

Monday, July 21, 1975
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From the White House.....

From New York.....

*From Central Asia...comes today's news. Good Evening
Everybody. I'm Jerry Landay sitting in for Lowell.*

*As promised, President Ford has vetoed the
Democratic bill passed last week - that would have rolled
back the price of so-called "new" domestic oil. The
President claimed that such a bill - would only increase U.S.
reliance on foreign oil. He urged instead a gradual decontrol
of the price of so-called "old" oil - over a period of thirty
months. But his program for phasing out controls is expected
to be blocked by a vote of the House most likely tomorrow.
The result would be stalemate - and the expiration of all
controls - when statutory power runs out the end of August.
In which case - it's estimated gasoline could bound upward
in price six to seven cents a gallon over the next few months.*

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Mr. Ford is threatening to call Congress back into special session during its traditional August recess to hammer out a compromise.

NEW YORK

*Another big Soviet grain sale has been -
announced. Continental Grain Company of New York says
it has closed a deal - to sell the Russians nearly six
million tons of corn and barley. The purchase price - is
to be Six Hundred Million dollars. Last week - other
private American grain exporting companies announced
contracts with the Soviets for the sale of over three million
metric tons of wheat.*

NEW OLREANS

One of the world's largest grain dealers is the target of an indictment returned today - by a Federal grand jury at New Orleans. The Bunge Corporation and thirteen of its officials - are accused of shortweighting foreign buyers of U. S. grain for a period of at least twelve years.

TRIP

From the White House has come - an announcement that President Ford will visit West Germany and then Poland - en route to the all-European summit next week in Helsinki. Officials adding the President will also visit Romania and Yugoslavia - on the way home. His talks with the leaders of all these countries - to deal, with "current international questions."

ADD WHITE HOUSE

The President also met privately today - with the family of government scientist Dr. Frank Olsen. Mr. Ford apologizing on behalf of the government - for Dr. Olsen's suicide in Nineteen-Fifty-Five after he was secretly given LSD by the Central Intelligence Agency.

In return, Mrs. Olsen and her three children issued a statement saying they were "heartened" by the President's response; "and encouraged that this experience has provided an impetus for reflection - on fundamental issues important to us all."

ARKALYK

For the Russian half of that historic Apollo-Soyuz mission - a safe return today from space. Cosmonauts Alexei Leonov and Valeri Kubasov touched down only six miles off target - near the town of Arkalyk in Soviet Central Asia; a "bit shaky" when they emerged from their spacecraft. According to Leonov, this was due only "to tiredness and happiness."

As for the three Apollo astronauts - they're still orbiting the earth, completing three more days - of scientific experiments; before they, too, return to earth - with a Pacific splashdown set for Thursday.

SENATE

On Capitol Hill - the Senate Finance Committee today approved unanimously - the nomination of F. David Mathews to be the new Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Meanwhile, the man Mathews succeeds - made his farewell address. Caspar Weinberger said the present U. S. welfare system - is threatening to bankrupt the nation; therefore, he urges the immediate abolition of welfare ~~programs~~ programs - such as food stamps, aid to dependent children and supplementary income allowances. These should be replaced - Weinberger said - by a "simple cash grant" based on income - and payable only to those meeting a "strong work requirement."

HOUSE

A new bill that could well decimate the ranks of government - was introduced today in the House with the backing of no less than fifty Congressmen. The object of the bill - to make it a crime for any Federal official to lie to the people he serves; a crime punishable by up to five years in jail - and a fine of Ten Thousand Dollars.

The bill's principal sponsor - Congressman Don Frase of Minnesota; who says "under current law, it's a crime, for a private citizen to lie to a government official" - so why not the other way around. A good question. But observers saying the bill has about as much chance - as a snowball in July.

HIGHWAY

From the U.S. Transportation Department comes - a report today showing a sharp drop in highway deaths - during the month of June; even lower than last year - at the height of the energy crisis. Transportation Secretary William Coleman says clearly "many motorists are cooperating with the lower speed limits - recognizeing the payoff in safety and fuel consumption."

ATHENS

Reports from Athens today that the world's richest woman, Christina Onassis may be married tomorrow in Athens; but not to Peter Goulandris - her constant companion of the past few months; rather a new beau, one Alexandros Andreadis - the youngest son of a wealthy Greek banker-industrialist.

DAVID

In the latest issue of McCall's - David

Eisenhower tells about his father-in-law - Richard Nixon in the closing days of Watergate. David says the former President viewed Watergate dispassionately - like something "that was happening down the street;" and in the end sought not advice ^{from} ~~from~~ his family - but reassurance that he was still loved.

David added that in the final analysis - Mr. Nixon was driven from office by "non-competence;" his inability to cope with Watergate - just as LBJ - he says - was unable to cope with Vietnam. I'm Jerry Landay - CBS News.