

Friday, June 29, 1973

SAN CLEMENTE

*From San Clemente - by way of House Minority Leader Gerald Ford - a compromise proposal today for ending U.S. bombing in Cambodia. Ford saying the Western White House would be willing to accept a Cambodian cut-off - as of August Fifteenth. Then - "if military action is required after August Fifteenth" - he continued - "the President will ask for a congressional decision and will abide by that decision."*

*On his own - Ford then urging acceptance of the compromise. This in hopes of heading off a constitutional show-down that could cut off appropriations to all government agencies. Ford also telling his colleagues: "I'll be frank with you - I didn't talk to the President - but, I've been talking to people who have talked to the President." His candor - apparently helping to carry the day. At any rate, the House later agreeing to go along with the President. And now it's up to the Senate.*

## **SAN CLEMENTE - ENERGY**

*San Clemente again - President Nixon today announced - as expected the appointment of Governor Love of Colorado - as his new White House "Energy Czar;" a full-time assignment - with Governor Love reporting directly to the President.*

*The President also sending a special message to Congress - urging the start of a ten-billion dollar crash program to find new energy sources. Additionally allocating a hundred million to be used as of now - to speed up existing research and development programs.*

*In the same vein - the President saying the government intends to take the lead - in voluntarily reducing energy consumption. This by cutting back on air conditioning in Federal buildings, limiting the use of government autos - and so on; all aimed at attaining a seven percent reduction over the next year.*

The President saying: "The conservation of existing energy resources is not a proposal - it is a necessity <sup>and</sup> one that will remain with us indefinitely." Adding that "the American people - must develop an energy conservation ethic."



## WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

Across the country at White Sulphur Springs,  
~~West Virginia~~ <sup>West</sup> Virginia, at a meeting of high level business  
men, ~~where~~ General Motors chairman Richard  
Gerstenberg - was also discussing the energy  
situation; but -- from a slightly different viewpoint.

The G M chieftain criticizing those - who stand  
in the way of developing new energy sources. Noting  
that environmentalists for example - have "delayed  
some exploration, drilling and construction."

Adding that there is presently no alternatives - to  
the widespread use of petroleum in U S transportation;  
be it by rail, - air, - water, bus, truck - or car.

Gerstenberg <sup>added that</sup> ~~stated, however~~ we are now  
in an "energy crisis" <sup>as he put it</sup> "only in the sense that we  
have come to a time of decision." <sup>Said he:-</sup> ~~Adding~~ "As a  
nation - we must now face up to our dependence on  
foreign countries & for the energy we use so  
prodigiously."

## WATERGATE

For John Dean - a fifth and final day  
on the witness stand, ~~today~~. The Senate Watergate  
committee later adjourning over the fourth of July  
holiday. ~~His~~ next witness - former Attorney General  
John ~~Mitt~~ Mitchell. Meanwhile Mitchell's attorney was  
discussing his client's forthcoming testimony in  
an interview carried today in The Washington Post. *Atty.*  
William Hundley saying Mitchell "definitely has  
no information ~~of~~ implicating the President in the  
Watergate bugging or the cover-up; and "will in no  
way - incriminate the President."

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FED

By order of the Federal Reserve Board  
the U S prime interest rate was increased today  
from six-and-a-half to seven percent. The new  
figure - highest ever ~~made~~ in U S history. An attempt  
- said the Fed - to restrain continuing excessive  
expansion - in money and credit.

## PEKING

Right around the world - diplomatic  
observers were asking today: "What's going on  
in Red China?" This following the news that Red  
China's four main airports have suddenly been  
closed; ~~the ones at~~ Peking, Shanghai, Canton and  
Hankow. ~~The~~ China watchers noting that similar  
shutdowns in the past - have <sup>indicated a</sup> generally ~~misinterpreted~~  
major domestic crisis. <sup>Wonder</sup> ~~But~~ what's really going on  
in Red China, <sup>?</sup> ~~if anything - well, we'll just have~~  
~~to wait and see.~~



## SALISBURY

Earlier this week - as you may have heard - an apparent British attempt - to reopen peace talks with the break away colony of Rhodesia. Today at Salisbury - another flat out rejection.


Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith telling his parliament: "The main stumbling block" to solving the Rhodesian problem - is the British government's participation in the issue." "As long as Britain <sup>+</sup>remains the fiction" - he continued "that she influence events here - so long will the Africans continue to look to Britain instead of coming to terms with reality."

Ian Smith further telling the British government "to get off our backs" and let us Rhodesians get on with the job."



~~Announced For~~ The men of Sky Lab One -  
today <sup>held their</sup> ~~first~~ first press conference since returning  
from orbit. Dr. Joe Kerwin saying: "It was a  
continuous and pleasant surprise to me & to find  
out how easy it was to live in zero gravity and how  
good you feel." Also, agreeing with his colleagues -  
Pete Conrad and Paul Weitz that any man or woman  
in "reasonable, normal health" - could one day fly ~~out~~  
<sup>to</sup> ~~about~~ future space stations.

Mission Commander Conrad adding: "All  
of us were surprised"- to find "we were in as good  
shape as we were when we got back." And the fact  
that Kerwin appeared a bit wobbly <sup>- this</sup> ~~he~~ explained by  
saying: "That command module was really bobbing -  
and Joe turned ~~Green~~ for no reason other than he was  
sea sick."



HOUSTON - add

Indeed Kerwin himself saying he saw no  
medical reason - why man couldn't spend years in  
flight ~~travelling~~ travelling to other planets. Stressing,  
however, that the pilots on such a long flight - would  
need, quote, "a more normal sociological environment."

Like what would you guess, Bill?

~~Yeah~~, "Like girls," <sup>Astronaut</sup> said Paul Weitz.

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## LOIENGALANI

More than three thousand of the world's top scientists were setting up shop today - in the village of Loiengalani near Lake Rudolf in Kenya; <sup>from there</sup> getting ready <sup>^</sup> to record ~~from there~~ the second longest ~~■~~ eclipse of the sun in more than a thousand years.

The expected black-out - scheduled to last exactly seven-minutes-and-four seconds; starting at six thirty nine Eastern time - tomorrow morning.

The assembled scientists <sup>are</sup> <sup>^</sup> hoping this rare phenomenon - will yield a wide range of information <sup>^</sup> on movements of the planet, - on Einstein's theory of relativity - on the sun's influence as it affects the weather and the earth's atmosphere.

For the people of Loiengalani, <sup>Kenya</sup> <sup>^</sup> it's also proving an exercise in logistics; with the hoardes of invaders - mainly lodged in a tent city ~~had~~ built from



scratch; now complete with beds - ~~the~~ showers, ice boxes and other conveniences; all of ~~which~~ which are priced at roughly - a hundred bucks a night. And that's only the beginning.

A soft drink that ~~was~~ once cost a dime - now forty cents. A cup of coffee - ninety cents.

A shot of whisky - double what it used to be ~~and~~ with ~~the~~ prices expected to climb still higher ~~as~~ as the demand on supplies continues to mount.

Native Kenyans further reporting a bonanza in the sale of souvenirs; as for example, spears -- selling at seven bucks a throw. American scientist Jack Rennie saying: "Heck, we've bought so many spears off these tribesmen - we're beginning to look like <sup>the</sup> Bengal Lancers." And a-f. man!