

WHITE HOUSE

Fri. Sept. 7-73

At the White House - a surprise meeting today between President Nixon and Senate Majority

Leader Mike Mansfield. ^{This evidently} ~~clearly~~ an attempt to

~~bury~~ bury the hatchett. And ^{so far as we know they made} ~~to all appearances a~~

^a good beginning.

Senator Mansfield later reporting the President had tempered somewhat - his recent

criticism of Congress. The President quoted as saying that "over all - Congress has done very

well." Mansfield noted, however, the President

had also said - he would like his proposals to be given more consideration. ^{TRM.} Mansfield adding: -

~~the~~ - "I sense here the beginning of a greater degree of cooperation with Congress - and more of a give and take attitude on both sides."

CAPITOL HILL

~~On Capitol Hill~~ - the Watergate back-lash continues to mount; as witness Senate speeches today - by Senator Thurmond of South Carolina and Senator Griffin of Michigan; both newly returned - from testing the public pulse. Senator Thurmond calling for an immediate end - to TV coverage of the Senate Watergate proceedings. Stating flatly that - "no further good can be served - by flooding the airwaves with continued hearings."

For his part, Senator Griffin saying: "I got the distinct impression back home - it isn't just the White House that has been damaged by these hearings - but all institutions of government."

KISSINGER FOLLOW CAPITOL HILL

Elsewhere on Capitol Hill - the Senate Foreign Relations committee opened hearings today - on the nomination of Henry Kissinger as Secretary of State. Dr. Kissinger serving as the first witness in his own behalf -- turning in a near flawless ~~performance~~ performance.

"In my new capacity" - said he - "I shall be prepared to testify formally on all my activities; I shall not claim executive privilege" except - in the case of "direct ~~communications~~ communications with the President or actual~~ly~~ ~~deliberations~~ deliberations of the National Security Council." The witness also explaining ~~the way that~~ ^{the} Cambodian bombing controversy saying: "It ~~was~~ was a very peculiar situation." Adding: "In the unbelievable circumstance that it might arise again - we must find a way to inform the proper congressional committees."

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Dr. Kissinger then refused, however, to devulge the results of telephone taps - on seventeen of his aides back in Nineteen Sixty-Nine. The ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ requested information would have to come from the Justice Department - said he. And now he, too, is facing a threatened congressional road block.

MOSCOW

For U S Secretary of Health , Education
and Welfare, Caspar Weinberger - the end of a five
~~days~~ day visit to Moscow ^{was} marked ~~today~~ by the
inauguration of a new "hot line for health" between
the U S and Russia. This in keeping with an
agreement that ~~the~~ President Nixon ~~reached~~ reached with
Soviet officials - during his visit to Moscow last
spring. The new hot line to ~~facilitate~~ facilitate an
exchange of information ^{for} ~~in~~ joint efforts aimed at
conquering heart disease, cancer, arthritis and
environmental ~~ailments~~ ailments. Officials adding that
influenza may be added to the list - perhaps as
early as next year.

SANTIAGO

Want to buy a truck - or a bus? Or, a taxi? ~~That was~~ The question ^{was} posed today in ~~St~~ Santiago, Chile ~~as a~~ result of ~~a~~ ^{their} nationwide transportation tie up.

~~Chile's~~ Marxist ~~Democrat~~ President ~~Salvador~~ Salvadore Allende, offering to sell, in all, six thousand ~~new~~ trucks, busses and taxis, ~~He's also~~ ^{on} ~~offering~~ easy terms. Twenty percent down - and two years to pay the rest, interest free. Allende setting only one proviso: The new owners must agree to defy ongoing strikes - by Chile's independent driver owners.

~~The next question, it seems - would you buy a new car - from a man like that?~~

EARTH ORBIT

High above the earth - another coup today for Sky Lab Two. Astronauts Al Bean, - Owen Garriott, and Jack ~~Quinn~~ Lousma - photographing a ~~new~~ mammoth solar flare - one of the greatest ever seen. - ~~much greater than the one they witnessed~~ yesterday. Al Bean ~~observing~~ ^{seemingly} a bit awe-struck ^{by it.} ~~It's a big~~ daddy.

While here below, - earth-bound researchers were all but ^uinundated ^{with} ~~pouring over~~ ~~over~~ pictures of solar activity ^u that will probably keep them busy for years. Doctor Ed Reeves of Harvard saying: "We will have more ~~data~~ data and better data - from this one sky lab mission - than from the total of all past missions."

PENTAGON

Belated medals for heroism were awarded today to eighteen crew men of the U S spy ship pueblo. ~~It was~~ The Pueblo - you will recall - was captured by North Korea more than five years ago; the first U S Navy vessel seized and ~~boarded~~ boarded in more than a century.

Today's awards - at the recommendation of the Pueblo's skipper - commander Lloyd Bucher. But none - for him. The Pentagon explaining that no higher ranking officer - had so recommended.

LABOR

In the U S wholesale price index - an increase of five-point-eight percent during the month of August; so announced today - by the U S Labor Department. This the biggest jump in a single month - since Nineteen Forty-Six - due mainly to the transition - from Phase Three to Phase Four price controls; an increase that may or may not ~~be~~ be passed on to consumers. -- ~~it's hard to tell.~~

On the brighter side - the latest job figures:- The U S unemployment rate - remaining virtually unchanged ~~at~~ ^{at} four-point-eight percent. While total employment ^{was} also holding steady at record levels for the ~~the~~ second straight month.

ADD CARS FOLLOW LABOR

The Council also ended a freeze on

beef prices - as of *Midnight Sunday* ~~Monday~~ instead of Wednesday.

CARS FOLLOW LABOR

~~And now the latest:~~ The ~~President's~~ President's
cost of living council ^{today} ~~order~~ ^{ed} a partial roll-back --
in proposed increases on new car prices; a roll-back
ranging from ten percent for American Motors -
to thirty percent for Ford. This - we are told -
an attempt to protect "the American consumer from
paying a higher than necessary price ~~while~~
permitting the companies to recoup essential costs."

TEL AVIV

According to Moslem law - King Hussein of Jordan is ~~now~~ permitted to have four wives, ^{at the same time.}
So far - he's had three, ~~But~~ only one at a time.
Now, however, an indication - that he may be trying to double his pleasure.

At any rate, reports reaching Tel Aviv say~~ing~~ that Hussein's bride of less than a year, Queen Alia - has somehow displeased his mother, Queen Zein. The latter said to be urging the young King to take a second bride. The lucky lady - we hear - one Tamra DeJastani, who ^{just happens to be} ~~is also~~ the King's niece, ~~incidentally.~~

SACRAMENTO

Today's quote of the day - comes from veteran lion tamer Bianco Zamperia; who was bitten on the bottom by his pet lioness Delhi - during a performance at ~~Sans~~ Sacramento, California. Lion tamer Zamperia saying: "Delhi is a sweet lioness - she would never attack me; except that I have not been able to feed her anything but chicken and she likes beef.

MADRID

The youngest person ever to conquer
Kilimanjaro, Africa's tallest peak- pig-tailed Samantha
White age eight - of Steilacoom, Washington; along
with her parents, telling all about it today - on arrival
in Madrid enroute home.

Samantha saying it took three days = to
climb Killimanjaro's more than nineteen thousand
feet. Her parents, Mr. and ~~now~~ Mrs. William White -
saying the experts advised against taking her along.
Explaining though: "We trained hard" in the Sierra
Quadarrama ~~in~~ in Spain. Also saying: "The most
difficult thing - was finding a pair of boots Samantha's
size.

~~By the way, the reason for all this -~~

more than just the fact that "it was there." ~~Samantha~~
So eight years old, ^{Samantha} climbs Kilimanjaro, ^{John.}
~~Samantha saying "it was a long hike." Adding~~

~~"I hope it will earn me a girl scout merit
badge."~~

ATLANTIC CITY

In the Annual Miss America pageant the winner in this year's swim suit competition, lovely Leslie Anne Mays age twenty-three - of ~~San~~ Mercer Island, Washington. According to some - including the winner ~~herself~~ -- quite a surprise.

The reason - Miss Mays size. The petite ~~slender~~ brunette measuring thirty-five, twenty-four, thirty-four; a far cry - from past buxom beauties.

Indeed, Miss Mays saying: "I felt a little ~~sublimous~~ self-conscious out there; adding: "My father has always told me - I have a shape ~~like~~ like a boy." But the way the judges saw it ~~was~~ - it⁺ was ~~now~~ more like: ~~like~~ "Oh boy!"