

Fri. March 17, 1972

**WHITE HOUSE**

*From the White House - a special message today; spelling out in greater detail - the President's new schools plan.*

*As he promised last night - the President urges Congress to ban any new forced busing programs. He also called for passage - of a new equal educational opportunities act; to ensure that every student have an equal chance at education - regardless of race or color. In the same vein, the President urging an appropriation of two and a half billion - to improve the quality of poverty area schools.*

*The President also citing new achievements in the field of race relations; proving - said he that "This administration means what it says - about dismantling racial barriers - about opening up jobs, housing, schools, and opportunity to all Americans." The President adding "These efforts will all go forward - with vigor and*

**conviction;" for this is "not simply something that white  
Americans owe to black Americans" - but "something  
the entire nation owes to itself."**

## REACTION FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

*As for reaction to the President's stand - more good than bad, it would seem. In any event, Acting Attorney General Richard Kleindienst - moved quickly today to follow through on the President's directive. Announcing plans to file anti-busing suits in Richmond, Virginia - also, Denver, Colorado.*

*Mrs. Beard in a signed statement said the controversial memo introduced into the Senate hearings is a forgery. Jack Anderson replies that if she said this under oath - she committed perjury.*

**VIETNAM**

*In Vietnam - a U.S. patrol was ambushed today about twenty miles northeast <sup>of</sup> ~~in~~ Saigon. A quick call for reienforcements - and a combat team was dispatched by helicopter. About half way there - the chopper exploding in mid-air then plunging into a river. Crew and passengers - eleven in all - apparently killed instantly. The patrol under fire, - later fighting its way to safety without a loss.*

**DUBLIN - Vatican**

**St. Patrick's Day, Nineteen-Seveny-Two - inspite  
of all, a great day for the Irish. A big parade today - in  
Dublin; a bigger parade in New York; and similar celebrations  
whereever the Irish have roamed - right around the globe.**

**Along with this, a special message from Pope Paul  
- addressed to the people of all Ireland, expressing great  
sorrow - at the recent actions of Irish extremists. "The  
Christian faith must convince all concerned, says the Pope,  
"that violence is not an acceptable solution to the problems  
of Ireland."**

## DACCA

*India's Prime Minister - Madame Indira Gandhi - a visitor today for the first time to the new state of Bangladesh. At Dacca, receiving a thundrous welcome by an estimated half million Bengalis. Also a public expression of gratitude from Sheikh Mujibur Rahman; for India's role, of course - in the birth of that nation.*

*And then Madame Ganhhi's turn. The lady premier observing that independence - is not an end in itself; but rather the means to an end - "to a better happier society." She also told the Bengalis: "We in India have chose a task - but now it is for you to choose yours;" to determine "yourself how to proceed - how to achieve your goals" - how to build, in short, "a new society."*

**LAS VEGAS - VANCOUVER**

*From the Nevada Gaming Control Board - a call for a "face-to-face" meeting with famed billionaire Howard Hughes. This in connection with Hughes' request - for permission to re-organize his desert gambling kingdom. The Board noting that its handwriting experts - were the same ones originally used by the McGraw Hill publishing firm; adding, therefore, it can no longer rely on the authenticity - of handwritten documents. And now - from Vancouver - Hughes' response. In a word - "Never."*

## EL PASO

*For the first time since the Korean War - Texas oil wells were authorized today to run "wide open." - at full capacity. This - we are told - in order to enable the U.S. oil industry to fight off a recent flood of foreign oil imports. According to the Texas oil authorities, an historic occasion - and a sad one."*

*Chairman Byron Tunnell explained that Texas oil reserves - are running out fast. Said he: TEXAS oil fields have long been like a reliable old warrior rising to the task when needed; but that old warrior - just can't rise any more."*



## PORTSMOUTH

Earlier this week - you may recall - British naval officer David Bingham was sentenced to twenty-one years in prison; for spying - for the Russians. At the time, his wife, Maureen - saying she was largely to blame; adding that she had actually served as an intermediary - in passing along stolen documents. She also said: "I shall never know why I was not charged as well."

As of now though - She can stop wondering. At Portsmouth, England, the thirty-five-year-old mother of four - today charged with a violation of Britain's Official Secrets Act. And it might be said, in a very real sense - she asked for it.

## GENEVA

*From the World Health Organization at Geneva - a report today that mononucleosis - sometimes called "the kissing disease" - is currently sweeping Britain. Officials adding that the next few weeks - will probably bring similar outbreaks in any number of countries.*

*Why so? Because it's spring - the voice of the turtle is heard in the land - a slip of the lip and all that.*

## EVEASHAN

*From Eveashan, England - the story of one Joseph Begley; who saved up two thousand cigarette coupons and then sent them in, expecting to get back a watch. But the watch never came - so Begley wrote and asked why. Back came three watches - two of which he promptly returned. Then, a flood of gifts - thirty-eight, in all; including three tape recorders - two electric blankets - a golf bag - a cot - a pressure cooker and so on.*

*Finally - Begley writing again; telling the cigarette company - "please, stop." Back came the reply - so sorry, " a computer error." By way of apology, the firm also sending along - ten thousand free coupons. Ah, but wait - there's more.*

*With his new-found bonanza - ~~some~~ Begley ordering some power tools and a bedspread. ~~Some more things~~ <sup>Whereupon, he got</sup> ~~some more things~~ <sup>a</sup> ~~plant~~ stand and two step-ladders.*