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WHITE HOUSE

As expected, President Ford today vetoed ~~that~~<sup>the</sup> bill - aimed at delaying an increase in oil import fees. The President calling the bill - a "negative act." Adding that immediate action is necessary - if the U.S. is to gain energy independence.

At the same time though, the President <sup>did</sup> agree ~~ing~~ to defer voluntarily for sixty days - Two Dollars of the new Three-Dollar-a-barrel tax; ~~doing so~~<sup>this</sup> at the request of Democratic leaders in Congress - to give them more time to work out their own energy program. "I find this request reasonable" - <sup>Pres. Ford -</sup> said ~~he~~<sub>X</sub> Adding: "The important thing - is that Congress is finally moving." Further saying: "What we don't need" right now - "is a test of strength between the Congress and the President."

ALGIERS

Host President Boumedienne of Algeria, ~~the~~  
keynote speaker today at the first summit meeting of the  
major oil producing nations; ~~Boumedienne~~ <sup>ed</sup> urging a freeze  
on oil prices - through the remainder of the decade; ~~but~~  
~~its~~ on condition the oil producers income and assets  
abroad - are fully ~~ensured by~~ <sup>covered by the</sup> major consuming nations.

Boumedienne also chiding "the developed nations,"  
as he put it - for "living far beyond their means." As  
proof, citing what he called "fabulous sums" ~~spent~~  
on arms, prestige investments, and the search for  
substitutes for our oil."

STATE

*At the State Department - the U.S. and Iran today announced the signing of a new Fifteen Billion-Dollar trade agreement. This to include the purchase - of up to eight nuclear power plants. The Iranians to fulfill their end of the bargain - by means of their newly-acquired abundance of so-called petro-dollars. Secretary of State Kissinger calling this a model for future cooperation - between the oil consuming nations and the oil producers.*

LABOR

The U. S. Labor Department announced today the filling of seventy-five thousand new public service jobs - during the month of January. This with funds made available - under a variety of Federal employment acts.

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The new jobs said to have absorbed - about one of every one hundred <sup>unemployed</sup> workers; paying an average of more than Eight Thousand a year - <sup>far</sup> ~~or a lot~~ better than unemployment compensation. ~~that's for sure~~.

**DETROIT**

*In Detroit - General Motors, Chrysler and American Motors ~~today~~ reported new car sales in late February <sup>for</sup> the best yet ~~in~~ the current model year. The new car buyers apparently taking advantage of cash rebates - before they expired at the end of the month.*

## SUPERSONIC

From the Federal Aviation Administration - a tentative go-ahead today for supersonic transAtlantic flight starting next year. This by means of the new British and French-built ~~Concorde, supersonic airliner~~ British Airways and Air France - planning <sup>ultra-fast</sup> ~~to make~~ <sup>Transatlantic</sup> regular <sup>flights</sup>, ~~to New York and Washington.~~

## **PHNOM PENH**

**Rebel gunners in Cambodia continued to pound away today - at beleaguered Phnom Penh and the Phnom Penh airport. Today's shelling - leaving at least nine wounded. Rebel forces also overrunning a government outpost - less than seven miles from the Cambodian capital.**

ADDIS ABABA

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*The new military government of Ethiopia today laid claim to what it called - "all land in the Ethiopian countryside." This, in effect - a nationalization of all farmlands; thereby ending a centuries-old feudal system - wherein tenant farmers were virtually at the mercy of huge landowners. The government adding that big, private landholdings - will now be turned into cooperatives, collective farms and "small, personally tilled holdings."*



## **SALISBURY**

**Rhodesian black leader Ndabaningi Sithole was arrested today in Salisbury - on charges of plotting to murder rival black leaders. The Reverend Sithole said to be trying to ensure his election - as the head of Rhodesia's African National Council. A government statement adding that he'll be tried by a special court - in closed session.**

## CHEESE

Almost unnoticed by most Americans - a quiet cheese revolution has been taking place here in the U.S. Where once the cheese market was confined largely to American cheddar - today there are dozens of varieties; with total cheese sales - currently running at two-and-a-half times of what they used to be just a few years ago. The average American - now eating about fourteen pounds of cheese a year - says the National Geographic.

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Ah, but the French - still the cheese champions of world. Regularly consuming more than twice as much ~~cheese~~ per capita - as the average American. The French love affair with cheeses - perhaps best expressed in an old French proverb which says: A meal without cheese - is like a kiss without a squeeze."

And now this Mes —

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The world's most famous "tramp" was the center of all eyes today - at a special knighthood ceremony in Buckingham Palace. Eighty-<sup>Six</sup>~~two~~-year-old Charlie Chaplin - becoming <sup>instantly</sup> Sir Charles Chaplin by the grace of Queen Elizabeth the Second.

When later asked how it felt to be knighted - Sir Charles saying he was "dumbfounded." And how did he plan to spend the rest of the day? By "getting drunk" - said he. But then he was asked if this was the final act - of a long and distinguished career; whereupon he shook his head vigorously - saying: "No - I've got one more film to do."

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