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GOOD EVENING:

A new move on the auto price front. Big General Motors advised the Nixon administration that it will cut back part of the retail price increase - for which it had sought Price Board approval. GM says it will cut back from an average of eighty-five dollars a car - to a minimum of fifty-four - on all '73 models - and all of that extra (GM says) - is the actual cost of meeting new government safety regulations.

Chrysler and American Motors - earlier had objected to the Administration's protest against THEIR planned price increases - Chrysler - for one - calling it "discriminatory."

VIETNAM

The White House expressed concern today that contacts between Senator McGovern's representatives and Hanoi's delegates in Paris could place President Nixon's peace efforts in jeopardy. But in Racine, Wisconsin, the campaigning McGovern charged that it's President Nixon who's hampering peace negotiations by sending adviser Henry Kissinger on what McGovern calls "a global junket designed to manipulate public opinion into thinking serious negotiations are underway when, in fact, they're NOT."

In the words of Senator McGovern . In Saigon, Kissinger and President Thieu met for more than two hours with another session scheduled for tomorrow. So far, NO word on their discussion, and the American bombing raids continued and heavy fighting resumed around the provincial capital of Quang Tri.

POLITICS

Reformers who want to liberalize the G-O-P

convention's delegate voting patterns with more emphasis on big urban states were dealt a setback in Miami Beach today when the Republican National Committee rejected their plan. During the day also, anti-war militant Rennie Davis and two others were forcibly ejected from the platform committee hearing when they tried to argue against the bombing of North Vietnam.

IMPEACH

The Justice Department filed a civil suit in New York today against the so-called National Committee for Impeachment - a group which seeks to oust President Nixon from office. The suit - first of its kind under a law which took effect last April - would prevent the committee from collecting or dispersing funds until it complies with the Federal Campaign Election Act. The Justice Department charges that the Committee paid for an advertisement in the New York Times which sought to influence the election of persons to Federal office. The full-page ad in question reproduced a resolution calling for the impeachment of President Nixon and support for Congressional candidates who advocate the same.

ROBBERY

In Atlanta, a twenty-three-year-old bank robbery suspect admitted that he had staged holdups at the same bank twice within two days - because he had been beaten and robbed of his loot after the first holdup so he went back to the same bank a second time. But on the second trip, he was arrested by police acting on a tip.

POLLUTION

Near Tokyo, four Japanese aquanauts came to the surface today - ending a scientific experiment that kept them nearly a hundred feet deep in the Pacific Ocean for almost two days. NO sooner had they surfaced did they lodge a complaint - about the pollution in the ocean, saying they had ^{Had} NO idea how polluted the water was. And they added - "We feel sorry for the fish."

ICELAND (THOMAS TAPE)

The world championship chess match between Bobby Fischer and Boris Spassky is making the world more conscious of Iceland than ever before. But what of the people who live there? Lowell Thomas tells us about them - Lowell....

TAPE RUNS: 1:50

OUTCUE: So Long....

ULSTER

Belfast, Northern Ireland - a British Army

lieutenant stared in open-mouthed disbelief when a frail, silver-haired housewife told him she had just thrown a bomb over the garden wall in her backyard because, she said, "I wanted to get the darn thing out of my kitchen." Fifty-six-year-old Mrs. Mary Wilson said five men came into her home, carrying a box with a fifty-pound bomb which they placed on her kitchen table. Then one shouted - "You have three minutes to get out." They got out in a hurry, but Mrs. Wilson - who's proud of her kitchen - seized the box and, pushing her way through the back door, reached the garden wall and threw it over. The resulting explosion left a four-foot crater in the ground. "And that's the way it happened," Mrs. Wilson told the lieutenant as she put the kettle on to make a cup of tea.

FOOD

Scientist today reported their first success in attempts to develop food crops with great resistance to the ravages of disease and insects - resistance so great that pesticides and other protective chemical agents would NO longer be needed. Research biologists at the Atomic Energy Commission's laboratory in Upton, New York, have grown a mature and fertile plant by mating genetic cells of different parentage in a test tube - a new method of producing plants especially tailored to man's needs. For example, according to the report, it now may be come possible to grow edible food plants above ground with edible roots below - causing a revolutionary change in our present concepts of world food production.