

For President Nixon - a quick trip tonight to New York; to address a meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers.

The President's advanced text admitting that he foresees an unbalanced Federal budget next year - in the interest of spurring economic growth. Adding that the Federal reserve has pledged "easier" money policies - in order to help fuel the desired advance.

The President stressing, however, that voluntary wage and price restraints - are the key to the whole plan. "If business and labor expect public policy to help stimulate real expansion" - said he - "then business and labor should be prepared to offer the public some real help in curbing inflation."

WALL STREET

The New York Stock Market was - surging ahead again today; with the Dow Jones Industrials picking up more than seven points ending at eight sixteen - a new high for the year.

SAIGON

From South Vietnam - a report today telling of a step-up in American troop withdrawals; with the new schedule calling for a reduction in U S troop strength - down to three hundred-and-thirty-seven thousand by the end of December. That's an extra seven thousand men - coming home now. With another sixty thousand - scheduled soon to follow; which would then make it - since the advent of the Nixon administration - a total cutback of nearly fifty percent. An impressive figure!

For Pope Paul - a brief stop today at Hong Kong: where he carried his message of love and peace - to the edge of Communist China; extending his blessings to the Chinese people - on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

Next stop: Colombo - the Pope was met by that country's Lady Prime Minister - Madame Sirimavo Bandaranaike; also, one of the two Buddhist Monks - who serve as guardians of the fabled sacred tooth of Buddha - at the Temple of the Tooth - at Kandy. The Pontiff paying tribute to Ceylon's "courageous social policy;" which he said was "designed to insure - better living conditions and prosperity for all." And then - it was homeward bound to Rome.

Incidentally, the rumors were growing stronger today that Pope Paul might resign his post at age Seventy-Five. This in keeping with the retirement age - he has already set for church bishops. Indeed, a close friend of the Pope - Italian Cardinal Pellegrino - saying that such speculation should be taken seriously. French Cardinal Tisserant adding: "If the Pope's immediate advisors and aides are considered unfit because of age - there is the threat that the same criterion may be applied to a Holy Pontiff."

However, a Vatican source asserting flatly: "Nobody knows what the Pope is going to do - but the Pope."

And maybe - God.

WHITE HOUSE

The White House again - a swearing in ceremony today for William Ruckelshaus; who now becomes the first director of the Environmental Protection Agency; a newly created government body - combining all major anti-pollution programs under a single command.

President Nixon calling his new anti-pollution chief - "a fair crusader; a crusader for clean air, clean water and a better environment for all American." Ruckelshaus pledging, to end "this degradation of the environment we have seen in recent years." Adding in turn that two days of grilling this week by a Senate committee had shown him - as he put it - "how terribly important this job is - to our country and the world."

On the medical front - a report today that "the conquest of cancer - is a realistic goal;" one that can be achieved - "if an effective national program is promptly initiated and relentlessly pursued."

This according to a Senate report - compiled by the National Committee of Consultants on the Conquest of Cancer. The committee's optimism based, in part - on figures showing a cure-rate of one in five in ~~the~~ Nineteen-Thirty; as compared with - one in three today. The report adding that it "could be brought close to one in two" - within the foreseeable future.

Only catch - it'll take money and lots of it. For starters - said the committee - a one hundred per cent increase in cancer research spending - for fiscal Nineteen-Seventy-Two; to be followed by subsequent increases - raising the level to One Billion-a-year by Nineteen-Seventy-Six. Little enough - we are told; inasmuch as the disease itself - is already costing us an estimated Fifteen Billion a year.

WASHINGTON

Here's one - a legal case perhaps of special interest.

A Federal Judge in Washington - invoking an all-but-forgotten

law dating back to Nineteen-Oh-One Ruling that the

District of Columbia must use for the benefit of the poor

any money it receives from people who die without will or

heirs.

MIAMI

***This next from Miami; site of a training school -
for department store Santa Clauses; where Santa's
traditional "Ho-Ho-Ho" - has just been ruled a "No-No."***

***The school's chief Santa trainer, Mrs. Tabby
Voelzke, explaining that studies show that children are
often "startled" by the "Ho-Ho-Hos." "After all," said
she: "where do children hear adults saying Ho-Ho-Ho - Ho?"***

***And that's the latest from Miami. Warren, and
a couple of ho-ho's to you!***

Ever since the six day war of Nineteen-Sixty-Seven - a flood of Israeli archaeologists have been combing occupied Arab lands; hoping to recover long lost relics and artifacts dating back thousand of years - to the days of Moses, Aaron Josuah, King Soloman - and the ark of the Covenant.

Now - one of the biggest finds to date. With a team of Israelis discovering a treasure trove of silver-in the ruins of an ancient Jewish synagogue at Esht amoa. This near the Biblical city of Hebron - on the occupied West Banks of the Jordan. Where Abraham, Issac and Joseph and their wives are buried - in the Tomb of Makpelah.

Included in the collection - we are told - are lumps of raw silver, silver bars, and silver jewelry; about fifty five pounds, in all - dating back to the Eighth or Ninth Century, B.C. not so long after the Queen of Sheba paid her famous visit to King Soloman.