

Wednesday, February 5, 1975

SENATE

The Senate today confirmed James Lynn - as new budget director; also, Edward Levi - as Attorney General; and Betty Southard Murphy - as a member of the National Labor Relations Board. The latter expected to be named - the N L R B's first woman chairman.

CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill President Ford was the victim today of a congressional one-two. First, the House voting to block for ninety days - the President's proposed tax increase on imported oil; and then the Senate joining the House - in blocking the President's proposed increase in food stamp prices.

Worst of all, from the President's point of view - both measures passing by well ~~off~~ over a two thirds majority. Indeed, the food stamp issue - bringing together Senate liberals and conservatives. The latter taking their cue ~~staunchly~~ from Alabama's Governor Wallace - who stoutly ~~pro~~ opposed the price increase. Alabama's Senator Allen going so far as to say the President's ~~prop~~ proposal - would "gouge more than six ^(hundred) ~~hundred~~ million out of needed food stamp recipients."

SIMON

Treasury Secretary William Simon - a witness
today before the House and Senate joint economic
committee; ^{told how} ~~there saying~~ the major oil ~~exporting~~ exporting
~~nations~~ nations - have now invested about eleven billion in
U S business and industry; adding that he looks "very
positively - on foreign investment in this country."
Simon saying: "We need all the investment we can
get."

DAKAR

At that meeting of ~~the~~ Third World Nations in
Dakar unanimous agreement today to follow the lead
of major oil producers. The Third Worlders creating
a special commission ^{henceforth} to set price guidelines,
~~henceforth~~ on everything from aluminum and bananas
to zinc.

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ANKARA

The Turkish parliament was debating today the cut off of U S military aid to Turkey. Turkish foreign minister ~~Mehmet Melih~~ Melih Esenbel -- saying the U S congress has seriously weakened ~~Nato~~ Nato defenses. Adding that Turkey - "will take counter measures."

MOSCOW

From the Soviet Communist party newspaper
Pravda - another blast today at Peking, for recent
speeches by Chinese officials ^{in which they spoke} - ~~told~~ ^{of} the
inevitability of ^{another} World War and the "illusory" nature
of detente. Pravda saying Peking is literally "pushing
mankind to ^{war} world war" by ~~instigating~~ instigating hatred and
hostility among peoples." Adding that, Quote, "the
striving of Maoists to warm their hands from the fire
of world conflagration - exposes the adventurism,
amorality and inhumanity of Maoist foreign policy."

ASMARA

*The new military government of Ethiopia -
was pouring troops and tanks into the northern city of
Asmara today, attempting to head off the possibility
of another attack - by Eritrean rebels. The latter,
meanwhile, regrouping north of the city, ^{were} _^ apparently
bracing for a government counter attack; although
reports so far unconfirmed - saying they may be
willing now to agree to a truce.*

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LIMA

Peruvian army troops today smashed their way into ~~hundreds~~ barricades^d police stations in Lima - driving out striking policemen. This leading to a student protest march - followed by street disorders, including the burning of cars and trucks; and now - an official declaration of a state of siege.

The Peruvian government - ~~suspending~~ suspending all constitutional guarantees; placing all sections of the nation under the direct control of local army commanders.

R O T C

~~Co-ed~~ College students enrolled in R O T C programs - will find something new when they go to summer camp this year; namely - the opposite sex. R O T C officials announcing plans to assign some two hundred co-ed cadets to six weeks summer courses at ^{Ft.} Lewis, Washington - Fort Riley, Kansas, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina. ~~No problem - we~~

We are told ^{this will involve no problems. A-hem!} - ~~except maybe for our training officers.~~

Now this -

This next - from Denver; the story of a man
- who almost suffered a fate worse than death.

Sixty-nine year old Walter Lund - accosted by
two ~~man~~ young men in a parking lot, , one of ~~them~~
armed with a gun. ~~The two youths~~ ^{When they} demanding his
money, Lund ~~told~~ ^{told} them ~~both~~ ^{where} to "go to
~~blow~~ - ~~or words to that effect;~~ whereupon the
one with the gun fired a bullet at him - at almost
point blank range.

The two then ~~fleeing~~ ^d - apparently ^{believing} ~~fearing~~ their
victim was mortally wounded. As it turned out
though - the bullet ^{was} deflected by a zipper on Lund's
jacket - and the zipper on his pants ^{blowing them} ~~and later~~
^{clean off.}
~~reporting, "it blew them clean off."~~ Adding, "in the
~~understatement of the day~~ "I guess I'm just
lucky."