

KELLEY

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FBI Director Clarence Kelley, - the main speaker today at a VFW meeting in Washington; ^{said} ~~there saying~~ the FBI's surveillance of radical groups is "absolutely imperative" - in order to protect the American way of life. "To ignore the extremists' threats would be to gamble recklessly - with the lives and freedoms of the citizens we serve" - ^{was the way he put it.} ~~said he~~ Adding: "We will not do that - as long as domestic security is vested in the FBI."

BAN ME THUOT

Tank-led Communist troops in South Vietnam -
today captured most of the provincial capital of Ben Me
Thuot. In the process, they also trapped fourteen foreign
citizens - including nine Americans. ^{were reported} But all ~~still~~ safe,
~~when last we heard - as Ben Me Thuot's~~ ^{as the} defenders
continue to fight back.

Meanwhile, in Cambodia, rebel gunners were again
pounding away - at the Phnom Penh airport, ^{with} ~~the~~ the U.S.
airlift to Phnom Penh - continuing despite the barrage.

SENATE

Here at home - Senate leaders of both parties
joined today - in requesting the resignation of Lon Nol as
President of Cambodia. Republican Hugh Scott expressing
hope that a transitional government - could then negotiate
a truce with ^{the} Communist insurgents. Democrat Mike
^{also was} Mansfield saying Lon Nol's resignation - is ~~simply~~ ^{now} the
best hope for peace in Cambodia.

And now this

ANKARA

For Secretary of State Kissinger - a brief break
today in his Mideast peace mission. ~~But far from~~ ^{However instead of}
relaxing - Dr. Kissinger ^{was} taking on another job almost
equally difficult; flying to Ankara for talks with Turkish
leader^s ^{Cyprus} on how to break the continuing impasse, ~~with~~
~~regard to Cyprus.~~

CIA

Perhaps you've have heard
~~Over the weekend~~, a report that the CIA may have

been involved [^] in three assassination plots against

Latin American leaders. ~~And so~~ ^{came} an assurance, today from

the White House - that nothing such as this will occur under

Pres.

[^] Gerald Ford. ~~Spokesman Ron Nesser saying~~ "The

~~President feels that political assassination is not~~

~~happening in his Presidency and his intention is that~~

~~it not happen during his Presidency."~~

STRACHAN

(Strawn)

Former White House aide John Strachan, the last of the Watergate defendants - was cleared today of all charges; ~~his~~ by order of Judge Sirica - at the request of Watergate prosecutors; on the grounds that Strachan had previously been granted immunity ~~in order~~ to get him to testify before the Senate Watergate Comm~~unity~~; ~~and~~ ^{so} what he said then - could not now be used against him.

~~Strachan thus becoming only the second of all those charged in the Watergate case - to escape scot-free. The other, you may recall, Nixon campaign lawyer Kenneth Parkinson - who was acquitted in the Watergate cover-up trial.~~

KIDSGROVE

Police in Kidsgrove, England, today released their taped telephone conversations - with a man believed to have killed teen-age heiress Lesley Whittle. This in hopes that someone - might be able to recognize his voice. A police spokesman saying: "This ^rman is ^adangerous ~~a~~ maniac." ~~Adding that the chief concern now is that he~~
~~"may kill some other person."~~

DETROIT

In ~~the City of~~ Detroit, sometimes called the
"murder capital of America" - a milestone ~~of sorts this~~
~~past weekend. The city going~~ seventy-six hours - without
a ~~single~~ homicide; ^{for} the first time ~~that's happened~~ in
more than two years.

WHITE HOUSE

~~The White House again~~ - Carla Hills was sworn
in today as the new Secretary of Housing and Urban
Development; only the third woman - ever to hold a
Cabinet post.

~~President Ford was also there, of course - and
said to have appeared delighted with his selection. - The~~
President ^{Ford that} ~~noting at one point~~ Mrs. Hills ^{will} have One-point-
Six Billion more to spend - than did her male predecessor.
And he ^{said:} ~~added:~~ "If that doesn't dispose of male chauvinism
- nothing will."

WEDDELL SEA

In the Weddell Sea deep in the Antarctic - the U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker Glacier is still struggling to free itself. The ship managing to cover about a mile so far - through twenty-five-foot thick ice; ~~with~~ with two propellor blades still missing - quite a feat.

Now only two miles to go - to so-called "easier ice." Officials saying that "barring changing conditions or other problems - there is hope that ^{the big ice-breaker} Glacier will be clear in forty-eight to seventy ^{Two} ~~to~~ hours."

SYDNEY

Sydney, Australia, in the land "Down Under," was all but paralyzed today - by its worst rainstorm in more than thirty years. The city getting more than five inches of ~~rain~~^{it} in about an hour-and-a-half. The ~~backed up~~ water from resulting flash floods - running up to three feet deep in some areas.

Throughout the city though - life goes on. Indeed, the patrons at a bar in the city's main hotel - at last report, still "pouring it in" in spite of ankle-deep water.

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