

Tuesday, Jan. 22, 1974

ZIEGLER

From the White House - a message today, in effect, a report on the "state of the presidency." Press Secretary Ron Ziegler noting that the President has suffered "massive attacks" as a result of the Watergate controversy. Adding that "constant, constant, constant unsupported charges" have seriously undermined public confidence. Stressing, however, that the President has no intention of resigning - because "he knows he has not been involved in any wrong-doing." Further insisting the President is fully confident - he can continue to provide effective leadership.

Ziegler also saying the President is as mystified as everyone else about that eighteen and a half minute gap in one of his Watergate tapes. "We do not know how it happened" - said he, "the President does not know how it happened. If we did we would so so."

FORD FOLLOW ZIEGLER

The President ~~was~~ was also drawing a vote of confidence from Vice President Gerald Ford; who told of a two hour's meeting he had with the President just ~~yesterday~~ yesterday. Gerald Ford saying "I know from our conversation that the President had no prior knowledge of the Watergate break-in or had any part in the ~~cover-up~~ cover-up." The Vice President adding that what's more - the President had offered to provide him with information - proving his innocence. Gerald Ford going on to say that "this is information" - now "in the hands" of special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski and Judge Sirica; who, "have an obligation ~~not~~ not to release it" said he ^{that is} - "pending indictment and trial of those accused."

SENATE

Reverse side - a number of House and Senate Democrats are still demanding the President's resignation. But the Democratic leaders in both bodies are refusing to take part. Senate Majority leader Mike Mansfield today joining House Speaker Carl Albert - in rejecting the idea that the President call it quits.

KISSINGER

Elsewhere in Washington - Secretary of State

Kissinger was holding his first press conference - since returning. Dr. Kissinger saying he "Hopes that Syria will take the same good approach" as Egypt - in negotiating a disengagement of troops.

ALGIERS FOLLOW KISSINGER

More on the same - maybe - from Egypt's

President Sadat - while visiting Algiers on his tour of

Arab capitals, was saying: "Now that the Americans

have made a gesture - the Arabs should make one, too."

JERUSALEM FOLLOW ~~RABAT~~ *Algiers*

Meanwhile, in Jerusalem, the Israeli Parliament was approving today - overwhelmingly, the Egyptian Israeli troop disengagement agreement. This following an impassioned plea - from Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir. "We signed the agreement" - said she, "with the object of advancing towards a permanent peace settlement; and above all - to prevent a renewal of the war."

HAVANA

**Russia's Brezhnev - will be flying to Cuba -
later this week. In anticipation, Cuba is said to be gearing
up for its biggest welcome ever.**

LEWIS STRAUSS

The White House again - a special tribute to Lewis Strauss one of the ablest Americans of our time. President Nixon calling the former Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission - "a man who opened up new vistas to technology for America and the world." Age seventy-seven.

PITTSBURGH

The second biggest contributor to President Nixon's re-election campaign - Richard Scaife - one of the Mellon heirs. A cool million.

Scaife discussing the reason, calling himself - "an unreconstructed Barry Goldwater person;" one who believes in "free enterprise - a strong America."

LONDON

**From movie hero John Wayne - ~~who is currently~~
~~working~~ in London - a comment today relating to film
nudity and border line pornography. John Wayne saying:
- "Anyone who makes an ex-rated film - should be made
to take his own daughter to see it."**

ROME

In the new spring and summer showings in Rome - a minor revolution today in womens fashions. For the first time in years - not a single pair of pants or pant suits - or anything remotely resembling pants.

However, more than three quarters of the women in the audience were wearing pants. Do you vote for pants, Bill?

KALAHARI

The current energy shortage - is apparently a problem the world over; everywhere, except the Kalahari Desert in Botswana; from which an item comes today - telling how the local police are beating oil boycotts - gasoline restrictions and speed curbs.

The answer in the Kalahari - camels. Cruising at three miles an hour - days on end without refueling.