

CHICAGO

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In the news tonight - President Nixon in Chicago - there submitting to questions from members of The Executives Club. He seemed to be enjoying it - as were they. At any rate, they applauded loud and often; especially when he said as he did, several times - he would not resign and would continue on for three more years.

Apart from Watergate - he discussed the legacy he intends to leave to the Republican Party. "In Nineteen sixty-eight, when I ran" said he -- "we had a war where three hundred Americans were being killed every week. There were prisoners of war who hadn't come back for five or six years - we had riots, in our cities, and burnings - we had disturbances on our campuses - the rate of crime was going up - and we were moving into a highly inflationary period."

"In Nineteen Seventy-six" - he continued - "it is my belief, if we hold to our course - that this is what"

the Republican nominee for President "will be able to run on: One - a world at peace; two, the starting of communications with the leaders of one-fourth of the people of the world - in the Peoples Republic of China;" and three, here at home - prosperity without inflation, "the rise in crime turned around, - drug addiction coming down" - a welfare program "in which we finally make it more profitable to go to work than to go on welfare." And a health program "where every American will have the opportunity to get the best health care available."

The President further noting that the United States - "is indispensable to the security of Europe;" and, yet our Nato Allies - said he - "have been following a program of "confrontation and even hostility on the economic and political front." The President adding: "We cannot have it both ways - we are either going to go along together - or we will go separately."

BRASILIA

In the futuristic city of Brasilia - the inauguration of General Ernesto Geisel as President of Brazil - the fourth military officer to hold that job in the past ten years, But it was First Lady Pat Nixon who nearly stole the show.

Mrs. Nixon's arrival bringing a standing ovation - from Brazilians and other foreign dignitaries attending the inauguration.

NASHVILLE

The President and Mrs. Nixon will both be traveling to Nashville, Tennessee - to attend tomorrow night's premiere performance of the "Grand Old Opry" - in its new fifteen million dollar - "Opry House." Others expected to attend - include three senators, four governors and thirteen congressmen.

MOSCOW

From the U S and Russia - a joint announcement that Secretary of State Kissinger will again journey to Moscow - week after next, to confer with Soviet leaders - on "bi-lateral relations and international matters of mutual concern." And - preparation for a later visit by President Nixon.

WASHINGTON

In Washington King Hussein of Jordan in a speech said the American people had now become firmly involved -- in Middle East problems. There can be no question - said he - "the man sitting in his car waiting for gasoline - is involved."

Said King Hussein: "Israeli leaders have within their grasp a future for their people that they never had before; a future - free from fear."

ALMA ATA

For Soviet Leader Brezhnev - a trip today to Alma Ata, capital of Soviet Kazakhstan; to celebrate the twentieth anniversary - of Russia's "virgin lands," farming development program.

Brezhnev taking the occasion to charge that western news media are distorting Soviet policies; and thereby - slowing detente. Said he: "These malicious attacks by foes of peace do not surprise us - we continue on our way."

CHARLESTON

From Charleston, West Virginia a report of a sudden drop in the production of moonshine whiskey. A Federal revenue agent blaming the decline - mainly on shoddy workmanship. Said he: "They just don't make that good old mountain dew the way they used to do." Howdy do, Bill!

STREAKING

*Here now - the streaking story to end all
s'treaking stories. And that's a promise.*

*It comes from Chicago. A big sign on a major
hotel saying: "Streakers repent - your end is in sight."
So is mine. And so long until Monday.*