

Mon., May 20, 1974

**KEY BISCAAYNE**

*From the Florida White House at Key Biscayne*

*President Nixon went on national radio today - urging speedy enactment of his new National Health Insurance program. The President saying that his "is the only major plan that offers extensive, uniform health coverage - without raising taxes - without severely damaging the private health insurance industry and without establishing an enormous new Federal bureaucracy."*

*The President's remarks coming on the eve of Senate hearings - on the whole concept of national health insurance.*

WASHINGTON FOLLOW KEY BISCAYNE

In a letter made public ~~back~~ in Washington -  
an attempt to clarify the circumstances leading up to the  
Elsberg psychiatrist break-in. President Nixon telling  
Judge Gesell <sup>that</sup> he ~~was~~ was confronted with "the problem  
of disclosures most ~~critical~~ critical to the national  
security;" adding: "it was my intent that the fullest  
authority of the President under the constitution  
and the law  $\wedge$  should be used,  $\wedge$  if necessary, to bring  
a halt to these disclosures."

The President stressing - however <sup>that</sup> ~~he~~ he had  
no prior knowledge of the Elsberg break-in. Further  
insisting he was not informed of the break-in - till  
more than a year-and-a-half later.

## SIRICA

On another front - Judge Sirica today refused to squash prosecutor Jaworski's request - for sixty-four additional White House tapes. Instead, ordering the tapes and other documents to be turned over to the court by May thirty-first. However, ~~the~~ "staying" his order - "pending the completion" of appeals. The President having ~~already~~ already indicated - he will fight this one all the way to the Supreme Court.

**ADD SIRICA**

**And now the latest: Jaworski accusing the  
President - of making "a farce" of the special prosecutor's  
office; by refusing to comply with ~~subpoena~~ subpoenas -  
despite his public pledges of cooperation.**

REBOZO

In a related development the President's  
friend Bebe Rebozo today filed a brief in <sup>a</sup> Washington  
federal court attempting to squash a subpoena from the  
Senate Watergate ~~Committee~~ <sup>requesting</sup> Committee ~~for~~ <sup>^</sup> all his business  
and financial records. Rebozo charging that  
"irresponsible members of the committee's staff -  
are engaged in a witch hunt - adding that they same  
persons - have "maliciously and falsely" distorted  
testimony; ~~and~~ also leaked stories about him - seeking  
to "humiliate and ~~etc~~ embarrass him."

DAMASCUS-JERUSALEM

In the quest for peace in the Middle East Sec. of

~~State~~ <sup>State</sup> Kissinger ~~at~~ met for ~~hour~~ five hours today with Syria's President Assad. Dr. Kissinger later reporting "Good progress ~~on~~ on several aspects of a disengagement ~~agreement~~ agreement." He then returned to Jerusalem -- for additional talks with Israeli leaders. Observers saying a final agreement is now <sup>in</sup> imminent.

## **BELFAST**

*An additional five hundred British troops were airlifted today into Belfast; this the sixth day of a Protestant general strike and accompanying violence that have all but paralyzed northern Ireland.*

## TAIPEI

*The youngest of the five Rockefellers victim of an accident on the island of Formosa. David Rockefeller Chairman of the giant Chase Manhattan Bank ~~suffering~~ fell on the steps of his Taipei hotel and broke his leg. The injury forcing cancellation of his visits to Seoul and Tokyo.*



**SOGHI**

***Here's one: Ivan and Babooskka to get Pepsi. The first Russian made Pepsi-Cola to reach the market at The Black Sea resort city of Soghi. Long lines waiting to try it.***

***Bill, I wonder how long the demand will continue with a bottle of Vodka - I mean Pepsi, selling at forty kopecks; the equivalent of half a buck American?***

## **PHILADELPHIA**

*For the first time in seven years - third time in recent memory - the city of Philadelphia celebrated a major sports triumph. The Philadelphia Fliers - getting a motorcade - a civic reception - <sup>for</sup> winning the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup.*

*Putting the city of Brotherly Love in a state of sheer ecstasy.*