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WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Ford met today with his cabinet ^{in an} attempting to firm up the details of his forth-coming economic summit conference. The President himself - to preside at some of the sessions; which may be televised - we are told - the better to increase public exposure. It was also announced today - ^{how} the President will hold his first full-scale news conference at two-thirty eastern time - Wednesday afternoon.

PRIEST

~~Remember~~ Father John McLaughlin, - the ^{so-called} ~~known~~

"White House priest?" ~~Anyway~~ he's back in the news today - discussing the last days of the Nixon regime.

Father McLaughlin saying when the truth came out he did not feel betrayed by the former President; but he did feel ~~said he~~ a sense of rage; from the fact that Richard Nixon - had permitted "a mountain to grow out of a mole hill."

Father McLaughlin further saying: "Richard Nixon is very complicated - a flawed personality - but a thoroughbred." Adding that "he left office - with dignity - with colossal ~~disorder~~ discipline - with good heart."

WASHINGTON

In Washington
~~Here at home~~

William Crawford Jr. was

sworn in today - to ~~become~~ our new Ambassador to

Cyprus. ~~He~~ replacing ~~of course~~ the slain Roger

Davies. ^{Bill} Crawford is a U.S. diplomat of long experience in the Near and Middle East.

Altho' I last saw him at Cyprus I had known him years before when he so ably represented us in Southern Arabia.

NICOSIA

— Cyprus —

In Nicosia [^] rival Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders met today - for the first time since the outbreak of fighting on Cyprus six weeks ago. U N Secretary General Kurt Waldheim - was also there. Later saying the two sides had ~~had~~ made "a good beginning" and would continue to meet once a week. He then flew to Ankara - for additional consultation with Turkish Prime Minister Ecevit.

TELEMENI

Meanwhile there is
~~And now the latest~~ a reported shooting

incident along the Greek ~~and~~ Turkish border. Turkish

forces allegedly opening fire on Greek Army troops -

about forty miles north of Alexandroupolis
stationed at Telemeni on the Evros River. An Athens

announcement saying - the Greek troops fanned out -

but did not return ^{the} fire.

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way out of series.

DE SEVERSKY

Another of America's aviation personalities has left us; Alexander P. deSeversky - whose genius affected the lives of all of us. A Russian pilot in World War One - he shot down thirteen planes. He was here in the States at the time of the Revolution, decided to stay and joined Billy Mitchell in championing the cause of strategic air power.

Along the way he came up with dozens of flying innovations. One, the first fully automatic synchronous bomb-sight; another, the first all-metal fighter; also, the first plane to top three hundred miles an hour. His book, "Victory Through Air Power" - served as a blue print for U.S. aerial supremacy in World War Two. Alexander P. de Seversky - age eighty. Although he had only one leg Sascha de Seversky mentally and physically was a giant among men. And now this message...

REMINISCENCES

~~In The latest~~ Newsweek some reminiscences of
young Gerald Ford from his steady girl friend of
years ago. - Then Phyllis Brown - now Mrs. Dean
Phillips of ~~the~~ Reno, Nevada, ~~Mrs. Phillips~~ ^{she} saying⁵
~~that~~ young Ford - was a man who applied himself one
hundred percent. ~~He~~ Coached football - went to
law school, ~~and used to~~ ^{would} get up at four A M to read
the New York Times cover to cover - ~~said she~~ ^{Then} ~~Added:~~
~~she added:~~ -
"I always planned to marry him - but ^{that} I never got
around to it."

This is LT ~~for saying~~ R-L-U-TM -