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The White House - President Nixon today held his third press conference - in a little over a month. This in keeping with his pledge - to create a more open Administration.

The President starting out with an announcement - that Henry Kissinger will soon be traveling again to Red China; there to discuss matters of trade - scientific and cultural exchanges - and so on; after which - he will also visit Japan.

Then the question-and-answer period - with the President covering a broad range of subjects; predicting a continuation of Phase Four wage-and-price controls well into next year - defending his stand with regard to those disputed tapes - ^{and} pledging to support whoever wins the Nineteen-Seventy-Six Republican Presidential nomination.

But the bulk of the President's press conference - dealing with questions relating to Spiro Agnew; ~~and~~ specifically - whether or not he should resign. The

President saying at one point: "The Vice President, like the President - is elected by all the people; he holds that office in his own right - and the decision as to whether he should resign is for him to make." The President adding that Spiro Agnew "has indicated that he will not resign - and that decision on his part should be respected."

However, the President also voicing strong support - for Assistant Attorney General Henry Petersen; in effect, disputing the Vice President's claim ~~that~~ that Petersen was conducting a "frivolous investigation." "I have not heard the witnesses" - said the President - "I have only been briefed on what the witnesses might testify to;" ^{he added} but, "as far as the charges are concerned - they are serious and not frivolous."

BALTIMORE

In Baltimore - attorneys for Spiro Agnew met today with Federal Judge Walter Hoffman. The latter in charge of the grand jury - currently investigating allegations against the Vice President; and he later called in the panel - for ten pages of supplemental instructions.

Judge Hoffman noting that the current case - has caused "many articles, statements and newscasts to be issued." Adding that "in the present-day grab for getting news items - the news media frequently overlook the rights of others." Therefore, instructing the jurors "to disregard totally - any comments seen or heard from any source, save in the grand jury room."

The grand jury then returned to its deliberations - whereupon the Judge stressing^{ed} his concern to newsmen present. "It would be a tragedy to the cause of the Administration of justice" - said he - "if grand jurors returned an indictment - merely because they may have heard or seen comments by the news media."

WATERGATE

In the Senate's continuing Watergate investigation -

the "Dirty Tricks" department - an appearance today by boyish-looking Donald Segretti, who said he was recruited by White House aide Dwight Chapin - to perform "political functions similar to college pranks." Segretti adding that he was given to believe - "these so-called pranks were performed by both parties - nothing improper or illegal."

But somehow - he overdid it. Segretti taking sole responsibility for his most famous act - the sending of a letter charging sexual improprieties on the part of Senators Humphrey and Jackson. Segretti saying: "I deeply regret that I initiated this incident - and I wish to apologize publicly for this stupid act. I can only hope" - he continued - "that this apology will in some way rectify the harm done - to the Senators and their families."

Incidentally, the "dirty tricks" hearing - was itself the victim of a dirty trick today; a phony bomb threat - cutting short the morning session.

SENATE

Elliott Roosevelt, the son of FDR, was granted the right of rebuttal today - before the Senate Permanent Investigations Committee. Elliott Roosevelt denying the allegations lodged against him by previous witnesses - calling them "vicious lies." Further denying that he ever attempted to arrange the assassination - of Prime Minister ~~Lynden~~ Pindling of the Bahamas.

He did admit / to having business dealings with many of those involved. But he insisted that at the time he "had no way - to know that these men were anything but reputable."

UNITED NATIONS

An Austrian request that the U.N. take over ^{the} ~~that~~ Jewish transit camp in Vienna - was quickly rejected today. U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, an Austrian himself - announcing the decision following a consultation with the U.N. High Commissioner of Refugees. It was decided - said he - that the U.N. could not take on the job - on the grounds that Russian Jews are not refugees but emigres.

TEL AVIV FOLLOW UNITED NATIONS

Meanwhile, Israeli Premier Golda Meir was reporting back to her Cabinet on the outcome of her talks with Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky. A government statement later saying that "explanations offered by the Chancellor - do nothing to correct the injustice that has been wrought." The Israelis also pledging "relentless demands" on Vienna - to change its decision.

EAST BERLIN

Behind the Berlin Wall - a power shake-up today in Communist East Germany. Long-time Premier Willi Stoph - getting "kicked upstairs;" succeeding the late Walter Ulbricht - as East Germany's chief of state, a largely ceremonial post. His old job as Premier - now taken by Horst Sindermann; one of the chief architects - of East Germany's industrial renaissance.

Why the change - hard to tell. Eastern observers noting, however, that Stoph - has apparently been in bad health. Whatever the reason though, all real power resting with Erich Honecker - who remains the First Secretary of the East German Communist Party.

TRIPOLI

One of the changes wrought by Libya's new strongman - Colonel Moammar Khadafy - has been ^{to} ~~the~~ abolishment of most civil laws; substituting instead - Islamic law as dictated by the Koran. For instance, a reintroduction of the Islamic practice - of punishing a thief by chopping off ^a ~~his~~ hand.

Now a return to the ancient form of punishment - for adultery. Radio Tripoli announcing today that persons convicted of adultery ^{Henceforth} will be flogged, ~~henceforth. This~~ - ~~at "the wish of the Muslim people of Libya."~~

WASHINGTON

Washington again - a conference on obesity sponsored by the National Institutes of Health; including an address by a prominent psychologist - Dr. Ancel Keys of ^{the} University of Minnesota; who strongly criticized what he called - "much of the propaganda about overweight."

Dr. Keys citing as a prime example - the height-and-weight tables widely circulated by insurance companies. These are "not based on proper data - or anything approaching scientific analysis" - said he. Adding, what's more, they are "seriously defective - as descriptions of the general population."

Dr. Keys going on to say - of course, "gross obesity" is dangerous. "But there is no excuse" - said he - "for making people worry and feel guilty - because they are a few pounds over 'desirable' weight."

TORONTO

At the School of Hygiene at the University of Toronto

- an address by Dr. Marion Powell, a Canadian expert on aging. Dr. Powell citing "repressed sexuality" - as one of the major problems of advanced age. Adding: "If homes for the aged set aside petting rooms - I suspect you would have a very long waiting list."

LOS ANGELES

Here's one - a study of electrical fields and their effect on human behavior; as compiled by a team of physicians - at the UCLA School of Medicine. The doctors reporting that power lines and heavy machinery - have been found to generate electrical fields often extending hundreds of yards. These electrical fields said to be "very weak" - but still capable of affecting the human brain. In tests with monkeys, for example - speeding up reaction time by a full ten per cent.

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Well, ~~like the man says, I guess;~~ Anything that turns
you on?

LUBBOCK

In the student lounge at Texas Tech - Lubbock, Texas - a slight case of mistaken identity. A worker there mistaking a bottle of duplicating fluid - for a bottle of distilled water; thus, brewing a big pot of coffee - that quickly sent nine students and faculty to the hospital.

All nine - staying overnight. The duplicating fluid proving non-fatal, happily - but they were seeing double for a time.