

Friday, December 7, 1973

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Nixon met privately today with his new second in command; and then Gerald Ford held his first Vice Presidential news conference at which he said:

"I can assure you the President has no intention whatsoever of resigning." The new Vice President then added: "I personally don't think he should resign." And he went on to say the President had assured him - "he would be completely exonerated" that "there will be no fair charge of involvement."

Gerald Ford then going on to say the President will continue to fight back by travelling around the country - holding news conferences and meeting with Congressmen.

"But the real thing that will swing the pendulum back to faith in the President." said he, will be "accomplishments." If the President can bring about a real peace in the Mid-East

he continued - "there will be a ground swell of support."

ENERGY

On the energy front - the Senate today approved unanimously - a bill aimed at setting up a twenty billion dollar energy research and development program. It's goal - that of making the U.S. self-sufficient in energy - by Nineteen-Eighty-Three.

Meanwhile a sharp drop today - in the number of highway blockades. But truckers were warning of more to come next week - unless the government moves quickly to ease the current truck fuel shortage. (P) And now the latest. A report that the truckers are ending all blockades - in return for government permission to pass along increased costs.

DAYAN

Israeli Defense ~~Min~~ Minister Moshe Dayan -

a guest ~~today~~ ^{was} today in Washington, [^] Conferring with
Secretary of State ~~Henry~~ Kissinger, - ~~for about an~~
~~hour~~, What they talked about - not disclosed. However,
Dayan later saying that Israel was ready to "bargain
and deal - and ~~to~~ give and take," at the forthcoming
Geneva conference on the Middle East.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The U S unemployment rate -- only four point five percent in October - back ^{up} to four point seven last month. This due in part to a sudden increase of nearly two hundred thousand - in the total U S labor force. Officials adding, however, the jobless figure will probably continue to climb - as fuel-related ~~unemployment~~ unemployment begins to show up.

MAIL

From Postmaster General ~~E. T.~~ Klassen *came*
a pledge ~~today~~ today to do better this Christmas
season. "We don't plan to get caught - like we did
last year" - said he. Adding: "We are committed
that on Christmas Eve December twenty-fourth -
our post offices will be free of mail." And this
- he continued - a task made easier - by the fact
that people really are mailing early.

HOUSE

The new House Republican Leader -

Congressman Rhodes of Arizona. ^{he} Today ^{ed} ~~succeeding~~

Gerald Ford - by unanimous vote of House Republicans.

Rhodes later saying that "Pennsylvania Avenue - should ~~always~~ always be a two way street."

Adding that he hoped to "improve the level of

Congressional input - into policy making."

He also observed that "the Watergate affair - needs to be cleared up". "I would hope" said he - ["] ~~that~~ the judiciary committee will proceed expeditiously on the impeachment question - and that we will have a definite vote on the floor; hopefully - by ~~the~~ March."

NASSAU

At Nassau in the Bahamas - a ruling today

that fugitive financier Robert Vesco - may not be

extradited to the U S. ^{Nassau} Judge Emanuel Osadebay

~~and~~ saying he ~~was~~ was forced to adopt the "same

standard and practice as if the alleged offense were

to have been committed in the Bahamas." Adding he

was thus forced to conclude - there was "no evidence

to prove some essential elements" in the government's

case.

CHAPIN

Former White House aide Dwight Chapin pleaded ~~ed~~ not guilty today- to charges that he lied to a Watergate Grand Jury. His trial - set for February nineteenth.

Chapin later saying: "I have no sense of regret." "I only have a ~~deep~~ deep desire" - he continued - "on behalf of my family, parents and friends - to see that the trial is brought forward quickly and my innocence proved."

BRUSSELS

James Schlesinger of the U S ^{was} ~~λ~~ the main speaker today at a meeting of Nato Defense ministers in Brussels. Schlesinger saying the Arab's recent success with Soviet ~~and~~ weapons and strategy in the Middle East should serve ~~as~~ as a warning to the West. Also, citing the success of massive reinforcement - by U S and Russian air lifts.

Schlesinger's ultimate goal - that of ~~strengthening~~ strengthening Nato; not with greater contributions from the U S - but more from Western Europe. He observed, however, that "some have not yet seen the necessity." "An illusion occurs occasionally over here" - he continued - "that somehow the American contribution could be eliminated - and still the alliance would be militarily effective."

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WEST HARTFORD

President Ceausescu of Romania - a visitor at a Colt industries machine tool plant in West Hartford, Connecticut; there inspecting some heavy machinery - that he might like to buy.

The Romanian President also receiving as a gift - a gold inlaid Colt pistol, "the gun that won the west." Why a gun? ~~Because~~ Because - explained a Colt spokesman - "we didn't think you could ~~not~~ carry a machine tool - home on the plane."

HONOLULU

December seventh, nineteen forty-one -
so said FDR.
a day that ["]will live in infamy," December seventh,
nineteen seventy-three - and Hawaiians are again
expressing fear~~s~~ of a Japanese "take over."

This time - it's an economic invasion.
Japanese business interests - buying up hotels,
stores, visitors ~~are~~ centers and so on; leading to
the advent of Japanese newspapers, ~~a~~ Japanese
speaking store clerks, signs printed in Japanese -
and hundreds of Japanese ~~restaurants~~ restaurants; to the
point where a move is now afoot - to restrict ~~any~~
additional Japanese investment *in Hawaii.*

Along with
~~Incidentally,~~ the influx of Japanese money
there has been
-- ~~also leading to~~ an influx of Japanese tourists.

from
The figure jumping ~~some~~ ~~fifty~~ fifteen thousand in
Nineteen Sixty - to an estimated three ~~up~~ hundred

thousand this year.

Indeed, a recent tourist study - showing the Japanese visitors like ~~the~~ almost everything about Hawaii; except they also complain of there being too many Japanese.

CANTWELL

*For sale - the entire town of Cantwell,
Alaska; a property consisting of some two hundred
forty acres - in the shadow of Mt. McKinley, America's
tallest peak. The buildings thereon - including a
restaurant, a motel and two gas stations; plus a
ready made population - of about two hundred.*

*The seller - a chap by the name of Herman
Cotter Jr., ^{who says} ^{How far south?} He plans to move South. - To Anchorage.*

AUTUMN

Remember Yvonne Burke - the beauty who almost stole the show last year - at the Democratic National Convention? Anyway, Mrs. Burke is now a congress^{Women}~~man~~ - also the mother of a bouncing baby

girl born just last week. Autumn Roxanne Burke -

^{Maybe}~~perhaps~~ a child of destiny. At any rate, her

mother saying Autumn will not settle for being a

congressman - she'll want to be President. ^{Whereupon}~~And~~

^{Came}~~there~~ a letter from the White House - addressed to the newest ~~one~~ member of the Burke family.

President Nixon, ^{Bill,}~~telling~~ telling little Autumn:

"I want you to know that you have a standing invitation to come and look the place over, at your mother's earliest opportunity."

FORT BENNING

At Fort Benning, Georgia - the U S

army's first women parachute trainees - have just completed their first major test. Privates Joyce Kutsch and Rita Johnson - dropping two hundred and fifty feet from a Benning "jump tower."

~~And~~ ^{make out?} ^{Okay,} how did they ~~do?~~ ^{just great,} Sergeant

Freddie Manning saying they did ~~an outstanding job~~

"as well as the men, if not better." ^{Said} ~~the white~~

Sergeant Walter West, another airborne instructor -

~~saying~~ "I hope all the men who come through are as motivated and as fast learners as they are."

~~And~~ now & they're ready for the real thing,

~~The first of five~~ training jumps from moving aircraft -

^{next} ~~at~~ ~~out for~~ Monday. Girls, look out for that
1st step - & a-l Man,