

ALBANY

Tues. Dec. 11th '73.

So, it's
~~At the top of the news~~ farewell to Albany.
that
Nelson Rockefeller announcing today, he plans to resign
as Governor of New York, *in* a week, ~~next~~ and then devote
himself full time - to two national commissions he heads.

The first of these - a commission on critical
choices for Americans; which *Gov.* Rockefeller recently
founded. The second, a national commission on water
quality. Rockefeller saying he could thus "render a
greater public service - to the people of New York and
the nation."

"My only regret in *taking* ~~undertaking~~ these tasks
he continued "is that it has been interpreted as a
political maneuver to seek the Presidency." Rocky
further insisting that he is "not a candidate for the
Presidency - or any other office." "I'm keeping my
option open" - said he. Adding, however, "under no
circumstances would I consider such a move - until the
latter part of Nineteen Seventy-Five."

WHITE HOUSE

~~The White House~~ President Nixon met today with Key Republican leaders; ~~made~~ an attempt to "lay the ground work" for a Republican resurgence - in the congressional elections ^{coming up} ~~scheduled~~ next year.

Republican National Chairman George Bush - later, ^{when he met} ~~meeting with~~ reporters, ~~in response to a question -~~ ^{said} ~~saying that~~ the subject of Watergate "didn't come up" - "we discussed politics - not Watergate," said he.

Adding that voters would be more concerned with "pocket book issues - such as the economy, and war and peace." "On most of these things" - he went on - "the Republican party is in very, very good ~~condition~~ condition."

SACRAMENTO

A related item - from Sacramento; where the California state tax board today killed a motion - aimed at assessing President Nixon for back state income taxes.

The board's executive officer, one Martin Huff later ~~fa~~ defending its action, saying: "We look at every case, believe me,¹ - and our records show it."

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WIFE

From Mrs. Gerald Ford, the wife of the new Vice President - a woman's eye view of politics. Mrs. Ford saying it would be "very bad for the country" - if President Nixon resigned or was impeached. Also, saying she was confident the President would "go ahead and prove himself, and do a very good job in the next three years. Adding: "I hope ~~that~~ my husband will be able to help him and I'll be able to help my husband."

What about running for President in Seventy Six?

Hopefully, no, said Mrs..Ford. "Perhaps it's just selfish" - she continued - "but we'd like to have some time to ourselves; and as you know in political life - there's very little time to be spent together."

LONDON

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Secretary of State Henry Kissinger flew today from Brussels to London; from a meeting of Nato foreign ministers to a meeting with British Prime Minister Edward Heath; there attempting to heal a rift in Anglo-American relations - arising from the recent Middle East crisis.

Dr. Kissinger's latest travels ^{have been with} ~~in~~ ~~wrapped in~~ ^{special} ~~missing~~ security; the result of a death threat - apparently coming from ~~Arab~~ terrorists. A state department spokesman saying: "we had to take it seriously."

ENERGY FOLLOW LONDON

Here at home - energy czar William Simon was bestowing his blessing today - on the lighting of indoor Christmas trees - outdoors -- no. But indoor - sure -- said he. Adding that a ban on traditional Christmas tree lights - "would be carrying energy conservation above and beyond the call of duty." This is especially true - he continued - in as much as "good conservation habits - can more than make up for the electricity" so consumed.

CARACUS

The new President elect of Venezuela - ~~is~~
apparently ^{is} moderate leftist Carlos Andres Perez;
who ^{was} ~~claiming~~ ^{ing} victory today - ^{with} ~~on~~ a plurality estimated
at ~~nearly~~ half a million votes.

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Perez also saying he plans to use Venezuela's
oil - as a lever against the U S. "I will not join in
any effort to breed hate against the U S" he continued;-
"but I will ask for its respect and better treatment in
economic policies." Perez adding: "whether we like
it or not - the U S is the main customer for our oil."

WESTERN PACIFIC

Fire at sea. The Navy today disclosing a brief but costly blaze - aboard the Aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. Flames and smoke ~~and~~ killing six and injuring ~~thirty~~ thirty-eight. This at a point - about seven hundred miles east of the Philippines.

SENATE

The Senate judiciary committee today agreed to hold one day of hearings - on the nomination of Senator Saxbe as Attorney General. Chairman James Eastland saying: indeed, "the committee might report him out tomorrow." Adding that confirmation by the full Senate - could come by the end of the week.

SUPREME COURT

**The Supreme Court today ruled - six to three,
that a person arrested without a warrant - may be
legally searched; and any evidence ~~be~~ thus found may then
be used against him.**

**Justice William Rehnquist - observing that such
a search - is an exception to the warrant requirement
and also "reasonable."**

OLYMPIA

For the first time in ~~eight~~ eight years - the
State of Washington has ^{had a} ~~gone without a~~ weekend
without a traffic death. Officials at Olympia saying
it could be luck - but more likely ^{is as a} ~~the~~ result ~~of~~ of lower
speed limits and gasless Sunday. ^{In the state of} ~~And that's the latest~~
~~from~~ Washington ~~where~~ death has taken ^a ~~a~~ holiday.

WILDERNESS

When the Pilgrims first landed at Plymouth Rock -
the American continent was a vast ~~and unending~~ wilderness.

What ^{has} happened since ^{is} ~~now~~ the subject of a book from
the National Geographic ^{with the title} "Wilderness, U.S.A." - telling
how that "vast wilderness" has all but disappeared.

The remainder - ~~currently totalling about a hundred~~
~~and eighty thousand square miles~~ ^{still wilderness} or a mere six percent
~~for~~ the forty-eight contiguous states.

And even that ^{For} is fading fast. [^] "Wilderness U S A"
~~reporting that~~ the bulldozer and the cement mixer - are
consuming an area about twice the size of ~~Rhode~~ Rhode
Island each and every year.

BILL

The White House again - President Nixon today signed a bill - creating a new American Revolution by Bi-Centennial Administration. This - to replace the existing bi-centennial commission. Its job - that of ~~judgment~~ helping ~~to~~ plan and sponsor - the nation's two hundredth birthday celebration in Nineteen Seventy-Six. The President noting that the bi-centennial - "is going to be here very very soon." Adding that he hopes the work of the new administration will serve as a "monument" - ^{to} ~~showing~~ "what the nation has been and can be."

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

For Britain's Prince Charles - a new job today.

*The heir to the British throne becoming ~~a~~ aide-de-camp
to his mother, Queen Elizabeth the Second. His first
day in his new post ^{he was} helping ~~to~~ welcome visiting President
Mobuto Sese Seko of Zaire.*

*In their
~~Meanwhile, the results of a~~ annual poll - in
which the British were asked to name the woman they
most admired, ^{1/2} For the first time in three years -
Queen Elizabeth failing to win. The British choosing
instead Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir.*

CAMP PENDLETON

At Camp Pendleton, California - for the first time in the history of the U S marine corps a woman unit commander. Colonel Mary Bane taking over a company whose members include more than two thousand men.

Marine commandant Robert Cushman also saying
- *Biel* -
that women marines will now be given the same opportunities as men - short of actual combat.

FORT BENNING

In the skies high over Georgia - two women army privates today became the first of their sex - ever to make parachute jumps in airborne training. Private Joyce Kutsch and Rita Johnson - dropping out of a big C-141 army ~~the~~ transport; followed shortly by the rest of their jump class - some two hundred men. One and all - scoring a perfect landing.

Private Johnson later saying: "There's nothing to it - you're so ^{light} ~~light~~ - you feel like a feather."

Private Kutsch adding that it wasn't the women - but rather the men who appeared most frightened. Asked whether she herself was afraid - she replied: "Well, just a little bit."