

NIXON

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President Nixon dropped a ^{the word} ~~strong hint~~ today -
that he probably ^{will} ~~would~~ sign the tax reform bill now on
his desk - even though it ^{does} ~~deprives~~ the government
of about two-and-a-half billion dollars in revenue for
the coming fiscal year. This word came after a White
House meeting the President held with Budget Director
Robert Mayo, Defense Secretary Laird and others ~~side~~.
In commenting on the prospect of reduced revenues,
Budget Director Mayo said - "we're closing all the
zippers between revenue and expenditures, ^{pinching}
^{he added: -}
very tight; and ^{this} involves some very heavy breathing ^{in!}

~~is.~~

AGNEW

Vice President Spiro Agnew ^{already is on his way,} ~~has begun his~~

^{off on his}
first official overseas mission - a thirty-seven thousand
mile tour of the Far East ^{which} may include a stop in
Vietnam, ~~before it's over.~~ The Vice President, his
wife, and ^{party} ~~a group of aides~~ are due to land in Honolulu
~~later~~ tonight. In explaining the purpose, President
Nixon says Mr. Agnew will discuss post-war plans with
leaders of various Asian countries. Basic framework
of such ~~discussions~~ ^{as you have heard, to} discussions ~~will~~ be the new "Nixon
doctrine" -- which emphasizes economic and military
independence for countries friendly to the U S in the
Far East.

JOHNSON

Former President Lyndon Johnson ~~has~~ ~~stated~~ ^{already has}

^{indicated what factors}
~~revealed factors which~~

motivated his final, startling decision not to seek re-election -- the announcement he made to the nation on March thirty-first, Nineteen Sixty Eight. Says L B J: "I was positive I could not get a peace conference -- get them to the peace table -- positive that I could not get a tax bill; - positive that I could not cool the cities as a ~~sa~~ candidate." Also, he felt his southern background and upbringing seriously handicapped his ability to unite and inspire the nation. These and other candid statements by the former President -- in an interview with Walter Cronkite -- will be broadcast tomorrow evening over CBS radio and television -- the first of ~~three~~ three installments.

MEDICARE

Nearly twenty million elderly Americans will have to pay higher medicare premiums beginning next July first. On that date, the ~~Present~~ monthly premium of four dollars will ~~increase~~^{go up} to five-dollars-and-thirty-cents -- a boost of thirty ~~two~~^{two} percent. Welfare Secretary Robert Finch blames ~~its size~~^{this} on the Johnson Administration's failure to increase the premium rate last ~~at~~ December when, Finch says, a boost^{already} was due.

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HOTEL

A disastrous fire swept through the four hundred year old Rose and Crown Hotel in Saffron, Walden, England, today -- killing at least eleven, ~~persons~~ including two Americans. Many of the forty hotel guests were trapped on the upper floors of the four story building -- some sliding down bed sheet ropes and drain ~~pikes~~ pipes to safety. The Rose and Crown Hotel dates from the Sixteenth Century. The ~~eminent~~ ^{Famous} diarist -- Samuel Pepys - often stayed there on his coach journeys between Cambridge and London. In his diaries he wrote this comment - "the chamber ^(maids) ~~maids~~ at the Rose and Crown - most comly." So said Pepys.

POETESS

United Press quotes informed sources in Moscow as saying that Poetess Natalia Gorban'yev'skaya is under arrest. She reportedly was taken into custody by Soviet Security agents after a search of her apartment. The thirty-two year old poetess was among the Soviet intellectuals who recently signed a ~~ap~~ petition to the United Nations -- charging that human rights were being trampled in the Soviet Union. Her arrest, the second within a week involving political dissidents. Viktor Krasin, an economist, ~~was~~ arrested six days ago on a charge of "social parasitism," ^{has been sent into} ~~he was~~ exiled for five years.

PLANETARIUM

Every yuletide season for the past forty years, New York's Hayden Planetarium has unveiled the same spectacle known as -- the sky at Christmas.

Through the years some two million viewers have gasped in amazement and pleasure as the heavenly scenes unfold in the planetarium's sky ^{theater}.

Countless thousands of stars - falling and darting across the theater's blue dome, ^{and then} ~~with~~ finally settling into the

same pattern the ~~apostle~~ shepherds saw two thousand years ago in the sky above ^{Bethlehem} ~~the Holy Land~~.

This Christmas spectacle continues at the planetarium until January Fifth.

CENSUS

Mrs. Nancy Bruff of suburban Connecticut - author and mother of two -- is leading a crusade against the national census, scheduled to ^{get under way} ~~begin on~~ April ~~first~~.

As co-chairman of the National Committee for a ^{sensible} ~~fair~~ census she insists the up-coming census will ask too many ~~many~~ nose questions -- invading almost everyone's

~~primary~~ privacy. No one, she ~~said~~ says will be asked less than twenty-three questions -- and some ^{be asked} ~~will need answers for~~ as many as one-hundred ^{and} ~~seventeen~~.

Mrs. Bruff lists some of the questions - for example -- With whom do you share a bath room? How many babies have you had? When did your last marriage terminate?

How much money is your house worth? Mrs. Bruff also takes ^{vigorous} ~~an~~ issue with the ^{idea} ~~fact~~ that a person ^{— maybe you Warren —} could be ^{some of these senseloss} ~~sent~~ to jail for refusing to answer ^{certain} ~~some~~ census questions.

EXPOSITION

Come March fifteenth, Japan will host the first world's fair ever held in Asia, and ^{we hear} the star

of the show will be the computer. The city of Osaka ^{where I stopped off recently on my way to New Guinea} ~~they are about to open~~ a two billion dollar ~~exp~~ exposition

with the theme -- "the computer-driven world of the future." On display will be a computer ^{they are calling} ~~known as~~

Johann "electronics" Bach -- which instantly composes

and plays music on an ~~electric~~ electric organ when

fed a random combination of musical notes. ¶ Another

computer provides instant palm reading -- and still

another specializes in finding lost children at the fair.

Data concerning the lost child - his age, race, clothing,

facial appearance - will be fed to the computer - and

~~will~~ in a matter of ^{minutes} ~~seconds~~ ^{he'll} presumably ~~would~~ be

restored to his parents, with an assist from Johann "Electronics" Bach.