

Tues. Jan. 28-'69. ✓

The White House - President Nixon's "war on crime" - off to a flying start today. The President conferring ^{W'} with Republican Congressional leaders - who promised ^{their} full support of a nationwide anti-crime campaign.

Senator Dirksen telling newsmen: "We're going to ask for supplemental funds - for whatever it takes to carry out this war on crime." The key phrase he emphasized - "whatever it takes." Congressman Ford adding that the administration will start first - with an attempt to "solve the problem of the District of Columbia." "We hope to use this - as a showcase of what can be done" - said he.

Yesterday - President Nixon; Today - U N Secretary General U Thant; Joining in a call for increased "big power" pressure - for peace in the Mid East. Offering the services of U N peace envoy Gunnar Jarring - in the search for an acceptable compromise. Asserting that a "Big Four" peace plan - could well be implemented through the U N Security Council.

U Thant also condemned again - Iraq's execution of nine Jews - alleged Israeli spies. He said though ^{that} the executions were an internal affair; adding that he did not plan to bring the matter - before the U. N. Reason - said U Thant: The Mid-East is "in such a delicate situation" - ~~than~~ any U N action might "impede our common effort for a just and peaceful settlement."

VIETNAM

~~Word~~ ^{Word} from Vietnam tells ~~today~~ of the first big battle of 1969. This in the Cental Highlands - formerly held by U. S. Infantrymen - now defended by South Vietnamese rangers. In today's engagement - the rangers getting a big assist from U. S. air power.

The way they tell it - American dive bombers starting the rout; with the rangers - finishing it off. —

~~Wiping out more than half of a guerilla force~~ estimated at more than six hundred men. The government troops

^{of their own} reporting some fifty wounded - but none dead.

CORONADO

Three more Navy captains ~~mx~~ were called to testify behind closed doors today - in that continuing Pueblo hearing at Coronado, California. Meanwhile, back in Washington - Chairman Stennis of Senate Armed Services Committee - announcing plans for his own inquiry later this year.

This in response to Congressional charges - that Commander Lloyd Bucher is being made a scape-goat in the case. Congressman Scherle of Iowa, for one - blaming the handling of the Pueblo affair on the Johnson administration. Asserting the nation was "caught short of policy - short of plans - and short of guts."

MOUNT MORRIS

At Mannington, West Virginia - you will recall - seventy-eight dead in the mining tragedy late last year.

At nearby Mount Morris, West Virginia today another fire and explosion far down in the earth, immediately raising the prospect - of another major disaster.

Luckily - a hundred men who were below at the time were able to leave the mine. Also twelve others who were trapped managed to build a barricade against smoke and flame 'til help arrived. One of the last out - miner Joe Kurilko of nearby Greensboro, Pennsylvania - who said: "About two minutes more - and I'd have been finished."

LONDON

The Latest and greatest in national social security program^s - is reported today from London. Where Britain's Labor Government is proposing - a so-called "inflation proof" retirement plan.

The idea - according to a government white paper - to tie in retirement income with the cost of living; in order to assure each pensioner - a "civilized life" for the rest of his life. Officials adding that the new plan - would ultimately double and triple existing pensions. Without working? They dont tell us.

LOVELAND BASIN

From Loveland Basin, Colorado - the story today of another close call. Mrs. Ann Eberle skiing down a slope with friends - when suddenly - an avalanche. A thundering wall of white - burying the lady skier under eight feet of snow.

Luckily rescuers got to her within ten minutes and found her unconscious but still alive. Later she went home. Shocked, some - but okay and determined to go skiing again.

I've been spending a few days in our western mountains, skiing in avalanche country. But our avalanche people of the U S Forestry Department now shoot down nearly all possible avalanches before skiers are allowed in an area. This is true at Sun Valley in Idaho, at Alta, Park City and Brighton, Utah where some of us have been cavorting in the snow.

On the sports front - O J Simpson shuffled off
to Buffalo. The Southern Cal All-American - winner of
this year's Heisman Trophy - first choice of the Buffalo
Bills in the 1969 pro football draft. ^{Just about} As [^] the greatest
runner in college history - O J Simpson ^{is} [^] expected to
command a starting pro salary of Seven Hundred and
Sixty Thousand bucks. And that ain't orange juice.

For that Warren would you shuffle off
to Buffalo?

WHITE HOUSE

The White House gets a new king. King Timahoe, by name - ^a six month old Irish setter. A recent birthday gift to President Nixon - who introduced the pup to the press today; telling King Timahoe to - "eat 'em alive." Whereupon a reporter responded in kind - saying: "Mr. President, would you mind pulling his ears?"

The President's answer - when he stopped laughing "Let the record show that Irish setters have very sensitive ears." He went on to say - the king will need plenty of exercise. And "that's the way I'll do my jogging" said he. Adding that he won't be "running" again "for a few years," at least. - only jogging!

- this Irish is
By the way, - ~~the~~ king's name, taken from

Timahoe, Ireland - the land of the President's forebears;
those ~~the~~ ^{Killarney} Nixons you know! Warren!