

Gov. LOVE

Thurs. Aug. 9-73

Barely three weeks in office - White House energy chief John Love issued today his first full assessment of the fuel ~~do~~ situation. The former Colorado Governor praising the petroleum industry for stepping up production; thereby averting - severe ~~crisis~~ nationwide gasoline shortages this summer. Further predicting that supplies of home heating oil should be sufficient to see us through the winter. But noting that state and federal environmental regulations may have to be changed -- in order to allow an increase in the use of coal.

① Love also saying that the current voluntary fuel allocation program - seems to be working. "I am impressed" said he -, "by the fact that it has done significant good - and has generally met the needs of the American people." Just in case though - he disclosed the proposed draft of a mandatory allocation program

inviting comment from interested parties.

Gov. Love saying: "We are not planning to implement the mandatory program - at any specific time ~~and~~ in the future;" for the reason that such a program - has "significant flaws, both philosophically, and practically." Indeed, ~~it~~ "it runs the very great risk" - ~~said he~~ said he -- "of reducing, not increasing the available supply of fuels."

WATERGATE

The Senate Watergate committee went into court today -- attempting to force the President to turn over his confidential White House tapes. The panel's legal argument - similar to that filed earlier by special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox[—] asserting: "If there be any Presidential power, prerogative, or privilege that renders ~~materials~~ confidential and protects these materials - that confidentiality has been breached."

CAMP DAVID FOLLOW WATERGATE

Meanwhile, the President ^{was} remaining in
~~seclusion at~~ Camp David ^{where} He was ~~also~~ joined ~~there~~
~~today~~ by his personal secretary, Rose Mary Woods.

Observers speculating that he may be dictating the
first draft ^{of a} ~~speech~~ speech he has promised in ~~an~~
response to the Senate hearings.

DETROIT

In Detroit - the formation of a new group -- called "concerned citizens for constitutional government. Its members circulating more than a thousand petitions; hoping thus to bring an end to the Watergate hearings - which it labels a political witch-hunt.

Spokesman Robert Erdman charging that the Senate probe - has become a band-wagon for the philosophical and ~~political~~ political opponents of Richard Nixon. Adding: "If this keeps up, we'll have to portray justice - with her hands tied behind her back."

REACTION

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For Spiro Agnew - in the wake of his TV
press conference of ~~yesterday~~ yesterday a tremendous
vote of public confidence. The Vice President's office
reporting that letters and telegrams received so far =
have been overwhelmingly favorable. The ratio at
last report - running about twenty-five to one. A
~~spoke~~ spokesman adding that the ~~ja~~ gist of most of the
comments was simply: "thank you for speaking out -
we're with you."

EARTH ORBIT

America's Sky Lab Two continues to pile up a wealth of information -- about the earth here below. Today's activity including an earth resources photo sweep - from upper Montana to Cherry Point, North Carolina, and on into the Atlantic. Not very exciting perhaps - to you and me; to scientists though -- a veritable bonanza.

KAZAKHSTAN

After last year's farming disasters = Soviet agriculturalists were hoping to bring in a buffer wheat crop this year. The outlook in Soviet Kazakhstan - the biggest of all the Soviet agricultural Republics -- said to have ~~been~~ been especially bright - ~~but~~ but now the abundance of wheat - apparently leading to new problems.

The Kremlin reporting today that over-worked wheat combines - farm trucks, and grain threshers - are breaking down in droves. In Kazakhstan alone - we hear - more than fourteen thousand disabled combines. These representing nearly one seventh -- of all Soviet combines. Badly needed! - and now! or millions and millions of bushels of wheat could be lost forever.

FARM FOLLOW KAZAKHSTAN

From the U S Agriculture Department -

*a report today cutting back slightly on ~~earlier~~ earlier
projections. Nevertheless, predicting record crops
this year in wheat, corn and soy beans. And none
too soon.*

PEKING NEW DELHI

From Peking - a report that Red China is getting ready to test fire an I C B M -- that will fly across India into the Indian Ocean, followed quickly by an expression of ^{grave} ~~great~~ concern from New Delhi. India's Defense Minister Jagji Van Ram saying that China's test - "is likely to create apprehension regarding the security environment of all Asian countries." This - in the midst of heated parliamentary debate. India's Foreign Minister Surendra Pal Singh -- was also there. In response to an opposition question - suggesting that India may now seek a resumption of full ~~diplomatic~~ diplomatic relations with Red China. "The government has an open mind" - said he.

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HOUSTON

The murder toll in that Houston horror story -- continues to mount. Police saying tonight - there may have been "twenty-five or thirty" victims, in all. The search for additional bodies -- now going on in three different burial sites.

NEWFOUNDLAND

Balloonist Bob Sparks dream of ~~flown~~ floating across the Atlantic - has come acropper about thirty miles off the coast of Newfoundland. Sparks running into a series of violent updrafts and downdrafts - that finally forced him to ditch early today. His boat-like gondola then serving as a refuge until he was picked up by a Canadian coast guard vessel; "safe and sound," we hear - but, of course, badly disappointed.

Bob Sparks' dream, like his giant ~~boat~~ balloon suddenly gone "pfffft."

DURBAN

From Durban, South Africa - another chapter today in the life and times -- of Doctor Sergius Sage. The good doctor - as you ~~know~~ perhaps know -- author of a ~~book~~ book entitled: "Live to be a hundred and enjoy it". Also a widower - except that now he's taking a new bride. Dr. Sergius Sage - at age ninety-four - clearly a man who tried^s to practice what he preaches.

NANTUA

For more than a century - the boon and the bane of Nantua, France - a giant granite boulder called the Nantua pillar. Its weight - ~~was~~ estimated ~~to~~ at more than twelve thousand tons. Its height - more than a hundred-and-thirty-five feet. And its position - on a precipice high over the town - ^{Where it} ~~such as that it~~ seemed ready to topple at any moment - crushing all below. Visitors and tourists coming from ^{far and wide} ~~all over the globe~~ ~~just~~ to gawk and gaze at its delicate balance.

And then - a recent discovery that the pillar was moving; due to rain and soil erosion, faster and faster - till it was slipping at half-an-inch a day. City officials - deciding at last to blast it apart. Explosives experts were called in - they began drilling holes. More than a thousand pounds of ~~of~~ dynamite already in place - the big blast set for September ~~Fourth~~; except that the Nantua pillar deciding early

today - it just couldn't wait.

Amidst the wail of warning air raid sirens
down it came with a roar; ~~immediately~~ ^{along with} augmented -
~~by~~ the explosion of all that dynamite. Neighboring
residents - fearing the worst - but the Nantua Pillar
-- splitting cleanly in two - the resulting slide -
ending up a good fifty yards from the nearest residence.
Whereupon - a community-wide ~~an~~ celebration. Deputy
Mayor Roger Bonnamour later saying: "It feels weird -
like something that was part of our lives - isn't there
Said he Bill:
any more." Like when you stop hitting ~~yourself~~ yourself
on the head with a hammer.

MADRID

Hollywood film star Racquel Welch arrived today in Madrid -- enroute to making a movie in Spain.

Miss Welch pausing briefly to hold a news conference;

~~but~~ ^{and} promptly shocking the staid Spanish - with her

~~own~~ outspoken views on womens lib, legalized abortion,

divorce and so on. The piece de resistance coming

when Racquel was asked whether she was interested

in ~~the~~ politics. Yes, sure, she replied. Adding:

"I'm interested and very ~~is~~ easily influence^d by the

man I happen to be with at the time. You see, I

like to discuss lots of things -- with my lover."

With whom? She was asked. "My lover - Mi Amante" -

said Racquel. Incidentally, the actress' travel outfit

consist^{ed} of a pair of blue jeans and tee-shirt. The

latter adorned with a Bird of Paradise right across the

front.