

WASHINGTON

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A bit of excitement in Washington, the first big flap of the Nixon Administration with Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Robert Finch - bowing today to pressure from Congress, from the American Medical Association from The White House. After five months of backstage feuding - withdrawing his nomination of controversial Dr. Johns Knowles - to the government's top health post.

This - seen as a victory for conservative forces, especially Senate Minority Leader Dirksen - who was a leader of the anti-Knowles movement. ^{All this leaving} ~~indeed~~ Senate Liberals - publicly infuriated. Senator Brook^S of the doctor's home state of Massachusetts - calling Knowles a victim of "outrageous pressures." Senator Kennedy further charging a "conspiracy" - by, quote, "men in high places in public life and organized medicine!"

MESSINA

And where was President Nixon - while all this was going on? Answer - Messina, New York. *The* President there joining Canada's Prime Minister Trudeau -- at the Dwight D. Eisenhower locks. Site of the ceremony - marking the tenth anniversary of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

As might be ~~was~~ expected - the President ignoring the furore he left behind. Instead, concentrating on matters at hand. Calling the Seaway "a great cooperative venture - certainly an example for the world to follow; "for it bears witness - said he - "to the common purposes of two nations - whose frontiers are the frontiers of friendship - whose ways are the ways of freedom - whose works are the works of peace. "

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NIXON FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

*This latest: The White House announcing
~~back~~ tonight - that President Nixon is considering a
trip to the Pacific next Month; there to greet the crew
of Apollo Eleven - on their return from the Moon.*

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CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill -- the present income tax surcharge was given a new lease on life today; or at least -- a month's stay of execution. The House passing a measure already approved by the Senate - permitting an extension of current payroll deductions through July; even though the surcharge itself - is set to end officially as of midnight Monday.

This - strictly a book-keeping procedure.

~~Supported~~ Supported by both opponents and backers of surcharge - to prevent chaos at payroll departments clear across the country. And its ultimate effect on our total tax bill next April - none at all. That - still subject to Congress; which is expected to decide on the surcharge - once and for all some time next week.

INDEPENDENCE

Coming up tomorrow at Independence,
Missouri - ~~a quiet, heart-felt occasion.~~ ^{an important event.} Former
President Harry Truman and his lovely Bess - or,
The Boss, as he ~~normally~~ calls her - ~~getting ready~~
to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. ~~Fifty~~
~~years of living, loving, sharing - drawing from~~
~~Pres. Mr. Truman.~~ ^{Said HST} ~~Mr. Truman the comment,~~ "we've been
in love since we were five and six year olds - and we
still are."

~~The reason why perhaps best explained~~

~~by~~ ^{Says} a lifetime friend of the Trumans: ~~observing~~
~~today that~~ "Bess is the best thing that ever happened
to Harry - and that includes being President of the
United States."

War news from Vietnam - again chiefly concerned with Ben Het. Telling today of a break in the weather - followed by a daring air lift to that isolated Green Beret camp.

To begin with - American helicopters and fighter jets -- firing ^{ed} a volley of smoke rockets, setting up a smoke screen - against enemy gunners ringing the area. With a number of U S cargo planes - right behind. Barreling through the black ^{cloud to} ~~droppings~~ ~~precious~~ supplies to the Ben Het defenders waiting below.

Meanwhile, Green Beret commander Colonel Andrew Marquis ^{repeated} ~~is~~ ~~asserting~~ that Ben Het is really in no danger, ~~repeat~~ ~~no danger of falling~~. ~~Said Colonel Marquis:~~ "Charlie does some awful stupid things" ^{said he} ~~and~~ ^{and} this is one of them. He's just tying down his troops - and ~~is~~ getting them killed."

JUDY

For Judy Garland - the ~~final~~ ^{came down} curtain today, in New York ^{with as always for Judy} ~~As ever~~ standing room only. Mourners at her funeral - including hundreds of the great and near great of show business. Among them - past co-stars such as Mickey Rooney, Ray Bolger, Lauren Bacall, and Freddie Bartholomew; also, Harold Arlen - who wrote ^{her favorite} Somewhere Over The Rainbow. ~~While~~ ~~While another~~ ^{A thousand} ~~thirteen hundred of her~~ fans waited outside, causing a ^{someone} ~~spokesman~~ to say: "There's been nothing like this - since the death of Rudolf Valentino."

~~As for the eulogy - that from film star~~
^{in his eulogy}
James Mason ~~who~~ observed that Judy Garland "needed devotion and love - beyond the resources of any of us."
~~A woman of volatile emotions - he added~~ "When she was ^{good} ~~very~~ good" said he 'she was not ~~so~~ only very very good - she was the most sympathetic, the funniest, the

sharpest ~~and~~ the most stimulating woman I ever knew."

~~For~~
And so Judy Garland finds The end of the rainbow. *Judy Garland*

~~at last~~

VICTORIA

Speaking of golf! - ~~as Warren~~ ~~a moment ago~~ -
the story of ^{quite a} ~~another~~ ^{that} remarkable golfer comes today
from Victoria, British Columbia. ^{one} ~~A fellow by the name~~
of Arthur Thompson who actually shoots his own age
or thereabouts.

The trick - partly in living long enough.

You see, Arthur Thompson is exactly one hundred
years of age. ^{And at a hundred he} ~~He also~~ plays eighteen hole ^s rounds - at
least four times a week. ^{scoring usually} ~~Averaging about~~ ninety-eight
or ninety nine, ^{by a} ~~the figures including a recent~~ ninety-
two.

~~Arthur Thompson~~ ^{He} ^s calls ~~the~~ golf - his one
warren.
remaining vice, "Mxx "I've tried ~~to do~~ everything, ~~in~~"
he moaned. "Now only! ^{My golf!}
~~moderation~~ said he. ^{"Baa golf", he added "it's a}
~~necessary evil."~~

WHITE HOUSE

Golf again: -

~~Earlier back~~ at the White House - a brief

break in official duties. President Nixon meeting with an old friend and fellow Californian - top golf pro Billy Casper. The President ~~told~~ telling Billy "I remember I shot a hole in one once. It was Labor Day Nineteen Sixty-Two - a hundred and sixty-five yards."

Also present - Secretary of Housing and Urban

Development, George Romney. Recalling that he, too, ~~once~~
— which is considered a minor miracle.
had shot a hole-in-one, ~~once~~. Only trouble - said he -

"I was playing by myself," so it didn't count. A hole-in-one in golf only has meaning if you are engaged in a real round of golf and thus have witnesses.