

WHITE HOUSE

Tues, Aug. 26-75.

~~At the White House~~ - President Ford met today
with A F L - C I O President George Meany - and
the leaders of four maritime unions; ⁱⁿ an attempt to
settle the dispute ~~whereby~~ ^{over the} longshoremen ~~have refused~~ ^{baulking at}
~~to load~~ ^{ing} U S grain ~~bound~~ for Russia.

~~The results though~~ - ~~apparently nil.~~ [↑] Meany
telling newsmen on his way out: "The situation has
not changed in any way whatsoever." Adding that ~~the~~
longshoremen's boycott - will continue. The White
House ~~then issuing a statement of its own~~ ^{simply saying} ~~calling~~
~~today's session a "preliminary meeting."~~ ~~is~~ Also saying:
"No decisions were made"; - ~~but~~ "there will be further
meetings."

ALEXANDRIA

A new interim peace agreement in the Middle East - is apparently at hand. Secretary of State Kissinger return^{ed}~~ing~~ to Egypt late today - with an Israeli approved draft of a tentative settlement, Egyptian sources going ~~on~~ so far as to say the new pact will be initiated - either on Friday or Saturday. Dr. Kissinger himself also appearing extremely confident of success - ^{seemingly so} to the point where he was even able to joke about it.

The Secretary telling newsmen: "We are making remarkable progress toward an agreement and ^{he added -} a nervous breakdown - ^{adding;} and it's going to be a race to see which will be achieved first."

now this —

LISBON

A power failure in Portugal today blacked out most of that country # for an ~~hour and a half~~ hour and a half; in the process - triggering rumors of a possible coup. But when the lights came on again - it was ^{- that is} situation normal, all fouled up ~~the~~ same as before.

STATE FOLLOW LISBON

Here at home an announcement that Portugal is seeking U S help in evacuating some three hundred thousand whites ^{who are} still trapped in Portuguese Angola.

A State Department spokesman adding the U S is "prepared in principal" - to assist in such a program.

He also said: "We have made it clear to Portugal's President Costa Gomes and others - that our assistance would be strictly humanitarian and non-political."

HOUSTON

Veteran Astronaut Deke Slayton underwent lung surgery today in Houston and apparently came out of it A-ok all the way. Doctors removing what they called a tiny, benign tumor - from his left lung; adding he should recover easily and be ready to go ahead with a planned Russian tour in less than a month.

PHILADELPHIA

From Philadelphia - the story of Christopher Wall Jr. a sixteen day old baby - who was born with his heart outside his chest. Doctors trying six times - to place his heart back where it belongs; but each time his circulation stopped - his chest ~~was~~ simply too small. The heart finally placed in front of his upper lungs - and covered over with skin. That was more than ~~is~~ fifteen days ago - right after he was born; and ^{his} doctors now ~~expressing "cautious optimism"~~ ^{say they believe} he will pull through.

~~Incidentally, young Christopher's condition~~
~~known medically as "Ectopia cordis,"~~ ^{This} extremely rare,
~~but there have been~~ ^{Some} two hundred ~~such~~ ^{known} cases ~~that we~~
~~know of~~ ⁱⁿ ~~over~~ the past three hundred years. ~~And, this~~
~~marking~~ ^{This} the first time ^{for one} ~~that any of its victims~~ ~~has~~
~~managed~~ to survive - for more than two days.

TRADE

The U S balance of trade in July - in the black
again a sixth straight month. ~~Indeed, the U S trade~~
~~surplus in July, coming to nearly a billion bucks - the~~
Fourth highest monthly total in U S history ^{says} ~~the~~
~~according to figures today~~ from the Commerce
Department; Another indication ^{that} ~~we are told - the~~
~~recession has ended and~~ recovery is well under way.

MOBILE

Vice President Nelson Rockefeller - ~~guest~~

~~is~~ today in Mobile, Alabama - ^{his} ~~the~~ first stop on a
two-day political tour ~~to include talks with~~ ^{of the} "deep
south," ~~Republican leaders~~ Rockefeller saying: "I'm
not campaigning. - I just want to prove I don't have
horns."

And now this

LAFAYETTE

~~This next from~~ ^{at} Lafayette, Louisiana - ~~a story~~
~~telling of a sudden~~ ^a cloud-burst; ~~forcing~~ ^{ed} ~~a young~~ ^a hitch-
hiker to seek refuge ^{under} under a tree - where he ~~was~~ was
struck and killed by lightning. Moments later - when a
state trooper stop^{ed}ping to investigate, ^{he} ~~whereupon he,~~
too, was struck by lightning. - ~~knocked to the ground~~
~~and badly shaken up.~~ ~~And that,~~ ~~was~~ ~~an~~ ~~old~~ ~~saying~~
that lightning "never" strikes twice ^{in the same place?!} - ~~better make~~
~~it "hardly ever."~~ and now for e -

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