

*Friday, December 6, 1974*

**WHITE HOUSE**

*President Ford today completed two days of talks - with Chancellor Schmidt of West Germany. We hear they have mapped a common strategy to combat energy, solve economic problems, and strengthening the NATO alliance.*

*Chancellor Schmidt also applauded the new SALT agreement - between the U.S. and Russia saying: "Not only the Americans but the Russians and the rest of the world - can be satisfied with that agreement." He called it: "A great step forward."*

UNITED NATIONS

From U S Ambassador ~~John~~ Scali <sup>came</sup> a blast today at recent actions of the U N General Assembly; ~~most~~ <sup>their</sup> ~~especially, an~~ accelerating trend <sup>as he put it, at passing</sup> ~~to pass~~ what he called one-sided, unrealistic ~~most~~ resolutions. These - said he - including the expulsion of South Africa - and the tendering of official recognition to the Palestine Liberation Organization; <sup>brought about</sup> ~~both of which were brought about~~ - said he - "by the tyranny of the majority."

Ambas-Scali going on to say that the American people - are "deeply disturbed" by such actions. Adding that U S support of the U N has been "provided generously in the past - but <sup>that</sup> "this support is eroding." "Some of the foremost American champions of this organization said he - are now beginning "to reflect and reassess what our role should be."

# UNEMPLOYMENT

The U S unemployment rate - up again last month. Now at six point five percent - according to figures announced today; the highest level - since the first year of the Kennedy administration. White House reaction <sup>to this was</sup> ~~in the form of~~ a statement saying: "The November increase is a source of great concern."

Spokesman Ron Nessen adding "the situation is being reviewed, and as we ~~decide~~ <sup>what</sup> ~~to take~~ new steps <sup>to</sup> ~~take~~ they will be announced."

# WATERGATE

A former ~~an~~ Attorney to E. Howard Hunt was called to the stand today in the Watergate ~~cover-up~~ trial. ~~This - by order of Judge Sirica.~~ The witness, William Bittman, discussing<sup>ed</sup> his role in the payment of large sums of money to the original Watergate defendants. ~~Denying,~~ <sup>He denied</sup> however, that he ever felt such payments - were ~~not~~ intended as hush money.

~~The jury then excused~~ Chief ~~and~~ prosecutor James Neal accus<sup>ed</sup> Bittman ~~of~~ of trying to "torpedo" the government case. ~~But, Neal's objections~~ ~~quickly overruled.~~ <sup>Said</sup> Judge Sirica, ~~saying~~ "The jury is entitled to know the truth - and <sup>he added</sup> this goes to the heart of the case."

## KANSAS CITY

*Top Democrats from around the country were meeting today in Kansas City - in what they called a ~~meeting~~ mini-convention. Early arrivals - including Governor Wallace of Alabama and Mayor Daley of Chicago; both of whom were urging a return to party unity - in preparation for seventy-six.*

RANGOON

~~The body of former U.N. Secretary General U Thant~~  
~~was shipped home to Burma this week, after three~~  
~~days of laying in state, to be interred late yesterday.~~

**R At Rangoon, Burma**  
~~But it never happened!~~ Thousands of students and  
Buddhist monks <sup>Today</sup> ~~seizing~~ <sup>ed</sup> the casket, <sup>containing the body of</sup> ~~of the late world~~  
former U.N. Sec. Gen. U Thant,  
~~leader,~~ carrying it ten miles to a convocation hall  
at ~~Dagon~~ Rangoon University - where they now refuse  
to give it up.

The reason for all this - as yet <sup>not</sup> ~~is~~ clear.

U Thant of course <sup>was</sup> long on the outs with the present  
Burmese regime. But the students and monks <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ treating  
his casket with unmost respect, ~~literally "come to~~  
~~praise him" & rather than bury him.~~



**BOSTON**

*The fabled "First Lady of American tennis" has just passed away at her Boston home. Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman - the winner of forty-eight U S National tennis titles - for whom was named the famed Wightman Cup. Age eighty-seven.*

SAN FRANCISCO

The Board Chairman ~~of~~ Emeritus of United Press

International main speaker today at a meeting of the

California press association. <sup>In his address</sup> Frank Bartholomew

urged ~~for~~ an end to the practice of making up newspapers -

"like the foyer posters for horror movies;" Suggesting

instead <sup>that</sup> on page one <sup>there be</sup> ~~today~~ "at least one constructive

story - or one human interest piece - or one bit of

humor."

He also condemned the use of "soft bad news."

Meaning - "predictions of dire things!" to come. Adding

that such news ~~perhaps~~ belongs best - "on page twenty-

five <sup>in</sup> a twenty-four page newspaper."



## PORT OF SPAIN

From Port of Spain Trinidad the story of a young man identified only as Humphrey - who must have been greatly affected by the book and movie "Born Free!" At any rate, Humphrey <sup>has been</sup> ~~becoming~~ obsessed with the idea as he put it - that "animals should be free;" Whereupon he ~~to the point where he~~ slipped into the local zoo - and entered the cage of two lions, <sup>planning to</sup> ~~he felt should be~~ liberate them.

The lions, ~~however,~~ having other ideas, ~~indeed,~~ ~~they~~ promptly tore him to pieces.