HARRISBURG

A threatened nationwide truckers strike was spreading fast ioday, affecting at least twenty states. In Pennsylvania Governor Shapp called out the National Guard to prevent any further violence.

EARTH ORBIT

Our Sky Lab Three Astronauts today were taking a final photo sweep of the Earth - closing out one of the greatest scientific exploits of all time.

They now are preparing to return to Earth, next week.

Their Doctors say "the significant thing now - is that we have a crew in good health." So, it seems "man can stay out there in Space."

The White House - President Nixon met today with Republican congressional leaders; to discuss the budget he plans to present to Congress next week.

Senate Majority leader Hugh Scott challenges a statement by a government prosecutor - that there is "no basis" for disbelieving John Dean. Senator Scott saying there is no question but that Dean lied in implicating the President. Adding: "I think it is rather a remarkable statement when one refers to having full confidence - in a man who is a confessed felon."

A lawyer for Rose Mary Woods - the

President's personal secretary also challenged today

the experts who said one of the Watergate tapes

was erased manually. Charles Rhyne saying: "They

just went off on a hundred thousand dollar boundoggle

and they don't have anything to back it up." In

support of his claim - Rhyne producing a letter from

another "expert" - ** saying he "cannot accept"

the original findings.

SACRAMENTO

From a California tax board - a ruling today

that while President Nixon may vote in California - he is

not a legal resident of that state and therefore is exempt

from California's personal income tax. This - we are

told - the net effect of California statues - which clearly

differentiate between a "domicile" and a "residence."

The President's cost of living council today

removed wage and price controls on another twenty-five

percent of all U.S. industry. Almost all but food, motor

vehicles, gasoline and other petroleum products.

The only known relics of the Prophet Mohammed a lock of his beard - a tooth, a flag, a letter, the hilt of his sword and his holy mantle. All seized by Turkish Ottoman Emperor Yavuz Sultan Selim - in the Fifteenth Century when/proclaimed himself Caliph - and successor to Mohammed. Today there is no Caliphate, but the Prophet's relics are in a special section of Istanbul's Topkapi Museum, and King Feisal of Saudi Arabia we hear is attempting to pressure the Turks into giving him the Holy Mantle; in return for oil. King Feisal is said to hope that he can thus proclaim himself the new Caliph - spiritual and temporal leader of all Islam.

WHITE HOUSE

Jordan's King Hussein will again be in Washington,
next Friday - to confer with President Nixon. The White
House calls it a private visit.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko - will also visit us next week. He will no doubt to discuss the President's plan for visiting Russia later this year. The death toll in the skyscraper fire at Sao Paulo,

Brazil - is set at over a hundred. With a hundred or more

- in hospitals.

Prime Minister Cosgrave of the Irish Republic flew secretly to Belfast today to confer with Northern

Ireland's Brian Faulkner - to discuss curbing Irish

violence. First time for an Irish Prime Minister to visit

northern Ireland - since Nineteen Sixty-Seven.

On the subject of flying saucers block - Senator

Barry Goldwater says he's convinced - Bill - that the

earth has been visited many times by creatures from outer

space. Because says the Arizona: "I can't believe we

human beings are the smartest creatures in the universe."

Down south in Georgia - well you in might

strank call it a peach of a problem. The warm weather of late - leaving millions of peach trees on the verge of blooming. Growers adding that premature budding followed by a sudden freeze - could mean a loss of virtually the entire crop.

editor of the Name Mugget, says that up to mid- Jan. there in the arctican Bering to mid- Jan. there in the arctican Bering Sea the therman - hadn't dropped below zero.

CHARLOTTE

First, a salute to WIST - Charlotte, North

Carolina - the newest member of the CBS Radio Network.

And now the latest: House and Senate conferees approving today - a new compromise energy bill. This including an oil price roll back - instead of an excess profits tax, as originally planned.

The White House again - President Nixon today

formally signed and then sent to Congress - his new

budget for fiscal Seventy-Five. In it he calls for Federal

expenditures - totalling three hundred and four-point billion

dollars; thus projecting a deficit of more than nine billion.

The President insisting, however, "this is a budget to fight

inflation - and, one that will be anti-recessionary."