

WHITE HOUSE

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*In another message to Congress President Nixon today addressed himself to the problem of coping with natural disasters - noting that the cost of federal disaster assistance - has "threatened to grow to intolerable levels;" in part - he continued - because "the benefits were so generous & individuals, businesses and communities had little incentive to reduce personal and local hazards." The President therefore, urging "a consolidation of all existing disaster relief programs - into one new agency; a transfer of additional administrative responsibility to state governments; and the creation of new incentives for individual home owners and business men & to buy insurance and thus help to cover their losses. The President stressing that "this would place greater emphasis on protecting people and property against the effects of disasters before they occur."*

## SENATE

One of President Nixon's chief critics in the past rose up today to defend the President on Capitol Hill. Senator William Proxmire accusing the news media of being "grossly unfair" to the President. This - said he - by printing "sensational" stories - linking the President with the Watergate scandal. Proxmire going on to say: President Nixon is being tried, sentenced and executed by rumor and allegation. " Adding: "As the Senator who succeeded Joe McCarthy in the U S Senate - I find ~~this~~ this kind of persecution and condemnation without trial - McCarthyism at its worst." Proxmire further demanding: "Doesn't the President have the same simple right that every other American has - to be innocent until proven guilty?"

## REACTION FOLLOW SENATE

Senator Proxmire's words were quickly echoed, ~~what's more~~ - by Senate leaders both Republican and Democratic.

Minority leader Hugh Scott saying of the press: "When they turn a whisper into a charge, a rumor into a fact, a wrong<sup>ful</sup> deed by one person into a wrongful deed by another - that's demagoguery."

Majority leader Mike Mansfield also challenging press coverage whereby rumors and innuendo flourish and take hold. Adding that only the jury ~~and~~ system and the Senate Watergate committee - can determine guilt or innocence.

## WOUNDED KNEE

The second battle of Wounded Knee was finally ended today; - not with a bang, but more like a sigh of ~~ambition~~ relief. The occupiers of Wounded Knee about a hundred ~~summers~~ militant Indians - laying down their arms without a shot. They were then removed - by cars and busses - whereupon federal agents - quickly mov<sup>ed</sup>~~ing~~ in.

Kent Frizzell of the U S Interior Department later saying: "We have secured the village of Wounded ~~at~~ Knee and are now clearing out the militants' housing." Frizzell adding: The operation went as well - as I had hoped.

SAIGON

*From Saigon - an announcement today that a four-party joint military team, including five Americans -- will fly to Hanoi this Friday. From there - the team will launch a search - to locate the gravesites of individual Americans who died in North Vietnam. It will also attempt to determine the ~~status~~ fate of more than thirteen hundred Americans still listed as missing.*

## MARCH

When America's POW's were returned home from Vietnam - they came back with their heads held high - almost to a man. Then came the tales - of brutal torture. How much they really endured though - is only just now coming to light. Dr. Gary Trunk, the chief medical officer at March Air Force Base who directed the processing - of fifty-one returned prisoners, saying only six could be considered in good health. The rest all afflicted - with parasitic worms, chronic diarrhea, skin infections and asthma-like lung conditions, and mal-nutrition. Dr.

BEIRUT

At Beirut - the resignation of Lebanon's Premier Amin Hafez <sup>was</sup> quickly followed today by an Army crackdown, including a dusk to dawn curfew - a ban on public meetings "liable to endanger security." and the closing of all Cinemas, theaters, night clubs and meeting halls.

Lebanon's President Suleiman Franjiek later ordering an end to Lebanese air strikes against Palestinian guerrillas. - this -- an attempt to ~~facilitate~~ <sup>arrange</sup> another cease fire.

## **GUADALAJARA**

*After three days in the hands of Mexican terrorists - American diplomat Terence Leonhardy was safe at home today in Guadalajara. His release - it now develops - made possible by the payment of eighty thousand dollars in ransom. This - according to Malisco State Governor Alberto Orozco Romero; who added that Leonhardy's wife - borrowed the money from a local bank - in order to insure quick payment.*



**MOSCOW**

**Moscow - Henry Kissinger today completed four days of talks - with Soviet Communist party leader Leonid Brezhnev. Next stop - London - where Dr. Kissinger will meet tomorrow with British Prime Minister Edward Heath - before returning home.**

## PICEANCE BASIN

From eleven U S conservation groups - a plea today directly to President Nixon; urging the President to call off an underground nuclear blast scheduled for next week at <sup>a rather remote spot</sup> ~~Piceance Basin~~, in Colorado. The conservationists claiming that such a blast could well contaminate the water supply - for twenty seven million Americans.

## SUNSET

*Over the past few years - as we know some of the nation's great magazines have simply ceased to exist. The Saturday Evening Post, Life, Look, the Saturday Review and so on. One exception though - a west coast magazine which just keeps rolling along - getting bigger and better all the time. This month at Menlo Park California Sunset celebrates its seventy-fifth anniversary.*

*Sunset was launched as a national literary magazine. When not too successful it was purchased by the legendary Laurence W. Lane who made it a regional with emphasis on gardening, cooking, home improvements and travel.*

*Whereupon Sunset soon become the westerner's do it yourself Bible. Now, seventy-five years later its circulation is still growing at double the rate of western population.*

*I'm reminded of all this - by the son of Laurence W. Lane; Laurence "Bill" Lane; who is not only - and for good reason - confident about Sunset's future - but of the*

magazine industry in general. He says: "I firmly believe that one of the great strengths of this industry - and its inherent dynamic force - is the capacity to breed, regenerate and occasionally bury a member of the family."

## LONDON

*At the London School of Economics - an address today by controversial psychologist Hans Eysenck.*

*Professor Eysenck - the author of a recent book called "Race, Intelligence and Education," in which he claims the Irish and black Americans - are less intelligent than the English and white Americans. He had scarcely begun speaking when he was attacked, punched and bloodied by a group of students.*

*With the help of other students - the Professor finally breaking away. After treatment of at a hospital he said "It's sad for those supposed to be the elite of this country to behave in this fashion." Then adding: "I was at school in Nazi Germany and that's how people behaved there."*

ONTARIO

When he was dashing young ~~and~~ batchelor  
Canada's Pierre Elliott Trudeau once appeared in  
Parliament wearing scandals and an ascot. But now  
that he's happily married and a father and Prime  
Minister - some second thoughts, as witnessed <sup>by</sup> a few  
brief remarks - during a tour of Ontario.

"I think" as a young man - said Trudeau -  
"I was not guided enough by the principal of behaving  
properly in the proper places." And he added: "To be  
an original thinker - you don't have to rely on turtle  
necks and sandals." Bill, I hope you'll pardon  
my turtle neck!

## HONG KONG

*Police in Hong Kong today scored - almost inadvertently - their biggest drug haul ever. A police launch coming to the aid of junk - apparently drifting aimlessly in Hong Kong harbor; with the crew of the junk - acting "in a suspicious manner." A search of the boat turned up more than a ton of opium and more than two hundred pounds of morphine; at an estimated "street" value of fourteen million dollars - not Hong Kong dollars either!*