

Wednesday, January 30, 1974

TRUCKERS

A series of nationwide truckers' protests over the past few weeks - has finally paid off. The government today announced plans to increase fuel allocations to the trucking industry - and also reimburse truckers for rising fuel costs.

This - according to W. J. Usery, a special assistant to the President; who adds that the new program "should avert further stoppages and demonstrations" - ~~in~~ inasmuch as it now satisfies the truckers' major complaints.

WHITE HOUSE

After five days in seclusion at Camp David - President Nixon today returned to the White House; there meeting with Vice President Gerald Ford - and Republican Congressional leaders to discuss his State of the Union message - scheduled for delivery later tonight.

The President's address - expected to cover a broad range of domestic problems; but mainly - the energy crisis. The White House adding that the President - "will not skirt the Water gate issue." In response to a question though - stressing the President will not - repeat - will not announce his resignation. We also are told the President plans to set ten goals, hoping to achieve a year of progress!

The President's State of the Union message is set for Nine, Eastern-Time-Time tonight and you can hear it here - on many of these CBS Radio stations.

SUBPOENA

again - an announcement

The White House ~~announced~~ ~~today~~ that President Nixon "will respectfully decline" - to appear ~~as ordered~~, in a California state court. The President's decision - said to be based on the advice of counsel. The White House suggesting, however - the President may submit written statements.



SAXBE FOLLOW SUBPOENA

The President's stand on this - was strongly backed

by Attorney General William Saxbe; who also said he, ~~was~~

Saxbe was

doing his "homework" - in anticipation of a flood of similar

demands.

"The President cannot appear in every court of the

country - at the whim of some Justice of the Peace" - said

Saxbe.

~~Adding:~~ "These are things that will be binding on

Presidents as long as the country endures - and we have got

to get involved."

SUEZ

In the Middle East - near Suez City - Israeli troops were streaming across the Suez Canal today. Once back in the Sinai, quickly manning defensive positions ^{a line they're calling} - along their ~~so-called~~ "Kissinger Line."

To the North - a reverse withdrawal of Egyptian equipment. (An Israeli spokesman saying he was unsure as to "whether troops have been transported back, too." Adding, however: "I think we have now seen - the first signs of evacuation Westward.")

RENO

At Reno, Nevada--a Federal judge today dismissed charges of stock manipulation and conspiracy--against Howard Hughes and four ~~associates~~ ^{others.} In so doing--the judge also chastizing the prosecution. "In all my experience"--said he--"this is the worst criminal pleading I've ever encountered."

SAN FRANCISCO

That San Francisco + Manhood
~~The biggest moment in the history of San Francisco~~

- was spurred on today by new information. Police disclosing a number of similarities - between the four murders committed Monday and thirteen other recent killings. Captain Ernest Raabe saying: "The victims were all white - the suspects all black; there was ^{apparent} no motive - no robbery - and they were random, emotionless killings." Another thing they have in common - the fact that up to now they are all unsolved.

SUKHOTHAI

Six members of a touring group of U.S. teen-agers -
found themselves in ~~a heap~~^{some} of trouble today at Sukhothai, ~~in~~
Thailand. The American youngsters - ranging in age from
fifteen to seventeen - taking turns taking pictures of each
other while sitting on an image of Buddha; whereupon they
were surrounded by an angry mob - and, ~~quickly~~ arrested.

The charge - ~~that of~~ committing a sacrilege; an
offense similar to that for which two American missionaries -
were recently sentenced to six months in prison.

LA PAZ

Bolivian ~~Army~~ troops ^{swept} ~~were storming~~ into Central Bolivia today - under cover of jet fighters; along the way - dispersing peasant roadblocks on major highways; also, launching a search for the alleged leader of the peasant rebellion - ex-Army Commander General Sanchez.

While back in La Paz - a round-up of suspected anti-government plotters. Bolivia's President, General Banzer - vowing to crush those who would depose him.

CHOTINER

One of President Nixon's closest friends and earliest political allies - passed away today in a Washington Hospital. Murray Chotiner - ~~who was~~ once a special counsel to the President - succumbing to complications from injuries suffered in an auto accident. The White House later saying the President ^{is} "was deeply saddened by the news."

Murray Chotiner - age sixty-four.

CHRISTCHURCH

Britain's Queen Elizabeth arrived ~~today~~ in
Christchurch, New Zealand ^{today} for the start of a tour of New
Zealand, Papua-New Guinea and Australia. Accompanying
the Queen - ~~her~~ daughter, Princess Anne, and son-in-law,
Captain Mark Phillips. ^{Also} ~~White~~ waiting to greet them - Prince
Philip and Prince Charles; who arrived earlier ^{for} - ~~to attend~~
the Commonwealth Games. A family gathering, ^{Bill}.

~~Said~~ The Queen: ~~saying~~ "We came ~~here~~ by different routes
and different means - but we are all glad to be here and
together." Adding: "This is certainly a family gathering."

NEW YORK

The Archbishop of Canterbury ^{is a visitor here to} - ~~Michael Ramsey~~

~~a visitor today to these shores. Here in New York -~~

discussing demonic possession and exorcism. ^{Says the} Archbishop:-

~~Ramsey saying he is convinced~~ "there is genuine demonic possession and a genuine exorcism." But, the great majority

of cases so reported - said he - simply "fiddlesticks."

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