

Thurs. July 19-73.

The reaction today to President Nixon's new Phase four economic policy - good, bad and, ~~yes, even~~ ^{saw} indifferent.

Perhaps the most reasoned analysis though - from Treasury Secretary George Shultz. "I think people are tired of hearing" - said he - "how it's going to be ~~in~~ six months from now; they want to know what you're doing today to help the problem - and we're taking that approach.

Shultz adding, however, ^{that} the fundamentals of the problem - are still budget and monetary policy. "We will have as our objective this year" - said he - "that old-time religion - let's balance the budget! We can do it and if we do it" he continued - "that's the kind of thing that's going to deal ultimately - with the inflation problem."

Shultz also taking note of farmers' complaint
saying: "I know the farmers are trying - ~~no~~ everybody's
crying but the farmers are crying all the way to the
bank."

BETHESDA

At Bethesda Naval Hospital - President Nixon today was pronounced fully recovered - from his bout with ~~with~~ pneumonia. The President's personal physician - Dr. Walter Tkach - saying the President has now been given an okay ~~to~~ to return to the White House tomorrow morning.

Dr. Tkach adding that the President will still be going to Camp David - later on in the day. Noting, however, ^{that} "he's now more eager than ever - to jump into a work program." The doctor ~~is~~ also saying that when he tells the President to take it easier - "he smiles and says 'yes' and then does it his own way."

WATERGATE

Like being caught in quick sand - that's the way a former key aide to John Mitchell - today described his involvment ~~in~~ in the ~~Watergate~~ Watergate affair.

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Robert Mardian saying: "Information was imparted to me, bit by bit, much of it contradictory - which drew me inexorably into an intolerable and at times ~~an~~ unbearable situation. A situation in which I ~~was~~ was precluded - from acting according to the dictates of my personal ~~desires~~ desires or interests - a situation in which ultimately my ~~only~~ only hope was the ~~selfish~~ selfish one of ~~not~~ not becoming implicated in the conduct of others."

Mardian ~~as~~ then attempting ^{ed} to refute a ~~number~~ number of previous statements - by former White House Aide ~~John~~ ~~Stuart~~ Magruder. Denying that he was a close friend - of convicted Watergate mastermind ~~and~~ G Gordon Liddy; denying that he

had ever attempted to intercede - in behalf of another Watergate defendant - James McCord. Further saying that, true or not, Liddy had once told him - he was operating under the express authority of the President of the United States."

All of this - in testimony before the Senate Watergate Committee - during a session which was also enlivened - by two brief interruptions. The first - when committee chairman Sam Erwin announced that he had just been informed - that President Nixon was prepared to release his taped conversations. The second, when Erwin later disclosed that his previous ~~announcement~~ announcement was the result of a hoax.

Senator Erwin observing, a bit sadly:

"My trust in humanity - has been grossly abused."

ZIEGLER ~~FOLLOW BETHESDA~~

Meanwhile, an announcement today that the President will draft a reply this weekend - to the Senate Watergate committee's request for Presidential tapes. Press Secretary Ron Ziegler refusing to indicate however, whether the answer will be yes or no. Adding ^{that} only the President's reply will be made public early next week.

Ziegler also saying no date has been set as yet - for the planned meeting between the President and Senator Irvingx Ervin. ~~He suggested though that~~ ^{He said this may be} ~~that too may be~~ announced early next week.

SIRICA

From Federal Judge John Sirica - an order today creating a new grand jury. ~~xxxx~~ Its assigned task - ~~that of~~ ^{to} ~~probing~~ ^e possible violations of federal election campaign laws. The judge's action - coming at the request of special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox. An aide to Cox saying the new Grand Jury will deal with alleged violations - ~~is~~ entirely separate from those the Watergate Grand Jury is considering.

SEOUL

At Seoul - Secretary of State ~~William~~ Rogers conferred for more than an hour today - with South Korea's President Park Chung Hee. Park's office saying ~~that~~ Rogers again endorsed Park's proposal - for joint admission of both North and South Korea - to the U N.

Earlier, Rogers ^{made} ~~making~~ a public pledge - that there will be no hasty cuts in U S troop strength in South Korea. At the same time noting, however, that improved U S and Red Chinese relations - could mean peace in Asia for the ~~rest~~ rest of this century.

BENGHAZI

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That Libyan protest "march" from Tripoli to Cairo - went rolling through Benghazi today. Along the way - picking up an additional ten thousand demonstrators. The "markers" - now totalling around thirty thousand, in all; ~~zipping~~ zipping along - in more than a thousand cars, trucks and busses.

The Libyans - as you know - carrying petitions supposedly written in blood; petitions demanding immediate implementation -- of a planned merger between Libya and Egypt. Hoping to make a formal presentation this weekend - to ~~Egypt's~~ Egypt's President Anwar Sadat.

MERSA Matruh follow Benzhazi

And now this: The vanguard of the Libyan procession ^{today arrived at} ~~reaching~~ the Egyptian border. One car -- way in advance of all the others - driving right on through - into Mersa Matruh with Egyptian border guards - apparently failing to force a threatened confrontation.

MURUROA

In the South Pacific - the new Zealand protest frigate Otago - moved up today to within twenty miles of Mururoa atoll; close enough ^{far} ~~that~~ the crew ~~could~~ ^{to} see a giant balloon ~~that~~ the French ~~are~~ ^{far} ~~planning~~ to use shortly ~~to~~ ^{for} ~~detonating~~ detonating a nuclear bomb.

A New Zealand spokesman said the Otago - was then "closed down". The ship sealed and its crew below decks - breathing filtered air - as a protection against radio activity. The spokesman adding: "they are expecting the blast - at any moment."

CAPE KENNEDY

At Cape Kennedy - a dress ~~rehearsal~~ rehearsal today for the scheduled launch of America's second sky lab crew. The real thing - as you know ~~is~~ now less than ten days hence.

Back in Washington - an announcement today as to the cause of the ²~~at~~ launch accident & that left the ^{first} sky lab for a time nearly powerless. Space officials blaming an air pressure build-up ~~said to~~ ^{as} ~~have been~~ the result of an engineering ~~error~~ oversight.

ROME

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In Rome today - Christmas in July. With Roman furriers displaying their upcoming collections - for next winter. The House of Fendi - perhaps drawing the most applause ; displaying a line of ~~xx~~ so-called "morning-to-evening furs". These coming in chincilla, ermine, and pekan - ^{all} ~~which are~~ said to be "non-controversial" furs.

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But the hit of the show - we are told - a red and grey fox variation on the old Ike battle jacket; complete with shawl-collar -- and long ribbon ties. In the search for conquest, ^{Bill} ~~it seems~~ - the new ultimate weapon?^g

CHICAGO

The benevolent and protective order of Elks
~~was~~ meeting in annual convention today in Chicago; ^e
~~there~~ voting almost three to one - to admit blacks
for the first time ever.

This - we are told - in "recognition of
changing social attitudes - and a recent Supreme Court
action." Officials adding that from now on, the only
requirements for membership in the Elks - are that
an applicant be male, over twenty-one, and a non-
Communist." Blacks okay. But thumbs
down on Reds.