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Pittsfield, Mass.

WHITE HOUSE

At the White House - a meeting of the Republican Chowder and Marching Society, a G. O. P. congressional club. Its foremost member, President Nixon - serving as host. All - off the record.

Except that the President ^{was} later quoted as saying there are four Republicans - who are "good possibilities" to succeed him in '76.

These said to include Vice President Gerald Ford - Governor Regan of California - former Governor Rockefeller of New York - and former Governor Connelly of Texas. The President reportedly telling his fellow Republicans: "We are blessed with having four of the most prominent ⁾ ~~people - on the political scene.~~"

HEALTH FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Former White House Counsel John Dean today was ordered

The President also spelled out for the first time today -
the details of his new comprehensive health insurance plan.

This - in a message to Congress. The President stressing that
his program - would plug the gap in health protection; ^{and} in the
process, ^{le} insuring that no American, - would ever pay more than
fifteen hundred a year in medical costs.

The President further urging enactment ^{of this} by Congress - "as
soon as possible." Adding that "comprehensive health insurance -
is an idea whose time has come."

ALEXANDRIA

Former White House Counsel John Dean today was ordered expelled - from the Virginia Bar. A three judge panel ruling that Dean was guilty of "unethical - unwarranted - and unprofessional conduct."

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TRUCKERS

The nationwide strike by independent truckers - was marked today by increasing violence; including the dynamiting of a bridge - a number of shootings - and repeated intimidations of non-striking drivers. *Treasury Secretary*

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SENATE

Capitol Hill again - administration officials were calling for an end to phase four wage and price controls - except for petroleum and health care. This - at a meeting of a senate banking subcommittee. Treasury Secretary Schultz saying: ~~we may want to recommend another industry or two - as time goes along.~~ Expressing ^{the} hope, ~~however,~~ that phase five - will be "phase out."

DETROIT

In the silver lining department - a report today from American Motors telling of record first-quarter sales. The total figure coming to nearly half a billion - or an increase of more than sixteen percent over a year ago. ~~A. M. C.~~ Chairman, Roy Chapin, noting that "trends in the economy and the nation's way of life" - have presented "American Motors with a rare opportunity."

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HOUSTON

Some fifteen-hundred police cars serving the city of Houston - will soon be using a new synthetic motor oil called "Eon." The inventor of "Eon" - a chap by the name of John Williams, who says it will never wear out - and never have to be changed.

A police spokesman adding that "Eon" has already proved its worth - in extensive testing. "We stripped a couple of engines down after twenty-thousand miles" - said he - "and they were still within new car tolerances for wear."

KUWAIT

The Japanese Embassy in Kuwait and sixteen persons therein - were seized today by a number of pro-Arab guerillas. The terrorists then demanding that Japan send a plane to Singapore - to rescue four of their comrades stranded aboard a hi-jacked ferryboat; threatening to kill their prisoners, one by one - if their demand was not met.

Japan later agreeing - but Kuwait refusing to cooperate.

At last report, the fate of the hostages - still in the balance.

STORM

A raging blizzard they're now calling the "worst snowstorm of the season" - was sweeping across upper midwest today. The storm dropping ~~about a foot of snow overnight~~ ^{all but burying} in southern Wisconsin; with similar accumulations expected today and tomorrow -

in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and on ~~east~~ ^{its way East} where ski areas are in desperate need of snow. Over 40 yrs. ago a Pittsfield farmer, Claire Bousquet, put up several tows and arranged with the N.Y. Cent. R R to run the first ski trains. His ski area, now much larger, has been lucky enough to get a good deal of snow recently. Showing how fickle the weather man can be. Now route maybe they are all going to get 8 or 10 ins. 4 ins. or maybe a lot more.

KANSAS CITY

GRENADEA

After today's approval of the nationwide independent teachers strike, with several officials

As of midnight tonight - the birth of a new nation. The

Spice Island of Granada in the British West Indies - to become

the smallest independent country in the western hemisphere. Also -

one of the most troubled. A general strike against the reigning

government ^{is} leaving Granada with no electricity, no telephone

service, no utilities except water and virtually no commercial

activity whatever. And A-L-U-T-M

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consider the Washington agreement. Why? Some
three hundred striking drivers... a spokesman
for a group of West Texas teachers saying the drivers will
insist on a just and roll back... "That's why
we stopped in the first place." Adding: "I don't see think
we're going to turn a wheel until we get it."