

Thursday, November 29, 1973

WHITE HOUSE

The White House announces that President Nixon is planning to meet tomorrow with his new energy emergency action group. This raising again the spectre of possible gas rationing.

White House Press Secretary Ron Ziegler however, says there is "nothing specific on the agenda." With the President still holding the view that "although we have to have contingency plans - gas rationing is something not contemplated at this time.

TAPES FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

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In a ~~long~~ lengthy exchange with newsmen Ron Ziegler also discussed "so-called blank spots" ~~on~~ on the President's Watergate tapes; expressing confidence that the experts will find - they were caused by extraneous noises that somehow activated the taping system. "There was no tampering with the tapes" - said he. "The experts will find no tampering exists."

In the same vein - Ziegler saying "there is a very serious question - about the staff of the special prosecutor's office in political terms." "They are attempting to work fairly" - he continued. But their political background, their views, their attitude - suggest they have an engrained suspicion and visceral dislike - for this administration and this President, "said he."

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FORD

For Gerald Ford - ~~just~~ one more river
to cross. The House Judiciary committee today
approving his nomination for Vice President - by a
vote of twenty nine to eight. The full House ^{is} now
expected to vote final confirmation - by next
Thursday. Ford saying he ~~can~~ hopes to be sworn
into office immediately afterward.

ENERGY

From the Federal Power ~~Com~~ Commission

a directive today addressed to more than a thousand major electrical utilities. The F P C ordering a determination within two weeks - of the feasibility of a ten percent power reduction. For starters - the F P C also suggesting a number of possible energy saving techniques. These including public appeals to ~~every~~ customers to use less ~~and~~ electricity, also, improved management to eliminate waste and inefficiency. The F P C observing that such measures - could well save as much as two billion kilowatts a week.

STEIN

The President's ~~adviser~~ chief economist
was attempting to assess today - the economic
impact of the current energy crisis. ~~Chairman~~ Chairman
Herbert Stein of the President's council of economic
advisors - saying the Arab oil embargo "has
introduced major new uncertainties." Adding that
one must assume - the embargo could remain in
effect more than a year.

Even so - said Stein - "the economy
can be kept growing - although slowly - in Nineteen
Seventy-Four." "And the rate of ^{un}employment" he
continued - "would not exceed six percent at any time."

CAIRO SUEZ ROAD

*In the Middle East - at Kilometer One Oh One
on the Cairo Suez Road - the sound of nearby machine
gun and mortar fire; followed shortly by a sudden
break off in truce talks - between the Egyptians and
Israelis. This - at the instigation of the chief ~~of the~~
Egyptian negotiator; who charged "continued Israeli
stalling" on the disengagement of troops.*

NEW DELHI

At New Delhi - an ~~ag~~ agreement today marking the completion of five days of talks -- between Russia's Leonid Brezhnev and India's Indira Gandhi. Russia pledging to supply India with vast amounts of economic aid - over the next fifteen years.

In a later speech to the Indian Parliament - Brezhnev also urging Indian support of a Russian backed Asian security plan. "We believe" - said he - "that the establishment of relations of peace, security and cooperation in Asia - a continent populated by over half of mankind - would be a step of world historic importance in ~~ensuring~~ insuring worldwide peace."

At last report though - the Indians apparently remaining unconvinced. Observers noting that Brezhnev

*similarly failed to get a permanent port facility
on the Indian ocean; at least - so far as we know.*

EARTH ORBIT - ZVYOZDNI GORODOK

*High above the earth - the men of Sky
Lab Three were completing today - their first
earth resources photo sweep. They also beamed
back a television show - demonstrating the use of
a new "salt gun," to season their food.*

*While here below - at Zvyozdni Gorodok
near Moscow - U S and Russian astronauts were
completing their first joint training session. The
initial step - in preparing for a joint space venture
in Nineteen Seventy Five. U S astronaut Tom Stafford
- saying he forseees "no difficulty."*

CHAPIN

*President Nixon's former appointments
secretary - was indicted today in the Watergate case.
Dwight Chapin accused of lying to the ~~senate~~ Watergate
Grand Jury about his relationship with political
trickster Donald Segretti. The latter, - presently
serving a six months sentence in federal prison;
~~Chapin~~ Chapin himself now facing ²³~~12~~ a maximum of five
years and a ten thousand dollar fine, on each of
four counts.*

At the National Four-H Congress in
Chicago, ~~an address by~~ Agriculture Secretary Earl
Butz, ~~an~~ attempt^{ed} to put the Watergate case in
perspective, Butz saying that Watergate "will be
less than a paragraph - a mere footnote in the pages
of history."

Far more important - he continued - are
the many achievements of the Nixon administration;
"a permanent chapter - of good." Butz adding that
"we must accentuate these accomplishments - we must
not let these chapters get lost among the footnotes
of history."

WASHINGTON

Clifford Irving - ~~the~~ author of ~~that~~^{the} fake
autobiography of Howard Hughes - will soon be a
free man again. The U S parole board today granting
him a parole - effective February fourteenth. That's

So ~~so~~ Valentine's Day ^{will be a day for him to}
~~by the way a lovely way to~~

celebrate.

NEW YORK

After lo these many years - Fredericks
of Hollywood comes to Broadway. The famed West
Coast fashion designer staging a display of some of
his sexiest creations ~~in an~~ ^{in an} attempt to publicize
his new book, which he calls - "Frederick's of
Hollywood - twenty-six years of mail ~~in~~ order
seduction." The display ~~the~~ including see through
chiffons - rhinestone bikinis, mini-skirts cut almost
to the navel; along with a line of lingerie -- out
of this world, a collection drawing a few hisses from
women - but mostly cheers from men. In the words
of the New York Times, ~~perhaps~~ ^{all} "the best" ~~there is~~ -
~~in schlock frocks~~ ⁱⁿ and passion fashions."

TOKYO

The death toll in ~~that~~^{the} Tokyo Department store fire - is now set at ninety-nine; with rescue workers continuing to comb the wreckage for additional

bodies. ~~In addition~~^{Also,} more than a hundred injured.

This the worst fire of its kind ⁴ in all Japanese history. ~~And it came,~~ ^{it came} Ironically ^λ in the midst of Japan's fire prevention week, while the store ~~in question was in the midst of~~^{was} installing new smoke and fire detectors.

WEIGHT

A study of obesity has been made as it relates to executives advancement. The Robert Half personnel agencies - checking weight versus earnings figures in fifteen key cities. Noting that nearly forty percent of middle management executives - were ten pounds or more over-weight; whereas in top paying jobs - the fatty figure dropping to less than ten percent.

The Half organization thus computing the wage loss to over-weight executives - at roughly a thousand bucks per pound per year. Would you say, ~~██████~~ "grossly underpaid", Bill?

STORNAWAY

The first of an estimated sixteen million British motorists - began applying today for gasoline ration books. The British signing up in Alphabetical order - A's first, then B's, C's and so on; everywhere, it seems - except in the Outer Hebrides.

That's clan country. In the city of Stornaway, for example, more than ninety five percent of all residents - are named "Mac-something-or-other." Local officials -- therefore, devising a unique system. The "MacA's, to MacD's" checking ~~in~~ in first - then, the "MacE's to MacL's" ; and finally - we are told - the "MacN's and onwards."