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KEY BISCAYNE

From the Florida White House at Key Biscayne - a flat denial today that President Nixon was guilty of any wrongdoing - in connection with the Watergate scandal. Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren saying: "Any suggestion the President was aware of the Watergate operation - is untrue; any suggestion that the President participated in any cover-up activity or activities - is untrue; and any suggestion that the President ever authorized the offering of clemency to anyone in this case - is also false."

This following a report that the President had once praised former aide John Dean - for his handling of the Watergate investigation. Dean - as you know, is now facing possible indictment.

PARIS FOLLOW KEY BISCAYNE

The President was also drawing unexpected support
- from rather unlikely sources.

One of these - Senate Democratic Whip Robert Byrd;
who said that he was convinced - the President's hands were
clean. ^{Sen. (a Democrat)} Byrd adding that he was basing his stand - on the
fact that there has been no evidence linking the President
to any wrongdoing.

In Paris - the editor-in-chief of the Washington
Post - ^{was} expressing a similar view. Benjamin Bradlee telling
French newsmen - "there is much more to learn" about the
whole Watergate affair. ^{But he was} Rejecting ~~however~~ the idea that
the President was involved. "No" - said ^{Editor} Bradlee - "I do
not think he was personally implicated."

ADD PARIS

his Wash.
Incidentally, ~~the~~ Post today ~~winning~~ ^{won} a Pulitzer Prize

- for Distinguished Public Service in Journalism. This in
tribute to the Post's investigative reporting - in connection
with the Watergate case; for playing, quote, "so dominant
a part in the inquiry - and the development of much of the
evidence that now is public property."

BOSTON FOLLOW PARIS

Oh, yes and from
~~A related item~~ *in* today's edition of the Christian

we hear
Science Monitor, *^* Former Presidential aide Eil Krogh -

took
~~took~~ full responsibility for that burglary at Daniel

Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office.

"Based on my vantage point of today" - Krogh is
quoted as saying - "this activity was excessive. However,
at the time" - he reportedly continued - "in the context
of the national security crisis I felt we were in - it was,
to me, a necessary action."

WASHINGTON FOLLOW BOSTON

Meanwhile, back in Washington - a public pledge was given today by ~~from~~ the President's Attorney General-designate. Elliot Richardson saying; "if confirmed by the Senate" - he will investigate the Watergate case "fairly, fully and impartially, no matter who is involved." Adding that he intends to accomplish this - by appointing a special prosecutor; and then giving him "all the independence, authority and staff support needed to carry out the tasks entrusted to him."

Richardson further ~~stated that~~ ^{said} he would welcome Senate scrutiny of his choice of a special prosecutor. He noted though: "It may take some time." "The person selected to fill this role," ^{he added,} ~~said he~~ "must not only be an individual of the highest character and integrity - but be widely so recognized." ^{said Atty. Gen.} Richardson, ~~adding~~ "He will report to me - and only to me;" but "he will be aware that his ultimate responsibility - is to the American people."

CONNALLY

Key Biscayne again - an announcement that former
Texas Governor John Connally - has been summoned to the
Florida White House; to confer ~~there~~ with President Nixon.

White House sources saying - there is no major ^{appointment.} ~~announcement~~

The rumors) ^{Connally -- a}
in the works. ~~Reports~~ persist, however, that ~~the former~~

one-time
Navy Secretary - may become the new Secretary of Defense.

BEIRUT

In the Middle East - renewed fighting tonight on the outskirts of Beirut. Lebanese Army troops - again clashing with Palestine guerillas. The government of Lebanon - later declaring a state of emergency throughout the country.

JERUSALEM

The State of Israel - age twenty-five today; with celebrations - in Jewish communities around the globe; of course - in Jerusalem where there was a giant parade - complete with massive displays of military might. The guest of honor: Former Israeli Prime Minister - the aged David Ben-Gurion - who first proclaimed Israeli independence. He was joined in the reviewing stand - by Israeli President Zalman Shazar, Prime Minister Golda Meir, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and other top officials.

As might be expected there were heavy security precautions. The festivities were somewhat marred by the crash of a helicopter - injuring nine soldiers. Other than that - "Everything according to schedule - no accidents, no incidents."

MADRID

In Spain - thousands of right-wing demonstrators -
roamed ~~through~~ the streets of Madrid today. ~~This in protest~~^{ing}
- against a recent series of left-wing riots. The
demonstrators demanding that Generalissimo Franco fire
his present government - and replace it with tough Army
officials. Chanting over and over: "Franco, si -
government, no."

MOUNT EVEREST

For the first time in ten years - the world's tallest mountain, Mount Everest, - have you heard conquered again. Four members of an Italian expedition - making it to the top over the weekend; three more - today; with another six - still to go.

This marking the tenth time Mount Everest has been successfully scaled. The Italian conquest coming nearly twenty years to the day - since Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norkay first made it. It was also quite an achievement. The previous best by Italian climbers was the Mount Godwin Austen in the western Himalayas K2 in the Karokorums - in Nineteen-Fifty-Four.

OSLO

In the land from whence sprang Erik the Red and Leif Eriksen - an attempt today to discourage foolhardy seafarers.

The government of Norway preparing a bill - banning, quote, "hazardous and meaningless" expeditions; especially -

"doubtful Atlantic crossings by amateurs in small boats."

Oslo explaining that such voyages - almost always come to grief. Adding it's simply too expensive - to keep on mounting costly rescue operations.

GALESBERG

The death of one of America's ^{distinguished} ~~great~~ educators. - is
~~reported today from Galesburg, Illinois.~~ Dr. Sharvy Umbeck
- for twenty-four years ~~the~~ President of Knox College -
^{familiarly} ~~sometimes~~ known as "Old Siwash," ^{Galesburg, Ill.} (Along the way, serving
as chairman of the American Council on Education - an
official of the Association of American Colleges - and
director of the National Collegiate Baseball Foundation. Now
- the victim of an apparent heart attack.)

Dr. Sharvy Umbeck - ^{age} ~~only~~ sixty, ~~years old.~~

NEW YORK

Here in New York - an announcement today telling of the founding of a new bank. The First Women's Bank and Trust Company of New York - mainly headed by women's libbers; among them the fabled Betty Friedan - and Muriel Fox of the National Organization of Women.

The latter saying that men and business firms - will both be more than welcome. Adding, that women will get "special attention."

Miss - or is it Mrs. Fox telling would-be customers, in short: "You have more than a friend - you have a sister - at Women's Bank and Trust."

LONDON

London - an attempt today to nullify a marriage -
between a maharajah's daughter and a pop guitarist. The
party of the first part: Poorna Deni Dorabjee - age twenty
- daughter of the late Maharajah of Morvi; ~~charging~~ ^{she says} that she
was in a state of euphoria - when she married eighteen-year-
old guitarist Jimmy Dorabjee; a state of euphoria -
allegedly induced through massive doses of drugs.

However, the judge in the case - reject~~ing~~ ^{ed} poor
Poorna's plea. ^{- Bill -} Observing: "Her state of mind" at the time
of the wedding "may have been unusual" - but no more so than
most brides. Poor Poorna!

SAN DIEGO

Coming up this weekend at San Diego - a tennis
match ^{— will it be} ~~perhaps~~ unique in the annals of the sport. [?] This year's
top woman player, Mrs. Margaret Court, age thirty - taking
on Bobby Riggs, age fifty-five, the former U.S. men's
champion; for a purse of Ten Thousand Bucks - winner take
all.

Both players - now in the process of attempting to
"psyche" each other out. Mrs. Court saying of her opponent:
"He's fifty-five - and I wouldn't have taken him on if I didn't
think I had a chance to beat him." Bobby Riggs replying:
"If Margaret beats me next Sunday - on Mother's Day - I
hope she gives me a return match - on Father's Day."