

Tues, Dec. 10-'74

SENATE

After months and months of waiting - Nelson Rockefeller is halfway ^{there} ~~home~~ tonight, ~~at last~~. The Senate today approving his nomination as Vice President - by an overwhelming vote of Ninety-to-Seven; a decision quickly applauded - by President Ford.

The President saying he was "gratified - by the Senate action." Adding that "few Americans have ever been more closely scrutinized, more thoroughly investigated - than Governor Rockefeller." Also, saying he trusts that "similar action - will be taken as rapidly as possible by the House."

HOUSE

In the House - the end of an era. Wilbur Mills
deciding today - to surrender his chairmanship of the
House Ways and Means Committee. The Mills announcement
- relayed to newsmen by House Speaker Carl Albert,^r while
Mills ~~himself~~ remaining^{ed} ~~secluded~~ at Bethesda Naval
Hospital, where |

The Arkansas Congressman ~~is~~ being treated for
"exhaustion." Albert adding that ~~"the medical processes
have not been completed and may not be for a while."~~

WATERGATE

In the Watergate ~~cover-up-trial~~ - John Ehrlichman was again testifying today in his own behalf, telling how Richard Nixon broke down in tears - when he was finally forced to ask for Ehrlichman's resignation.

Ehrlichman saying Mr. Nixon then asked him - if there was anything he could do for him. "I said that sometime" - the witness continued - "I'd like him to explain to our children." Whereupon Ehrlichman himself ^{today} burst into tears - thereby forcing a brief recess.

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles - the Justice Department today filed new civil anti-trust suits - against the three major TV networks. These essentially the same as three previous suites - dismissed last month on a technicality. ABC, NBC and CBS - all accused of monopolizing air time.

BREAD FOLLOW LOS ANGELES

~~More of the same~~ ^{And,} ~~back~~ in Washington, ~~where~~ the
Continental Baking Company, maker of "Wonder Bread" -
was accused of attempting to monopolize the wholesale
bread market. ~~Continental,~~ ^{its} By the way, a subsidiary of
giant IT&T - which has ~~already~~ had ^{its own problem,} ~~you may recall, some~~
~~experience along this line.~~

STOCKHOLM

~~The awarding of~~ This year's Nobel Prize ~~ceremony~~ ^{ceremony}

Stockholm ~~is~~ was marred today by a left-wing student

demonstration. ~~The~~ Students hurling rocks and bottles -

at a car thought to be bearing former Japanese Premier

Eisaku Sato. ~~Meanwhile,~~ ^{But} Sato, ^{had already slipped in} ~~slipping into the awards~~

~~ceremony - by way of~~ ^{via} a back door, ~~For all the commotion~~

~~outside~~ receiving his Peace Prize ^{on schedule.} ~~inside with no trouble~~

~~at all.~~

ISTANBUL

Right wing students in Istanbul - were ~~also~~ having themselves ~~quite~~ a time today, firing pistols into the air and hurling molotov cocktails - as they seized the campus of Istanbul University. This the culmination of five weeks of ~~right wing~~ student protests & throughout Turkey.

TEL AVIV

From Israeli Prime Minister ~~Yitzhak~~ Rabin ^{camp} & a

pledge today to continue to seek a step-by-step peace

settlement - in the Middle East. Rabin adding that such a

settlement - must start with Egypt; ^{as he put it to} ~~and thereby~~ "impede

the warmongers," ~~as he put it~~ throughout the Arab

world.

QUINCY

A number of select police in Quincy, Mass., were officially armed today - with nine-millimeter machine guns and twelve-gauge shotguns. ^{said} ~~This by order of~~ Mayor Walter Hannon; - ~~who further said:~~ "We are serving notice on anyone who decides to commit a crime, whether it's running a red light or committing an armed robbery - that they will be dealt with severely."

HARTFORD ~~FOLLOW OKLAHOMA CITY~~

~~In the same vein - this next from Hartford - The~~

~~State of~~ Connecticut, ^{is} offering ~~a~~ free Christmas telephone service - to runaway children across the nation. ~~This by~~

~~means of a special~~ number, ^{The} ~~to call~~ ^{to call} ~~listed~~ as One-Eight Hundred-dash-Two-Three-One-dash-Six - Nine-Four-Six.

~~A spokesman stressing the new service - is~~

~~completely "free of charge and free of hassle." Adding~~

~~This, so~~ ^{that} runaways, by letting their families know they're

"alive and well" - can "make someone back home ~~just~~ a

little happier ^{during the} ~~this~~ holiday season."

WHITE HOUSE

~~At the White House~~ First Lady Betty Ford, ^{today} held

~~today~~ her first news conference - since ~~undergoing~~ her

cancer operation. ~~One of the questions she was asked -~~

^{Asked} ~~whether she~~ had yet been able to catch her husband - under

the mistletoe ^{at the White House, she} ~~in the doorways to the Red, Green and Blue~~

~~Rooms.~~ Mrs. Ford ^{ed} ~~replying that~~ no! - ^{Then} she hadn't caught

~~him there yet.~~ ~~But~~ adding, with a wink: "I catch him

anywhere I can."

NEW YORK

President Ford is ~~here~~ in New York tonight ^{for}
^{the annual} ~~attending~~ Football Hall of Fame banquet, ^{at the Waldorf,} ~~but~~ earlier in the
day & he entertained heavyweight boxing champion
Muhammad Ali at the White House. The latter - as
irrepressible as ever - ~~is~~ telling the President: "You
made a big mistake in letting me come - cause now I'm
going after your job." Says Moh-Ali - as I
say for CBS. This is LT-2-f.