

WHITE HOUSE

Thurs. Sept. 6-'73

The White House - President Nixon ^{at the White House} ~~met~~ today ^{met} with

Republican Congressional leaders; ~~a meeting called~~ to review the new State of the Union message ~~and that~~ he plans to present to Congress next week. The President ^{he says he} ~~has~~ ~~quoted as saying~~ ^{hoping also to win} ~~also~~ will meet with Democratic leaders, ~~to solicit~~ their support ~~as well.~~

Meanwhile, a joint statement - from Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield and House Speaker Carl Albert. This in response to the President's criticism of yesterday - over failure to enact key programs. Senator Mansfield and Congressman Albert saying: "The Congress does not perform at the behest of this President - or any President." Also, saying: "The Congress is working hard - we want to get the job done - but we cannot do it alone."

The statement adding, however: "We would welcome help from any source - including specifically the White House." And later on, an indication that the Democratic leadership ~~will~~ ^{some} attempt to seek ~~a~~ common ground. Senator Mansfield

saying: "We're not looking for a confrontation ~~with~~ with the
President; negotiation, fine; - confrontation, no."

MINIMUM FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

The White House again - -

The President

~~In the meantime~~ The President today vetoed, as

promised - ~~that~~ ^a bill ^{to} raising the minimum wage from a Dollar-
Sixty to Two-Twenty an hour. The President saying: "Both
fairness and decency require that we act now - this year - to
raise the minimum wage rate." But an increase such as here
proposed - said he - would cause a "fresh surge of inflation
- do more harm than good." The President adding: "We
cannot allow millions of America's low-income families - to
become the prime casualties of inflation."

TAPES FOLLOW MINIMUM

On the matter of the President's confidential tapes and documents - a White House ^{legal} ^{was} exception_^ filed today - with a U.S. Court of Appeals.

White House lawyers asserting that Judge ~~John~~ Sirica's ruling of last week - was "clearly erroneous;" an attempt to subject the President to compulsory process" - in violation of the separation of powers. Also, saying: "This is a case ~~of first impression~~ which raises Constitutional questions of grave importance." Therefore, urging an immediate review by all of the court's nine judges. The request granted!

LOS ANGELES

Former White House aide Egil "Bud" Krogh--the first of the so-called "Watergate West" defendants to turn himself in. Krogh appearing in court today ~~in~~ in Los Angeles--to answer to burglary charges involving the break-in at Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office. Krogh pleading innocent--and ~~he~~ was immediately released on bail.

The defendant ~~later~~ later telling newsmen: "At that time, in Nineteen-Seventy-One, the assignment was presented to me--as of extraordinary national ~~importance~~ importance." Adding: "It was clearly authorized--and in my mind was lawful."

WASHINGTON, PA.

The former president of the United Mine Workers of America - ~~was~~ indicted for murder today in Washington, Pa. ~~Pennsylvania~~ ^{and} ~~then~~ arrested a short time later - in Washington, D.C. W.A. "Tough Tony" Boyle - accused of masterminding the killing of union dissident Jock Yablonski, Yablonski's wife and his daughter. Today's indictment said to have been based on new evidence - supplied by William Turnblazer, the head of the UMW in Tennessee and Kentucky.

ENERGY

At the U.S. Interior Department - the start of hearings today - ~~aimed at delaying the implementation of new clean air standards.~~ ^{with} ~~This with~~ the idea of permitting business and industry - to keep on using coal instead of switching to "cleaner fuels."

Among those attending, - energy czar, ^{Gov.} John Love, ^{Love saying he} who ~~helped to put the problem in perspective~~ is now drawing up a ~~contingency~~ plan ^{to do this said he} for possible oil rationing. "We don't at present have any indication" - said he - "that we are going to need ~~a contingency plan~~ but we are preparing it." And he added: "The situation for this winter - although difficult to forecast - is very tight."

EXXON FOLLOW ENERGY

The Exxon Corporation today raised wholesale prices on all its gasolines - once cent a gallon. Under present Phase Four controls this is an increase that most retail dealers will not be able to pass along.

Exxon claiming the price boost is necessary - to cover its own increased costs.

PRICES

The President ~~also met~~^{meeting} with reporters today--just prior to a meeting with his top economic advisers, ~~The President~~^{ed} noting that corn and soybean prices-- have shown a ~~very~~["] dramatic drop." Adding that the "urgency of the problem of rising food prices--is still with us." But it appears--said he--"our approach in terms of increasing supply--may be beginning to bear fruit."

AVIATION

From the Federal Aviation Administration - a report today dealing with the future of flight. The FAA foreseeing a need for seven hundred new airports over the next ten years; including major new fields ~~to go along with those already in use~~ *for* New York, St. Louis, Atlanta, Boston, Honolulu, Minneapolis and Louisville.

Estimated cost of all this - along with the upgrading of existing fields: About Six Billion. ~~The FAA stressing, however, that today's listing - "does not commit the Federal government in any way to participate in its funding."~~

SENATE

Harold Hughes of Iowa today became the second member of the Senate in less than ten days - to announce his planned retirement from politics. Hughes taking his cue - from Senator Bible of Nevada; disclosing that he will not stand for re-election - at the conclusion of his present term. Saying he intends to become, instead - a lay worker for two religious groups; the Fellowship Foundation of Washington - and the International Christian Leadership.

"Rightly or wrongly" - said Senator Hughes - "I believe ~~that~~ I can reach more people, more effectively, through a spiritual approach - than I have been able to reach through the political approach."

LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles - a meeting of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A.; the largest black church group - in the U.S.A. Convention President Josep Jackson calling for an end to what he called "a silent conspiracy" - which is tearing the country apart. Dr. Jackson adding that church members must "have faith in our government - so peace can reign again in Washington."

FRANK ELKINS

I am always thrilled when I encounter a man or woman who seems to enjoy every minute of what he is doing. Forty years ago at the Winter Olympic games at Lake Placid, in the Adirondacks, I met Frank Elkins, who ~~for~~ ^{they and me} for some twenty years, was a columnist for the New York Times.

We often met at winter sports events, FIS, Olympic games, ^{and} in snowy mountains everywhere. ~~And~~ I never knew a man who got more fun ^{— more} ~~and~~ sheer pleasure out of his work, ~~than Frank Elkins.~~

^{Frank Elkins held}
In later years ~~he played~~ the same ~~post~~ for The Long Press. He was a master of detail, a reporter whose enthusiasm was contagious, ^{— and} always doing things for other people - which is one sure key to success. I doubt whether any one person ever did more to launch the ski boom and keep it rolling, on this continent, than Frank Elkins. Thirty years ago at Sun Valley ^{he and I} ~~we~~ agreed to compete in a down-mountain race. Everytime we met we talked about it - ^{but} ~~and~~ never got around to it. If there are snowy mountains in the next

world, maybe, maybe we'll still run that race. Or maybe
I'll be where there is no snow!

A young man - only sixty-three - when he reaches
that mysterious land the first thing the dean of ski writers,
the one and only Frank Elkins, will ask St. Peter, ^{will be:-} "Do
you have ^{plenty} ~~lots~~ of dry powder snow ^{up} here?"!

TALLAHASSEE ~~FOLLOW EARTH ORBIT~~

~~Have below~~ - Skylab-One crew chief Charles "Pete"

Conrad - was paying a call today at Tallahassee, Florida; presenting a moon rock and a lunar round-trip flag - to Florida's Governor Reuben Askew. Along the way - also discussing recent UFO sightings.

"Pete" Conrad saying - he had never seen a visitor

from space. ^{But, John he, ~~was~~} ~~But~~, adding: "If somebody showed up - it wouldn't surprise me." ^{After all} "There are one hundred million suns out there somewhere" ~~he continued~~ - "and we would be conceited to think we're the only human life forms around."

So John watch out for those little green men!

JERSEY SHORE

From out of the past - the voice of Gertrude Ederle;
first woman - ever to swim the English Channel. At age
sixty-six, discussing some of the swimming records she set
- nearly half-a-century ago. This during her annual vacation
- at the Jersey Shore.

Gertrude
Ederle saying: "I don't recall my times - but,
that in our day nearly 50 years ago -
the way kids swim today why you'd think we were tied to the
pier." *Aug 5-1-*