

Thurs., January 10, 1974

BISMARCK

From Texas to New England the massive ice and snow storm has been causing problems for millions of motorists. Record cold in the upper midwest. Forty below at Bismarck, North Dakota, - cold enough for the mercury in some weather bureau thermometers to freeze. In southern California - heavy snow bringing out throngs of skiers. In San Bernadino County all roads to Baldy and other mountain resorts blocked by massive snow drifts.

KISSINGER

From Secretary of State Kissinger - a call today for united action - in the face of the present world-wide oil shortage. Dr. Kissinger noting that the U.S. is probably in the best position - to gain concessions from the Arab states. Stressing, however, that "unrestricted bi-lateral competition" for available oil supplies - would be ruinous."

No single country can solve the problem by itself - said he. Adding: "It is essential for all concerned - to understand that we are truly inter-dependent." Further noting that "even those who steal a march" - now cannot avoid a future crisis. This last - an obvious reference to France, where the price of gas was soaring today to a dollar thirty a gallon.

Dr. Kissinger's remarks - backing up President Nixon's call for an international energy conference. The Secretary of State saying the U.S. is even "prepared to discuss sharing our energy sources" once we have reached the point of self-sufficiency."

SIMON

Elsewhere in Washington - energy ~~■~~ Czar
~~William~~ Simon ~~■~~ was disclosing today - the formation
of a new energy task force. Its members - to come
from the Internal Revenue Service and ~~■~~ the Federal
Energy office, ~~and~~ its job to audit the "price, profit
and supply records - of every petroleum refinery in the
nation."

This an attempt we are told - "to ^{make} ~~■~~ sure
~~that~~ petroleum product price increases ~~■~~ are justified -
and reflect only increased costs and not increased
profits." Simon adding that "the program in no way
-- reflects on the refiners; but ~~■~~ will assure us
that they understand and are abiding by - federal
energy office regulations."

TRAVEL

The U S travel industry ~~was~~ was given a much needed boost today - from Vice President Gerald Ford. This at a Washington travel conference - bringing together interested ~~government~~ government officials and industry leaders.

Gerald Ford noting that U S tourism is now a sixty billion dollar a year business - giving jobs to three and a half million people. "So vast and so intrinsic is this ~~an~~ industry" - said he - "that even ~~the~~ slight ripples of change in its operation - swell to waves of high impact on the nation's life style and economic structure."

The Vice President adding that "travel therefore must not be looked upon - as a frivolous activity that is pleasureable but expendable." "It is an essential part of our national financial picture" -

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said he - and for that reason we must make every
~~for~~ effort to protect it."

INDIANAPOLIS

Indiana officials were up in arms today - over a ~~supreme~~ supreme court decision knocking down that ~~state's~~ state's loyalty oath for political parties. The most outspoken perhaps - Indiana attorney General Theodore Sendak; who said ~~that~~ the court's action has opened the situation "to such a point - that Murder Incorporated could run as a political party." Sendak adding that "sometimes a lot of crime is committed in the name of liberty."

BRITAIN

British railroad engineers walked off their jobs today - in response to a government decision to "get tough" on work slow-downs. The engineers' action halting ~~all~~ movement of desperately needed coal and steel supplies; also, stranding hundreds of thousands of commuters - one of ~~whom~~ whom was heard to say: ". 'm sick to death of it all - something has got to be done about this rotten country."

~~Bank~~ Britain's new Secretary of State for Energy, Lord Carrington - also warning of still tougher restrictions to conserve electricity. "The message to everyone - said he - "is to switch off ~~some~~ something."

BANGKOK

Japan's Prime Minister Tanaka met today ~~with~~ with high Thai officials in Bangkok and then held a ~~wide~~ wide ranging news conference. The main concern however - ~~was~~ was clearly the energy crisis. Tanaka saying ~~that~~ Japan may not be able to "respond satisfactorily" to the trade commitments it has already made to ~~the~~ Thailand. Products in short supply ~~and~~ said he - including steel, plastics, and raw materials for fertilizer. Tanaka adding that "this situation also applies to other countries such as Singapore, Indonesia, and the Philippines."

KANSAS CITY

Could you call them "instant doctors"? Well, hardly; but the University of Missouri Kansas City Medical School has a new program to take seventeen year old high school graduates and turn them into full fledged doctors in six years instead of ten. This with the approval and cooperation of the American Academy of Family practice which is also located in Kansas City. They call it a new concept in medical education."

EARTH ORBIT

For the first time since they went into orbit eight weeks ago - the men of sky lab three were given a day off. How do you observe a holiday in space? Except for necessary chores - Astronaut Jerry Carr, Ed Gibson and Bill Pogue were given permission to "wing-it." This following two days of intensive research work.

The success of the three astronauts is said to have left Ground Control amazed. Ed Gibson completing his own work so fast - he even tried to take over some of Mission Commander Carr tasks. Anyhow they were all having a holiday far out in Space.

NEW YORK

*Though Communism first blossomed in Russia -
the Chinese have long claimed their brand is better. And
now they are attempting to make the same claim with regard
to vodka. A New York importing firm announcing today it
plans to begin marketing this year - a new Chinese vodka.
And, you've guessed it, they call it - "Great Wall." Vodka!
A jolt or two makes you think your Kubla Khan - or maybe
Gengis Khan.*

SHEPHERDESS

London again - today was the day Britain annually selects its "Shepherd of the Year." The winner this year - for the first time - a shepherdess; Miss Dorothy Bell - age twenty-six who tends some eighteen hundred sheep in Cumberland, England.

In addition to the honor involved - Miss Bell also receiving a bronze statuette and a check. While all of her Eighteen-Hundred sheep went "Bah! Bah!"