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JUSTICE

For Attorney General John Mitchell - a rare press conference today; only his second - this year; starting out with an announcement that the justice department has filed charges against a Cleveland Steel Firm - for dumping cyanides and other pollutants into the Cuyahoga River . Mitchell calling this a harbinger of intensified governmental action - in the "whole environmental quality area."

Other subjects covered - including: FBI Director J.Edgar Hoover - who was given a full vote of confidence; also, Treasury-designate John Connally,- who was called "an able man" - capable of representing "the president's programs throughout the nation;" also, Mitchell himself - who has been mentioned as the president's possible campaign manager - in campaign Seventy-two.

On this last though - Mitchell saying "Nobody has asked me to take it." And he added: "I ^{sure} ~~sure~~ as hell am not going to volunteer for it."

PENTAGON FOLLOW JUSTICE

~~Over at~~ The Pentagon ~~the day~~ today announced an elaborate plan -
designed to permit the safe destruction of U.S. biological weapons;
to do it by means of burning at temperatures ^{of} of a thousand degrees --
or else steaming ^{them off} at a temperature of two hundred and eighty degrees.
Whatever's left - then to be dried and buried. All of which is expected
to take about a year - at a cost of around twelve million.

This in keeping with a germ weapon "wipe-out" - ordered last year
by President Nixon. The Pentagon adding that it's plan can be put
into effect - as soon as it receives the necessary approval from
Federal Safety and Anti-Pollution Agencies.

WARSAW

In the Polish tri-city area of Gdansk, Gdynia and Sopot - a heavy influx of tanks and troops today under orders to shoot to kill: *This* apparently ending ~~in that area at least~~ ^{the} series of food riots.

However, additional reports telling of new violence - at Slupsk and Szczecin near the East German Border; also, protests and demonstrations - at Warsaw, Wroclaw, Katowice, Krakow, and so on. The Poles apparently fighting on - wherever they can.

VIETNAM

In Saigon - U.S. and South Vietnamese forces today announced twenty-four hour cease fires in South Vietnam - for both Christmas and New Years. And then - a warning from Viet Cong radio; which said that Communist forces - would "step up the destruction of buildings and warehouses in Saigon!" in the coming days. This followed shortly by another hit and run rocket attack - early Saturday, Saigon time; blowing up a downtown gas station - in a spectacular burst of flame. Police also reporting a second almost simultaneous explosion - in a warehouse district across the Saigon River.

CAMP DAVID

For President Nixon and Britain's Prime Minister Heath - another round of talks today at CampDavid in the Catoctin Mountains of Maryland. White House Press Secretary Ron Ziegler - saying they discussed a number of topics "fully and in great depth;" adding, however, ^{that} there were no outstanding problems between the U.S. and Britain - and so no decisions to report. Ziegler observing it was merely "an exchange of thoughts and ideas" - of the kind "that is very beneficial when two friends get together."

AKRON

Akron, Ohio - a visit today from Vice President ~~Spiro~~ Agnew; who brushed aside an attempt to draw him out - on the possible make-up of the nineteen seventy-two Republican Presidential ticket. Spiro Agnew saying he and the President had "talked this over" - and decided it was "ridiculous" to plan so far ahead; especially when there's so "much to do" - right now.

The Vice President also said he did not think his recent campaign techniques - had hurt the Republican Party at all. "And I intend to take a highly partisan role " in the future - "to help my party as I can" - said he. Adding: "We're a unified party - insofar as any party is unified."

HELSINKI

From Helsinki ^{came} a communique ~~today~~ marking the end of the third round - of strategic arms limitations talks. Both sides pledging to continue a determined effort - to limit the nuclear arms race. It was obvious though - an agreement is still a long way off. Indeed, U.S. officials now shooting for a preliminary accord - we are told - at best, next fall.

MOSCOW FOLLOW PENTAGON

SPEAKING of pollution - again - this next from Moscow; where the K4emlin today called for a conference of Baltic Powers - to discuss possible measures for combating pollution in the Baltic. ~~See:~~ This - we are told - with the personal approval of Soviet Premier Kosygin; Based on a consensus - that pollution of the Baltic has now reached a "critical state." Nations expected to take part, besides Russia - including Finland, Poland, Denmark, Sweden, and ~~the~~ both East and West Germany.

PLYMOUTH

Coming up this Sunday at Plymouth, Massachusetts - a ceremony marking the three hundred and fiftieth anniversary - of the Pilgrim's first religious service in the new World; a ceremony to be led by famed evangelist Billy Graham - who will speak on the faith of the pilgrims and the heritage they left us.

The pilgrims first service - held on Clarks' Island in Plymouth Harbor - December twentieth, sixteen twenty; followed the next day - by that landing at fabled Plymouth Rock. The first step - in a long long trail a-winding.

BRIDGEPORT

A novel court case - reported today from Bridgeport, Connecticut; where a ^{chap} ~~man~~ by the name of Raymond Miller - was granted an uncontested divorce from his wife, Margaret. Miller citing as grounds - his wife's alleged mis-conduct; with the result - that he was also given custody of the couple's two children. Judge Anthony Grillo further specifying - that Mrs. Miller shall also pay her husband \$25.00X bucks a week in child support.

The judge then going on to say - this is "an order that probably isn't issued too often;" but the "support of these children" - he continued - "is Mr. Miller's responsibility - and Mrs. Miller's, too." And he added - with a gleam in his eyes - this will also strike a blow for Women's Liberation." *Wonders if the Womens Lib enthusiasts will be happy about it? And a.k.u. Mon.*

PORT MORESBY

Here's a wild one - and a second from New Guinea

in 2 days.

At Port Moresby, ~~New Guinea~~, - a meeting this week of the Papua-

New Guinea Select Committee on Constitutional Development; which decided that Papua - when it gains its independence shortly - shall be known, henceforth, as Pagini; the same as the name now applied to Papua's biggest territory - in the Sepik River Region.

Only trouble - the Committee has since been informed that ~~Pagini~~ Pagini - and the dialect of that region - is actually a dirty word; a name originally applied to the stone age natives - who live along the upper ~~region~~ reaches of the Sepik River Region, a tribe simply known as - You should excuse the expression - the Pagini. Or should I say - the blankety-blanks? *Warren?*

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LA GRANGE

At La Grange, Kentucky - a gala Christmas Party for thirty-five underprivileged children; where Santa Claus was actually a convicted hold-up man - and his helpers included dope peddlers, murderers, thieves; inmates all - at the Kentucky State Reformatory.

Warden Harold Black saying it was the first time ~~that~~ such' a party had ever been held there. But the men were all for it - said he - raising a hundred and seventy dollars, on their own , to help pay for refreshments and gifts.

One of the prisoners - a convicted killer - explaining: "We did it for the kids - but we're getting more out of it than they are." And he added: "We couldn't go home to see our own children - so we brought these children to see us."

I've arrived in S. L. at the tail end of the heaviest snow storm since 1948. So perfect skiing is reported at Alta, Brighton, Treasure Mt. - Park City - and Sundance the big new one.
and s-l-u - Monday.