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WHITE HOUSE

From the White House comes an announcement that the FBI is now investigating that big wheat sale to Russia. Purpose - said Press Secretary Ron Ziegler to determine "whether illegal excess profits were realized - and, whether any impropriety was involved."

Ziegler said the FBI was called in - at the personal request of the Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz; because of quote - "various charges aired on the campaign trail."

SENATE FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

More on the same - from the Senate; where the Democrats were pushing a bill - to reimburse farmers who might have missed out on big profits. Senators Bensen and Humphrey charging that said farmers - had actually been cheated.

Reverse side from Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott; who accused the Democrats - of blatant demogoguery. Scott adding: "I am not an expert on grain - but I am an expert on garbage and hog wash," and when I heard all this coming in from the campaign trail - said he - "I could smell it all the way to the Potomac."

BONN

A terrorist murder-by-mail campaign - continued to spread today around the globe. Authorities turning up boobytrapped letters - in London, Paris, Brussels, Geneva, Vietnna, Montreal, even Tel Aviv and New York too.

Now the latest: At Bonn - there now is^a a group calling itself the International Anti-Terror Organization; saying it plans to bomb Arabic Airlines, Embassies and so on - in retaliation for attacks against Israelis; vowing to "fight terror - with terror".

ST LOUIS

For Vice President Agnew - a visit today to St. Louis; where he noted how "it has become fashionable in certain circles - to speak of the 'root cause' of the crime". The Vice President went on - "This phrase has become an ideological cliché;" "an attempt - to place the major blame on society;" and thus an approach - said he - "that simply doesn't work."

Agnew adding: "If we are to deal effectively with crime - we must begin by dealing effectively with the individual." And "the notion" - said he - "that we should restructure our society so the criminal feels more comfortable in it - is a specious one."

COLUMBUS

For Senator McGovern - it was upward and onward today. The Democratic nominee continuing his stepped up campaign - that has now taken him into eight states in three days.

At Columbus, Ohio, though - and later at Cincinnati - Senator McGovern running into factories where workers were wearing Nixon buttons; getting himself involved in near shouting matches - on the subject of U S prisoners of war and amnesty for draft evaders.

And then - it was on to North Bergen, New Jersey where McGovern was calling for payments to the aged, the blind and the disabled - to the tune of at least one hundred and fifty dollars a month.

QUANG TRI

At Quang Tri City today in Vietnam - a surprise enemy artillery barrage; narrowly missing and heading off a travelling party - including South Vietnam's President Thieu and three of his top generals. Some fifty Communist troops - later launching a desperation attack from a hidden bunker inside the city.

Thieu was not to be deterred though. The South Vietnamese President - personally congratulating his front line troops, those he could reach. Also, summoning the Colonel who led the final assault on Quang Tri - embracing him warmly.

Thieu further saying the enemy invaders have now been destroyed - "psychologically, physically, and geographically." Adding: "If they will not pull back to the other side of the DMZ - they will have to commit suicide to the last man in South Vietnam.

STATE

Washington again - at the State Department a final day of a three day conference on international drug traffic; including the dissemination of a special report from the President's new Cabinet Committee on International Narcotics Control. This asserting that the flow of illegal drugs from South Vietnam, Laos and Thailand - has been cut substantially and adding that next door Burma is now the problem; Burma "a nation where the United States has no presence - and very little influence."

KAMPALA

By order of President Idi Amen of Uganda a series of Ugandan air strikes today against neighboring Tanzania. This - according to Amen in an attempt to head off a ten thousand man invasion force. "We must stop them" said he. Adding: "The only way to do it - is by striking at them before they enter the country."

BURGHLEY

Starting Friday in Britain - the famed Burghley Horse Trials; a rigorous test - of show jumping and cross country riding; with Britain's Princess Anne who won last year - again one of the favorites. From London we hear Lord Irwin will be there to cheer her on.

Who he? He's the young, handsome son of the Earl of Halifax. Said to be "a splendid horseman - an excellent dancer." Called "Peter" by his friends, of whom Anne would certainly appear one of the closest. The young princess - a frequent guest at Lord Irwin's family home and he - at Buckingham Palace.

It might also be noted - the young Lord's family motto is: "I like my choice."

SANTA BARBARA

*Here's one - a new look at the future of aging;
courtesy of Dr. John Wheeler - a so called "futurologist"
at the Santa Barbara Center for the Study of Democratic
Institutions.*

*Dr. Wheeler foreseeing by the year two thousand -
an average life expectancy of one hundred and five years or
more; with persons in their seventies and eighties - still
in the prime of life.*

BARTOW

Speaking of aging - this next from Bartow, Florida a report listing as the oldest living man in the U S - Charlie Smith, an ex-slave, age one hundred and thirty; a man who has already outlived three wives - and, with the help of social security, still self supporting. He runs a small candy store.

To what does Charlie Smith owe his longevity?

He drinks , he smokes - always has. Charlie himself admitting: "I do everything wrong." But he adds: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Bill Martin - "The Lord is the one that decided I was gonna live long - and he's the one that'll tell me when it's time to go."

HOUSTON

At the U. S. Manned Space Center in Houston - mission accomplished today; with three rookie astronauts emerging from a simulated sky-lab space-chamber after spending fifty-six days in isolation; thereby successfully completing a test and helping pave the way for the real thing next year.

Nothing phony about the reception they received though — Family, friends and space officials welcoming back the three astronauts - as if they had must completed a real flight whereupon an official response - from mission commander Bob Crippen, who passed part of the time studying Russian. Said he - in Russian: "Man, it's nice to get out." And from KOOL Phoenix, Arizona - so long until tomorrow.