

Friday, February 8, 1974

WASHINGTON

Senator Long of Louisiana - head of the House Senate Committee on international revenue taxation; - a group currently reviewing President Nixon's income tax returns - indicated today that the President will be assessed some back taxes.

He said however, to the best of his knowledge - the President was merely following the advice of his lawyer and his accountant. Long saying: "Business men do it all the time - they are very busy, just like the President - they do what their lawyer and their accountant tell them."

RECOVERY SHIP NEW ORLEANS

Back from space - the men of Sky Lab Three - as no doubt you heard by now - astronauts Jerry Carr, Ed Gibson and Bill Pogue splashing down in the Pacific about a hundred and eighty miles off the coast of San Diego right on target. And better still ~~as~~ apparently none the worse for a record eighty-four days in space.

The three astronauts - now ~~be~~ aboard the ~~our~~ recovery ship New Orleans where they received a ~~special~~ special message - from President Nixon. "Your ~~ex~~ mission has brought to an end" - said he - "one of the most scientifically productive endeavors in the ~~known~~ history of human exploration." The President further telling the astronauts: We welcome you home and we salute ~~on your side~~ you and all your

predecessors - who ~~was~~ launched us on this great
adventure."

WATERGATE

The Senate Watergate Committee was again ~~was~~ rebuffed today - in its effort to gain access to President Nixon's watergate tapes. Federal Judge Gerhard Gesell - refusing to issue requested subpoenas. His decision - said he - based on the fact that the tapes in ~~question~~ question have already ~~been~~ been turned over to Special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski. Judge Gesell saying: "The public interest requires that priorities be given \neq to the requirements of orderly and fair judicial administration."

TRUCKERS

Wed ~~That~~ ^{the} nationwide strike by independent truckers

was all but ended today. Government officials ~~are~~ saying

Friday truck traffic ~~was~~ ^{is} already back to twenty percent

of normal. Adding that it should ~~return to~~ ^{be} a hundred

percent within a few days.

MONTGOERY

From Montgomery, New York the sad story of a young chap by the name of Larry McBride. His Nineteen Fifty-two Chevy - running out of gas. His search for an open service station - finally ending three towns away. But all they would give him was one gallon. And returning to his car - ~~he~~ Larry discovered he had no funnel. Whereupon - a momentous decision. Instead of pouring the gas in his car - he poured ^{it} on his car and then set it afire. Some friends from a nearby tavern - cheering him on . Larry later saying: "We had quite a ~~celebration~~ celebration."

JERUSALEM

In the Middle East; ^{at} Jerusalem Israeli

Prime Minister Golda Meir was meeting today with

a group of ~~Israeli~~ Israeli settlers from the Golan

Heights. Madame Meir telling the settlers - their

new ~~homeland~~ homeland would not be returned to

Syria. "Every Jewish settlement in the Golan -

is ~~now~~ an integral part of the State of ~~Israel~~ Israel -

said she. Adding that outposts there - would be

integrated into the Israeli defense network.

BERKELEY

At Berkeley - ~~San~~ California - the F B I
today distributed composite drawings ~~for~~ of three
suspects in the kidnapping of young Patricia Hearst.
The drawings based on descriptions of witnesses - who
saw Miss Hearst being carried away screaming.

LONDON

Britain's militant coal miners refused today to delay their strike scheduled for ~~at~~ midnight tomorrow. This a decision - that could lead to nationwide paralysis; and, ^{is sure} ~~one that's almost certain~~ to be the major issue - in the British general election February twenty-eight.

BUYING

Meanwhile the British call to the polls has lead to a spending splurge throughout the Kingdom. Rich and poor alike - buying whatever they can. With so-called luxury items - apparently highest in demand.

The reason - hard to define. Some saying - it's merely an emotional binge. Others saying it's the fear of renewed inflation. But one and all agreeing - the national mood is "eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow you vote."

MONTPELIER

Much to the consternation of local residents - we hear the State of Vermont has become something of a "hippy haven" during the past few years. This - leading at last to a clash of mores as witness a new bill - which has just been introduced in the Vermont House.

State representative Robert Emond proposing to make it a crime - to "skinny dip" at public beaches or walk nude on the street. Emond saying: "A line must be drawn somewhere." Bill - where would you draw that line?

OUAGADOUGOU

From Radio Ouagadougou in Upper Volta - an announcement today telling of an army take-over. General Sangoule Lamizana the President of the former French colony suspending its constitution and dissolving parliament. He also ordered an immediate curfew - in an attempt to thwart any potential opposition. And that's the latest from Ouagadougou, Upper Volta. And so long until Monday...