

December 14, 1973
Friday

TIME

In Washington today came the final passage of the bill establishing year round daylight saving time. It now goes to the White House. If signed by Sunday it will take effect January Sixth; with the new daylight time to remain in effect - at least, through October, Nineteen-Seventy-Five.

ENERGY

Earlier in the day the President met with his top economic advisors to assess the effects of the current energy situation. A White House spokesman later saying: "We do not believe there is going to be a recession." Adding: "We are going to do everything in our power - to see that the impact on the economy is one we can control; to see that unemployment - does not rise unduly."

TRUCKERS

As for the continuing work stoppage - by independent truckers temporarily caught in the bind, the truckers' action was marked today by mounting violence against those refusing to take part. One truck was blown up in Arkansas and dozens more - were fired on.

Meanwhile in Washington Transportation Secretary Brinegar was predicting a speedy end to the truckers protest. "We are working on their problem," said he. Adding that the various governors around the country must enforce the law. "We cannot put up with violence and law-breaking."

HARTFORD

~~Meanwhile~~ ^{At} a regional energy seminar -
at Hartford, Connecticut, ~~with~~ energy Czar William
Simon ~~the main speaker; saying~~ ^{said} the current energy
crisis - may ~~possibly~~ prove a blessing in disguise.

How so? By making Americans wake up, -
~~said he,~~ by making them realize how dependent they
are on petroleum - and how important it is to
become energy self-sufficient, ^{so, as he put it -} ~~so,~~ "we will never
again be subject to the economic blackmail of
any ~~one~~ nation."

Simon also saying: ~~that~~ he personally
believes # "we can get through the winter with
a minimum of disruption." But "we must make
sure" - he continued - "that the government and
the people don't go back to sleep; because this
problem - is going to continue."

CAIRO-RIYADH

For Henry Kissinger in Cairo - seven hours of talks today with Egypt's President Sadat. In a later meeting with newsmen - Sadat saying: "We are going to the Geneva peace conference. - let us hope it goes on in peace." Dr. Kissinger saying the problem of a troop dis-engagement on the West Bank of the Suez - should be the first item of substance at the peace conference."

Dr. Kissinger then flying to Riyadh - where he conferred with Saudi Arabia's King Faisal. American officials later saying there is little chance of an end to the Arab oil boycott - prior to the start of peace talks. Adding, what's more there is "only slightly better than a fifty-fifty chance" - even once the conference begins.

EARTH ORBIT

High above the earth - the men of Sky Lab are ~~slowly closing in on~~ ^{approaching} a new space endurance record. Astronaut Jerry Carr, Ed Gibson and Bill Pogue ⁴ today surpassing the mark originally set by the first Sky Lab crew: twenty-eight days - forty-nine minutes - forty-nine seconds. Jerry Carr observing "it's hard to believe the other guys were through - after this long." Adding: "We're ~~go~~ just getting started."

The three astronauts ^{are} now ~~shoots~~ ^{aiming} for the all-time mark; fifty-nine days-and-eleven-hours, set by Sky Lab Two. ^{They actually hope} ~~Before they're done - hoping~~ to make it a full eighty-four days in space. ^{I wonder} if that will be a record to ^{and years} ~~record that could~~ stand for years to come?

TREE

On the ellipse south of the White House -
the lighting of the nation's first permanent Christmas
Tree - somewhat dimmer than ~~the trees~~ of years past -
but still a beautiful sight. President Nixon performing
the honors with the help of a young boy and a young girl
~~representing~~ representing the youth of America.

The President coupling today's ceremony with
a call for renewed dedication to the cause of world ~~and~~
peace. Also taking note of the energy shortage - as
witness the cut-back in tree lights. "In a way" - said
he - "one could say ~~that~~ this will be a dreary Christmas."
"But we know that is not true - he continued - adding:
"the spirit of Christ^{mas} is not measured by the number
of lights in a tree - it is measured by the love that
each of us has in his heart; for his family - his friends -
his fellow Americans - and ~~and~~ people all over the world."

FIR

At the White House ~~again~~ ^{today} they were decking the halls with boughs of holly, ~~today~~, also, setting up an eighteen foot Frazier fir Christmas tree in the Blue Room; ^{In it they found} ~~whereupon the discovery~~ of a bird's nest; ~~to many~~ a sign of good luck.

~~In any event, First Lady Pat Nixon said to be "greatly elated."~~ And The tree ~~was then~~ decorated - bird's nest and all, ^{in the nest} ~~The latter getting~~ ~~known a new inhabitant~~ - a white and gold bird ornament. ~~Mrs. Nixon later saying --~~ It's a "bird ^{said the First Lady -} of peace; to celebrate the fact that for the first time in twelve years - we are at peace."

PAT

America's most admired woman - for the second
year in a row - First Lady Pat Nixon. So named today -
in a poll conducted by ~~Good House~~ Good Housekeeping.
~~Mrs. Nixon compiling twice as many first place votes~~
~~as Mamie Eisenhower~~ ~~who~~ came in second. Finishing
tenth, Julie Nixon Eisenhower; for her spirited defense
- of her father, ~~President Nixon~~

BOTHWELL FOLLOW FUR

^{Vice Pres.}
~~Speaking of birds~~ Gerald Ford will soon
be getting ^{the bird,} a big one. Deloris Stokes of Bothwell,
Utah ~~says~~ ^{says} she's sending the new Vice President
a fifty-one pound turkey ^{which} ~~a gift~~ she promised him -
when they met last October.

~~Next question~~ where to cook it? ~~But~~

^{Says}
Deloris Stokes ~~saying she was told by~~ the Vice
President, ^{told me:} ~~in effect,~~ "you get the bird - ~~and~~ I'll
get the oven."

NASHUA

At Nashua, New Hampshire the center
piece of city Christmas displays - is normally a
brightly lit Nativity Scene. But this year, ~~of course,~~
~~there's an energy shortage. No lights~~ ^{instead of} ~~and so~~
a brilliant inspiration.

The Nashua J C's - setting out to find
a hand-cranked electrical generator, ^{and} ~~also recruiting~~
~~a number of volunteer~~ ^{crankers - I mean} crankers. Spokesman Robert
Schaumann saying: "This ^{means} ~~is a project~~, getting
people involved in something they can really ^{do} ~~put~~
together." ~~on.~~

DESMOINES

You've heard about
From Des Moines, Iowa - ~~the story of~~

~~Bob~~ Bobbie Ferguson born in a prison - raised in
an orphanage; in and out of state institutions for
all but sixteen months of his entire thirty-nine years.

Along the way convicted of
~~Along the way convicted of~~ eighteen ~~the~~ crimes - the
return to the only home he knows -
last few just so he could ~~get back in jail!~~

as you also have heard,
Bobbie Ferguson ~~now~~ *appealed* to Iowa's

Governor Ray - to extend his present term to life

in prisonment. Why? *said he* "Because" I don't know how

to live in society," *Tought we hear* ~~said he, Ah, but wait,~~ there's

~~still~~ *are* hope. Prison ~~now~~ officials *are* attempting to find

him a job right on the grounds so he can continue

to live - in the only home he *has* ever known. ~~This~~

~~apparently "the best solution" said Governor Ray -~~

~~"for a person who doesn't want to create any harm,~~

~~but lacks the confidence to make it on his own."~~

TACHOV

Tragedy in Czechoslovakia -- ~~it happened~~
at Tachov - about a hundred and fifty miles west
of Prague; an early morning explosion - in the
apprentice dormitory at a big plastics plant.
The original blast and the fire that followed -
all but leveling the dormitory. Killing at least
eighty teen age boys. And injuring scores more.
The cause - listed as a faulty heating system.
Another ~~bx~~ bi-product, perhaps of the current
energy shortage.

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CLEARFIELD

From Hill Air Force Base at Clearview

Utah - the story of an Air Force supply technician who ~~seems to have licked the~~ ^{has solved the} gasoline shortage.

Jay Barlow ~~was~~ riding to work - on a three year old stallion. An Arabian - naturally.

This means that rider Barlow has had to take out - some ~~additional~~ additional "no fault" insurance. ^{Bill} He's also required to police his mount's parking space. ~~Other than that - only one problem. Base officials saying they haven't figured out yet -- where to put his parking deal.~~

KEY WEST

Remember Robert Pelmieri? The so-called "jail house Santa" of Key West, Florida? The chap who bailed out himself and his twenty-three fellow prisoners - at a total cost of more than twenty-four hundred bucks? ~~Anyway,~~ The young New Yorker was back behind bars today, for swimming in the nude. Even worse while he was frolicking in the surf someone stole his wallet containing his last fourteen hundred. ^{This time} ~~And what~~ with his poke reduced to a mere forty-one cents he couldn't even bail himself out. - until later his Mamma wired him more money.

~~Yes, Virginia - there is a Santa Claus -
for all good as little boys and girls.~~