

WHITE HOUSE

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The current ten per cent tax surcharge is apparently here to stay for a while. From the White House we hear President Johnson will soon recommend another year's extension of the special levy. Congressional sources adding that President-Elect Nixon - seems also to approve this.

If true - the President himself is expected to make it official - in his State of the Union address tomorrow night. A speech to be broadcast nationwide over radio and television.

In the meantime, observers are noting that "continuation of the tax curcharge is essential - if L B J is to propose a balanced budget, for Nineteen Seventy. And that - we are told - is his final goal in his last week in office.

NEW YORK FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Meanwhile

~~While all this was going on~~ *λ* Richard Nixon

was hard at work in New York, clearing away a series of last minute details - to permit his departure tonight for Florida. Along the way - announcing the appointment of a new Director of the U S Information Agency. ^{43yr. old} *λ* Frank Shakespeare, ^{who has been} ~~to forty three until now~~ ^{the} President of CBS-TV Services. Also, the man who developed the so-called "Nixon-format" during the recent campaign.

Next on the Nixon agenda - ~~four days~~ ^{of} four days of near-solitary "confinement" at Key Biscayne; where he hopes to complete work - on his Inaugural address.

KROCK RE NIXON

As many of you, perhaps most of you know, the veteran New York Times columnist Arthur Krock, has long been regarded as the number one ~~and~~ political pundit among American journalists -- presumably a Democrat. At age eighty-two Arthur^K~~r~~ Krock recently brought out a book that has gone right to the top of the best-seller list. How's that for a triumph at eighty-two!

I mention this because he has just had something important to say about the incoming President, telling us that Richard Nixon is a man who "doesn't carry grudges" although he has been the victim of more grudges than almost anyone in present-day politics: Adds pundit Krock, he is not a man who "waivers". He stands fast. Then he goes on to predict that Richard Nixon will be "a very good President."

Arthur Krock has observed ~~to~~ and written about eleven Presidents. Incidentally, my own journalistic

*career has spanned the same period, from Teddy
Roosevelt to Dick Nixon.*

PARIS

On the peace front - Paris - an assertion *about*
~~today that the Vietnamese War has already reached~~
a point of no return. Chief U S peace negotiator
Averell Harriman - saying it would be extremely
~~is~~ difficult now to break off peace talks. Adding that
everyone is agreed - the talks "could go on".

To speed things along though - Harriman
urging Americans to ~~to~~ stop talking about "winning"
the war. "Our objectives in South Vietnam are limited"
said he. Adding: "We will be satisfied - with
achieving these limited goals."

VIETNAM FOLLOW PARIS

In Vietnam General Abrams was questioned about reports of a planned U.S. troop reduction. He says this is inevitable - sooner or later. "I'm not going to order a reduction" said the General, "until I'm absolutely sure it's in order." "We've put too much into this in terms of sacrifice - to get gay with it now."

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles - another setback today for Sirhan Sirhan. Judge Herbert Walker denying a defense motion- that would have quashed a murder indictment against the accused slayer of Robert Kennedy. With that - the Judge ordering selection of a jury to begin immediately; - no more delays.

SOUL CITY

Plans ^{for} ~~is~~ construction of an all-new,
all-black city of eighteen thousand -- announced
today in Washington. Site of the planned urban
development in rural Warren County, North Carolina.
With the new community to be called Soul City, North
Carolina.

Former Core leader Floyd McKissick -
who heads the project - calling it the best alternative
to big city ghetto life. Adding that the new Nixon
administration - has promised "continuing support of
the venture."

NAACP FOLLOW SOUL CITY

~~Reverse side~~, New York; ^{again:} ~~in a statement~~

~~today~~ from Roy Wilkins of the NAACP ~~is~~ threatening court action, ~~if necessary~~ to prevent the creation of black only study programs and student dormitories on the nation's college campuses.

Wilkins admitting this ^(would) ~~would~~ put the NAACP in direct opposition to black student groups across the country. Adding, however, that the student demands, if met, would lead, "in essence, to the setting up of ~~a~~ racially based Jim-Crow schools."

ADELAIDE

Max Conrad surrenders ~~ix~~ to the elements.

The story from Britain's Palmer Station - at Adelaide

Island in the Antarctic. The famed "flying grandfather"

sadly admitted today - he is giving up his daring attempt

to fly solo around the world - by way of both Poles.

His over-flight of the North Pole accomplished

with ease - as it turned out. Also, subsequent flights

to Europe - across Africa - on to South America. However,

the weather turning against him in the Antarctic.

Since before Christmas - the sixty-six year

veteran airman waiting for flying conditions to permit

him to attempt the most dangerous leg. Now, at this

season it's all over.

Max Conrad returning home - in his own words -

"a wiser man."

By the way, Warren, we've gotten through this

without any comment on that Super Bowl Game. Difficult

to do.

LONDON

From London comes a report ~~today~~ of pre-natal complications - that threaten to delay the British arrival of "Rosemary's Baby". This ^{is} a film, as you know - all about modern witchcraft. Already shown here and scheduled to open in London next week. Except that Britain's board of ~~entertainment~~ censors has now refused to permit the showing of a key scene, One in which the heroine is supposed ^{to be} seduced by the Devil.

This because the scene contains "elements of kinky sex associated with black magic," said the censors. Adding that they were fearful of its possible influence - in a ~~country~~ country that still boasts large numbers of practicing witches. Did you know - there are still witches in the British Isles?!