

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 1972

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - a brief visit today from President Nixon; who interrupted his sojourn at Camp David to confer with a guest fresh from Saigon. Nguyen Phu Duc - a special emissary from South Vietnam's President Thieu; often called - Thieu's Kissinger. Meeting with the President - clearly to discuss the progress of the peace talks at Paris - and perhaps to set up a Thieu-Nixon summit.

CAMP DAVID FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Earlier at Camp David - the President continued to shake up his cabinet; announcing the appointment of Peter Brennan - as his new Secretary of Labor.

Peter Brennan - the head of New York's hard hat construction workers union; also, a long time Nixon supporter. He was active in "labor leaders for Nixon" - in Sixty-Eight; and in Nineteen Seventy, lead a parade of a hundred and fifty thousand "hard hats" in support of the President's Vietnam policy. Now becoming the first union leader to enter a cabinet and head the Labor Department since Martin Durkin under President Eisenhower. The man he replaces - James Hodgson - is said to have been offered an appointment in the foreign policy field.

NEW ORLEANS

Fire in New Orleans - the blaze raging through the three top floors of a sixteen story building trapping some and forcing others to leap from upper floors. At last report at least four dead and thirty-three injured.

... in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Monday, August 14, 1955.

... the fire broke out in the top three floors of a sixteen-story building.

... at least four people were killed and thirty-three others injured.

... the fire was caused by a gas leak in the kitchen of one of the apartments.

... the fire spread rapidly, forcing many people to jump from the upper floors.

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UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations - ~~a Middleeast~~
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"one-two." today.

First - Egypt's foreign minister, Mohamed Hassan El Zayyat; ^{on the U.N.} calling for the imposition of economic and military sanctions against Israel for alleged failure to cooperate in Mid-East peace efforts; further suggesting that it might even be necessary - to expel Israel from U N membership. El-Zayyat adding that the U N's authority, credibility and relevance are all "at stake" here. ^{Whereupon} ~~He~~ Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, ^{le} blaming the Arab nations in general and Egypt in particular - for refusing to engage in face to face peace talks. Tekoah going on to say: "It is evident that as long as Egypt pursues its present policy of confrontation and restraint - it does not want peace with Israel."

BERRIGAN

The Reverend Father Philip Berrigan will be a free man again - as of December Twenty. So ordered today - by a U S parole board. Father Berrigan having already served more than four years - for destroying draft records - also, smuggling letters out of Pennsylvania! Lewisburg, Penitentiary. Along with his brother, Father Daniel Berrigan, who was paroled earlier - ~~but~~ he'll be home for Christmas.

LOS ANGELES

***For California newsman William Farr -
who was jailed for refusing to divulge a news source -
another turndown today. The California Supreme Court -
rejecting his appeal for a writ of habeas corpus; which
means - in jail he stays, indefinitely.***

CAPE KENNEDY

At Cape Kennedy - with a week still to go to blast off -
it was "one more time" today. The men of Apollo Seventeen
running through their lunar flight program "one more
time", in space simulators - successfully completing
the nation's last and toughest lunar landing. And now
it's just marking time - till the real thing.

ANNAPOLIS

Solved - the mystery of the "ghost that walks" = at West Point. Naval Academy mid-shipman ~~William~~ William Gravell - saying it was all a hoax; a hoax perpetrated - said he - by the use of a doctored slide, a flashlight some cheese cloth and a fire extinguisher.

Gravell explaining "I wanted something they wouldn't be able to pin on ~~Annapolis~~ Annapolis but something they would readily swallow. Well, - he went on - they fell for it - fell much further than I would have ~~imaginedly~~ imagined.

Gravell admitted, however, the hoax fell kind of flat after two or three times. Why? Because the cadets finally slept right through it - said he.

TOKYO

Down through the ages - throughout the world - men have generally counted as their national treasures - gold and silver - precious gems, oil deposits and so on. Now comes a report that Japan - has added a new category. The Japanese formally listing as "living national treasures" some seventy artists specializing in ancient skills and crafts.

This the culmination of an idea, that began not with a Japanese but an American, General McArthur; who was appalled when he arrived in Japan - to discover the war-time ~~destruction~~ destruction of priceless works of art, and ^{so} ~~thus~~ he ~~now~~ encouraged the Japanese "to safeguard those who carried on Japan's creative traditions."

Incidentally, the Dean of Japan's "living treasures" - one Gonroku Matsuda a specialist in laquer-ware; who recently completed a writing box

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with a Japanese crane on the cover; using the powder shells of quail eggs - to get just the right shade of white.

Gonroku Matsuda recalling that he needed only two dozen ~~one~~ shells - in all but they had to be the same color. In the end - said he - "I bought twenty three hundred - before I found the twenty-four that matched perfectly." Gonroku Matsuda adding: "I don't believe that Mrs. Matsuda and I will ever eat quail eggs again."

WASHINGTON

Here's one - Wild Horse Annie rides again. Wild Horse Annie, otherwise known as Mrs. Velma Johnston. You may recall, the woman who spurred the passage of legislation - aimed at protecting the wild mustangs "Out West". Now named a member of the board that will help administer the protection program. Wild Horse Annie - also the President of Wild Horse Organized Assistance; otherwise known as "whoa".

SOUTH ORANGE

From South Orange, New Jersey comes the sad story of a chap by the name of James McSweeney.

A family argument - he went out made; heading for a nearby shopping area - where he proceeded to break fifteen big plate glass windows - ending up in jail - charged with malicious mischief.

All of which - perhaps is explained by his ~~own~~ occupation. He is a professional windowwasher. But not smasher.

OKLAHOMA CITY

Oklahoma City - municipal court - a
reckless driving case, jury and all. Leading to a
conviction for contempt of ~~state~~ court with subsequent
set at ninety minutes in ~~the~~ jail. For the defendant?
Nope, for one of the jurors. He kept falling asleep.

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Are you awake, Bill?

HONOLULU

Christmas in Hawaii - different, of course, but still a joyous time of year - the same as here on the mainland. Ah, but a fly in the ointment this year. The manager of a big honolulu shopping center - trying, as he put it, "to follow the principles of equality; hiring a woman - to play Santa Claus. As it turned out - "a big mistake."

"Some of the kids could tell by her finger nails - we are told - and there were others - who could tell by other means. Some of the kids actually shouting: "Santa's a woman!" Their parents - said to be "really aghast." And so a decision at last that womens lib or no - Ms. Santa just had to go.