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WHITE HOUSE

At the White House - an attempt today to clear up the pardon controversy. President Ford meeting with House and Senate Republican leaders; who later issued a statement & in the Presidents

name. fuste The President saying, "a study is, of course

made - for any requests concerning the pardon of any individual." But, "no inference should be drawn as to the outcome of such studies in any count case." The Adding that his pardon of the former indeed a President Nixon was a "unique case," and not "related to any other case which is or may be under study." LABOR

The President also met today - with twentyfour of the nations top labor leaders; at the outset announces plans to release more than four hundred million in federal funds - to finance public service jobs in depressed areas. The President saying: "We provide will not permit the burden of necessary economic restraint - to fall on those members of society least able to bear the cost." And the to asked the Labor leaders for frank comment - on how best to stem inflation. The first to reply - A F L C I O President George Meany; who said a good beginning # would be "to agree that we are sex doing something wrong;" and thus dispense with, **main**;" the open optimistic rhetoric - so often used by the past administration." Meany adding that the answer to inflation - must be found in something other than tight money, high interest rates and indiscriminate budget cutting; for these - said he hurt only those at the bottom of the pyramid,

PINEHURST FOLLOW LABOR

The President later flew to Pinehurst,

North Carolina where he helped # dedicate the new socialing world golf hall of fame. The President saying: Golf is a very special game - and its not hard to understand its popularity, because it "crosses all borders." There is another golf half of fame at For Penney waring at one of the oldest ewises in America.

SENATE

The Senate Rules Committee voted today to request a full *m* public disclosure - of the financial worth of Vice Presidential nominee Nelson Rockefeller. This in lieu of a blind trust - or a request that he sell some of his vast holdings. A spokesman for Rockefeller later saying - there is no question but that "he will comply." Portuguese commando units were air lifted

Lorenzo markez today - to Lourenco Marques in Portuguese Mozambique;

there attempting to quell black rioting - in a frenzie

of pre-independence passions.

At last report though - virtually the entire colony, in a state of near anarchy; with hundreds killed or wounded - both back and white; and **etter** additional hundreds of white settlers **filmer** fleeing to neighboring South Africa. ADDIS ABABA

Ethiopia's Emperor, Haile Selassie and his family - were the targets of a new attack today by Ethiop ia's new military regime. The Emperor accused of **max** refusing to hand over - billions of dollars allegedly deposited in foreign banks. Sclassie in guoted as saying - he had long since turned over his wealth to his children. This leading to the arrest of Selassie's only surviving daughter - Princess This Tenagne-Work; apparently the first step - in a round up of all members of the royal family; including perhaps - even the Emperor himself.

The publisher of the Washington Post,

Katherine Graham - was guest of honor today at **hear** a New York affair sponsored by MS. Magazine. She also discussed the role of the **proces** press in exposing the Watergate affair.

Mrs. Graham saying: "Our role was important in the beginning - but, in the long run minor." The real heroes - said she - were the judges, juries, the Congress and irate citizens - "who just could not stomach what they saw."

Mrs. Graham further saying the role of the press - has become "far too prominent." "I hope and pray that all of us" in the media - "will be able to lower our profiles" - said she. Adding: "The press -- as a chronicler of events, not a participant - is essential to the functioning of a Democratic society." AUSTIN

At the Southern Governors conference in Austin, Texas, a defense of legal wiretaps. FBI Director Clarence Kelly - saying they fre vital in the fight against organized crime. Adding that, "courts have approved electronic surveillance since nineteen sixtythis leading nine - the leading nine - the some three thousand arrests in gambling cases alone - more than twelve hundred convictions - and the confiscation of an cash, property and weapons valued at more than seven million, dettare. STOCKTON

A bizarre crime - deplorable but perhaps understandable - is reported today from Stockton, California. A man by the name of Victor Lester, armed with a gun and six sticks of dynamite - seizing a local agent for the Internal Revenue Service. Holding the agent hostage for three hours - 'till he was finally talked into surrendering. Why did he do it? He Baya Because he was z upset, over tax problems. Marking Markage

SAO PAULO Var perhaps have read or heard how HETR'A DEC Sao Paulo, Bragil is the world's fastest growing city. Today, believe it's Suo Paulo, Brazil: At present a teeming metropolis of about eight million; expected to double In Sao, Paulott eise in the next decade; there people tell you theirs nillsoon bolle the fourthy largest city in the world. Il this - according to the National Geographie; which agas that its size not with standing Sao Paulo is still a city of close knit neighborhoods. A focal official quoted as saying: A good neighbor is important - almost a brother. He does ever pays your bills - lends you his phone - even feeds your dog; " and that's the latest from sao Paylo where they're added a new dimension to good neighbor policy