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UTTAR PRADESH FOLLOW LONDON

They were counting ballots today in Uttar Pradesh, India's largest and politically most important state. The results in this off year election - a resounding victory for India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Her ruling Congress Party - again coming out way ahead. Quite a triumph for Madame Gandhi!

LONDON

The results of the British elections held yesterday are now all but complete. Harold Wilson's opposition Labor Party - narrowly besting Heath's ruling Conservative Party. The Laborites did fail to gain a clear-cut majority in Parliament. And Heath so far has not resigned as Prime Minister. Instead he's attempting to form a minority government.

DAMASCUS

In the Middle East Secretary of State Kissinger returned today to Damascus; taking with him an Israeli proposal for Syrian and Israeli troop disengagement in the Golan Heights. Kissinger declining to predict. "I will let the Syrians speak for themselves" - said he. Then adding: "I am always optimistic."

WATERGATE

Perhaps it will be the beginning of the end of Watergate. A special Grand Jury handing up indictments today - against seven former key aides to President Nixon: H.R. Haldeman - John Ehrlichman, John Mitchell, Charles Colson, Robert Mardian, Gordon Strachan and Kenneth Parkinson. All seven accused of conspiring to obstruct justice. All but Mardian also facing charges such as perjury, making fake statements, destroying evidence and so on.

In addition, the Grand Jury sending a sealed report to Federal Judge John Sirica. Contents not disclosed; but it covers apparently the Grand Jury's view of President Nixon's role if any in the Watergate coverup.

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW WATERGATE

White House reaction to this ^{came at once} in the form
of a statement read by assistant press secretary

Said he:-
Gerald Warren. "The President has always maintained

~~said he~~ "the judicial system is the proper form - for

the resolution of questions concerning Watergate." ^{Adding}

~~Today's indictment - he went on - indicating the~~

^{that the} judicial process - "is finally moving toward a

resolution of the matter." ^{And, he went on:-} "It is the President's

hope ~~he continued~~ "the trials will move to a just
conclusion."

also said:-
Warren, ~~said~~ ^{adding}: "The President is ~~confident~~

confident ~~that~~ all Americans will join him - in

recognizing that those indicted are presumed innocent

unless proof of guilt is established in the courts."

CONGRESS FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Congressional leaders of both parties *today*
were ~~similarly~~ urging ^{all of us} ~~the American people~~ to with-hold
judgment. Senate minority leader Hugh Scott, ^{putting it} ~~for us~~
thus:-
~~saying~~ "Nothing should be said - that will interfer
with a fair trial."

NEW YORK FOLLOW CONGRESS

The trial of John Mitchell and Maurice Stans in New York was interrupted today almost before it began. Defense Attorneys taking heated exception to a remark made by a government prosecutor in his opening statement. They also demanded a ~~mis~~ mis-trial. - whereupon the proceedings were adjourned till Monday to permit the Judge - to ponder his decision.

PROVIDENCE SACRAMENTO

*Rhode Island today became the nation's
fifteenth state - to ~~be~~ adopt a mandatory plan of
odd-even gas sales. California's Governor Reagan -
also ordering a similar "emergency" plan. It effects
only seven counties, but ~~now~~ these - we are told
including more than half of all California drivers.*

CAPITOL HILL

Twenty years ago this date - an attack
by Puerto Rican nationalists on the U S House of
Representatives. Now - an occasion for reminiscing
and some of the boys were recalling today - an
incident that supposedly occurred in the midst of the
shooting. A Congressman from Alabama - dashing
out a rear door. ~~He~~ was ~~asked~~: "Where ~~are~~
you going?" He replied: "To get my gun." ^{Bill -} He was
then asked: "Where is ^{it?"} ~~that?~~ ~~And~~ ~~his~~ answer:
"Alabama." ~~All of which may be true or not - but~~
~~it makes a good story.~~

BETHLEHEM

At Lehigh University - man versus machine.

Sophomore chess whiz Joe Henderzak - matching wits with a computer in a best three out of five chess series. The computer - programmed by members of Lehigh's computer society, ~~but~~ no match - for human ingenuity.

Joe Henderzak wiping out the computer - in three straight. His final victory - in a three hour match requiring only thirty-six moves. ~~Another~~

~~demonstration of why~~ At the national ~~bureau~~ bureau of standards they ~~have a special name for the~~

~~call the~~ human brain, ~~They call it~~ "adam"- which stands for

Absolutely divine automatic machine."