

CAPITOL HILL

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On Capitol Hill - a sudden turn about;
with President Nixon today drawing surprising support
from the Democratic leadership in both houses of
Congress.

Senate Democratic Whip Robert Byrd setting
the general tenor - when he called for an end to
demands for the President's resignation. The President
is "not yet even a defendant," said he. Adding, if
the President is forced to resign - "future Presidents
will no longer serve fixed terms and will stay in
~~officer~~ office only by popular approval."

Byrd's remarks ^{were} followed ^{today} by a similar
appeal from Senate Majority leader ~~is~~ Mike Mansfield.

"This is a time to keep cool" said he. Further insisting
that "resignation - is not the answer." A statement

later re-echoed -- by House Speaker Carl Albert
who ~~said~~ said he would "have nothing to do" / with
attempts to force the President to quit.

BATON ROUGE FOLLOW NEW ORLEANS

The Vice President today at Baton Rouge, before a joint session of the Louisiana legislature cited the progress made by the Nixon Administration - in both foreign and domestic affairs.

WHITE HOUSE

Meanwhile, the President was meeting today - with Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Caspar Weinberger - attempting to formulate a "possible replacement - for existing public welfare systems." Weinberger later disclosing that he also brought up the subject of resignation - urging the President not to step down. The President said to have answered: "Don't worry there's no chance of that whatsoever."

CARS

On the economic front first it was Chrysler and Ford and now it's General Motors. Giant G M announcing today an average price increase of an average of One-Hundred dollars - on all its cars and trucks.

JERUSALEM

In the Middle East - Jerusalem

Sec. of State
-- ~~Henry~~

Kissinger met tonight with Israeli leaders; attempting to hammer out a new peace proposal for presentation to Syrian officials when he returns tomorrow to Damascus. An aide to Dr. Kissinger saying the gap between the two countries - has been "narrowed very significantly."

ROME

An attempt to repeal Italy's three year old
divorce law - was defeated overwhelmingly today at the
polls. This - in defiance of the ^{Vatican.} ~~Roman Catholic church.~~

Also ^{it means a} ~~a tremendous~~ set-back -- for Italy's ruling

Christian Democrats. Observers adding that, ~~indeed,~~

~~Italian~~ Prime Minister Mariano Rumor - may be
forced to resign.

ATHENS

Former Vice President ~~Spiro~~ Agnew was
a visitor today in Athens. When asked why ^{his reply} ~~he~~

"it's private business and I will not speak of it."

Local sources ^{were} suggesting ^{that} ~~though~~ he may be seeking

a job with Greek shipping Magnate John Latsis.

MOZAMBIQUE

Portugal's, new number two man, ~~was~~ on
a peace mission today ~~to~~ to the troubled city of
Beira in Portuguese Mozambique. General Francisco
DeCosta ^{was} urging guerrillas ^{to} ~~operating in the area - to~~
lay down their ~~own~~ arms and form a legitimate political
organization. ^{He was} pledging to work with such a group -
to bring about badly needed reforms.

WASHINGTON

Washington again - Barry Goldwater, ~~was~~

~~is~~ addressing today ~~a~~ a meeting of the Aviation Space

Writers Association, ~~The Arizona Senator~~ ^{was} urging

"a second look" at the possibility of constructing a

new ~~fleet~~ fleet of dirigibles.

These could be used - said he - in meeting

real transportation needs, [?] like shipping entire homes

and buildings -- from factories to construction sites.

Goldwater adding that lighter-than-airships produce

little pollution, - are virtually soundless, can remain

aloft for extended periods, and ~~they~~ don't need airports.

TOKYO

~~Over~~ In Japan ^{they say} the latest fad in photography

is ~~that of~~ taking pictures of nudes in front of famous

~~churches or temples,~~ ^{— or even churches,} ~~And, one~~ Tokyo photographer found

himself in jail today - for going ~~just~~ a bit too far.

What did he do? He took a picture of a nude standing

in front of the French Embassy in Tokyo; ~~and~~ an act

later described as "a national disgrace." ^{More so than}

in front of a temple? They thought so, Bill

LONDON

The ultimate in nostalgia - is reported from London where the BBC recently hosted a dinner - for British archaeologists, anthropologists, and historians; the menu consisting of foods normally eaten - thousands of years ago.

From the Stone Age, for example - nuts, mushrooms, jellied eels, prawns, cockles, and snails. From ancient Egypt - beer and bread and ducks eggs - which once constituted a tasty breakfast. And from ancient Rome - rock suckling pig; which sounds okay except that it was usually drowned in a Roman sauce called liquamen; consisting mainly of fish salted and fermented for a couple of months. One of those who tried it saying: "Now I know what caused the fall of the Roman Empire."