

Monday, September 8, 1975

WHITE HOUSE

President Ford met today with Congressional leaders - in another attempt to reach a compromise on oil price controls; but apparently - to no avail. White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen later saying: Tomorrow "the President is going to veto" the bill to extend present price controls for six months. Adding that the President "is confident when the vote in the Senate rolls around - there will be enough votes to sustain."

Nessen went on to indicate, however that there still may be a meeting of minds on this. Saying: "If the President gets a reasonable assurance Congress will approve phased decontrol of oil prices - he will support a forty-five day extension."

TRIPOLI

In the Middle East - at Tripoli, Lebanon - a second day of fighting between left wing Moslems and right wing Christians. Police saying more than thirty have already died - and the figure is sure to go much higher if the fighting doesn't end soon.

LICE

The death toll from ~~that~~^{the} weekend earthquake

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near Lice, Turkey - now set at an estimated twenty-four

hundred. ~~men, women and children.~~ More than twelve

hundred in Lice alone - and the figure could go even higher.

A rescue worker saying ~~today practically~~ "every time our
picks hit the ground - we find another ~~dead~~ body."

WASHINGTON

Washington again - the Republican National

**Committee today unanimously picked Kansas City, Missouri
- as the site of next year's Republican National Convention.**

**A spokesman conceding that Kansas City is short on
convention floor space - and some twenty-five hundred
visitors will have to stay at Topeka, ~~Kansas~~ sixty miles
away. But he stressed: "There never was such a genuine
display of hospitality and enthusiasm" - as was shown by
Kansas City. Adding: "There will be some inconveniences -
but unhappiness, we think not."**

POSTAL

From Postmaster General Benjamin Bailar - a request today for double the subsidy now being paid by the government - to support the ^{U.S.} Postal Service. The new figure, if approved by Congress - thus to come to nearly Two Billion-a-year; ~~but~~ ^{and} badly needed - said Bailar - "lest the price of postage rise beyond the reach of some Americans - and impede the free flow of ideas and information."

BOGOTA

At Bogota, Colombia - the Inspector-General of the Colombian Army, General Ramon Rincon Quinones - was ambushed and shot to death today. Police saying his assailants were members of the so-called National Liberation Army - an outlawed pro-Castro group.

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TEMPLEPATRICK

In Northern Ireland, the Police today discovered the bodies - of two more shooting victims; the first, in Belfast - the second, at nearby Templepatrick. A forty-year-old business executive was also critically injured - in a boobytrap bombing a few miles north of Belfast.

NEWSCASTLE

Last year, in Britain, you may recall - a crippling coal strike; forcing the nation to consume much of its coal reserves - and leaving it still short of coal with another winter coming on. A desperate situation - and so a desperate solution.

The British Coal Board announcing plans to import thousands of tons of coal - from Vietnam. (The coals that once powered the Hanoi war machine - now being carried to London, Birmingham, Glasgow and, yes,) even to Newcastle.

HOUSTON

**From Houston - the story of an aspiring quick-
shot artist; Robert Massey - age forty-five; out in a field
all by himself - practicing quick draws - when somehow
he shot himself in the leg; and by the time help arrived -
he had already bled to death.**

Quick draw - slow death.

GLACIER ~~Park~~ - Bears.

Two young men from Indiana were reported in fair condition today - after being mauled by bears in Glacier National Park. The two ~~victims~~ out hiking in an area called Medicine Pass - when they apparently surprised two or three grizzlies in a berry patch. One ^{man} suffering cuts that required two hundred stitches ~~to close~~ - ~~while~~ the other ~~suffering~~ a possible severed tendon in his right leg. When you think about it - really lucky they weren't torn to pieces.

A team of Rangers ^{is} now attempting to track down the ~~offending~~ bears. ~~A Ranger spokesman~~ ^{one} saying the Park's poor berry crop this year - may have been a contributing factor. The shortage of berries leading to fierce competition for food - even at lower elevations where grizzlies are ~~normally~~ seldom seen.

MISS AMERICA

The new Miss America - Eighteen-year-old Tawny Elaine Godin of Yonkers, New York - a ^{lovely} beauty with brains; and she proved it today - in meeting, and conquering, New York's usually cynical press corps.

Question: How do you feel about abortion? Miss Godin replying: "A woman should have freedom of choice in that area." What about pre-marital sex? "It's a matter of individual choice" - said she. And the legalization of marijuana? "We're not ready for it" - said she - "there has not been enough research."

Miss Godin was then asked - how does she feel about being treated like a piece of meat. She replied, with a ^{reported} dazzling smile: "If I was a piece of meat - you wouldn't be interviewing me."

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BIBLE

National Bible Week here in the U. S. will be held
this year, the same as usual - during Thanksgiving Week.

~~But~~ This year's observance is to highlight sixteen of the
President's favorite Bible passages. *One of the*

~~At the head of the list - we are told today - the~~
same passage to which the President's Bible was opened -
when he took his oath of office; Proverbs - Chapter Three -
Verses One through Seven - saying in part: "Trust in the
Lord with all thine heart - lean not unto thine own
understanding - and *He* shall direct thy paths."

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