WHITE HOUSE

At the White House - another milestone today in East-West relations. President Nixon for the U.S., Gromyko for Russia - formally ratifying the new strategic arms limitation agreement.

"What we are witnessing today" - said the President - "is the beginning of a great historical process;" one that "can lead eventually - to the goal that we all want; a world that is much safer - a world that may possibly be free from the enormous danger of nuclear disaster."

Next - the poker-faced Soviet Foreign Minister; pledging that Russia will abide by the new agreement - and also work to extend nuclear arms limitations. This - said he - "in the interest of all nations." BEIRUT

In the Middle East - at Beirut - the Palestine Liberation Organization today announced the withdrawal of all its forces - from Southern Lebanon. This in response to frequent Israeli raids - in retaliation for Arab commando attacks; a decision following talks between guerilla leader Yasser Arafat - and Lebanese President Suleiman Franjieh. A guerilla spokesman later adding the crisis in relations between the PLO and the government of Lebanon

- "has thus ended."

## UNITED NATIONS

At the U.N. today - it was Red China's turn with Vice Foreign Minister Chiao Kuah-Hua - presenting the Peking party line; charging that the U.S. - is still waging a "war of aggression" in Southeast Asia; adding that "colonialism of many forms - persists in many parts of the world."

But Chiao saving his harshest words - for the Soviet Union. Demouncing as a delusion - Russia's call for a banning of all nuclear weapons to be followed by a world disarmament conference. Also, accusing the Kremlin - of taking unfair advantage of the Arabs. Further saying: "The turmoil on the South Asian continent has failed to subside because of the meddling of the Soviet Union." HOUSE

By a vote of twenty-to-fifteen, the House Banking Committee today rejected a call for a full investigation - of that so-called "Watergate caper." The twenty who carried the day - including fourteen Republicans plus six Democrats. The latter - in defiance of Committee Chairman Wright Patman - who immediately adjourned the meeting; thereby, making most "unlikely" - we are on this in the near future, told -any Congressional investigation

offair prior to elections

GALLUP

On the Senate side of the Capitol - George Gallup was testifying today before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The veteran pollster observing that U.S. prestige - is now "at a low point throughout the world." Partly - said he - because U.S. "press services, in concentrating so heavily on our problems - may have given a distorted picture." Dr. Gallup adding that he meant "not only opposition to Vietnam - but also violence, crime, and racism which are all given great emphasis in the news reports."

George Gallup further asserting: "We should not overlook our troubles and our problems" - but neither should we overlook the "many good things going on." First in New York and later in Boston - George McGovern today accused President Nixon of being soft on crime. The Democratic nominee charging that, indeed, President Nixon's "permissiveness" - has actually led to a thirty per cent increase in crime.

Meddern also attempt ed to dispel the "myth" -

as he put it - that Democrats are "more concerned with the criminal than with his victim." In the same vein, pledging, if elected, to make criminals and drug traffickers - his number one domestic target. COPENHAGEN

Hard on the heels of his greatest political tr<u>iumph</u> - Denmark's Prime Minister Jens Otto Krag suddenly calls it quits; tendering his resignation today less than twelve hours after voter ratification of Danish membership in the European Common Market.

Krag's surprise announcément coming at the tail end of what had been, till then - a victory statement to the Danish Parliament. "It has long been my wish" - said he "to step down when there was an occasion." And he added - that time "has now come." Whereupon he selected as his successor - trade unionist Anker Jorgensen.

In other words - a Dane who knew when to quit - when he was a head - after a major victory. HELSINKI

At Helsinki - a Nordic anti-smoking conference; hearing today from Finnish delegate Arta Polsa - who represents a group of persons physically handicapped by lung disease and other respiratory ailments. Polsa reporting that Finland - a nation of four and one-half million people - will consume this year about eight-andone-half billion cigarettes. And "this means" - said he -"about two thousand cigarettes per head."

Polsa thus urging a ban on all cigarette advertising - along with missignation campaign stressing hazards of moking. Either that - said he - "or by Nineteen-Eighty all the hospital beds in Finland - will be filled by sick smokers."

## SENATE FOLLOW HOUSE

Capitol Hill again - a Senate committee was taking up today - a bill to ban blackouts of professional sports contests on local TV. The committee hearing from Assistant Attorney General Thomas Kauper - who said the Nixon Administration fully supports the proposed legislation.

A White House spokesman later confirming that said support - was ordered personally by President Nixon; who happens to be - as you know - an avid football fan. "Not only that" - said the spokesman - "but the President wants to sign this bill before the Congress goes home." And he might have added - in plenty of time for the Super Bowl.

## WASHINGTON

Our man at the U.N. - George Bush - one of the main speakers today at a Washington meeting of editors and publishers. Ambassador Bush saying - it's not true that the U.S. has no friends at the U.N.

Why, just the other day - he went on - when"I was sick - the U.N. passed a resolution urging my speedy recovery." Bush adding: "There were sixty votes for my recovery - jifty-eight against it - with nineteen abstentions." HELENA

From out West - come the bear facts; according to Dr. John Craighead - of the University of Montana Wildlife Research Unit; who says that hundreds of thousands of grizzlies - once roamed the forests and mountain ranges of the U.S., where today - the figure is perhaps less than a thousand; with the result - we are e tello us the one-time "King of the American Wilderness" may soon be displaced by its "larcenous cousin," the black bear Dr. Craighead therefore, arging these the grizzly -Should be declared an endangered species. Observing that "any time you diminish the diversity of the environment through the loss of a single species - you diminish the whole range of human experience." Adding: "If we can't win the battle for the grizzly - then the battle for the total environment is in danger."

All this calling to mind, incidentally, the difference betweena grizzly and a black bear - as spelled out by HELENA - 2

out - it's a grizzly."

BUFFALO

Buffalo, New York - a local grand jury is probing a book called - "The Inner City Mother Goose." This a book <del>that was</del> purchased with Federal model <u>ci</u>ties funds; a collection of poems - that somehow found its way into verse: school libraries. Sample **define** 

Jack be nimble, Jack be quick,

Snap the blade and give it a flick.

Grab the purse - it's easily done.

Then just for kicks, just for fun,

Plunge the knife and cut and run.

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Some Mother Goose!