

Wed., March 3, 1976

POLITICS

In the wake of his primary victories in Vermont and Massachusetts - at a meeting today with House and Senate Republican leaders - President Ford was given a standing ovation. The President is now confident he can kayo Ronald Reagan by winning next week in Florida and the week after in Illinois.

Scoop Jackson was saying - on the basis of his Massachusetts win he has at last reassembled - a grand coalition of Democrats; liberals - unionists - farmers, and minorites. And now predicts a "clean victory in New York." But first of course, comes Florida, where Jimmy Carter and George Wallace today were again blasting away at each other. Birch Bayh tomorrow, in New York. After what happened to him in Mass. May throw in the towell. And now this...

MAPUTO

Land-locked Rhodesia today was all but cut off from the rest of the world. This by virtue of an order from President Machel of neighboring Mozambique who was closing down Rhodesia's main routes to the sea.

Via Radio Maputo Machel was saying Rhodesian planes and helicopters pursuing black guerrillas - "have been bombing border villages;" and that Mozambique must now mobilize - to "defeat the enemy and crush the aggressor."

VITORIA

In the Basque town of Vitoria a clash today
between street demonstrators and Spanish riot police.

First reports indicating ~~two~~ at least two dead -

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~~fifteen~~ injured.

WEATHER

Here in North America - spring and winter today were colliding head on from coast to coast - with blizzards, pouring rain -avalanches, mud slides, and an eight-hundred-mile long ice storm extending from the Great Lakes to New England - and especially in southern Michigan where more than a hundred thousand families were left without power. The sheriff's office at Ithaca, Michigan saying: "All the trees in town fell - except one or two."

Last Sunday in Oklahoma - an official "day of prayer for rain" by order of Lt. Governor Nigh. And it rained today over most of Oklahoma.

It's letter sent to the heads of all

SENATE

and agencies - President Ford today

The nomination of William Scranton was approved

today ^{by} the Senate with no dissent; endorsed by both majority and minority leaders who were calling him "a man of ability, integrity and distinction who will represent us ably and well," at the U.N.

simply... the government's reporting

order of the public

WHITE HOUSE

In a letter ~~sent~~ to ~~the~~ heads of all departments and agencies - President Ford today demanded at least a ten percent reduction - in the length of official reports required of private citizens. This - by July One. The President saying existing report-forms "are too many - too long, too frequent - and take too much time to fill out." ~~Adding: "We simply have to reduce the government's reporting burden on the public."~~

VETS FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

The President, ~~also~~ dedicated ~~today~~ - a new disabled American veterans building; ^{was} ~~in a brief speech,~~ pledging to do his best - to increase ~~veterans~~ veterans benefits to new record levels. The President telling disabled vets across the land: "You gave your muscle, your blood, your ~~courage~~ and your years - a priceless gift America must not forget."

AKRON

Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman

Roderick Hills told a Senate panel today - seventy-four U.S. corporations have now admitted, or are suspected of, bribing foreign officials. The latest of these - the Goodyear Tire and Rubber.

And now this...

UNWED

From government doctors ^{we hear of} ~~a report today~~

~~telling of~~ a veritable epidemic - of unwed teen-age mothers. The latter said to account now for roughly a third of all births - to women age fifteen to nineteen.

The total ~~number~~ number of illegitimate births in the U S ~~by the way~~ ^{now} ~~currently~~ running about four hundred thousand a year.

And now this m -

STANFORD

Stanford University - a new talking calculator for the blind; the size of a pocket dictionary. For the blind students studying mathematics said to be "fantastic." The twenty-four words in its vocabulary - include one that even says "low" when its batteries get weak.

And now for CBS....