

Tuesday, May 14, 1974

HOUSE

The House Judiciary Committee today resumed its impeachment inquiry - behind closed doors. In morning and afternoon sessions - listening to tapes of President Nixon's Watergate conversations.

The committee to meet again tomorrow morning - to consider the possibility of issuing another subpoena for additional White House material. But the President's counsel - James St. Clair - saying if the committee "utilized all of the evidence available to it - no evidentiary gap would exist."

STUDY FOLLOW HOUSE

Another House panel today completed a year-long study - dealing with public spending on the President's private residences. The Government Operations Committee - urging that Congress set a limit on such expenditures. But it stopped short - of actually criticizing the President. Instead, blaming excessive spending - on the General Services Administration and the Secret Service.

REACTION FOLLOW STUDY

Meanwhile, the Watergate backlash - continues to mount; with leading Democrats - again in the forefront.

Democratic National Chairman Robert Strauss - deploring what he called "this terrible hue and cry for the resignation of the President." House Speaker Carl Albert saying: "It would be disastrous for the President to resign." Senator Ervin^{also} noting that he didn't "vote to put the President into office" - and so had no right now^{to} "tell him to quit."

Senator Minority Leader Hugh[^]Scott - was also having some second - or is it third - thoughts today. At any rate, he said that Democratic leaders were "right - to allow the system to function." Adding: "I think I'll stay with that position - myself."

POTTSTOWN

In the same vein perhaps - the Pottstown Mercury at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, today offered its readers - a "Watergate-less" newspaper. This by means of a two-page pull-out section - containing all the latest on the Watergate case; with readers advised to "use it - or throw it away."

~~By the way,~~ *One reader later calling, ~~and~~ saying:*

"Thank God - it's the first time I haven't seen Watergate on page one somewhere."

ALCOHOLICS

The White House - President Nixon today signed a bill - encouraging states to treat alcoholics as sick people rather than ^{as} criminals; also, ^{streamlining} ~~strengthening~~ the Federal apparatus for research and development - in both drug abuse and alcoholism.

The President saying: "In dealing with drug abuse and alcoholism - party lines are crossed; and now we have the tools - to deal with these problems."

WHITE HOUSE

**The White House again - President Nixon today
named Air Force General George Brown - the new chairman
of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. General Brown succeeding
Admiral Thomas Moorer - who retires July Second.**

renewed - with similar but older-runging House bill.

SENATE

The Senate today approved a bill - aimed at a temporary easing of clean air standards. This as part of a national campaign - to conserve energy. The Senate measure ^{now goes} ~~leading next~~ ~~to conference~~ to conference; there to be reconciled - with ^a similar but wider-ranging House bill.

DAMASCUS

In the Middle East - at Damascus - ^{Sec. of State} ~~Henry~~ Kissinger met today with Syria's President Assad. Dr. Kissinger later saying that "no agreement - was reached." But he then flew to Jerusalem - to relay what he called "some further Syrian thoughts." Dr. Kissinger adding that he plans to continue his shuttle-diplomacy - with a "return to Syria tomorrow."

JERUSALEM FOLLOW DAMASCUS

~~At the same time, a report that Israel's~~ ^{new} Premier-
designate Yitzhak Rabin - is nearing ~~the~~ completion of a
new coalition government, ^{and maybe he'll have it} ~~an aide saying he should be able~~
~~to step in - perhaps as early as~~ ^{by} Friday. ~~Conceding,~~
~~however, that Rabin will probably have at best - only a~~
~~one-vote majority.~~

BONN

West Germany's late ^{much} lamented ~~"Gullianne"~~ ^{spy} "Affair"

- is far from finished, it now develops. The new caretaker

government in Bonn - today creating a special commission

to study the spy case ^{that brought the Willy Brandt downfall,} A spokesman saying the commission

"will be making an assessment of the situation - and work

out proposals aimed at improving preventive security."

LONDON

*The new Chairman of the Greater London Council -
Dr. David Pitt; taking over today - as the first Black ever
to hold that post.*

*Dr. Pitt - age sixty - born in Grenada; where as a
youth - he helped ~~to~~ found the West Indian National Party.
Later moving to Britain - where he became a physician
- eventually drifting back into politics; and now the chief
administrator - for eight-and-a-half million people.*

HOLLAND

~~Starting~~ ^{And -} tomorrow at Holland, Michigan - the Forty-Fifth Annual Holland Tulip Festival; with the vanguard of an expected three hundred thousand visitors - already on hand; ~~and the prime attraction, - all in readiness.~~ Holland officials saying ~~that~~ more than a million of their tulips - are now in full bloom.

CHICAGO

~~This next~~ - From Pickle Packers International in
Chicago, ^{comes} a report that Americans have consumed in the past
year - a record twenty billion pickles. ^{This} ~~The Pickle~~

~~Packers thus~~ calling attention to National Pickle Week -
starting Thursday. Bill did you ever try to pick a
peck of pickles.

ORONO

Plans for the first World's Largest Egg Contest -

are reported today from the Extension Poultry Service at the University of Maine. Officials saying if your hen lays a big egg - send it in and you may get it gold-plated. But, please ~~they advise~~ - only hen's eggs. Ducks, geese, ostriches and even crocodiles - strictly forbidden. *W.A.L.*