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President Ford sticks by his conviction that the ~~best~~ way to hold down gasoline consumption is with higher prices - not by rationing. House Ways and Means Committee chairman Ullman still favors rationing over the proposed energy taxes. The President will hold a ~~news~~ news conference tomorrow, deliver a speech in Washington on Wednesday, and then cross the country in an effort to sell his economic program to the public.

Democratic Senators Jackson and Kennedy say they will try to prevent a proposed higher tariff on imported oil and the removal of price ~~for~~ controls on domestic oil - two key parts of the President's program.

F B I

The F B I admitted today that its files do contain information about the personal lives - "loyalty, character and reputation" -- of congressmen. But it denies such information is secret or compiled into individuals dossiers. Rather, a spokesman says, the data is contained in a cross-indexed card file.

The statement follows a Washington Post article claiming that ~~which has been indicated~~ files on the drinking and sexual habits of congressmen were compiled ^{by J. Edgar Hoover,} ~~under the late~~

~~F B I Director J. Edgar Hoover.~~


Also today, Senate Democrats ~~are~~ voted to create a special committee to investigate charges of illegal intelligence ~~or~~ gathering activity by the F B I, C I A and ^{perhaps} other federal agencies. The Democratic caucus called for a Watergate-style select committee ^{to} ~~with a tentative reporting deadline~~ ^{by} September first.

CHINA

In a major speech ~~was~~ released^d today, ~~Chinese~~
Premier Chou En Lai warns that the U S and Russia
are drifting - as he puts it = ^{drifting} "inevitably into world
war." Chou's address, ~~was~~ delivered a week ^{to} ~~ago~~ before
the National ~~Peoples~~ Congress in Peking, ^{was} ~~but~~ made
public only today.

CYPRUS

Thousands of Greek Cypriot demonstrators tried to storm the American Center in Nicosia today - ~~but they~~ ^{and} were turned back by President Archbishop Makarios who personally intervened to stop the brick throwing crowd and lead them ~~peacefully~~ away. It was the fourth day of violence on Cyprus, ~~touching off by a BB British decision to allow thousands of~~ ~~allow thousands of~~ ~~off by a BB British decision to~~ ~~abandon~~ ~~and~~ ~~with~~ ~~thousands~~ ~~Turkish cypriots to leave for the Turkish mainland.~~ ~~And~~ many Greek cypriots still complain that the U S did little or nothing to prevent the Turkish invasion of Cyprus last July.



CYPRUS - ADD

In Washington, ~~at~~ the State Department threatened to close down ^{out}~~the~~ embassy in Nicosia and withdraw from ~~peace~~ negotiations should any member of the Embassy staff be injured by mob action.

HOSTAGES

A seventeen hour siege ended at Orly Airfield near Paris when three Arab gunmen were allowed to fly away in an Air France jet ~~liner~~ in exchange for ten French hostages. The plane ~~then~~ ^{after} landed ^{ing} ~~and~~ in ~~the~~ Iraq, - ~~then~~ ^{some} continued on to ~~some~~ ^{another} destination. ~~although earlier several other mid-east airports had denied it landing permission. Before~~ seizing the hostages the gunmen - ~~wearing hoods~~ had tried and failed to blow up an El Al jet liner at Orly, ~~airfield~~ ^{and} Eighteen persons were wounded in the shoot-out ~~which~~ ^{that} followed.

ALASKA INAUGURAL

I wonder if I have attended more conventions and inaugurals than anyone? Arthur Krock of the New York Times and David Lawrence of U S News and World Report once were my competitors. My first was Teddy Roosevelt's Bull Moose ^{convention} ~~convention~~ in Chicago in 1912.

I'm thinking of this now because I've just come from the Inaugural at Juneau, Alaska. Speeches at these are not always as memorable as when F D R told us the only thing to fear was ~~failure~~ fear itself. Way back at the 1936 Cleveland G O P convention John Hamilton held his audience spellbound when he nominated Alf Landon.

One of the most impressive, perhaps the most impressive of them all, was the inaugural address I just heard in Alaska; delivered by an unusual political

personality, Jay Hammond, from the remote village of Naknek. Both the new Governor and Lieut. Governor of Alaska are veteran bush pilots. Alaska is the most air-minded region on this planet. Up there you either fly or you stay at home!

What did he say? In an inaugural the important thing is to learn something about the man who faces the vast problems that, hopefully are to be solved up North in our largest, perhaps our richest state.

WEATHER

Snow fell to various depths across the Eastern Great Lakes region on through the Ohio ~~valley~~ valley and into Southern New England with icy roads and colds winds adding to the discomfort of motorists and the less hardy outdoor types. Heavy snow also covered the eastern seaboard as far south as Maryland and Virginia ~~down~~ and West to Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

TUNNEL

The Century-old dream of building a tunnel beneath the English Channel goes into limbo again. Britain announces its pulling out of the billion dollar project to link England and continental Europe with a thirty-two mile high-speed rail tunnel. Indeed, the cost is now estimated at about two and a half billion, and inflation could double it again by nineteen eighty. The British say this makes it impossible for them to see any light at the end of a Channel.

COURT

The Supreme Court says - big deal, it will consider the question of whether topless dancing is constitutional. More specifically, the high court will rule on local ordinances which prohibit topless dancers in bars, restaurants, or other public places. The question is: should topless dancing be considered as a form of necessary ~~for~~ freedom of expression?

CARDS

At Stateline, Nevada card sharks may have taken Harrah's Tahoe casino for more than five hundred thousand dollars by slipping decks of marked cards into play at the Blackjack tables. Police say unsuspecting Casino dealers may have put the marked cards into action - enabling wily gamblers to collect as much as fifty thousand bucks a day at Blackjack.