

WHITE HOUSE

Tues, Jan. 14-'75

The reaction to President Ford's new economic program - here at home, a bit mixed; but overseas, among our staunchest allies - a chorus of ~~virtually unanimous~~ approval. The London Daily Mail perhaps best summing it up ~~with~~ ^{with} a headline across its front page ~~saying~~ ^{reading:} -
"Ford cheers us all up."

The White House, meanwhile, spelling out some added details - of the President's new energy program; saying the cost of fuel to the average American family - will ~~jump about two hundred and fifty bucks a year~~ ^{go up to new heights during the} also, saying the President intends to ask Congress for standby authority - to impose gasoline rationing, should that become necessary.

CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill - the ~~first~~^{opening} session of the new
Ninety-Fourth Congress ~~was~~^{was} ~~the~~ largely ceremonial, ~~opening~~
- ~~quickly~~ followed by political infighting in both parties.
Observers saying, ~~however~~, the Democratic majority is
already chiefly concerned - with who gets credit for an
expected tax cut; the Congress - or the President.

SCHLESINGER

From Defense Secretary Schlesinger - a grim warning in Congressional testimony released tonight, ~~Schlesinger~~ saying the Soviet Union now has the nuclear capability - to wipe out all U.S. strategic forces in one fell swoop. Adding that this could be done - with a limited nuclear strike; one that would hardly disrupt the economy - and kill fewer than six million Americans.

Schlesinger going on to say the U.S. must have the ability - to respond in kind - with a roughly equivalent strike. This - said he - in order to avoid an immediate escalation of nuclear war - to its most devastating levels.

PARIS

The quest for peace in Vietnam - was/again centered today in Paris. The U.S. sending diplomatic notes - to the eight nations guaranteeing the Paris Peace Treaty on Vietnam; accusing the North Vietnamese of eight specific violations - of treaty provisions; thus, bringing "the level of casualties and destruction - back up to what it was before the agreement."

The U.S. ~~was~~ further warning that North Vietnam "must accept the whole consequences of its actions." And this - we are told - a veiled warning that the U.S. will not ~~stand~~ idly by - while South Vietnam goes down the drain.

TEL AVIV

In the Middle East - Israel charged today that Egypt and Syria now have more tanks and planes - than any Western nation except the U.S. Tel Aviv adding "the superpowers ^{at present are} ~~are, therefore,~~ in no position ^{to} ~~at present~~ prevent an outbreak of war."

DAMASCUS FOLLOW TEL AVIV

~~Meanwhile~~ King Feisal of Saudi Arabia ^{is} paying
his first state visit to Syria, ^{and} at Damascus, receiving ^{ed} a
welcome ⁴ bigger even than that accorded former President
Nixon last year. [^] Feisal issuing an arrival statement saying
he hopes "God will give our brothers in Syria - all support
and victory, and will eliminate their enemies."

so-called Arab world,

VIENNA FOLLOW KUWAIT

**More on oil - from Vienna; where the visiting
Shah of Iran said today he would not join an Arab oil
embargo against the West - in the event of another Mideast
war. The Shah saying: "We are not going to participate
in an oil embargo - because we do not want to mix oil and
politics."**

PENINA

Portugal's President Da Costa and three guerilla leaders from Angola - today completed five days of talks, ~~at Penina, Portugal.~~ Officials reporting that all major disagreements - have now been resolved. Portugal's last remaining African colony - to receive its independence by mid-November; (with leadership of the new Angolan government - to be rotated among the three guerilla movements.

If it works - a neat trick. The guerillas up to now - fighting each other almost as much as they each fought the Portuguese.)

APPOINTMENTS

The White House again - President Ford today
formally nominated Edward Levi, ^{Pres. of the U. of Chgo,} to be the new Attorney
General; and William Coleman ^{of Philadelphia} to be the new

Transportation Secretary. The former - currently

~~President of the University of Chicago; the latter - a~~

~~Black presently a senior partner in a Philadelphia law firm.~~

NORWICH

The Connecticut National Guard is currently building a new armory - in Norwich; ~~according to an announcement today,~~ the first ^{ever} ~~in the nation~~ to be heated solely by the sun's rays. A spokesman saying the installation a solar heating system - will raise construction costs about thirty per cent; but should pay for itself - within nine years.

CAPE CANAVERAL

The U.S. vehicle soon to be used in a joint space venture with the Russians - was undergoing its first flight tests today at Cape Canaveral. This at a simulated altitude - of two hundred and twenty thousand feet; with astronauts Tom Stafford, Deke Slayton and Vance Brand - manning the controls. Their backup crew, consisting of Alan Bean, Ron Evans and Jack Lousma - to run through the same tests again tomorrow.

MIAMI

The wage of sin - currently the subject of a court case at Miami, Florida. An admitted "lady of the evening," one Carol Ann Citrin - estimating her earnings at roughly Twenty Thousand a year; ^{with} ~~but~~ the government trying to collect back taxes - on what it claims was more like a Forty Thousand-a-year business.

~~By the way,~~ Miss Citrin acting, as her own attorney, ^{said} ~~saying~~ in her opening statement, ~~saying~~ whatever her other talents - she is simply "poor at mathematics."

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