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At last - an authoritative, first hand report from strife-torn Biafra. ~~With~~ four members of a foreign observer team ^{and} returning today, to Lagos, ~~there~~ telling of a brief tour of the former war zones ^{- this} at the invitation of the Nigerian Federal government. The group including ~~ranked~~ ^{of rank} army officers from Britain, Canada, Sweden and Poland. ^{All} Agreeing, ^{after their limited inspection that} ~~one and all~~ ~~they had neither~~ ^{neither saw} nor ~~was~~ heard any ~~no~~ evidence of genocide or ^{1/2} ~~starvation~~ starvation. Brigadier General John Drewry of Canada adding ~~on his own~~ ^{- why} "there's plenty of food" and "the only ones going ~~hungry~~ hungry" - said he - are those who "are stupid enough to run away."

~~By the way,~~ U N Secretary General U Thant - is expected to make a personal visit to Nigeria this Sunday. ^{That to be} ~~Making it~~ the last stop - on his current ten nation African tour.

AUCKLAND

Auckland, New Zealand, ^{again;} Vice President

~~Spino~~ Agnew ~~was~~ subjected ~~today~~ to the worst heckling of his current Asian ~~to~~ tour. A crowd of ~~about~~ ^{some} five hundred awaiting the Vice President - when he returned to his hotel along with New Zealand's Prime Minister Keith Holyoake. The protesters hissing and booing both ~~men - perhaps surprisingly though saving~~ ^{— and hurling} some of their ~~sharpest~~ choicest barbs for Holyoake himself; calling him over and over again - a "bloody traitor."

In the end - eight arrested. And later on - when the demonstrators attempted to regroup - three more were taken into custody. This in addition to another man who was arrested earlier - for ~~the~~ threatening the Vice President's life. The latter - since committed for a psychiatric examination.

CAMP DAVID FOLLOW AUCKLAND

Here at home - President Nixon was still secluded today at snowy Camp David, Maryland. The President working on his State of the Union message - which he will deliver to Congress next Thursday. Also, checking fresh figures -- on planned cuts in federal spending; figures he will incorporate in his annual budget message - which is now expected "around January 30th."


WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW CAMP DAVID

Speaking of ~~for~~ fiscal affairs - the White

House expressed confidence today that the Administration's efforts to curb inflation - are beginning to work.

White House press secretary Ron Ziegler - basing this opinion on a number of key economic indicators. First, the gross national product which - according to a report yesterday - show no actual gain in the last quarter of last year; and second - personal income; which registered last month - according to figures announced today - the smallest increase for all of nineteen sixty[^]--nine.

Ziegler further noted that ~~has~~ wholesale prices and consumer prices - have also begun to level off. Mounting evidence = said he - that Administration policies have ~~ga~~ begun "to cool the inflationary trend."



PARLIAMENT

Overseas again - a silver haired member of the British Parliament was held without bail today in London. Sixty-eight year old William Owne - a labor delegate from northeast England for the past sixteen years. For the last eight of those years - allegedly passing secret information into enemy hands. Thus becoming the first member of parliament ever accused of espionage.

WAR

With ground action generally light in Vietnam - the focus of attention turned again today - to that so-called "secret war" in neighboring Laos. Allied sources recording that Communist gunners there - are shooting down American planes at the rate of about five a week. The enemy said to be using new surface-to-air missiles - in an all-out effort to prevent a complete closing of that Ho Chi Minh supply trail. In any event - we are told - the stepped up battle in Laos, ^{has} ~~claimed~~ ^{ed} at least a hundred-and-fifty American pilots over the past year or so.

LOCK HAVEN

William T. Piper Senior - founder of the world famous Piper Aircraft corporation - dead today at ~~Hock~~ Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. The man they called the "Henry Ford of aviation" - passing away ~~quietly~~ after a brief illness. *At age 89!*

Bill Piper ^{was} first attracted to aviation -- when he was appointed ~~the~~ director of ^a fledgling ~~air~~ aircraft company back in Nineteen Twenty Eight. Nearly ~~fifth~~ fifty then, - he nevertheless quickly learned to fly; eventually taking over the entire company - scoring his first big success with the development of the legendary Piper Cub.

~~A later version of this same plane - the bigger, more powerful J-3 Cub, Basic trainer for hundreds of thousands of American pilots - during World War Two. ~~Indeed,~~ an aircraft that generally ranks with the Douglas D-C 3 as one of the most important~~

SKIING

This should be one of the big weekends of the year in many parts of the U.S.A. for ~~those~~ millions of American skiers. ~~who~~ ^{Not} ~~It isn't quite~~ so cold as it has been, ^{with} ~~and the~~ snow reports ~~are~~ fabulous from almost all areas.

I myself spent several hours today at what so far as I know was the first area in the country to attract special ^{ski} trains, Bousquets at Pittsfield,

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Mass~~achusetts~~. With the return to Pittsfield of one of the Bousquets, once again ^{this} ~~it~~ has become ^{one of the} great ^{ski} areas in the east — ~~place~~, especially for youngsters.

LONDON

For the young man just starting out in
business - a word to the wise today from London.

The ~~British~~ British magazine "Industry Week" reporting
a survey of top business executives. Coming to the
conclusion that candidates for top management jobs
are often rejected - because they have a beard or
wear a bow tie - or suede shoes.

Once passed over - these "bright hopes"
inevitably "sink into middle management mediocrity"
the magazine goes on. Adding, in effect, it may not
be right - but that's the way it is, ~~max~~ Warren.

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NEW YORK

New York City - the case of ~~that~~ hippie
millionaire, Twenty-one year old Michel Brody who
recently inherited twenty-five million bucks, ^{And who is} attempting
now to give it all away, and so far we hear - doing a
pretty good job of it. Today's gifts including among
others - twenty-five hundred to a man with mortgage
trouble -- a thousand ^{tip} to a taxi driver -- a thousand
dollars to a heroin addict -- and a hundred each to two
barbers, ^{as well as to} ~~and~~ two children who happened to pass ^{him} on the
street.

Young Mike asserting: "I want to make up
for some of the troubles -- that millionaires have
caused." As for his ultimate goal he says -- "when
everybody is as rich as I am - then I'll leave the
world alone and go to a desert island -- and make love
to my wife." ^{And s-l-u-Monday.}
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