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Secretary of State Henry Kissinger finally returned home today - after twelve days of round the world diplomacy.

On arrival at Andrews Air Force Base -

Dr. Kissinger saying: "America remains for all people - the hope and inspiration for peace and good will."

Adding ~~me~~ that "all of us in government have ~~shown~~ drawn a greater determination - to work for these goals."

Dr. Kissinger later reporting by ~~the~~ telephone - to ^{the} President in Key Biscayne.

WATERGATE FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

On the Watergate front - another meeting today with a group of House Republicans. At the outset, the President telling his guests - to "ask me anything you want to." And they did - the same as a group of House Democrats ^{did} ~~with whom he met~~ last night.

Congressman Hebert of Louisiana later saying:

"The President fielded all ~~the~~ questions ~~asked him~~ - with honesty, straight forwardness and integrity - he put it right on the line." Hebert adding: "My own impression is that segments of our population are out to get Richard Nixon the man - and destroy the Presidency."

The President ^{tonight is} ~~now~~ in Key Biscayne - getting ready for weekend appearances in Florida, Georgia and Tennessee.

This next - from Chairman Wilbur Mills of the House Ways and Means Committee; on hearing the arguments of five prominent tax experts - who questioned the wisdom of raising the capital gains tax. Mills saying: "I've always been told that you can shear a sheep each year - but you can only skin ~~to~~ him once."

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Nixon today signed into law - ~~the~~^{the} bill authorizing the construction of ~~an~~^{the} Alaskan Oil Pipeline. Passage of the bill, coming "three years late" - said he - "but better late than never."

The President observing that environmental considerations ~~now~~^{for now} - will have to take second place ~~for~~^{now} to energy considerations. But "in the long run" - said he - "we can have both" the needed energy and adequate environmental safeguards.

The President also saying: "It is a reasonable possibility that sometime in the future - we can see some change with regard" to Arab oil exports. He added, however: "Even if it happened tomorrow - we would still have an energy crisis for this year."

ALASKA PIPELINE

As a result of the President signing ^{the} a bill
okaying the Alaska Pipeline, I phoned our 49th State
this afternoon, where our son is much involved as
Majority Leader in the Senate. The Alaska legislature
has just ended what I believe ^{was} ~~is~~ the first emergency
session in the history of the State. It was called
because of the Pipeline problem. ^R Before adjourning
it modified the regulatory provisions of the State's
new laws which recently were under court challenge
by the Pipeline owner companies. In so doing the
Alaska legislature cleared the way for the early
construction of this colossal ^{oil conduit} ~~pipeline~~ from the Arctic
down to the Gulf of Alaska which is going to cost us
over four billion dollars. And the original estimate
had been one billion. ^R Those who are involved in the
government of Alaska are now much concerned because
of the number of people who are hurrying to Alaska

on the assumption that there ~~is going to~~ be a boom.

My Senator son tells me Alaska already has an unemployment rate above the national average. He says no work on the pipeline will get underway before next summer, and if the environmentalists stir up any more trouble it may be even longer. He added that ~~this~~

~~morning~~ — In the Banana Belt they call it —
at Anchorage, where he lives, the temperature
this morning
was five below and there were long long lines of cold

and hungry jobless people waiting for food stamps. He

add^d that the Salvation Army in Alaska already is

overwhelmed. His advice: ~~Go~~ don't head for Alaska

unless you have plenty of money to pay what it costs to

live
in a mighty expensive State, plus enough ~~money to~~ for the
trip
return, South.

LAS VEGAS

One of the most glittering of American cities ~~is - or was -~~ the gambling center of Las Vegas; its many hotels and casinos - literally ablaze with outdoor lighting each and every night - up until now.

In the interest of conserving energy - the Nevada Resort Association urging a blackout on all those brilliant lighting displays. The city's hotel and casino owners - agreeing to go along.

But inside, of course - it's still the same. - ~~eternal day. And thus~~ when a man at a crap table was asked what he thought about the lights going out - he replied: "What lights? I haven't been outside since three this afternoon."

FORD

Gerald Ford was back on the witness stand today - as the House Judiciary Committee continued to consider his nomination, ~~for Vice President. Ford~~ ~~again stressing that he would not be - a "rubber stamp"~~ ~~Vice President.~~

"I do differ with the President" - said he - especially on certain domestic issues. "As I have in the past" - he went on - "I will continue to try to get my views incorporated into legislative proposals - before they are submitted to Congress." ~~He would~~ ~~continue to do so - he added~~ even ^{if} ~~though~~ his views might "differ with others in the administration - including the President."

EARTH ORBIT

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*In the flight of America's Skylab Three -
a perfect launch - a perfect rendezvous; and then on
the third try - a perfect docking. Mission commander
Jerry Carr saying: "Whew! Glad to be here - great
to be home."*

*The three astronauts now circling the earth
- in tandem with the giant Skylab Space Station; getting
ready to switch ships - as of tomorrow morning. The
last of the manned Skylab Missions - well on its way.*

PRESIDENT FOLLOW EARTH ORBIT

~~While here below~~ ^{In} a special message ~~from~~
~~in which he referred to~~
President Nixon, ~~The~~ ongoing Skylab program ~~said~~
^{as} "the single most productive program - in the
history of Man's quest for knowledge about himself and
his world."

The President adding that "our sense of
startled wonder at reaching the frontiers of space -
may have diminished with familiarity." But "let us
yet pause" - said he - "to reflect on what we have
done; asking God's grace upon those who bravely place
their lives - at the service of peace for all Mankind."

THANKSGIVING

The White House again - President Nixon today proclaimed Thanksgiving Day - a day of prayer in memory of the late JFK. This in recognition of the fact that the holiday falls this year - on the Tenth Anniversary of President Kennedy's death.

"As we give thanks for the bounty and goodness of our land" said the President - "let us also pause to reflect on President Kennedy's contribution - to the life of this nation we love so dearly." "Let all Americans unite on this day" he continued - "giving thanks for the manifold blessings vouchsafed our people - and inviting all those less fortunate than ourselves - to share in those blessings."

Motorcyclists beware! That's the warning today - from the National Safety Council; based on a study of motorcycling accidents - over the past year.

The Safety Council noting that chances of being killed on a motorcycle - are almost four times as great as ~~riding~~ in a car. ~~Adding that the~~

~~motorcyclists' greatest problems - are inconspicuousness, lack of riding experience, and lack of protection; especially "lack of head protection" - which is said to be the main cause of nearly two-thirds of nearly all motorcycle deaths.~~

The Safety Council, ~~therefore~~^{is}, urging

enactment of ^a national helmet law. ~~strictly enforced.~~

Noting ^{how} in Washington, ~~for example~~^f, such a law has already reduced fatal head injuries by sixty-one percent.

From Brisbane comes news today that three balsa rafts floating from South America to Australia - are finally nearing the end of their journey. The rafts said to have reached a point, at last report - about a hundred and twenty miles northeast of Mooloolaba, Queensland. This according to a radio message from Captain Vital Alsar of Spain - who heads the so-called Huancafélica Expedition.

The rafts manned by twelve men - from the U.S., Chile, France, Canada, Ecuador, and Mexico - as well as Spain, ~~setting~~ out from Guayaquil, Ecuador - last May 27. At sea now for nearly six months - but apparently faring well. Captain Alsar reporting that Mooloolaba harbor authorities and local fishermen - have offered to tow them into port; ^{But says} ~~adding, however,~~ ^{make it all the way} ~~that~~ he and his crews - "are determined to ^{go} ~~go~~ alone."

From Dave Schmidt, a member of the
President's Council on Physical Fitness - a suggestion
today on how to keep fit. ^{Says} ~~Bill~~ Schmidt; ~~says~~ "There
are two pieces of excellent exercise equipment - at
each end of every building; they call them - stairs."

Bill, let's see we're up 20 flights. I hope
You go bouncing down all of them.

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MOSCOW

If all goes well - the Soviet Union will soon be getting its first golf course. This the result of an offer today - from Armand Hammer, the chairman of Occidental Petroleum; an offer quickly accepted - by Russia's Leonid Brezhnev.

The new layout to serve as an adjunct to an international trade center - which Occidental is building in Moscow. If and when completed, ^{it will be} the first golf course in Russia - since the Revolution; when all courses were plowed up - and never restored.

A golf course in Moscow -!
Come the revolution! And s. l. Man!