


CAPITOL HILL

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On Capitol Hill - the gauntlet is flung. The Senate today completing passage of the ~~bill~~^{bill} aimed at delaying President Ford's new tax on imported oil. This in the face of a certain veto - ~~setting~~^{sets} the stage for the first confrontation between the President and the new Congress.



ADD CAPITOL HILL

And now the latest: The President saying tonight
he will veto the bill - as he originally promised. Adding:
"I regret today's vote but do not regard ~~as~~ it as final;
I believe the Congress will ~~not~~ ultimately respond to the
will of the American people and serve national rather
than ~~some~~ narrow interests."

KISSINGER

Secretary of State Kissinger returned home today - on completion of his latest peace mission to the Middle East. Dr. Kissinger saying he had made progress - "towards establishing a framework for negotiations in the Middle East." Adding: "I plan to return there in a few weeks - to see what can be accomplished to complete it."

ROCKEFELLER

Vice President Nelson Rockefeller, ~~the~~ former
Governor of New York, ^{was the} ~~was the~~ speaker today at the
national governor's conference in Washington. Rockefeller
telling his ex-colleagues: "Face it, we're in ^{(tough} ~~frontier~~
times." Adding: "It's going to take time" to work
our way out - "it's not going to happen over night."
The reason, ^{said he, because} ~~he continued - simply that~~ Congress
"for too long has been passing legislation with wonderful
objectives without realizing the long term implications."

Rockefeller then appealing to Republicans and
Democrats alike - to support the President's new
economic and energy programs. Also praising the
President for having the courage to face up to the
situation. Rockefeller saying: "He's getting up and
taking positions - that, if he were a politician - he'd
think three or four times about taking."

FORD

The Chairman of the Ford Motor Company and
the President of the United Auto ~~and~~ workers were both
witnesses today before the Congressional Joint Economic
committee; ^{and} ~~for once~~ taking essentially the same
stand. Henry Ford the Second and Leonard Woodcock -
both urging an all-out government attack on unemployment;
calling it the nation's number one problem - and one
that must be solved before all others.

INCOME

The U S ~~and~~ unemployment rate - highest last month since ~~the~~ Nineteen Forty-One. At the same time, a drop of nearly two billion - in wages ~~and~~ and salaries earned by American workers. But over-all personal income during the same period - actually increasing by more than two and a half billion.

This according to government figures, [^] released today, ~~and~~ automatically rais^{ing}~~ing~~ the question - of where all that money is coming from, with so many out of work. The answer - we are told - partly from increases in welfare payments - but mostly from unemployment benefits.

MOUNT NGAURUHOE

New Zealand's largest active volcano, Mount Ngauruhoe went into action today. Mount Ngauruhoe sending skyward boulders thirty feet in diameter, and showering ashes on towns and villages up to twenty miles away. Thousands of residents fleeing.

PARIS

Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis, ^{is}
~~is~~ still ~~be~~ hospitalized in Paris, ~~but~~ apparently ~~he's~~
out of the woods. ~~At any rate,~~ His doctors saying
today his post operative recovery - ~~at the present stage~~
^{so far}
~~can be~~ considered successful." We are ~~also~~ told that
his wife, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, has returned to
New York.

LONDON

In Britain where Margaret Thatcher is the new head of the Conservative party - another break-~~thru~~ through for women. Florence Nightingale becoming the first woman - other than a queen, ~~of course~~ to have her picture ^(inscribed on British currency. A likeness) ~~inscribed on British currency. A likeness~~ of the famed "lady with the lamp" - appearing today on the back of a new ten pound note.

By the way, a spokesman for the British Nurses Association - calling the selection of Miss Nightingale "a compliment to all of us." But a working nurse in London - ⁱⁿ ~~said to have~~ ^{ing} ~~refused~~ comment; ^{gave} ~~giving~~ as her reason ~~the fact that~~, quote "I don't see a ten pound note very often."

CHRYSLER

For the first time since the great depression - the Chrysler Company will be unable this winter to pay its regular quarterly dividends. The announcement coming today from Chrysler Chairman Lynn Townsend - following a board of directors meeting in New York. Townsend blaming the missing ~~dividend~~ dividend on "the combination of a very serious economic recession - and the sharpest drop in automotive sales since World War Two."

WASHINGTON

Along with the ~~rest~~ rest of its problems -
the auto industry ^{has this one -} ~~might be well advised to take note~~
~~of this rest.~~ The U S bicycle manufacturers association
~~today~~ reporting ^S the number of ^{bikes} ~~bicycles~~ sold last year ^{to be}
at more than fourteen million; ~~whereas~~ auto sales -
less than nine ~~million~~ million, ^{so far} ~~making~~ three years in
a row ^{bicycles} ~~that new bikes~~ have out-sold new cars.

~~And why~~ [?] ~~that?~~ Because, - we are told - bikes
are cheaper - often faster, and just plain fun.

And now -

FORT WORTH

The art of tattooing - once a thriving, ~~but~~ now
a dying - profession. ~~And yet~~ There are still a few
~~practitioners~~ practitioners; ~~as for example~~, Mrs. Audrey
Ford of Fort Worth ^{today} ~~who~~ was discussing ~~today~~ one
of her most unusual customers. She was "a beautiful
woman - came up from Waco with her husband - wearing
~~diamonds~~ diamonds and a fur - said Mrs. Ford. Adding
she now has "twenty ~~twenty~~ seven rose tattoos - and,
she could put on a bikini and they wouldn't show."

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