

Thursday, January 17, 1974

**JERUSALEM-CAIRO**

*After four wars - the first significant step toward a permanent peace in the mid-East. The words those of President Nixon - in announcing today an agreement at last on troop disengagement along the Suez Canal.*

*The President also praising Egypt's President Sadat and Israel's Golda Meir - for what he called their "very constructive" effort. The President adding that "we in the United States can be proud of the role we have played - particularly Secretary Kissinger - so agreement could be reached." He further pledged to see, "personally, that any efforts that can lead to that permanent peace - will have the full and complete support of the U.S."*

*The achievement of today's agreement - announced simultaneously in Jerusalem and Cairo with formal signing set for tomorrow morning - at Kilometer-One-Oh-One on the Cairo-Suez Road.*

**BAGHDAD**

**In the ~~west~~ Middle East again - at Baghdad -  
the signing of an economic agreement between Japan  
and Iraq. The Japanese pledging to put up one billion  
in order to finance Iraqi petroleum and industrial  
projects; in return for which - Iraq pledging an  
equal amount in crude oil.**

**WHITE HOUSE**

*President Nixon will appear before Congress Tuesday afternoon to deliver in person his annual State of the Union address. The announcement coming today from the White House; also that the President's message - will cover the broad outline of his legislative program for Nineteen Seventy Four. This said to include an expanded health insurance plan - and some form of income maintenance for the poor.*

## INSURANCE

*From the President's Cost of Living Council -  
an order today freezing auto insurance ~~rates~~ rates for  
at least two months. Deputy Director James McLane  
noting a sharp drop in highway accidents due to  
reduced speed limits. Adding that a two month  
moratorium - will "allow time for determination  
of the full effect of the energy situation." McLane  
stressing that the council will allow no rate hike -  
that "does not fully reflect the frequency and  
severity of claims."*

## GRAND RAPIDS

*For the first time since he became Vice President - Gerald Ford returned home today to Grand Rapids, Michigan; there receiving a day-long moving tribute from the people he served in Congress for twenty-five years.*

*Along the way, Gerald Ford saying he will continue to defend the President - against those who are calling for impeachment. "I will continue my criticism of such groups," said he - "to alert the ~~American~~ American people to his highly skilled campaign."*

## TAPES

The F B I began an investigation today - into the mystery of the ~~at~~ missing segment of Watergate tape. The White House for its part - pledging to cooperate fully. Spokesman Gerald Warren denied ~~however,~~ a report that President ~~is~~ Nixon had asked his secretary Rose ~~αα~~ Mary Woods to take full responsibility. Warren calling the report - false and incredible." Adding that the President has absolute confidence in Miss Woods.

## MARSABIT

*The world's most famous elephant - so they say, is the great Ahmed of Kenya - a magnificent creature with tusks at least twelve feet long; the world's first and only animal - ever declared a national treasure.*

*Four years ago, in Nineteen Seventy - by order of Kenya's President Kenyatta; who noted at the time the receipt of more than a thousand cards and letters from all over the world - requesting that Ahmed be protected. Kenyatta going on to say: "There is occasionally some animal - which captures the imagination and concern of all mankind." "Such an animal" he added - "is Ahmed."*

*Now the end. Ahmed breathing his last - while roaming the Marsabit National Reserve in northern Kenya; a victim of recent drought combined with advancing years and maybe carrying around those twelve foot tusks. His age? Seventy-five.*

WASHINGTON

*Senator Mondale of Minnesota today became the nation's second un-announced candidate - for President in Nineteen Seventy Six. The veteran Democrat authorizing a group of Minnesota supporters to determine whether he should seek the nomination. He thus follows in the footsteps - of Republican Senator Percy of Illinois. Mondale saying he hopes to determine whether an all out campaign for the nomination is a feasible, or even a good, idea.*

DENVER

*At Denver - the wife of a returned prisoner of war who committed suicide has just given birth to a baby boy. The mother- Mrs. Sandra Cavanagh - telling newsmen: "He's a fine looking boy." Adding that "everybody is pretty thrilled - especially that it is a boy." Her first, incidentally.*

*The child's father - Sgt. Abel Cavanagh ~~who~~ took his life last June - after being charged with aiding and<sup>d</sup> abetting the enemy while a P O W in Vietnam.*

EXMINISTER

The English Channel was hammered today by heavy gales - capsizing small ships and drowning more than twenty, ~~These~~ including a thirteen year old boy - one ~~Stephen~~ Steven Cutts - who was swept off a sea wall at Exminster in Devon.

A companion of young Cutts - thirteen year old Gordon Blakeley - ~~was~~ was also washed into the sea; at the same time - from the same sea wall.

Watching his friend ~~see~~ being swept under ~~the~~ while he himself was thrown ashore by a second giant wave. -

Except for a ducking, <sup>he wound up</sup> ~~completely~~ <sup>^</sup> ~~^~~ unhurt.

MINNEAPOLIS

*The death of one of the late President Eisenhower's most trusted aides is reported today from Minneapolis. Fred A Seaton - one of those who helped to guide Ike in his venture into politics; later serving as Deputy Assistant to the President - as Assistant Secretary of Defense - and finally Secretary of the Interior.*

*Fred A Seaton - only sixty-four.*

## CHICAGO

*At a meat market in Chicago - a visit from a harried delivery man. He told the proprietor: "We left too many hams here - the boss is mad - and wants them back." Whereupon he gathered up eighteen cans of twenty pound hams - and loaded them into his car. One of the clerks - even helping.*

*Delivery man? A fake. He and the hams haven't been seen - since. And those hams were worth more than a thousand bucks.*

DETROIT

*From Detroit - the case of the hairy food chain employees - sixty seven - all men. Management threatening to fire them unless they cut their long locks. The men, in turn, offering to wear nets. But no deal. The case going before the Michigan Civil Rights Commission - and now a verdict.*

*The commission noting that women employees - are allowed to have long hair. So the men have the same right.*

## EARTH ORBIT

*The men of America's Sky Lab Three today were given an official go-ahead - for another week in space. They also spent some time - shooting the sun. Scientist astronaut Ed Gibson noting that the solar disc was "abnormally quiet" adding: "It kind of reminds me of some old girl friends. She looks active, but she isn't."*