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WHITE HOUSE

The White House - an attempt today to come to grips with the Watergate scandal as no doubt you've heard by now - starting out with a clean sweep - of four top administration officials. This via a statement issued by President Nixon; announcing first - the resignation of Richard Kleindienst as Attorney General; not for lack of trust - said the President; but simply because of Kleindienst's close personal and professional association with alleged Watergate conspirators.

At the same time, the President naming as Kleindienst's successor - Defense Secretary Elliott Richardson. The latter - said he - "to "assume full responsibility and authority" in uncovering the whole truth about this matter."

The President also accepting the resignations of two of his "closest friends and most trusted assistants - White

House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman and his chief domestic advisor - John Ehrlichman. The President again stressing - no indication "of any wrong-doing;" merely an attempt - to clear the air.

Finally said the President - "I have today requested and accepted the resignation of John Dean as White House Counsel. That post - now falling to special White House consultant Leonard Garment - the President saying that from now on: "Mr. Garment will represent the White House in all matters relating to the Watergate investigation; and" he added, "will report directly to me."

The President further scheduling a nationwide broadcast for nine tonight Washington time when he is expected to discuss more fully - the entire Watergate case. This you will hear on many of these CBS radio stations.

REACTION FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

In the meantime, the President's decision to act at last - was drawing near unanimous approval from Capitol Hill. Senate minority leader Hugh Scott ^{saying} ~~asserting that~~ "the action that has been taken - should have been taken, when those in whom a President has placed his trust - failed to merit that trust."

Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield - also commending the President. "I'm sure" - said he - "the President had full access to the facts - and acted ~~and~~ accordingly.

Senator Hatfield of Oregon saying: "The next most important step is for the President to tell the American people - the truth - the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

KISSINGER

The White House again - an announcement today that Henry Kissinger will travel to Moscow later this week; there to meet Friday -- with Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev. The two ~~men~~ to discuss "matters of mutual interest," we are told - including Brezhnev's coming visit to Washington. The White House adding that Dr. Kissinger will remain in Moscow - for additional talks ^{for} ~~lasting~~ four or five days ^{more,} ~~in all.~~

CAPITOL HILL

For Secretary of State ~~William~~ Rogers - a trip today to Capitol Hill where he testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the latest from Southeast Asia. There,

~~Rogers~~ conceding that "developments in the last few weeks - have been disappointing." Going on to say: "We are greatly concerned - over the repeated and serious violations of the Vietnam Peace Agreement by the Communist side. He stressed, however, "the fighting in South Vietnam - has diminished to about its lowest point; and the two sides - are discussing the political future of the area."

~~Rogers adding, in sum,~~ ^{said he,} "There is still a good possibility ~~that~~ the cease fire will become effective in Vietnam - and provide a basis for peace and security of the area."

CONTROLS follow Capitol Hill

On the economic front - the senate today approved a bill - to extend President Nixon's wage-price powers for one ~~more year~~ more year. The Bill was then sent to the House - where passage was expected before a midnight deadline.

DOWNERS

The U S food and drug administration turned thumbs down today - on the use of nine so-called "downers" or barbituates; urging stricter controls in a proposal submitted to the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous drugs.

The "downers" in question - including butabarbital, cyclobarbital, heptabarbital, probarbital talbutal, vinbarbital, amobarbital, secobarbital and pentobarbital; the last three of which - are perhaps better known as "blue devils" - "red birds" and "yellow jackets".

TOYS

*From the Federal Trade Commission -
a complaint today naming four of the nation's ~~leading~~
leading makers of games - toys and hobby items.
These including, the Milton Bradley Company - ~~for~~
Past-time Industries - Edu-cards - and Avalon Industries;
all of which - are accused of ~~doing~~ using deceptive
packaging; trying to fool the buyer - into thinking he's
getting more than he really is.*

*The entire matter - now subject to a hearing.
The F T C insisting that, henceforth - "what you see
is what you get."*

WELLINGTON

Australia's Deputy Prime Minister Lance

Barnard - was a visitor today at Wellington, New Zealand; there ~~is~~ endorsing New Zealand's plan to send a navy frigate into the South ~~to~~ Pacific in an effort to head-off any additional French nuclear testing. Barnard stressed - however, that Australia also agrees with New Zealand - "that this should be a last resort."

DALLAS

A recent study aimed at gauging worker satisfaction - is reported today from Dallas, Texas. Dr. Herbert Greenberg coming to the conclusion that eight out of every ten Americans are dissatisfied with their jobs; to the point where they hate getting up in the morning - look forward only to quitting time and weekend^s - and generally feel frustrated much of their lives. Dr. Greenberg also said, however, that more and more workers - are refusing to remain "type cast". The "mis-employed" as he put it - "increasingly seeking satisfaction in new fields." *He also adds:-*
~~Dr. Greenberg adds:-~~

"It's not important what a person did in the past -
but what he can do in the future."

HARROWGATE

From Harrowgate, England - the story of Kathleen Shanks - age twenty four; who entered nearly a hundred beauty contests - before she finally ~~so~~ won one this past weekend. Miss Shanks becoming the Nineteen Seventy-Three pet queen at Britain's eleventh annual pet trade fair; whereupon she immediately announced her retirement - as a beauty contestant.

— Bill —

Miss Shanks saying: "I'm getting married soon - ~~and~~ and I'm fed up with watching my figure and slimming." ~~And she added,~~ ^{said she} "what's more:" "I'd rather be happy - and cuddly."

Tulsa

This past weekend - as you know - the start of Daylight Saving time virtually nationwide - except that five churches in Tulsa, Oklahoma, ^{did} ~~refuse~~ ~~refused~~ to speed up their clocks. Instead ~~no~~ holding regular services at the regular hour as if there were no change at all. On the ~~cheerful~~ theory apparently ~~that~~ in God's country - it's always "God's time."