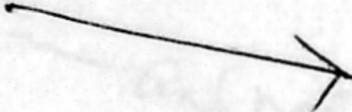


UNEMPLOYMENT

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On the economic front - another indication that recovery is ~~well~~ under way. The U S unemployment rate taking its biggest monthly ~~drop~~ ^{drop in 16} ~~in fifteen~~ years; ~~dropping~~ a full half a percent, from eight-point-three to seven-point-eight percent, ^{This} according to figures announced today.

At the same time, an increase of eight hundred thousand - in total employment. ~~Officials~~ ^{With} ~~saying~~ two of every three U S firms ~~were~~ either hiring new workers or rehiring those ~~they~~ previously laid off. ^{Says The} White House; ~~statement saying~~: "We are extremely encouraged."



ARLINGTON

The improved job picture was also cited ^{Today} by the President ~~today~~ as vindication of his economic ~~politic~~ policies over the past year. This in a speech to Republican leaders - at Arlington, Virginia.

The President saying: "It would have ~~been~~ been ~~very~~ easy to stampede - to turn our backs on the inherent strength of the world's greatest economic machine - to turn ~~instead~~ to quick-fix gimmicks and snake oil solutions." ^{As he put it.} But - this administration did not stampede - said he. Adding: "We set a steady course and stuck to it" - and the dooms day ~~that~~ some were predicting just "never came."

and now this -

GUATEMALA CITY

The death toll in that Guatemala earthquake continues to mount. Officials now saying it may ~~have~~ ^{reach} ~~hit~~ as many as six thousand. ~~And, in the midst~~ ~~of recovery operations~~ ^{there was} Today, a powerful after-shock -- registering nearly six on the Richter scale, ~~The~~ ~~new tremor~~ sending thousands fleeing into the streets, ~~causing~~ some ~~to collapse~~ in hysterics. ~~But~~ Apparently causing no major damage. ~~The few buildings that~~ ~~might possibly have collapsed under such a shock,~~ ~~already in ruins.~~

LEVI

From Attorney General ~~Edward~~ Levi - a warning today to Congressional critics of the C I A and other intelligence agencies that they may be getting in over their heads. Levi saying: "There is a question of how far a committee can go in monitoring intelligence operations for legislative purposes." Adding: "Whatever mechanisms are developed for congressional oversight - they must lead ^{to} to the executive such discretion as the constitution places in his office." And this - said he including ^{the} "the ability to act within his sphere - without ~~unwarranted~~ unwarranted and debilitating restraints."

ANGOLA 01

*Pro western forces in Angola were ~~and~~
claiming today to have killed three Russian soldiers -
in a guerrilla-like raid led by a white mercenary
- if true, the first Russians to die so far - in the
fighting there.*

NEW DELHI

~~Meanwhile,~~ The government of India, ^{today} extending ~~ed~~

formal recognition ~~today~~ to the Soviet-backed
popular movement for the liberation of Angola. India's
Foreign Minister Chavan saying: "The MPLA alone
seems committed to preserve Angola's integrity and
independence - and fight South African armed intrusion."

PEKING

Former President Nixon and ~~his~~ wife, Pat,
- to visit mainland China ~~next~~^{late this} month at the invitation
of Chinese leaders. The formal announcement from
Peking ^{was} ~~λ~~ later confirmed by the White House. Spokesman
Ron Nessen saying official clearance was needed because
the Chinese will be sending a plane to pick up the
~~Nixon~~^{that} Nixons. Adding, however, ~~λ~~ the Nixon trip will
be "a private visit - by a private citizen."

And now this -

CHARLOTTESVILLE

America's "blind worker of the year" -

seventy-five year old Luther Morris of Charlottesville,

Virginia; who ~~discloses~~ ^{told} today ~~he's~~ ^{how he has} been sending back

his social security checks - for ~~the past~~ ten years.

"If I have to retire" he says - "maybe then I'll

have to accept them; but as long as I put in a full

day's work - why, there's no need."

Blind Luther Morris employed in a workshop for
the blind - making mattresses, brooms, mops and

chairs. ~~He also has one piece of~~ ^{his} advice - for ~~tax~~

other blind ~~persons~~. "I tell them to get up and

walk around, ~~says he~~ ^{he adds,} "because" ^{if} they dont, they'll

just get helpless."

And now for C -