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Here in New York - a sneak preview of coming attractions. Richard Nixon announcing today his first Cabinet-level appointment - that of Robert Mayo as Director of the Budget. The fifty-two-year-old Mayo - a former Assistant Director of the Treasury Department - currently a vice president of the Continental Illinois National Bank of Chicago. A man - according to Nixon - who not only "knows numbers" - but also "has a deep understanding and sympathy for people."

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WASHINGTON FOLLOW NEW YORK

Next stop - Washington; where tonight at ten - the
- as you know -
President-elect will unveil en masse his new Cabinet. A
group of men whose make-up - is fast becoming perhaps the
worst-kept secret in the land.

According to Republican leaders in Congress -
who supposedly got it straight from Nixon Headquarters in
New York - the line-up ^{is} as follows: For Secretary of State -
the able, much admired
former Attorney General William Rogers; Secretary of Defense -
Congressman Melvin Laird of Wisconsin; Secretary of the
Treasury - Chicago Banker David Kennedy; Attorney General -
Nixon's campaign manager, John Mitchell; Secretary of Health
Education and Welfare - Lieutenant Governor Finch of
California; Secretary of Housing and Urban Development -
Governor Romney of Michigan; Secretary of Labor - Dean
George Schultz of the University of Chicago; Secretary of
Transportation - Governor Volpe of Massachusetts;

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Secretary of the Interior - Governor Hickett of Alaska; *now*
there's a big surprise and a pleasant one
for those of us who know the dynamic Alaskan gov.;
Secretary of Commerce - New York banker Maurice Stans;

Secretary of Agriculture - Chancellor Clifford Hardin of

the University of Nebraska; and Post Master General -

the president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, W.M. "Red"

Blount.

At least, that's what they tell us.

We'll
know soon!

PHILOSOPHY FOLLOW WASHINGTON

In any case - Nixon himself assures us his new Cabinet members - will be "big men, strong men." Men who will have the right - indeed, men who will be encouraged - "to speak out on the policies of their departments." Men whose views - said he - may very well differ from his own.

The President-elect going on to say - that newsmen can feel free to question each member of the Cabinet on that last point. But don't expect any answers - said he - until after the inauguration.

Meanwhile, another Nixon appointee - was winging his way home today. Special envoy William Scranton - having just completed a tour of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon, Israel. Stopping off briefly in Rome - on the trip back. There saying the Nixon Administration will offer a new Mideast peace plan - shortly after taking office January Twentieth.

What will the plan entail? And will it work? We'll have to wait and see - said Scranton. Adding, however, that he had established beyond a doubt - "that the interested parties truly intend to find a solution to the problem."

PARIS

On the peace front - Paris - an ~~apparent~~ attempt today at diplomatic seduction, ^{would you say? At any rate,} ~~with~~ a spokesman for North Vietnam ^{was} assuring the U.S. - that Hanoi is ready and willing to discuss mutual withdrawal of troops from South Vietnam; is ready and willing to discuss "this or any other questions"^m - as soon as expanded peace talks get underway.

This supposedly an answer to Clark Clifford's statement of yesterday - expressing hopes for the start of mutual withdrawal within forty days. Observers noting, however, that the North Vietnamese are pledging themselves only to talk - and then only on their own terms. In fact, Hanoi rejecting today a French mediation effort ~~aimed~~ aimed at speeding agreement on procedural matters; leaving plans for the expanded parley - just as unsettled as ever.

ADD PARIS

A later development: The Viet Cong tonight announcing appointment of a high-powered delegation to broadened talks - if and when. Its members including Tran Buu Kiem - who calls himself the Viet Cong's acting foreign minister; also, ex-guerilla fighter Madame Nguyen Thi Binh - the Viet Cong's fabled "dragon lady."

VATICAN

St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican in Rome - the focal point of Roman Catholic dissent today. Inside - Pope Paul warning Italian priests - against what he called "near-subversive" trends in Catholicism. Outside - a demonstration by about a hundred students, ~~Demanding~~ the reinstatement of another Italian priest - the Rev. Enzo Mazzi; who was stripped of his duties ^{recently} - for espousing a so-called "New Catechism."

SULZBERGER

One of America's great newspapermen - dead today in New York. Arthur Hays Sulzberger - chairman of the board of the New York Times - passing away after a lengthy illness. Writing "thirty" to a newspaper career that began nearly a half-century ago - including thirty-six years as publisher of the Times.

Arthur Hays Sulzberger - he was seventy-seven.

NEDROW

From Upstate New York comes news today - of a heap-big Indian powwow. Tribal chieftains representing a quarter-of-a million Iroquois - gathering together in the city of Nedrow. There to select a new leader - of the six-nation Iroquois, ~~Conspiracy~~.

And the winner - a fifty-three-year-old elder - by the name of Ky-you-ha-ha-de. Which means - freely translated - "unfinished business."

Not a prophecy, I hope. Anyway, here's Warren -
/4 with some more Ky-you-ha-ha-de.

The question - one that has stumped viewers for

at the Sheraton Hotel in Washington - 5 post-graduate
ages: What in the world was Mona Lisa smiling about?

course today in government administration, Nixon-style.
Answer - we hear today: She was smiling to draw attention
with the President-elect serving as headmaster to his newly-
away from her eyebrows - or lack of same.

This according to a number of skin specialists -

First and foremost - Richard Nixon urging truth and
attending a meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology
Franklin in the New government. adding that he wants an
in Chicago. Noting that a close look at the Mona Lisa - will
open Administration - with a free flow of facts. Further
show that she had no eyebrows at all. Indicating that she
assuring his key aides they will have the right to choose
was perhaps suffering from a skin disease - called alopecia.

By the same token - they say - the rosy glow of

Renoir's models - could have been a sign of high blood

Next - a series of lectures on domestic and foreign
pressure. And what was "The Thinker" by Rodin - actually
policy; with special emphasis on Nixon strategy - for dealing
thinking about? Probably about those bunions on both his
with major problems both at home and abroad.
feet - say the doctors.

Members of the incoming Cabinet - later meeting with
their counterparts in the Johnson Administration. While
Nixon himself - was conferring with LBJ.

I hope you saw and heard the President-elect on TV last