

Monday January 4, 1971

Good Evening Everybody. I hope all of you had as interesting a holiday as my wife and I did - the Wasatch Mountains in Utah, Alaska, the polar ice pack with ex-Interior Secretary Wally Hickel, the Pasadena Rose Bowl game - and what an upset that was! Wish I could have seen the Notre Dame triumph over Texas. All this thanks to four eminent gentlemen, Dallas Townsend, Mike Wallace, Allen Jackson, and Stuart Novins, who were here in my place.

WHITE HOUSE

Tonight - as you know - a chat with the President.

**At the White House - President Nixon to meet with four
broadcast journalists. This billed as a give-and-take
session - expected to cover a broad range of foreign and
domestic issues; with air time - set for nine o'clock,
Eastern-time. And you can hear it here - on many of these
CBS Radio stations.**

TRAVEL

President Nixon will be flying tomorrow to San Clemente; to spend eight-to-ten days - on a working vacation.

This - we are told - at the recommendation of the President's doctor; who has urged him to get more rest - especially in the Florida and California sun. However, the President's "holiday" will include a final honing of his State of the Union message. Also, the Federal budget for "Seventy-Two - also, the President's annual economic message to Congress - and so on and so on.

NEW YORK-CAIRO

For Secretary of State William Rogers - a trip ~~today~~ to New York; where he conferred ^{today} on the Middle East situation - first with U.N. Secretary General U Thant and then U.N. peace envoy Gunnar Jarring. This an attempt to map strategy for new Mideast peace talks, ~~now expected~~ to begin tomorrow or Wednesday, ~~at the latest~~.

Meanwhile, Egypt's President Anwar Sadat was warning of the possibility of a new war ~~if~~ ^u if the U.N. peace mission should break down again. Sadat adding ominously that Egypt is "now stronger than ever before;" due mainly to a massive missile build-up - along the Suez Canal; a build-up that will not be withdrawn - said he - come what may.

INDOCHINA

In the air war in Southeast Asia - wave after wave of big U.S. B-Fifty-Twos - carrying out their first raid in South Vietnam in more than a month. An attempt - we are told - to seal off enemy infiltration routes; and thus forestall the possibility of another Tet offensive - perhaps later this month.

PENTAGON FOLLOW INDOCHINA

Here at home - a year-end round-up from the Pentagon; setting the number of American combat deaths during Nineteen-Seventy - as of December Twenty-Sixth - *A* four thousand two hundred and three; ~~which is~~ less than half the figure *A* for Nineteen-Sixty-Nine; and less than a third the figure - for the year previous ^{- '68.} ~~to that.~~

The Pentagon also expressed confidence that U. S. troop strength in Vietnam - can be cut back below the goal of two hundred and eighty-four thousand now set for May One; thereby marking a total troop reduction of more than fifty per cent - since the advent of the Nixon Administration

OTTUMWA

On the U. S. weather front - a bitter blast of winter today in the Mid West. For Iowa, the worst snowstorm in thirty years. Some twelve to fourteen inches of snow - at Des Moines, Audubon, Mason City, Ottumwa, Davenport. The storm front extending north to Minnesota; also, south and west to New Mexico .

The weatherman tonight predicts a snowfall of more than four inches - from Northeast Iowa through Northern Wisconsin and Michigan. With warnings out in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota.

MOSCOW

Also over in Europe one of its worst winters in years; including blizzards, dense fog and torrential rains all the way from Portugal in the West to Poland and Yugoslavia in the West.

But Moscow, unseasonably warm, a balmy twenty-one above.

SACRAMENTO

Out on the West Coast ^{today} - the start of a second term ~~today~~ for Governor Reagan of California; who quickly set as his major goal - a "restructuring" of welfare; an attempt - said he - "to eliminate waste and the impropriety of subsidizing those - whose greed is greater than their need."

~~Governor Reagan going on to say,~~ ^{Said Reagan:-} "There is no greater challenge - facing the state or the nation." ~~And~~
~~Added:~~ ^{Wg:-} "Unless and until we effect a complete reform of welfare - we will face a tax increase ~~the next year, the year after that and the year after that~~ on into the future as far as we can see."

MONTGOMERY

A social note: Governor-elect Wallace of

Alabama - a widower more than two years - taking as his new bride tonight a thirty-one-year-old divorcee.

Cornelia Ellis Snively - the mother of two sons - a niece of former Alabama Governor James Folsom; also, a former water-skier - at Cypress Gardens, Florida.

WASHINGTON

Washington again - retiring House Speaker John

McCormack - reminisces about his many years in Congress.

Observing that Franklin Delano Roosevelt - was "a great humanitarian;" a man who "gave the people hope - and brought the nation back to life." McCormack adding that Harry S. Truman - had "the strongest sense of intuition of any man" he had "ever seen."

But his own most memorable experience - said McCormack - when he was ~~was~~^{thanked} profusely by a woman for whom he had done a favor; a woman who called him - "a great and good Congressman." McCormack observing: "If I had to choose between being either great or good - I had rather be good."

LOS ANGELES

A professor of anthropology at UC.A, Robert McCracken, says modern man - is merely a way-stop in the progress of human evolution; another link in the chain that will lead one day - to a new super-intelligence and super-consciousness.

When that day comes - says the professor, man will be little more than "a part of the backdrop; much the same as plants and lower animals - are part of the backdrop now." And he adds - if the truth be known - modern man is already obsolescent. Now here is Warren. Who is by no means obsolescent. - but Warren - mebbe we're both on the way?

MIAMI BEACH

Miami Beach - the Christmas rush is over - and now the moment of truth. Tourist officials expressing

hopes for a continued healthy stock market - along with

as they put it -

"lousy weather up North;" ~~in the belief that this could mean,~~

with
~~to turn~~ a pick-up in tourist business - which has been

running about seven to eight per cent behind last year.

Except for the holiday season - a bleak picture, indeed.

~~Worse still for the locals - we are told - the fact~~

they say
~~that~~ Recent visitors have not been exactly free and easy with their tips. "We call them tenners" - says a Miami

Explaining:
Beach barmaid. *^* "They come in with the Ten Commandments and a Ten Dollar Bill - and ~~they~~ leave with both intact."