

Wed. January 17, 1973

KEY BISCAYNE

At the Florida White House a near news blackout concerning the quest for Peace in Vietnam. Press Secretary Ron Ziegler telling reporters - "I have only one answer on the subject - I have no details, no information."

Ziegler later added, that the President may make a "general reference" to peace negotiations - in his inaugural address on Saturday. He also disclosed that the President is keeping in close touch - with Henry Kissinger in Washington and with General Haig in Saigon.

In the meantime - General Haig again conferring with South Vietnam's President Thieu. This amidst rumors in Saigon, Paris, everywhere it seems - that a cease fire is imminent. Indeed, U.S. military advisors still in Vietnam - were ordered today to fall back immediately to safe areas in the event that a truce is signed. This - we are told - an attempt to prevent needless deaths in any last minute fighting.

MANILA

At Manila - President Marcos of the Philippines today assumed near dictatorial powers citing as the basis of his take-over -- an overwhelming vote of approval from more than thirty-five thousand citizens assemblies throughout the country.

Meanwhile, Marcos' wife is flying the Pacific tonight - to attend President Nixon's second inaugural. The lovely Imelda Marcos is also expected to seek medical treatment for ^{those} wounds she suffered during that assassination attempt last month.

ENERGY

~~Here in the U S~~ ^{OWT} ~~is~~ growing energy shortage [↑]
~~as you may have heard~~ ^{was} met at least in part today - by
a decision to permit unlimited imports of number two
home heating oil; also, an increase in the ceiling on
~~and~~ all petroleum imports -- in the amount of nearly
a ^{barrels} million ~~gallons~~ a day.

Director George Lincoln of the office of
Emergency Preparedness -- explaining the why of
these moves; saying they will "help insure an adequate
supply of heating fuel for homes and ~~and~~ businesses
this winter -- and relieve the tightness of diesel fuel
for transportation."

LONDON

Plans for a "phase two" British style were announced today in London. Prime Minister Heath saying that Britain's present all-inclusive wage and price freeze - will be extended another sixty days; to be followed - said he - by continuing stringent controls for the rest of the year.

VIENNA

Israel's minister of Immigration - Nathan
Peled ^{was} - a visitor today in Austria; inspecting

Schloss Schoneau Castle - which is used as a way
stop for Russian Jews immigrating to Israel. He also
attempted to hold a news conference in Vienna - only
to be shouted down by about forty Russian Jews.

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The ^{demonstrators} ~~Democrats~~ saying they had all
emigrated ~~to Israel~~ to Israel -- but found it impossible to
live there. Some - charging "discrimination." Others
claiming that "a man born in the Soviet Union - cannot
adjust to the capitalist system. Worst of all - they're
now stranded they claimed, with Russian ~~authority~~
refusing to grant them re-entry ~~visas~~ ^{to the USSR,}

THE CEDARS

Earlier this week - a dispatch ^{told} ~~telling~~ of ~~raging~~ blizzards ⁱⁿ ~~clear~~ ~~across~~ the Holy Land. Now ~~comes~~ a report that the same ~~fresh~~ storm ~~also~~ hit Syria, Lebanon and Jordan; the latter - perhaps hardest of all.

The city of Amman, capital of Jordan - said to have been all but isolated ~~from the rest of the world~~ for two days. Officials also reporting snow accumulations -- up to three feet in mountainous regions; while ^{in the} ~~the~~ ^{the temperature dropped} ~~desert, snow, was said to be running well~~ below zero."

Oddly enough, the storm also stranded a number of American ski enthusiasts -- who had just arrived in Beirut. Lebanon's famous ski ~~on~~ resort the Cedars and Faraya -- just a short drive away. But there was so much snow - the highways were closed, ~~they just~~ ~~we~~ ~~couldn't~~ ~~get~~ ~~to~~ ~~help~~ ~~them~~.

TEENS

Teen age sex ^{was} the subject of a survey ^{the} results of which were announced today in ~~the~~ The Ladies Home Journal. In Nineteen Seventy One - we are told - it is "a fair guess 'hat more than one hundred thousand unmarried U S teen-agers under^{went} legal abortions;" while "probably another hundred thousand" were undergoing illegal ~~abortions~~ abortions. The combined figure -- set at roughly one fourth of all abortions.

Reverse side - the study ~~is~~ said to show that "for every one hundred American girls between the ages of fifteen and nineteen - an average of two gave birth to illegitimate children. The total number ~~of such children~~ of such children - set at perhaps as many as four hundred thousand, in all.

LABELING

For weight watchers across the country there's good news tonight. Or is it good news? Anyway, the U. S. Food and Drug Administration today set forth its "most extensive change in food labeling rules in seventy-seven years;" decreeing that, henceforth, the labels on package food must list calories, fats, vitamins and other nutrients - per serving! Which means from now on "what you see is what you get."

The FDA's action is drawing plaudits - from nutritionists everywhere. Harvard's Gene Mayer, for one saying: "This is a day for congratulations. The new labels will lead to improved nutrition" - he continued - and thus amount to "implied preventive medicine."

WASHINGTON

In the commercials on TV - they call it "something else" -- "a whole other smoke." To government doctors though - it's still the same thing. The Department of Health Education and Welfare issuing a report today - charging that "little cigars" may be just as hazardous to your health as cigarettes.

Another section of the same report -- discussing smoking and motherhood. Citing "new ~~and~~ evidence" said to show that smoking is not only hazardous to pregnant women - but can also kill their unborn children.

DISMAL SWAMP

From the union camp corporation, a forest products firm - a gift today of forty-nine thousand acres in Virginia's dismal ~~swamp~~ swamp. A gift of all its holdings there - to the nature conservancy of Washington, D C.

The ~~land~~ land in question - now to become a national wildlife ~~area~~ refuge. Union President Everett Woodman saying: "The dismal swamp is a natural wilderness- and we are pleased that the company's gift will help to protect and preserve it in its natural state."

ATLANTA

The Moonshine capital of the U S A - once
against^{is} the State of Georgia. According to figures
announced today by the U S Treasury Department, ~~leading~~
~~the list~~^{This} for the eleventh straight year.

The peace^h state yielding up over the past
twelve months - more than twenty-one thousand gallons
of ~~the~~ illegal white ~~lightning~~ lightning. Federal agents
there also seizing four hundred and twelve stills -
with a combined capacity of more than six ~~thousand~~
hundred thousand gallons.

Georgia ~~thereby~~ topping its perennial
rivals - Alabama and North Carolina in both categories.

State officials almost boasting what's more - that
Georgia will ~~be~~ always be number one, ^{Bill,} Why? Because
of "good ~~spring~~^{Branch} water. - ~~we are told - and "large dry~~
~~areas."~~

PASADENA

This next - from Pasadena, Texas; where
a chap by the name of Don LaFitte -- who has already
served four terms on the ~~Board~~ Pasadena City
Council - has just decided to retire from ~~public~~ politics.

Councilman Don LaFitte basing his

decision - on "illness and fatigue." Not his - but
Said he: "The voters are
the voters. "~~They are~~ sick and tired of us!" -

~~said he~~