

Friday, February 15, 1974

HOUSE

*From a hundred and one House Republicans - a letter addressed to the President. The House group telling the President: "Several of our colleagues have publicly and we think, improperly called upon you to resign." Adding: "We believe substantial numbers of the House members feel as we do - that calls for your resignation ill-serve the nation - and, in fact, damage the prestige of the House itself.*

*The letter going on to say: "Our colleagues would more properly serve the nation by using their influence to bring impeachment" proceedings to a prompt conclusion; so we can all focus more effectively on other important issues confronting the nation."*

## **KEY BISCAYNE**

*At Key Biscayne - an attempt today to explain the President's decision to close the tap on special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski. It comes from the President's chief watergate lawyer - James St. Clair; who says additional documents sought by Jaworski are "at best only corroborative of or cumulative to - evidence already before the Grand Jury; and thus would only delay the Grand Jury deliberations for "many months."*

*St. Clair adding that "under these circumstances, the President determined that continued and seemingly unending incursion into the confidentiality of Presidential communications - was unwarranted."*

## WASHINGTON FOLLOW ZIEGLER

*Meanwhile, in Washington another pre trial hearing in the case of former White House aide Dwight Chapin - this including a reprimand from Federal Judge Gerhard Gesell, for a statement Jaworski recently made on TV - dealing with the veracity of expected prosecution witness John Dean,. The Judge instructing Jaworski to refrain, henceforth from making any extra judicial statement. Adding: "It seems to me - you should have the good sense to stay off talk shows."*

## OMAHA

*Omaha, Nebraska - the final stop today for Gerald Ford on his three day trek through mid-America. In response to reporters questions - the Vice President denying that his recent travels - have anything to do with running for the Presidency. Stressing as he had before - that he has no intention of being a candidate for any office in Nineteen-Seventy-Six.*

*Earlier, in Chicago - Gerald Ford mixing football with politics was telling how he would like to give the American people a between halves locker room pep talk - on what is right rather than wrong with the nation. The Vice President saying: "There would be no excuses. I would simply say that we must not look at the points we have lost but at the points we can gain." And he added emphatically - "Americans are winners!"*

## **BERKELEY**

*Two blacks who escaped from California prisons within the past year were linked unofficially today with the kidnapping of young Patricia Hearst. The suspects identified as Donald Defreeze - and Thero Wheeler. The F B I insisting, however, it doesn't have anything specific in implicating either man. Patty's father, Randolph Hearst adding that his main concern is not who did it - but only his daughter's safety.*

## **ALGIERS**

*The results of that two day Arab summit meeting in Algiers as yet unknown. A spokesman for the parlay now ended merely saying: "The dialogue is being kept open.*

*In the same vein, the disclosure today that two Arab envoys - are presently in Paris enroute to the U.S. Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Omar Sakkaf, and Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy are expected to meet with Henry Kissinger this weekend in Washington.*

**LONDON**

The price of gold was again <sup>up</sup>ward away today;  
on the big London bullion market - hitting another record  
high of a hundred and forty-nine bucks an ounce. At least  
one dealer observing that "everybody" is getting out of  
uncertain currencies."

ZURICH

EXILED Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn - has now shifted his base of operations to Zurich, Switzerland. The author of the controversial "Gulag Archipelago" arriving by train today under heavy police guard. A spokesman saying he plans to consult with his Swiss lawyer about his accumulated royalties from western book sales. His wife and his three children as far as we know ~~are~~ still in Moscow.



INDIANAPOLIS

*The President's younger daughter Julie Nixon Eisenhower was reported in satisfactory condition today - following surgery at Indianapolis.*

*David and the First Lady are there - and the President may be flying in.*

## *PALM DESERT*

*And now - a belated tribute to Jack Benny who celebrated his eightieth birthday last night at Palm Desert, California. Jack's friends helping him celebrate including Bob Hope, Governor Reagan, Frank Sinatra, Rosalind Russell Milton Berle, George Burns and others. Along the way, Jack observing that "age is strictly a mind over matter - if you don't mind, it doesn't matter." Bill - I hope Jack is right!*

## HOUSTON

*To those who may be listening to this while waiting in a gas line - take heart - help is on the way. The nation's largest oil company, giant Exxon announcing today at Houston how it plans to increase its gasoline production.*

*A company statement saying: "This change over is ~~made~~ made possible by customer conservation of heating oil; and by a winter that so far has averaged ten percent warmer than normal." And - other firms - will soon follow suit.*

*Solong until Monday.*