

WHITE HOUSE

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Allen Jackson

From President Nixon - a request today to Congress for a year's extension - on his present authority to control wages and prices. This to include the power to lift controls selectively - once inflation is stopped in a particular industry. It would also include standby authority - to impose controls on dividends and interest rates.

Administration officials stressed, however - this does not mean that controls will be automatically extended another year; but only "long enough" - we are told - "to break the back of inflationary expectations - and make meaningful progress toward bringing down the cost of living."

CONNALLY

Also from the White House - more on the announcement that Treasury Secretary John Connally will represent President Nixon - at the forthcoming inauguration of South Vietnam's President Thieu. News Secretary Ron Ziegler added that Connally also will visit Thailand, the Philippines and Japan.

The White House further reported that President Nixon still plans to send to the Senate this week - two nominations to fill the current Supreme Court vacancies. Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott - pledging a drive for speedy confirmation. Said: "The court is in desperate need of new members."

SUPREME COURT FOLLOW CONALLY

Speaking of the Supreme Court - that body agreed today to hear an appeal - from former St. Louis centerfielder Curt Flood. This a challenge to the Constitutionality - of baseball's "reserve clause;" which raises anew the question - of whether organized baseball should be subject to anti-trust laws.

SAIGON

Half-a-world away - the South Vietnamese Supreme Court took under advisement today - a challenge to the Constitutionality of President Thieu's recent re-election. However, the South Vietnamese Senate rejected by a margin of more than two-to-one - an attempt to set up an official election inquiry. This touched off a series of hit-and-run attacks by small student groups - who succeeded principally in burning a number of vehicles.

CAPITOL HILL

Here on our own shores - the House took up today another version of that so-called "Mansfield Amendment;" the one calling for complete withdrawal from Vietnam - subject to the release of U.S. prisoners of war. In the end though - the House voted "No"; but not - "positively."

HOUSE

Elsewhere on Capitol Hill - the House Ways and Means Committee opened hearings today - on the subject of the nation's Seventy-Billion-Dollar annual health bill. Lead-off witness - Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Elliot Richardson; who promptly urged Federal regulation of the private health insurance industry - in order to insure the best possible coverage for all Americans. Richardson saying this would "effectively protect the consumer against unwarranted cost inflation - insure maintenance of quality in both health insurance and health care."

What about Senator Kennedy's proposed - "cradle-to-the-grave" health plan? A laudable goal - Richardson said. Adding that the Nixon Administration - also supports health security for rich and poor alike. "But"- he said - "we challenge the wisdom of raising expectations - beyond all hope of fulfillment in the near future."

KYOTO

California's Governor Reagan - a visitor today in Japan; where he conferred with Governor Torazo Ninagawa of Kyoto - a man who generally opposes American policies; and this time - no exception.

Governor Ninagawa told Reagan flatly - that President Nixon's new economic policy is a "mistake." And how did Reagan handle it? Well, he simply told his host - his 'bwn' major in college was football, not economics.

COLUMBIA

In a country cemetery near Columbia, Mississippi - the final rites today for a man long acclaimed as America's oldest citizen. Sylvester Magee - born and raised a slave; till the fall of Vicksburg during the Civil War - when he joined the Union Army; and then - he was wounded twice.

But the damage - was only temporary. Sylvester Magee - lived a long and full life. At his death this past weekend, according to the best available information - age one hundred and thirty.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "QUEEN ELIZABETH#4

4:26 And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas; with another special report - from the liner Queen Elizabeth.

Lowell..

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practical journals of sea which were decided in contrast
to the... you have heard this, perhaps the most
significant of all the... in the South Seas of our day.
In Nineteen Nineteen when my wife and I sailed from
England, on our way to Australia, where I was bound to do a
tour telling the story of my adventures with Lawrence in
Africa and with Alamy in Patagonia, we were on board for
six weeks. It took that long to make the journey. Now of
course you can do it in a day, by air. It took us two weeks
from Tilbury to the Thames to Paris, another two weeks to
Cairo, and two more to Australia. Our ship was jammed
with people returning home from World War I, and a few
adventurous spirits who were enroute to Australia
and New Zealand.

QUEEN ELIZABETH #4

Maybe you're not interested in hearing me reminisce about ocean voyages. But, before the Queen Elizabeth docks at Southampton I'll make one or two more observations about previous journeys at sea which were decidedly in contrast to the experience you have on board this, perhaps the most magnificent of all the vessels on the Seven Seas of our day.

In Nineteen Nineteen when my wife and I sailed from England, on our way to Australia, where I was booked to do a tour telling the story of my experiences with Lawrence in Arabia and with Allenby in Palestine, we were on board for six weeks. It took that long to make the journey. Now of course you can do it in a day, by air. It took us two weeks from Tilberry in the Thames to Suez; another two weeks to Ceylon; and two more to Australia. Our ship was jammed with Anzaks returning home from World War I, and a few miscellaneous others who were emigrating to Australia and New Zealand.

On such a long voyage, in those days, the Captain, Purser and other officers did everything they could to keep the crowd entertained. Each week there was a costume ball. But, there also was tragedy mixed with the gayety. On two occasions the ship stopped in mid-ocean while they searched for passengers who had jumped overboard. One was a badly wounded Aussie. Another was a soldier who was blind, and evidently he couldn't face the ordeal of returning to the Land Down Under unable to see it or see his family.

I could reminisce for hours about ocean voyages. But, perhaps I already have done too much of it. The next time I come through it will be with an observation or two concerning wherever we happen to be at the moment. Solong....

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE ("QUEEN ELIZABETH #4)

Thank you, Lowell. - 21 final stay
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GARGAGLIANOI

For Vice President Spiro Agnew - a return today to his father's birthplace; at Gargaglianoi, Greece - where he was greeted warmly by a large crowd; and also received a flowery tribute - from the local mayor, Dyonysios Panagopoulos.

The Vice President - for his part - accepting all this "with gratitude" and "great humility." And then he unveiled a plaque - which reads: "Placed at my great-grandfather's home - in commemoration of Greek origins here - and in honor of the Greek inheritance in which so many Americans proudly share." And the plaque is signed: "Spiro T. Agnew, Vice President of the United States."

Now for Lowell Thomas, so long.