

Thursday, Jan. 31, 1974

WASHINGTON

In the nation's capitol - the twenty-first annual national prayer breakfast; with President Nixon recalling some sage words of advice - from his Quaker grandmother - who told him: "What thee must understand, Richard, is that the purpose of prayer - is to listen to God - not to talk to God; the purpose of prayer is not to tell God what thee wants - but to find out from God what he wants of thee."

The President adding on his own: "What this nation needs to do now is to pray in silence - and listen to God - and find out what he wants for us - and then we'll all do the right thing."

COX FOLLOW WASHINGTON

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The President was accompanied ~~Monday~~ to today's affair by First Lady ~~Bobbe~~ Pat Nixon and Tricia and Edward Cox. The President's daughter and son-in-law later attending a pro-Nixon rally across from the White House. Ed Cox telling some fifteen hundred young people - the President was being "persecuted by charges in the press which would ~~be~~ prove to be untrue." Adding that "John Dean was a coward" whose "whole object was to get immunity."

The couple also denounced recent rumors - that their marriage was breaking up. Tricia saying: "I don't know how they got started - we really love each other."

HARRIS

Incidentally the latest Harris poll released today - suggests the tide may have begun to turn. At any rate the majority of Americans are said to agree - the President "is trying to do his best in an almost impossible job." And an even greater majority are said to feel he is "experienced and smart - especially in foreign affairs - with still more saying - "he is not afraid to take decisive action as in his handling of the Middle East war."

The Poll is also said to show overwhelming agreement - that "if the tapes show the President was not involved in the Watergate then the country should get behind him in a show of national unity."

REACTION

As for reaction the President's State of the Union message - about what you might expect. Republicans applauding the President's call - for "a year of outstanding progress." Some Democrats - not all by any means - saying it was filled with "generalities and platitudes."

The House Judiciary Committee was also splitting along party lines today; rejecting, by a vote of twenty-three to fourteen - a move to impose an April deadline on its pending impeachment inquiry. Along the way, Congressman Brooks of Texas - urging his fellow Democrats to utilize their "unqualified power." Brooks saying: "We have full subpoena power, by God - let's exercise it."

TRUCKERS

A threatened nationwide trucker tie-up apparently went into effect today only in Pennsylvania and Ohio, with a series of violent incidents leading to the death of at least one driver.

OAKLAND

The bodies of three persons apparently hacked to death were found today in the chapel of an Oakland mortuary. Police theorizing they may have ~~been~~ been killed by a man who calls himself Zodiac. Zodiac previously claiming ~~thirty~~ thirty-seven victims - since nineteen sixty-six. This - coupled with seventeen ~~unsolved~~ unsolved murders in San Francisco sending a chill throughout the Bay area.

PAGO PAGO

At Pago Pago in the South Pacific a violent thunderstorm apparently lead to the crash of a Pan Am jet liner - which burst into flames. First report - indicating at least ninety-one dead.

HOLLYWOOD

One of the great film makers of all time - dead today in Hollywood. Samuel Goldwyn - founder of three major studios - guiding genius - behind literally hundreds of movies. The winner of eight academy awards - plus the coveted Irving Thalberg award for his post-World War Two film - "The Best Years of Our Lives."

Famous of course, for countless - Goldwynisms." Once saying: "A handshake agreement isn't worth the paper its printed on." Another time rebu)king a director - who said a script was "too caustic." "To hell with cost," - said Goldwyn - "if it's a good picture - we'll make it." Perhaps his most famous line: "Gentlemen, include me out."

Samuel Goldwyn - the one, the only - age ninety one.

NEW DELHI

About a year ago - at Lucknow - the dedication of a new motor scooter plane. Madame Indira Gandhi performing the honors and suggesting something be done - to ease the plight of India's poor cycle-rickshaw drivers. Now it has. India's first motor powered Lucknow rickshaw - making its debut today on the Lady Prime Minister's lawn. Its cost - about two hundred and fifty bucks. By Indian standards still a lot. But its cruising speed - a brisk twelve miles an hour and best of all - it gets a hundred-and-twenty miles to the gallon.

Want one of them motor powered rickshaws, Bill?

ST MORITZ

For Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada - a skiing holiday at St. Moritz in Switzerland. Because of fog the Prime Minister taking a solo jaunt - on the famed Cresta bobsled run. His first ever, on a run that has claimed more than fifty lives since first built nearly a century ago.

Trudeau completing his break neck ride in just over a minute - for an average speed of nearly seventy miles an hour. According to Cresta officials - a remarkable run.

Said Trudeau : "Think I'll go again." He did - and even faster.