

DETROIT

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Chicago

For a welcome change - some good news today from Detroit.

The big four auto makers - reporting an increase of more than
fourty per cent in new car sales. This due at least in part
to newly announced cash rebates.

The White House - President Ford today seized the energy initiative from Congress; summarily signing an executive order - raising oil import fees by three ^{dollars} ~~bucks~~ a barrel; also, urging Congress to follow his lead and speedily ^{comprehensive} enact his/new energy program.

The President saying: "To reach our energy goals, we need the help of each American - and, especially, their representatives in Congress." The President adding that "each day that passes without strong and tough action - results in a further drain on our national wealth; each day without action - increases the threat to our national security ^{welfare."} ~~and our national security."~~

The President's stand - expected to mean an increase ~~in~~ ^{of at} least three cents a gallon ^{for gasoline. And} ~~But more important perhaps~~ aimed at heading off a Congressional push for gas rationing.

CAPITAL HILL

Treasurery Secretary ~~William~~ Simon - a witness ~~today~~ before
the House Ways and Means Committee; ^{Today} ~~there~~ ^{ed} urging a whopping
increase of One Hundred and Nine Billion - in the National debt
ceiling. *Whereupon*

Committee Chairman Al Ullman ^{said} ~~then saying~~ he was "Staggered"
at the size of the request. Adding: "This is a rather sorry
record of budgeting, wouldn't you agree?" Simon replying "Yes"
but the country must now make up for years of excessive spending -
without the means to pay the bills.

Senator Jackson of Washington - the target of a bitter attack today from Soviet dissident Roy Medvedev; ² for attempting to force the Kremlin to agree to a formal easing of Soviet immigration policy - in return for freer trade with the U.S.

This - according to Medvedev ^{was} an attempt "to achieve the impossible" = an attempt at "humiliating" the Kremlin; which was not only self-defeating - said he - but also scuttled an "already achieved, difficult compromise - the result of many years of efforts by Americans -and the sane-minded part of the Soviet administration".

Worst of all - said the famed Russian historian - the fact that Jackson was apparently largely motivated - by, quote, "purposes of self-advertising;" using "the tragedy of tens of thousands of Jewish families - for the purposes of his personal career ."

Medvedev adding that the resulting impact ^{SS} - can have "far reaching effects on the total process of detente." "It can be a turning point" - said he - "both toward deterioration or improvement of Soviet American relations - depending upon how the lessons will be learned."

JERUSALEM

In JERUSALEM
~~In the middle east~~ - ~~Jews~~ - Israeli Prime Minister Rabin

today rejected a three month Cairo deadline ~~for~~ for additional
withdrawals on all fronts. Rabin saying Israel will
negotiate with it's Arab neighbors only one at a time and he
added; "if war would be forced upon us, the Arab world will find
a stronger Israel than they think they ~~may~~ ^{might} find."

~~Landers - 209 Lb. Sh. Dr.~~
~~is Lederer~~
~~no. Francis - }~~

LONDON

British voters will have an opportunity this June, "at the very latest" to decide wheather they wish to remain in the European Common Market. This according to a pledge today - from Prime Minister Harold Wilson; who adds that "after 15 years of discussions and negotiations;-the time has come to "see the issue settled."

At the Vatican in ~~Rome~~ - stately Bernadette Olowo of Uganda,
today became the first-ever woman ambassador - to the holy see.
Mis Olowo ^{was} smiling broadly, ^{and} wearing a native African gown and
headdress as she presented her credentials to Pope Paul; ^{She assured} ~~telling~~
the Pontiff that President Amin of Uganda fully supports his
"endeavors"- in behalf of "truth, justice, freedom, peace and love
of all mankind."

The Pope in turn - ignoring the fact that the new ambassador
was a woman; ~~instead,~~ ^{ed with enthusiasm} recalling ~~fondly~~ his own visit to Uganda -
back in 1969.

SAN JOSE

San Jose California - Russell Magee was sentenced today to life imprisonment for the part he played in the nineteen seventy "Marin County Courthouse shootout." ~~That was~~ the crime, you'll recall, in which Angela Davis was also charged but later acquitted.

~~This next~~ From Mogadishu, ~~the~~ capital of Somalia, in East Africa. The government there ~~recently~~ ordering equal rights for women in all things - even in ^{the} Moslem mosques; ^{There was} ~~whereupon~~ a male backlash, ^{Whereupon} and a number of Moslem men publicly ~~urging a repeal of~~ the new decrees.

~~Ah, but this in Somalia - and not the U.S. as a result,~~
the ring leaders of the anti-feminists movement ^{were} ~~quickly~~ rounded up; ^{accused} ~~accused~~ of exploiting religion - to cause national disunity; and ten ^{were} ~~of them publicly~~ executed today - ^{by} ~~before~~ a firing squad.

And now -

The White House again - a visit today from a group of Soviet newsmen - who are just completing an exchange visit to the U.S. Spokesmen Alexi Burnistenko saying Americans clear across the country - have been asking him "questions, questions, questions - but always the same."

"First" - said he "they always ask about Brezhnev - two, they ask about the Jews - and three, they ask, or rather tell us, that Americans have a free press and we do not."

"But I shall be polite" - Burnistenko went on. ~~Adding~~

"I shall tell you that yes - I approve of the American hamburger."