

WHITE HOUSE

Fri. Oct. 24 - '75

The United Nations - thirty years old today;
an occasion that might have called for a ~~national~~
nationwide celebration - except that the world body
has been much criticized of late; ~~and~~ ^{with} the latest to
take it to task - President Ford.

The President strongly condemning a recent
U N committee action - ~~labeling~~ labelling Zionism
a form of racism. Such action - said the President
- "undermines the principles upon which the U N is
based." The President adding that he was speaking
out now - in keeping with what "has been the general
principle of the U S; to take ^{grave} exception to any
action - that weakens the U N as an effective forum
for the peaceful resolution of international disputes."

And now -

SENATE

On Capitol Hill - the ~~ba~~ Senate banking committee today began an effort - to hammer out a compromise save-New-York-bill. ^{With} The White House ^{still} ~~of course~~ ~~strongly~~ opposed.

Meanwhile, the Senate foreign relations ^{was discussing} ~~committee~~ ~~taking up~~ a proposed loan of twenty million to Zaire. This one - fully endorsed by the President; and so drawing the ire - of Republicans and Democrats alike.. Senator Javits of New York saying: "This is the height of inconsistency - of callousness." Senator Humphrey of Minnesota saying: "Unless there is money for New York - Zaire ain't going to get one damn dime."

MADRID

Generalissimo Franco of Spain was apparently staging another come back today - when suddenly - another coronary. ~~His second - in four days.~~ The Generalissimo at last report - "resting quietly" - ~~his~~ ~~his designated~~ heir Prince Juan Carlos de Borbon ~~still standing by~~ at the palace with him.

PARIS

The Turkish Ambassador to ~~Be~~ Austria -
machine gunned to death Wednesday in Austria. The
Turkish Ambassador to France meeting the same fate
today in Paris. ~~Why - we've yet to learn.~~ But the
assassins in each case - ^{- all} described as ~~dark complexioned~~
southern Mediterranean type^s. Police saying, ~~indeed~~ -
they may have been the same men.

NEW DELHI

The use of bonded labor in India - supposedly
outlawed by federal law twenty-five years. But,
local officials ^{have been} ~~continuing to~~ look ⁱⁿ the other way;
~~and so~~ In New Delhi today a Presidential ordinance -
abolishing the bonded labor system " ^{to go into} ~~with~~ immediate
effect." Also, ~~ordering the~~ cancellation of ~~any~~ debts -
and ~~the~~ return of any properties - relating thereto.

~~The~~ penalty for failure ~~to comply~~: up to
three years in ^{prison,} ~~prison~~ - and a stiff fine - or both.

NORTHERN SOMALIA

From Northern Somalia - a report that ~~the~~
first ~~step in~~ the largest planned resettlement program
in African history - has now been completed -
Russian transports air lifting more than a hundred -
and-twenty thousand starving nomads - to new homes
in southern Somalia.

The nomads for ~~over~~ ~~many~~ centuries living
off ~~their~~ herds of cattle and goats as they roamed
the horn of Africa, ^{were in danger of being} ~~but practically~~ wiped out - by
a year-long drought; ^{They are to be} ~~and~~ now ~~being~~ taught ^{to} become
farmers and fishermen.

A similar ~~but~~ smaller nomad resettlement
program ^{is} ~~also~~ under way in neighboring Ethiopia.

REYKJAVIK

The women of Iceland were ~~giving their men~~
~~a cold shoulder~~ today - as part of a battle for equal
rights, ~~The ladies~~ ^{were} ~~simply~~ refusing to work - thereby
shutting down factories, stores, businesses and often
even their own kitchens. This - says a spokesman
for Iceland's organization of women ^{her} ~~our way to~~
~~draw attention to our case.~~ "And she adds: "We
~~have succeeded~~ ^{says} ~~because~~ almost every woman in
Iceland is on strike."

HARTFORD FOLLOW REYKJAVIK

Here in the U S - a similar national womens
strike has been called for next Wednesday. ~~How~~

~~effective it will be - remains to be seen. But~~

Governor Ella Grasso of Connecticut, ^{say about it,} ~~for one~~

~~today criticizing the whole idea.~~

~~The womans cause - ^{sa} said the Lady Governor, ~~it~~~~

^{it} a "very good, and sound and valid cause" but a national

strike ~~she continued~~ could ~~well~~ "set the movement

back twenty years." ^{Gov. Ella} ~~Mrs.~~ Grasso adding that women

should ~~consider~~ continue to work for equal rights -

as they have in the past through changing the law and

moral persuasion.

and now -

KALAMAZOO

From Kalamazoo - Michigan - the story of
a man ~~who~~ tried to rob three banks in the space of
twenty minutes, - ~~to no avail~~. At the first bank ~~where~~
he crowded to the head of the line and told a woman
teller "this is a hold-up". The woman replying:
you ~~will~~ have to wait your turn. At second bank,
a few blocks away - again a woman teller who simply
shook her head. ~~At the~~ Third bank - a third woman
teller ~~who~~ said flat out - "no!" ^{Go away!} The only person
who took him seriously - apparently - ^a ~~the~~ policeman
who picked him up ~~just~~ a few minutes later.

And now for