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ATHENS

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VAIL

President Ford flew to Colorado today for his skiing vacation. In flight, he signed a dozen or so bills - including the one extending present tax cuts 'til June. Ysterday, the President said he'd veto the controverial "Situs Picketing" bill. That drew angry words today from AFL-CIO President George Meany - and meany says Mr. Ford is too weak to stand up to right-wing political pressure. And Labor Secretary John Dunlop is still reported by the Associated Press tonight as ready to resign over the issue.

KISSINGER

From Secretary of State Kissinger - a blunt warning today to the Soviet Union. Dr. Kissinger saying the U.S. - is not blinded by detente, and he says if the Soviet Union continues to expand its sphere of influence by military action" - in Angola or anywhere else - the U.S. will without any doubt resist.

Dr. Kissinger going on to say - the issue is not whether Angola represents a vital interest to the U.S; but whether the Soviet Union, "backed by a Cuban expeditionary force - can impose on two-thirds of the population its own brand of government."

BASEBALL

Two baseball pitchers were today declared free agents. Andy Messersmith and Dave McNally have the right to sell their talents to the highest bidder, the way Catfish Hunter did. Since baseball began, the reserve system has bound players to their own teams. If today's decision is upheld in the courts, all that will change.

TEL AVIV

In the Middle East - Tel Aviv - a report today of an angry confrontation - at an Israeli Cabinet meeting. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said to have told his ministers - either to stop criticizing government policy in public or resign.

Did he have anyone in particular in mind? Apparently Foreign Minister Yigal Allon; who has publicly urged ~~pragmatic~~ negotiations with the Palestinians - even though Rabin has said this can never be.

BEIRUT-ZAHLE

New fighting in Beirut today forced the cancellation of a meeting of the Lebanese Parliament. A straight second ~~straight~~ day of heavy fighting was also reported today - in and around Zahle, Lebanon's fourth largest city. But the Lebanese government says no foreign troops are involved in the fighting, as had been reported yesterday by Egyptian radio.

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DALLAS

A Nine-year-old Dallas boy was ordered removed today - from the custody of his divorced mother, ~~who~~ ^{WHO} IS A ~~lesbian~~ lesbian. A ten-man, two-woman jury - awarded ~~ED~~ custody of the child to his father; ruling that the atmosphere in the mother's home - was detrimental to the child's welfare. THE MOTHER'S ATTORNEY SAYS THE DECISION WILL BE APPEALED,

MILWAUKEE

The City of Milwaukee - called by some the "Beer Capital of the Nation;" in the past few years - allowing even its churches to sell beer, if they wish; finally somewhat complained. The Wisconsin Tavern Keepers Association sent a letter to the Milwaukee Archdiocese of the Roman Catholic Church. They cited a church New Year's Eve party package which includes a bottle of liquor for every couple. The Tavern Keepers say they find it "increasingly difficult to survive - under the competition for the entertainment dollar being offered by churches."

POLL

London - a poll of British citizens - asking whether they expect to have a happy Christmas this year.

The results: Eighty Eight Per Cent say yes - Five Per

Cent say no - and Seven Per say they don't know.

Following the assassination of the head of operations in Greece for the

Central Intelligence Agency - Richard Welch. Within

hours of his killing - the agency reportedly asked those

employees abroad - who are also known to be CIA employees

- whether they want protection. This might include

bodyguards - or - reassignment.

Security for all American diplomatic personnel

in Athens is said to have been tightened. At the same time,

a Greek group calling itself "the union of officers struggling

for the national idea" - has claimed responsibility for Welch's

death.

Greek officials say it's a mystery group - never