

WHITE HOUSE

Tues, July 7-70.

~~The White House~~ President Nixon conferred today with the Republican high command in Congress. House Minority leader ~~Gerard~~ Ford - later criticizing the Democrats for what he called their "spend-thrift ways"; ~~contending~~ contending that these are proving "very harmful" to the President - "in his battle to control inflation." Senate minority leader Hugh Scott who ~~is~~ was also present - urging enactment of the President's own economic proposals many of which are now languishing in Congress. <sup>Sen.</sup> Scott <sup>saying</sup> ~~saying that~~ these are essential - if the President is to guide the ~~nation~~ nation's economy from a war-time to a <sup>peacetime</sup> ~~peacetime~~ footing without a recession.

CAPITOL HILL FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

~~Back on Capitol Hill~~ Senate Majority

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leader Mike Mansfield <sup>says</sup> ~~next up, charging today that~~  
his fellow Democrats are going too far - in demanding  
equal broadcast time to reply to speeches by President  
Nixon. <sup>This</sup> "I think ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> getting out of bounds" - said he.  
~~Mansfield~~ Adding that the President must be given  
~~some~~ <sup>for the</sup> lee-way ~~in~~ <sup>or</sup> making periodic reports to the  
nation.

The Senator also challenged a recent  
statement - from Democratic National Chairman  
Lawrence O'Brien who said ~~that~~ the chief issue in  
fall elections - would be quote, "a crisis of  
confidence" in the President. Not at all said Mansfield;  
adding that the key issues - as far as he could see -  
would be Southeast Asia and the nation's economy.

SAIGON

~~xxx At the top of the war news tonight a~~  
~~report~~ From Saigon <sup>we hear</sup> ~~placing~~ the number of American  
~~xxxx~~ combat deaths this past week <sup>were</sup> ~~at~~ "fewer than  
sixty-five;" ~~A figure apparently setting~~ a new low -  
for the ~~entire~~ year. At the same time, U S Army  
Secretary Stanley Resor, - winding up an inspection  
tour of the war zone, <sup>ed</sup> ~~noting~~ that U S casualties  
have been cut more than fifty percent this year,  
~~as compared with last.~~ Resor ~~Calling~~ this a clear  
indication of "substantial progress" - in "Vietnamizing"  
the war. And he added that the success of allied  
operations in Cambodia <sup>y</sup> would be reflected in South  
Vietnam "for some months to come."

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TEL AVIV

~~In the Middle East~~ Israeli bombers <sup>have been</sup> ~~today~~  
attack<sup>ing</sup> Egyptian positions along the Suez Canal ~  
for the forty-eighth straight day. Meanwhile Radio  
Tel Aviv <sup>was</sup> accusing Egypt of seeking direct Russian  
support \* for the ~~next~~ establishment of a beach head  
across the Suez. Two ~~of the~~ Israeli ~~newest~~  
newspapers adding that the Middle East conflict -  
has now become a power struggle between the U S  
and the Soviet Union. Israeli Foreign Minister Abba  
Eban <sup>is</sup> further quoted as saying the threat of Soviet  
intervention in the Middle East - poses a potential  
danger to all of Europe.

## LAKE BAIKAL

*Sometimes you hear it spoken of as the largest lake in the world. But this depends on how you define a lake. The Caspian Sea covers a greater area than Lake Baikal. The Caspian is entirely land locked, as you know; with the Volga flowing into it from Russia. Because the Caspian is heavy with salt it is usually referred to as "a sea". Lake Baikal, surrounded by mountains, right in the heart of Asia, only a few miles from Irkutsk the capital of Siberia, is clear fresh water into which flow some three hundred rivers. Three hundred flow into it and only one flows out - the Angara, another of the great rivers of Asia. We sped across one corner of Lake Baikal in a hydrofoil - also up the Angara.*

*Lake Baikal, so we were told, contains more water than all of our Great Lakes put together. It's the deepest lake in the world, and is over three hundred and fifty miles long.*

*Now that the Russians appear to be on the verge of opening up their vast empire in Asia, Siberia which is larger than all of the United States plus Alaska, larger than the*

continent of Australia, we will be hearing a great deal about Lake Baikal, and the nearly two thousand different varieties of aquatic life that live in this deepest of lakes. The Caspian and the Volga are famous for their sturgeon, for their caviar. Baikal to those who know anything about it is famous for its lake salmon and trout. Also for fresh water seal that must have been trapped in this lake tens of thousands of years ago when it was adjacent to the Arctic Ocean.

It would be hard to over estimate what Lake Baikal is likely to mean in future to the U. S. S. R.

LENINGRAD

Here's an interesting story,

~~Now this:~~ From Leningrad -- ~~an assertion~~

telling us  
~~today that~~

it wasn't Columbus who discovered America -  
nor the Vikings, nor the Egyptians. A pair of  
Soviet scientists say~~ing~~: "The honor of the discovery  
of the Americas possibly belongs to ancient Asian  
adventurers." ~~example~~ Tibetans! Maybe.

The Soviets basing their contention - on  
a series of maps collected from ancient Tibetan  
books; maps that are said to be the oldest in the world  
- showing, we are told, the existence of "a green  
land lying far across the Eastern Sea;" in other  
words - ~~the~~ North America.

Indeed, the Soviets further contend that  
Asian geographers were probably familiar with the  
New World - as early as fifteen hundred B.C. And  
"this guess is substantiated" -- says the Soviet  
News Agency Tass - "by the noteworthy fact that

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*the purely American word tobacco - had already  
penetrated by then a number of oriental languages  
and ~~some~~ dialects." And the Russians add - in effect -  
there are no buts about it.*



SOUTH ATLANTIC

<sup>Now</sup>  
~~The latest from~~ Thor Heyerdahl's Ra-Two

-- somewhere in the South Atlantic: A radio report

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tells us <sup>is only</sup>  
today ~~placing~~ the papyrus craft ~~about~~ three hundred

miles due East of Barbados. The ~~same Norwegian~~

navigator saying <sup>they</sup> ~~he~~ hopes to make land-fall at

Bridgetown, Barbados with any kind of luck, some

time this weekend <sup>and prove</sup> ~~thus proving~~ that ancient Egyptians

could have sailed to the ~~xx~~ New World - ~~axx~~ as early

as five thousand years ago. Thor adding that when

it's all over - he hopes to install the Ra-Two alongside

his famed Kon Tiki at <sup>the spectacular Kon Tiki</sup> ~~the~~ Museum in Oslo.

WARSAW

Warsaw - the Polish government, <sup>has</sup> announced

~~today~~ a new crackdown against Polish moonshiners.

Police using specially trained dogs - said to be

capable of sniffing out illegal whisky anywhere; in

bushes, cellars and attics - even when it's buried

in the ground. Members of the ~~poł~~ Polish canine

corp - qualifying as real "booze hounds," <sup>John,</sup> ~~we hear.~~

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## PAMPLONA

Pamplona, Spain! - ~~that city's famed~~ <sup>! They had their</sup>

festival of the bulls today, with the bulls doing  
the chasing, <sup>were on hand</sup>  
~~with~~ Tens of thousands of tourists ~~looking~~

~~as~~ officials released ~~ed~~ a herd of fighting bulls into

a crowd of young men; humans and animals chasing  
each other through the streets of Pamplona -- enroute  
to the local bull ring. And then - seeming disaster.

A young lad falling to the street -- the  
entire herd stampeding over him whereupon the  
youngster picked himself up - ~~he~~ brushed himself  
off - and started all over again. Officials say he  
was untouched by either ~~his~~ hoofs or horns, ~~and that's~~  
~~no bull.~~