

Wed., January 9, 1974

BIRTHDAY

President Nixon today was celebrating his sixty-first birthday. Starting out with a telephone call - to his daughter Julie Nixon Eisenhower in Washington. The President telling Julie: "This is going to be a good year - a better year." Julie adding that he sounded - "very happy."

The President's call following Julie's acceptance of two big birthday cards - from the National Greeting card association. One of the cards saying: "The greatest honor history can bestow - is the title of peacemaker."

The President also received a surprise birthday cake and sixty-one red roses from members of his staff; who then sang "Happy birthday" - a bit off key. "I know that was spontaneous" said the President - "no practice."

SAN CLEMENTE

At the Western White House - President ~~de~~
Nixon calls for an international energy conference - ^{for}
February eleventh in Washington. The President sending
invitations - to the heads of government in West
Germany, France, Great Britain, Italy, the Netherlands
Norway, Canada and Japan. This - we are told -
in ^{the} hopes of finding a common solution - to the present
world energy crisis.

The President is also sending personal
memos - to the heads of thirteen oil producing states,
~~The Arab states~~ including Abu Dhabi, Algeria, Ecuador,
Gabon, Indonesia - Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, ^{Libya,} ~~Arabia,~~ Nigeria,
Qatar, Saudi Arabia - and Venezuela. The President
telling each of his plans to convene a ~~new~~ meeting
of ~~consumer~~ consumer nations. Further suggesting that

**consumer and producer nations - should meet together
at a later date.**

KISSINGER FOLLOW SAN CLEMENTE

The Western White House also announced today - that Henry Kissinger will be leading for the mid-East ~~as of~~ of midnight tomorrow; ~~there~~ to visit ~~the~~ Egypt and then Israel - in an effort to ~~the~~ help negotiate a disengagement of troops along the Suez Canal.

Dr. Kissinger's presence said to have been requested specifically by Israel; ~~with~~ ^{with} Egypt also extending a so-called "invitation". This to ~~mark~~ ^{be Sec. of State} ~~Dr.~~ Kissinger's ~~third~~ third trip to the Middle East since the latest Arab Israeli conflict in October.

SIMON FOLLOW KISSINGER

~~Back in Washington~~ - Another bulletin from
Energy Czar William Simon, ^{sa} noting that U S refineries
have been instructed to give highest priority for the
time being - to the production of home heating ~~at~~ oil,
adding ~~however~~ however, that once supplies of heating
~~at~~ oil have reached a safe level he ~~will~~ then ^{we} ~~will~~ ^{to} ~~order~~
^{up} ~~the~~ production of ~~more~~ gasoline - ~~at this~~ - ~~said he~~ -
in order to meet summer driving needs.

ADD SIMON

Simon also disclosed that the Central Intelligence Agency - is checking oil shipments around the world. "The C I A is extraordinarily helpful" said he - "just as all our agencies are and we are using ~~everything~~ everything at our command" he continued - "to put before the people the proper facts and ~~the~~ figures."

GENEVA

At Geneva - the final session of a three day meeting - of the organization of petroleum exporting ~~countries~~ countries. Iranian Finance Minister Jamshid Amouzegar - who served as spokesman for the group - later pledging - "there will be no increase or decrease in the price of crude oil - until April first." But what happens then - he continued - will depend "on the actions of the industrialized countries," ~~An OPEC~~ ~~committee~~ adding that said nations must curb domestic inflation - and better "control the oil companies in the ~~way~~ way they increase prices."

WEATHER

Here in the East - the worst storm of the season; sweeping up the Atlantic seaboard - and all but burying parts of New York and Vermont under a blanket of white. ~~In the great heartland of America~~
~~bone chilling~~ ^{with} cold ^{weather} from the Rockies to the Great Lakes. The mercury hitting twenty-nine below - at St. Cloud, Minnesota; ~~while~~ ^{and} the wind chill factor in Northern Iowa ~~dropping to~~ ^{dropping it to} forty-five below.

MILAN

After soaring to new highs on the ~~an~~ money market of western Europe - the U S dollar was taking a tumble today, ^eamid reports that the U S Federal Reserve system may have stepped in - to keep the dollar from going still higher.

Oddly enough - the price of gold was also dropping today. A Milanese economist observing that the world seems to have gone off the Gold Standard - and onto an "oil standard."

BURLINGAME

~~Famed crooner~~ Bing Crosby was ~~coming~~ under-
going ~~diagnostic~~ tests today - at a hospital in
Burlingame, California. Doctors attempting to
determine the cause of a lung ailment that has laid
him up since New Year's eve. Bing's illness all
but tying up the phones at both the hospital and his
home nearby. A spokesman saying: "There have
been calls from Paris, England, Germany, and all
over - including Australia."

PARLIAMENT

The British Parliament ~~was meeting~~ in emergency session today ^{was} ~~to~~ ^{ing} consider the impact of Britain's current labor crisis. Prime ~~Minister~~ ~~Edward~~ Heath saying he will never surrender to the pay demands of Britain's two hundred and sixty thousand coal miners. "This would be breaking faith" said he - "with millions of other workers" who have already accepted government wage controls.

Heath also called on British labor leaders - to join with government in settling the dispute; ~~to~~ do so ^{to} "in a spirit of constructiveness, moderation, and reason." Adding: "If we try to achieve section interests by fighting each other - we shall end by destroying this country."

BANGKOK

Japan's Prime Minister Tanaka - who is currently visiting Bangkok - ~~was~~ was the target of ~~an~~ a demonstration today by dissident Thai students. Their wrath at Tanaka expended - the students then turning their attention to the U S ; marching on the U S Embassy in protest against C I A involument in local affairs. ~~It~~ Finally forcing police to seal off the area.

LONDON

This next - from London; where the tallest policeman - is Mick Martin, six ten; and the smallest a lady cop by the name of ~~Ben~~ Dixie Dean, five four.

Mick and Dixie obviously finding it difficult to see eye to eye. Nevertheless, announcing today - they plan to be married later in the month. ~~And that's~~

The long and the short of it ~~from~~ⁱⁿ London.

NEW YORK

In New York city - the twenty-seventh
annual meeting - of the Society for the revival and
preservation of the pun. The head punster - former
gag writer George Q. Lewis; sometimes ^{known as} ~~called~~

"Attila-the-pun,"

~~George Lewis~~ asking his fellow members:

"Does the name Quasimobo ring a bell?" Thus ^{encouraged} ~~encouraged~~

one of his colleagues observing that South Vietnam's

President Thieu is planning to join forces with

Argentina's Juan Peron. This - we're told on the

theory that "Thieu can live as ~~cheap~~ cheaply as Juan."