylor

quickly grabbing the controls. ^{Fortunately years ago he had} ~~He had once taken~~

^{had} some flying lessons. - ^{At the time} ~~But~~ the plane was

~~over~~ over open water. ~~A~~ cloud ceiling ~~at~~ four hundred

feet; visibility only two miles. He quickly radioed

for help - and the flight service operator at Kenai

on Cook Inlet ^{managed} ~~was able~~ to talk him ^{down so he could} ~~to the ground~~

^{land} ~~pilot~~ ~~settling down~~ on a local lake. ^{Denting} ~~causing~~ a pontoon,

~~slightly~~ - but no other damage.

^{Lucky} ~~For~~ Sheldon Taylor, age sixty-two of Cromberg,

California - a close, close call. ~~But when the pressure~~

~~was on he really came through~~

MOSCOW

In the world university games at Moscow - a bloody, twenty-five minute clash today between the U S and Cuban basketball teams. It all began less than ninety seconds from the end of the game - with the U S in front by more than twenty points. An unidentified Cuban player - kicking Mitchell Kupchuk of the U S squad. Kupchuk ~~gangs~~ going down under the Cuban basket but he quickly came up swinging, whereupon both benches empty^{ed} onto the floor and ~~soon~~^{there was} a wild swinging free-for-all. The Americans using their fists - the Cubans - flailing away with folding wooden chairs. Several players - ending up dazed; and American trainer Wayne Woltzen - knocked flat. Along the way - someone throwing an empty water bottle onto the floor. By the time officials restored order - blood and glass and broken chairs all over the place. Incidentally, the five Russian police on the scene - ~~simply~~^{they} ignor^{ed} the fracas.

When the game resumed though - the Russian crowd

jeer^{ed}~~ing~~ the Cubans loud and long. And later on, when

the Americans boarded their team bus - they were

applauded by ~~hundreds of~~ ^{the Russian} fans, ^{Bill} while the Cubans were

again jeered and hooted.