

farmers, businessmen, labor leaders and others - are all naturally concerned" - said Grayson.

DETROIT FOLLOW PRICES

Another resignation today from the Federal Pay Board. Leonard Woodcock of the United Auto Workers after a meeting with fellow union officials of Detroit; announced he was quitting the Pay Board. He said it was "because the whole Nixon control system is an abomination; and the UAW" - he went on - "cannot in good conscience maintain any connection whatsoever with that system."

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW DETROIT

Nevertheless, the President was insisting today - the Pay Board will continue its work. But rather than appoint new labor members - the President said - he intends to reduce the number of business members to a proportionate level; on the board thus relying to a great extent - on its public membership.

The President also leveled a blast at AFL-CIO President George Meany - who led the labor rebellion. The President said he will not permit Meany - to "torpedo and sink" the nation's anti-inflation program. "This is a fight to the finish" - said he - "and we intend to win it."

PARIS

Peace talks in Paris - which have continued on and off for three years now are officially "off" again today, and this time - they may stay off.

U.S. Ambassador William Porter said as much - in the strongest language he has yet used at Paris; citing a principal reason for the break-off - an enemy refusal to negotiate the fate of American prisoners of war. This - he described as "a particularly abhorrent form of blackmail!" Porter further told the Communist side: "It would be a mockery of our concern for these prisoners - were we to sit in this room and listen to more of your blackmail and distortions." Porter said - no more Paris meetings until Communists the ~~side~~ demonstrate they are ready for serious discussions of all the issues.

The enemy response: A charge that the U.S. move - was aimed at "sabotaging" the talks. The Communist side also warning that the U.S. - Must assume full responsibility for the consequences." But a U.S. spokesman later

observed: "We can't be any worse off than we are now."

INDIANAPOLIS

On the political front - President Nixon and Hubert Humphrey were both added starters today - in the May Second Indiana Presidential primary. The filing of nominating petitions - just beating a noon deadline.

MILWAUKEE FOLLOW INDIANAPOLIS

*In the meantime - Wallace invades Milwaukee;
where he launched today - his campaign for the forthcoming
Wisconsin primary; picking as his first issue - tax reform.*

*Wallace charged that his main primary opponents -
"didn't talk about tax reform until the campaign started."*

AGING

The White House has sent Congress a special message on aging. President Nixon urged Congress to approve his welfare reform plan - including a five per cent increase in Social Security benefits. He also called for passage of legislation - to raise the benefits for retired military personnel.

BUSSING

The Justice Department has asked a U.S. District Court to hold up action in the Detroit school desegregation case. The Justice Department wants the court to defer any action until Congress votes on President Nixon's request for a moratorium on court-ordered bussing.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "PARAGUAY"

And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas.

Subject tonight: The drug traffic from Paraguay. Lowell..

PARAGUAY - SMUGGLING

If you roam the world as I do part of the time, you unexpectedly pick up some unusual, and at times important bits of information. In South America Paraguay is a country few travelers have on their itinerary.

Although as large as California it has a small population, and includes vast empty spaces which make it comparatively easy for airplanes to make secret flights in and out.

Because of this, it may now be the world's number one center for smuggling. It works this way: Drugs, mainly heroin are flown in from Asia. There the heroin is secretly transferred to smugglers who fly down from North America. These planes flying into Paraguay from the North are loaded mainly with cigarettes and liquor. Then they pick up the drugs from Asia and fly them to secret places in the U.S.A. where they are taken over for distribution in our cities. All the stuff they carried on their way South from North America is transferred to

small planes that fly in and out of small airstrips mainly in Brazil and Argentina.

August Riccard who is referred to as a French Argentinian is believed to have been, until recently, the head of the international drug ring responsible for smuggling billions of dollars of heroin into the U.S.A. He is now in prison in Paraguay. He is described as a thorough-going villain who collaborated with the Nazis in France during World War Two, and since then has not been allowed to re-enter France.

Washington has asked to have this man Riccard extradited so he can be tried in the U.S.A.

Stroessner for eighteen years Dictator of Paraguay apparently would like to turn the heroin king over to the U.S. Department of Justice. But he insists the matter must first go through the Paraguay courts. The belief is that this man will be extradited. At any rate,

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Paraguay wants our continued friendship and aid.

Dictator Stroessner has indicated he intends to make his government more democratic than it has been, after which he himself plans to step down.

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "PARAGUAY"

Thank you, Lowell.

We'll have a final story - in a moment.

WINSTON-SALEM

The use of medical acupuncture - is apparently spreading across the U.S. At any rate, any rate, another demonstration was - reported today from Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The patient - a free-lance writer from Detroit; one William Strecker - age fifty-five - said to be suffering from diabetes, high blood pressure, poor muscle control and faulty circulation; the symptoms of which were all apparently relieved - by the insertion of some thirty needles at various points on his body.

The doctor in charge - a West Coast pathologist - Dr. Mitsunobo Toyama; who said he learned his acupuncture from his grandmother - and a Japanese physician. Dr. Toyama also explained - how he knew just where to put the needles: Said he: "If you're in the right spot - the patient does not complain; but if you're not in the right spot - the patient complains." Simple, isn't it? Now for Lowell Thomas, this is Stuart Novins - Good night.