

WHITE HOUSE

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President Ford met today with congressional leaders of both parties. The President saying: "We have a problem with the economy." Adding, "as Democrats and Republicans - we should work together to solve the problem." In other words, urging a "moratorium on politics". More on that, no doubt, when the President tonight at nine Eastern time makes a speech to the Business Council.

Q Cease fire in Rhodesia. The government ~~of the~~
~~break away British colony~~ ^{there} reaching a truce today
with ^{the} black insurgents, ^{who} ~~The blacks~~ ^{ed} agreeing to lay
down their arms & in return for the release of all
political prisoners, and ^{the} immediate start of a constitutional
conference. ~~Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith adding that~~
~~normal political activity by blacks and whites -~~
~~within the law, will be permitted.~~

RANGOON

Burmese police used tear gas ~~to clear~~ today to recover the body of ^{former} U N Secretary General U Thant from a make-shift mausoleum at ~~Bangor~~ Rangoon

University. ^{This} ~~However, the~~ police action setting off wide-spread rioting - by students and monks who earlier seized the body. The Burmese government finally call^{ed}ing out the army. - ~~and~~ ^{In Rangoon there is} marshall law, ~~is~~ and a curfew, ~~now in effect in Rangoon, along with a dusk to dawn~~

~~curfew.~~

Now this -

TEL AVIV

In a movie theater in Tel Aviv - a series of explosions today, possibly had grenades. Police reporting two dead - scores injured.

BRUSSELS

U S Defense Secretary Schlessinger ~~was~~ engag^{ed}~~ing~~
in some "hard sell" today - at a meeting of ~~nato~~
Nato ministers in Brussels. ~~Schlessinger~~ ^{He was} urging our
Nato allies to purchase new U S fighter jets - in
preference to what he called "high cost" less effective
equipment. This last - a reference to a new French
jet. Schlessinger adding that nations must acquire
the best possible equipment at the lowest possible
~~price~~ price, Regardless of "parochial interest groups
in any nation."

KISSINGER FOLLOW BRUSSELS

**Secretary of State Kissinger also in Brussels;
attending the Nato parley, ^{today} ~~and~~ receiving ^{ed} ~~today~~ Holland's
prestigious Wateler Peace Prize. This for "untiring
and outstanding efforts - to bring about a just and
peaceful settlement in the Middle East."**

SENATE

Eighty-two year old Senator Aiken of Vermont, who is retiring today, in his swan song included an apology for what he called his "many sins." These he listed as "one - voting for measures he felt were wrong - hoping the House would make them right; two - voting for measures with which he disagreed in order to prevent the passage of bills which were even worse; and three - approving the expansion of committee staffs - when he knew it was "unnecessary and costly."

Senator Aiken says that of the seven Presidents he has known, all made either some mistake or committed a sin while in office."

UNITED NATIONS

United Nations employees - already the highest paid civil servants in the world, average better than twenty thousand a year - with fringe benefits worth thousands more. Now they are to get another six per cent increase - the first of the year.

Meanwhile the U.S. has quietly begun a campaign - to declare a freeze on present salaries, because of the U.N.'s serious financial situation."

NOME

Almost unnoticed here in the "lower forty-eight"

Nome, Alaska, ~~is still mopping up~~ is still mopping up

after its worst storm in history. ~~No one killed,~~

~~luckily - but~~ but wind and rain damage coming tomore

than thirty million; the water ~~is~~ from ~~extensive~~

flooding and ~~raging~~ ^{Five foot} tides ~~raging up to five feet~~ ^{raging through}

~~deep in~~ ^{the} city strees. ~~The~~ ^{editor} ~~and publisher~~ of the

Nome nugget, Albro Gregory - call^sing it "worse

than anything Nome has ever seen, including the

great fire of Nineteen Thirty Four."

SYDNEY

~~From~~ ^{by} Sydney, Australia, ~~the story of a chap by~~
~~the name of~~ Robert Hopkirk; ~~who seems to have~~
developed a hyper-sensitive throat, - ^{only able to} ~~to the point~~
~~where all he can eat is~~ raw eggs. Seventy two a
week, ~~or nearly~~ five thousand raw eggs over the past
two years.

~~And now~~ How is this diet effecting ~~him~~ him?

^{Aussie} ~~Robert~~ Hopkirk says ^{ing,} ~~ing,~~ "I feel great - cluck
cluck, cluck."

now this in

LONDON

~~This next - from London~~ Mrs. Jessie Burns

on her way to her ^{London} hair dresser, ~~when she~~ spotted

~~a band of~~ robbers about to make off with a ~~sixty~~

~~five hundred dollar~~ ^{fat} pay roll. ^{Whereupon} Mrs. Burns plunked

down her two hundred pound frame ~~right~~ in front

of the bandit's get away car. ^{even} Refusing to budge

~~even~~ when they fired two shots at her. It was all

to no avail. ~~The bandits eventually backing up and~~

~~driving away~~ around. ~~But Mrs. Burns courage did~~

~~not go unnoticed~~ The Lord Mayor of London ^{today}

presenting her ^{with} the city's top medal for bravery.