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SAN CLEMENTE

The Western White House - again President Nixon today vetoed a measure aimed at cutting off funds for U.S. bombing in Cambodia. The President charging that such a cut-off - would "cripple or destroy" the chances for a negotiated peace in Cambodia; and more than that - strike a serious blow - at U.S. credibility right around the globe.

As expected - the President's action protests; mainly in the Senate - where Mike Mansfield was expressing despair, shock, and alarm. The Senate Democratic leader also vowing to attach the same measure to bill after bill - until, "the will of the people prevails." In the House though - the President's veto was immediately sustained without debate.

SENATE

Former Kansas City police chief Clarence Kelley is the new head of the FBI. The Senate approving his nomination - by a vote of Ninety-Six "for," none against.

Senate Democrat Whip Robert Byrd - who fought the previous nomination of L. Patrick Gray - strongly supported Kelley; saying the new FBI head does not have a politically oriented background - and has had no connection with Watergate. Adding that he was confident that Kelley would "act quickly - to restore sagging morale."

Clarence Kelley - successor to fabled J. Edgar Hoover; only the second man in U.S. history - to head the nation's most prestigious police force.

WATERGATE

In the Senate Watergate hearings - John Dean - part three. And the party - was beginning to get a little rough.

Senator Gurney of Florida taking up the attack - in the morning session - challenging Dean's assertion - that he "inherited" the Watergate coverup. Charging that - indeed - he was right at the heart of it. Also, suggesting that Dean was guilty of embezzlement - for "borrowing" nearly five thousand from secret funds.

Gurney later adding that Dean's testimony - was chock full of so-called impressions. While his own interpretation - said he - was that the President "certainly didn't have any knowledge" - of the Watergate cover-up until late February or March. Next - Senator Inouye of Hawaii, reading from a memo submitted to the committee - from the Western White House at San Clemente. The memo saying: It is a matter of record that John Dean knew of and participated in - the planning that went into ~~the~~ ^{break-in} ~~the~~

of the Watergate." Adding, what's more, that "John Dean was the principal actor - in the Watergate cover-up; and that while other motivations may have played a great part - he had a great interest in covering up for himself."

~~Another portion of Dean's~~ Watergate testimony was also challenged today - by former Attorney General Richard Kleindienst. This in an interview - appearing in *The Washington Post*.

Kleindienst saying it was he who warned Dean - that a "wide open" investigation could lead to the White House; and not the other way around - as Dean testified. Kleindienst adding that he had been "misled" by Dean ~~to~~ into believing that Dean was relaying his views directly to the President; when in fact Dean^s access to the President - was only through ~~the~~ ^{the President's} chief aides, H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman.

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The former Attorney General - further telling of his own contacts with the President. Saying: "The President never suggested anything to me but a full investigation - with the chips falling where they may."

Meanwhile, another key Watergate figure - was being arraigned today in Federal Court in Washington. Millionaire Mississippi oilman Frederick Larue - who was once a top official of the committee to re-elect the President - charged with conspiring to obstruct justice. His appearance today - a mere formality, or so it was thought; except that he suddenly entered a surprise plea - of guilty as charged.

Judge John Strica then asking the defendant : "Do you understand that I may sentence you to as much as five years and fine you ten thousand dollars or both." Larue replying softly: "Yes." This said to indicate that he will be a government witness - against any others who may be tried in the Watergate case.

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LOPNOR

At Red China's Lop Nor test site in northwestern Sinkiang Province - another tremendous nuclear blast today; perhaps the biggest yet in the current Chinese test series. This time apparently a bomb dropped from a plane. Red China resuming it's go-it-alone nuclear policy - in spite of U.S. and Russian attempts at reducing the threat of all-out War.

After two days of talks with ~~the~~ French President Pompidou - ~~Russia's~~ Leonid Brezhnev was off for home today. ~~At an airport farewell - grinning broadly waving to cameras and twice saying: "A Revolt". Whereupon~~ Pompidou linked his arm ~~ins~~ in Brezhnev's and ~~then~~ accompanied the Soviet leader to his waiting plane.

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A French spokesman later saying the ~~in~~ ~~Pompidou-Brezhnev~~ talks were "cordial and constructive"; ~~Adding, however, that~~ ^{altho'} basic differences still remain: ~~Number one~~ ^{such as} the question of mutual East-West troop reductions - in central Europe. France opposing the withdrawal - of either American or Russian troops. The French said to fear an alliance between the two super-powers - that could lead to an "over-lordship" over the rest of the world.

~~This next~~ ^{we have} From Sacramento, the results of
 a study authorized by the California State Health
 Department; ^{It shows} ~~showing~~ for the first time in more than
 a century, an increase rather than a decrease in
 the mortality rate for young adults. The figure
 actually jumping as much as twenty-five percent in
 some areas of California, for both males and females -
 between the ages of fifteen and forty.

Next question: Why? The answer ^{isn't easy,} ~~isn't easy,~~
~~to, of course, hard to pinpoint~~ The study ^{does}
~~nevertheless, noting~~ ^{note} that suicide and homicide - are
 mainly responsible; with cancer ~~coming in~~ third.
 All of this - said to suggest "an increase in deliberate
 risk-taking behavior, - by both sexes; such as - drugs,
^{thumbing rides,}
^{use,} participation in hazardous occupations and
 recreation, and the adoption of some modes of living
 inimical to good health."

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CARSON SPRINGS

Coming up this weekend at Carson Springs Tennessee - the first national convention of the Snake-handling Holiness Church of God-In-Jesus-Name. The Reverend Liston Pack - who heads this church - predicting an attendance of about four hundred; including some from as far away as South Carolina, Kentucky and Georgia. Also saying: "There will be singing, preaching and shouting - and we will also handle snakes and fire, if the Lord is willing."

The Reverend Pack adding that six newly caught snakes - a big cottonmouth and five rattlers - are scheduled to be a part of the service. Actually instead of six snakes - they now only have four. The Reverend Pack saying, Bill: "I put the cottonmouth in with the five rattlers - and he ate two of them."

ODESSA FOLLOW CARSON SPRINGS

Starting today - for Judith Ann Prince, age twenty-three, of Odessa, Texas - a rigorous eighteen week training course; including nearly a thousand ~~hours~~ ^{hours} of class work - a tough exercise program - and expert training in marksmanship; all the time surrounded by ~~dozens and dozens~~ ^{scores} of handsome young men.

Judith Ann
~~Miss~~ Prince, you see, the first woman cadet - ever accepted by the Texas Department of Public Safety. If she passes all her exams - ~~due to~~ ^{she'll} become the first woman state patrolman in Texas history. Miss Prince insisting, however - she is not a "women's libber". "I guess you could say" - said she - "I'm just an old-fashioned girl trying to get ahead."