

Wed. Aug. 4-71.

President Nixon called newsmen to the White House today for an unscheduled news conference - then made an important statement concerning his administration's economic policy. The President said he would consider creating a wage and price control review board - if it could be operated without what he termed, "coercive powers" to enforce wage and price control. He said he would be open-minded to any suggestions from Congress concerning such a board. However, the President said he would reject any "new bureaucracy with mandatory criminal powers fastening itself on the American economy." He made these comments soon after a group of Republican Senators proposed legislation that would direct the President to create a wage price board to combat inflation.

During that impromptu news conference at the White House, the President also discussed his forthcoming visit to Peking - saying he would take up a wide range of issues when he goes there. Though he cautioned against the hope it would lead to what he called, "instant detente" between the U.S. and Communist China. With him on the Peking trip, he said, will be "a small working party" including Secretary of State Rogers and special foreign policy advisor Dr. Kissinger. A date for the visit ^{will} ~~be~~ be decided upon within the next two or three months, according to the President. R Communist China reacted bitterly today to Secretary Roger's announcement that the United States would vote in favor of Peking's admission to the U.N. - while at the same time opposing the ouster of Nationalist China. The official new China news agency attacked the American decision - calling it "a clumsy two-Chinas trick played by U.S. imperialism."

Cambodian officials report ~~that~~ thousands of villagers ~~are~~ abandoning their homes - fleeing in the path of a South Vietnamese army offensive moving through Eastern Cambodia. Many refugees are reported to be complaining about the looting - and atrocities allegedly inflicted upon them by the South Vietnamese.

Farther east in South Vietnam, American helicopter gun ships went into action again - strafing and bombing Communist positions in the northern jungles and coastal lowlands. U.S. bombers also ~~flying~~ ^{flew} two missions below the demilitarized zone, striking at enemy troop concentrations and supply lines.

DRUGS

The White House consultant on narcotics - Dr.

Jerome Jaffe - says that many drug addicted veterans of the Vietnam war were addicted to drugs even before they left home to go overseas. ^{And} They did not, said he, acquire the habit in uniform. Dr. Jaffe made this assertion in testimony before the Senate Alcoholism and Narcotics Subcommittee - and its chairman, Harold Hughes of Iowa, replied - "That's what we've been saying but nobody was listening." Sen. Hughes is an authority on the subject!

SUDAN

The Sudan's new foreign minister - Mansuor Khalid - held the door open today for closer economic ties with the United States - saying also that the Sudan is prepared for the worst in its relations with Moscow. However, Khalid - who ^{is}~~s~~ a non-Communist and a former delegate to the U.N. - sees little hope of resuming diplomatic relations with Washington unless there's a change in U.S. policy on Israel. The relations were broken off during the Sixty-Seven war.

CONGRESS

~~In action~~ On Capitol Hill, the House approved
a two ~~day~~^{year} extension of the nation's military ~~for~~^{draft}
draft law; but final congressional action on the measure
is extremely doubtful until after labor day because
of tactics by anti-war senators.

The Senate armed services committee cut
one hundred sixty-one million dollars from the
President's request for Safe Guard anti-ballistic
missile funds.

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~~And~~ The Justice Department said, ^{today} that - during
the first six months of this year - half a billion
dollars in federal and private stocks and bonds
have been stolen from brokerage houses, airports,
and other places.

STOCKS

The New York Stock Exchange was down - then up - then down again in the second straight day of declining prices. The market went into reverse gear at the close - wiping out gains that were registered at noon.

APOLLO

As scheduled, the Apollo Fifteen astronauts are on their way home tonight - headed for a point in the Pacific some three hundred miles off Hawaii where they're due to land on Saturday afternoon. The final leg of their four hundred fifty million dollar voyage began late this afternoon ^(when) ~~which~~ Scott Irwin and Worden fired their main ~~engine~~ rocket engine blasting their good ship endeavor out of lunar orbit and into the long path toward earth.

NIXON VISIT

The President and Mrs. Nixon flew to New York tonight for a visit with their daughter Tricia and her husband Edward Cox, in their new Manhattan apartment. Said Mrs. Nixon: "We just want to check up on Trish - and sample her cooking". Also, tonight, the President and his wife will see the revival of the Broadway Musical Hit - "No No Nanette."

Sister Fiorella - the first woman to receive
a Vatican security assignment - was removed from her
post today - suffering from nervous exhaustion. ~~For~~
Sister Fiorella did ^{indeed} have a demanding job ^{the} ~~the~~ barring of
entry to St. Peter's Basilica by thousands of women
who wore mini skirts - low cut sweaters - see through
blouses - hot pants - or any other clothing she believed
too immodest for the occasion. She also barred men
wearing shorts - and anyone barefooted. On a busy day,
- Warren -
Sister Fiorella - with a wag of her finger or a shake
of her head - would turn away as many as two thousand
tourists - who refused to wrap jackets around their
shoulders or legs.

RIFLE-WOMAN

Miss Seonaid Legge is a one-hundred-five pound University of Houston history major with shoulder length hair and dark eyes - and she also has an aim in life. To put it another way, Miss Legge is ~~perfectly~~ ^{right} at home on the range - a shooting range, that is. A modern Annie Oakley, she's an expert with a rifle - the only female member of Houston University's rifle team which - recently - set a new intercollegiate firing record - with Miss Legge hitting the bulls-eye two hundred eighty-five shots out of three hundred.

"You can shoot as well as a boy and still keep your femininity," says Miss Legge as she opens ^{ed} her rifle case which is gaily decorated with orange, pink and yellow flowers.