

Friday, January 11, 1974

## ENERGY

From the Federal Energy Office we have a report that Americans have shown - quote - a "tremendous response" - in reducing their use of home heating oil. Spokesman Charles Owens saying "consumers have literally cut back their thermostats - by fifteen per cent."

He also says prices of home heating oil - have "about topped out;" with new supplies coming from domestic sources - rather than higher-priced foreign oil.

More good news - from energy czar William Simon. The chances are now "better than fifty-fifty" - said he - that gasoline rationing will not be necessary this Spring. And this - said he - Arab oil embargo or no.

MADRID

*Sec. of State*

~~Henry~~ Kissinger stopped off briefly in Madrid today

- enroute to the Middle East. Dr. Kissinger conferring with Spain's new Foreign Minister - ~~one~~ Pedro Cortina. In a later statement <sup>*he said*</sup> ~~saying~~ the U.S. and Spain will soon "draw up a declaration of principles - similar to those that exist between the U.S. and NATO and other European nations." Dr. Kissinger adding that "this declaration - will strengthen relations between our two countries."

ASWAN FOLLOW MADRID

The U.S. Sec. of State - this time  
~~Dr. Kissinger~~ then flew on to Egypt - landing at  
the Upper Nile resort city of Aswan. - of course near the High Dam. He immediately met  
with Egypt's President Sadat - who was there recuperating  
from the flu. Dr. Kissinger attempting to help bring about  
- a disengagement of troops along the Suez Canal. He is ~~Scheduled~~  
to meet with <sup>Treasury</sup> Sadat again tomorrow - then fly north to  
Tel Aviv. ~~before heading on to~~

SACRAMENTO

From the California Highway Patrol <sup>we have</sup> a report ~~today~~  
on the results of a year-long crackdown on drunken driving.  
Patrol Commissioner <sup>er</sup> ~~W~~ Walter Pudinski - disclosing that there  
were more than a hundred and twenty thousand drunk driving  
arrests; an increase of twenty-six per cent - over the  
previous year.

~~The Commissioner~~  
~~Pudinski~~ <sup>er</sup> adding that these arrests clearly played  
a major role - in reducing California highway deaths. The  
biggest surprise - said he: "Not that we could arrest so  
many drinking drivers -but the fact they were there to be  
arrested."

## BOSTON MILLS

From Boston Mills, Ohio - the story of Mrs. Ruth Harris; out driving in a snowstorm early this week - when her car skidded through a guard rail, flipped over, and plunged more than four hundred feet down an embankment. Mrs. Harris remaining trapped in her car for nearly two days - before it was spotted by two boys <sup>on their</sup> out sled ~~sled riding~~.

At first - they thought it was just a junk <sup>ed car.</sup> On closer inspection though - they heard a sound "like a kitten." And then a voice saying: "Oh, please, get me out - I'm so cold." They did - and Mrs. Harris <sup>was reported</sup> today well on the road to recovery. ■



## GENEVA

*From Geneva comes word today that the U.S. and Russia will resume SALT talks - at the end of this month. The coming negotiations aimed at finalizing an agreement - in effect, a virtual freeze on the development of weapons such as multiple warhead missiles. Observers adding that the success of these talks - will determine whether President Nixon again travels to Russia this year, as originally planned.*

## LONDON DERRY

At Londonderry in Northern Ireland - a car was literally blown apart today - by a bomb apparently planted by IRA terrorists. The ~~car~~'s occupants - a man and a woman - killed instantly. Both <sup>were</sup> identified as civilian employes - in a nearby British Army barracks. Police theorizing that ~~that~~<sup>there</sup> was where the bomb was supposed to have gone off & sometime during working hours. ~~As often happens~~ <sup>Instead</sup> ~~though~~ = a slight miscalculation with tragic results.

## STOCKHOLM

A new Swedish Parliament - was convened today in Stockholm. King Carl the Sixteenth Gustaf - who ascended the throne just a few months ago - presiding at the ceremony for his first and possibly last time. The Parliament <sup>is</sup> expected to take up as its first order of business - a new Constitution all but stripping the King of his few remaining powers.

There also is ~~At the same time~~ a report that young King Carl - is planning to wed a commoner. The lucky girl ~~said to be~~ beautiful Silvia Sommerlath - age twenty-five - of Heidelberg, West Germany. Fraulein Sommerlath - a former hostess at the Munich Olympics, where they ~~apparently~~ met. She also spent Christmas and New Year's <sup>(in Stockholm - ~~reportedly~~)</sup> attending a number of family get-togethers at the Royal Palace.



## AUCKLAND

*The British Royal Yacht Britannia - now docked at Auckland, New Zealand is to be used by the British Royal Family - when they attend the Commonwealth Games in Christchurch later this month.*

*On the voyage out to the Antipides Britannia's Hull suffering a few ~~bumps~~ bumps and bruises, and eighty gallons - of touch-up paint, has been ordered Royal Blue - available only in England. The paint dispatched by commercial jet at <sup>final</sup> a cost of Five Thousand dollars - six hundred bucks-a-gallon. This causing a bit of a flap in London - a sort of Royal flush.*

## MONTREAL

*A novel settlement in a marital break-up - is reported today from Montreal. A chap by the name of Pierre Brassard - ordered to pay his estranged wife Renee Fifty Bucks a week in child support. Pierre's mother - Mrs. Rita Brassard - also ordered to kick in an additional Fifty Bucks a week. The Judge in the case noting that the mother-in-law - was better able to pay than her son.*

## HOUSTON

*At Houston - an appraisal today of the Skylab-Three mission up to now. Program Director William Schneider saying the men of Skylab-Three - are all in good condition; adding that he can foresee no impediment - to a full eighty-four-day flight. Schneider further observing that "Skylab will be remembered - because it has proven that man can go up into space and do useful work - in a number of categories."*

*The U.S. space agency also announced today a new hiring schedule - in the wake of charges of discrimination. Over the next year, at least one of every three new employees - to be a member of a minority group or a woman.*

## KALAMAZOO

*The new commander of the Reserve Officers Training Corps at Western Michigan University - a coed cadet by the name of Cynthia Gonyea; the first woman ever to attain such an honor - on any U.S. campus.*

*Miss Gonyea - age twenty-one-- a senior majoring in Russian studies. Rated Number One by her fellow cadets - and now the same by ROTC officials. To be addressed, henceforth, as Colonel,<sup>1</sup> ~~or simply "ma'am," take your pick.~~*

## MOSCOW

*In the Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda - a blast today at the recent works of Russian composers. Pravda charging that most new songs - are noted more for "false pathos or sugared sentimentality" than "sincerity;" thereby serving as, quote - "tasteless imitations of Western music."*

*Pravda ~~declaring~~ <sup>saying</sup> ~~in short~~ they just don't write songs like they used to; but they better - or else.*



## GIBRALTAR

Gibraltar, Michigan - the diet to end all diets. Mrs.

John Horn - age twenty-three - attempting to lose eighty-

five pounds. <sup>How? This is a new one!</sup> ~~By~~ having her jaws wired shut. And so far -

it seems to be working.

The <sup>wiring</sup> ~~operation~~ job completed by a dentist - just before

Christmas. Mrs. Horn ~~has~~ <sup>then</sup> since <sup>ing</sup> subsisted solely on liquids

-losing seventeen pounds. <sup>Also</sup> ~~But~~ she can't yawn - or sneeze

- or even laugh <sup>out</sup> loudly. ~~"I really thought I'd have room for~~

<sup>1/2</sup> new book on how to diet and make a bundle. ~~a straw - but nothing" - she reports. Adding: "You~~

~~dribble and slurp a lot - till you get the hang of it."~~