

WHITE HOUSE

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~~The White House~~ President Nixon ^{had a} ~~met for~~
^{lengthy session}
~~ninety minutes~~ (today - with ^{the} two Arab diplomats,
Ismail Fahmy of Egypt, and Omar Sakkaf of Saudi
Arabia) - ^{they} supposedly ~~was~~ bearing good news with
regard to the ~~Arab~~ oil ~~is~~ embargo. But, ~~whatever~~
^{so far} ~~it was not~~ not disclosed.

The President later announcing, ~~however,~~
that Secretary of State Henry Kissinger * will be
going to the mid-east again next week. This in an
effort to speed a ~~an~~ Syrian-Israeli disengagement that
^{or could lead}
will ~~lead~~ ~~hopefully~~ - to an overall peace.

SIMON FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

The President also met today - with

~~Gen~~ Energy Czar William Simon - who then announced

an emergency allocation of gasoline ~~4~~ to the twenty

states hardest hit, ~~by the current fuel shortage.~~ *This hopefully,*

~~Simon adding that this "emergency injection" of~~

~~gasoline should~~ *try* reduce waiting lines ~~within~~ *within*

~~in most areas to a matter of days."~~

ENERGY follow Simon

Meanwhile ~~the~~ ^{the} long stalled ~~max~~ emergency energy bill -
was finally approved today by the Senate, ~~and~~ ^{and} now goes
to the House - where it faces parliamentary difficulties.

William Simon also saying ~~it's~~ ~~it's~~ if it passes as

presently written - a Presidential veto is almost certain,

~~he~~ ^{he} said Simon ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~is~~ ^{is} just a potpourri of ~~no~~ ^{no} legislation"

-- that's ~~just~~ ^{will} going to impede our efforts, ~~he~~ ^{he} said he.

WATERGATE

~~After much soul searching,~~ The Senate
Watergate committee ^{today} voted ~~today~~ to cancel all
~~its~~ plans ~~for~~ for additional public ~~hearings~~ hearings.
This - at the urging of committee chairman Sam
Ervin- who now turns his attention - to legislation
~~now~~ aimed at ~~ban~~ banning forced bussing.

Senator Ervin saying: "I can think of no group of
people who have stood in greater need of ~~national~~
relief from government tyranny than the thousands
of innocent school children who are being bussed
to schools many miles away."

~~More on Watergate from~~ Senate Majority
~~Minor~~ Leader ~~Mike~~ Mansfield ^{today} ~~who~~ cited ^{the} ~~today~~ - ~~as the~~
result of a recent Harris Poll - said to show there
is now a "deep seated skepticism about ~~the~~ the competence
of Congress in dealing with public programs."

~~Mansfield observing that this "confirms"~~
~~what many of us have suspected about the Watergate,~~

^{Adding:}
~~affairs.~~ "Not only the President, ~~said he~~ - "but all
politics, politicians and ~~the~~ political institutions - the
entire government - have suffered a devastating blow."

CONCORD

From former Watergate Prosecutor

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Archibald Cox - an appraisal of the new media filled with "misgivings." This in a speech - at Concord, New Hampshire.

Cox saying that certain segments of the press - tend to think of themselves as "the fourth branch of government." And thus attempt to shape "the course of events - through ~~and~~ their news columns, and commentaries" - as well as ~~the~~ editorials.

"I'm not sure that I want it that way, ~~he continued.~~

Especially in the case of three major networks, ^{he said he,} ~~he~~

Adding that ^{networks quote:-} ~~observing that what~~ with only three, - "that's an awful lot of power."

HILLSBORO

On ~~he~~ the West Coast - an attempt to work out the ~~final~~ final details of a massive food give ~~me~~ away. At the same time, newspaper publisher Randolph Hearst ~~expressig~~ expressing hope that his ~~daughter's~~ daughter's ~~kidnappers~~ kidnappers will soon release her. "I hope" - said ~~he~~ he - "it will be tomorrow on her birthday."

LOS ANGELES follows Hillsboro

Meanwhile, in Los Angeles, the arrest of a young couple accused of impersonating the ~~Hearst~~ kidnapers. Police saying they ~~phoned~~ phoned the Hearst household ~~several times~~ attempting to collect a hundred thousand in ransom money.

TEL AVIV FOLLOW CAIRO

~~Reverse side~~ ^{From} Tel Aviv ^{a report of a} ~~an~~ ~~app~~ ~~apparent~~

split today - between Israeli Prime ~~in addition~~ Minister

Golda Meir and Israeli Defense ~~is~~ Minister Moshe

Dayan. Madame Meir refusing to accept a ~~ruling~~

coalition. - ~~bringing in the right~~ ~~new~~ ~~wing Likud bloc.~~

~~Moshe Dayan~~ ~~saying~~ ~~if that's the case~~

~~he will refuse to~~ ~~an~~ ~~serve.~~ ^a ~~The~~ showdown expected to

~~see some~~ tomorrow. ~~at the conclusion of Madame~~

~~Meir's twenty one day mandate to form a new~~

~~government.~~

MEXICO

Twenty-four Latin Americans and Caribbean
foreign minister - were meeting in secret today in
Mexico City, ^{to form a} ~~attempting to formulate a~~
common front - in preparation for a "new ~~to~~ dialogue"
with ~~the~~ the U S. ^{When} ~~This to begin with the arrival of~~
~~Henry~~ Kissinger ^{arrives this} Thursday ^{for} ~~three days of~~
hemispheric ^{parley.} ~~discussions.~~

BALLOON

~~Balloonist~~ Thomas Gatch of Virginia -
was soaring merrily over the Atlantic today ^{in a balloon,} ~~at~~
an altitude of about thirty-six ~~thousand~~ thousand
feet ^{doing} ~~averaging~~ about a hundred miles an hour, ^{and} Hoping
to ~~become~~ the first balloonist ever, ^{to do an} ~~attempt to complete~~
a trans-atlantic crossing. ~~And - doing it the hard~~
~~way.~~

The last reported siting of Gatch's "Light
Heart" - ~~balloon~~ balloon some thirteen hundred
miles due East of ~~to~~ Miami. ~~instead~~ Instead of
heading for France or Spain as planned, ^{he's} heading
straight for Africa, ^{and a} A friend saying ^s he now expects
^{the Sahara} to land in Mauritania - around ten tomorrow night
Eastern Time. ^{Bill,} ^{how would you like to be}
~~out~~ ~~estimates~~ ~~up to now~~ ~~balloonists~~ ~~haven't~~ ~~been~~ ~~very~~
free balloon?
good.

BALZANO.

From Balzano, Italy - the story of

Moroccan born Fatima Bajaly - a twenty-seven year
old stripper ; who desided she needed ~~what they call~~
~~well,~~

~~guess you could call it~~ "an uplifting operation." But

~~At any rate, Miss Bajaly consulting a plastic surgeon~~

she says the surgeon let her down. A fatal
~~he performed the operation - but somehow he let~~

wore than death, so-o

~~her down, and now~~, she's suing for a hundred thousand

bucks." end s-l

~~Miss Bajaly claiming the operation left~~

~~her - quote "cross-eyed". For a stripper apparently~~

~~a fate worse than death.~~