

Wednesday, August 15, 1973

WHITE HOUSE

*As you know tonight - President Nixon making the most critical speech of his entire political career. This nationwide radio and TV address is scheduled Nine Eastern time; Six P.M. on the West Coast; Seven P.M. Mountain; Eight Central. Also timed to coincide - with the release of a special "white paper."*

*The President presumably hoping to free himself of the Watergate stain - once and for all. You will be hearing it here - on these CBS radio stations.*

ERVIN FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

*In the meantime, the evidence of the Watergate backlash - continues to mount. Chairman Sam Ervin of the Senate Watergate Committee - saying his mail <sup>is</sup>~~was~~ "overwhelmingly in favor of the committee." The Senator's office disclosing, however, that two of every five letters from his home state of North Carolina - are critical. An Aide adding that "Sam Ervin is home this week in Morgantown" - because "he now knows that not everybody is thrilled about the Watergate."*

MADISON FOLLOW ERVIN

More of the same in separate statements today -  
from a leading Republican and a black Democrat  
Congressman.

The first - Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz -  
who ~~told~~<sup>to</sup> a crowd at Madison, Wisconsin, <sup>said:-</sup> "One of the  
unfortunate things with this Ervin 'committee to kill the  
President' - is that they are killing government."

The second - Congressman Conyers of Michigan;  
who argued that the Ervin Committee - has done "a  
tremendous job" so far. But then added: "We've been  
sufficiently shocked, stunned, terrorized and angered -  
and I think its all down hill from here."

## BOMBING

On another front - the President issued a statement today - marking the ~~the~~ end of U.S. ~~bomb~~ bombing in Southeast Asia. The President saying that this was being ~~done~~ done "in compliance with the specific direct and binding instructions of Congress." Adding, however, that he himself "continues to hold grave reservations - about <sup>its</sup> ~~the~~ wisdom of ~~such an "act."~~

Mainly as he put it, because he ~~The main reason - he considered - the fact~~

feels ~~that~~ it "undermines the prospect of world peace, by raising doubts - in the minds of both friends and adversaries;" doubts "concerning both the resolve and capacity of the United States - to stand by ~~and~~ its international agreement."

Less there be any doubt though - the President again warning Hanoi against any precipitate action. "It should be clearly understood" - said he - "that the President will work with Congress in order to take the appropriate action - if North Vietnam jeopardizes the

**stability in Indo-China - reached by so much sacrifice,  
by so many, for so long."**

**PHNOM PENH FOLLOW BOMBING**

*Meanwhile comes*  
~~At the same time,~~ a report that ground fighting

around Phnom Penh - has ~~now~~ subsided to its lowest level in months. The Cambodian High Command reporting only a few minor contacts - between government troops and insurgent forces. Indeed, the latter said to be pulling back to positions - apparently averaging about nine miles from the capital.

~~Why - that's the question.~~ A U.S. observer reporting, <sup>S</sup>~~however,~~ "the spirit of the government troops is good" - ~~they are~~ "not worried about the lack of American air support." The government of South Viet Nam also expressing confidence - that Cambodia will successfully defend itself.

COMMERCE

From the U.S. Commerce Dept. <sup>we get</sup> a report

~~today~~ showing a remarkable turn-around in the U. S. ~~balance~~ balance of payments. From April through June - a trade surplus totaling an ~~amazing~~ amazing eleven billion; the first such surplus - in four years. This following a deficit of more than ten billion - from January through March.

UNITED NATIONS

At a meeting of the U.N. Security Council -  
a unanimous vote today, <sup>e</sup> condemning Israel - for  
intercepting ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Arab~~ <sup>Iraq</sup> airliner last week over Lebanon;  
but, not calling for sanctions - as some had urged.

This - the result of a compromise <sup>f</sup> originally  
set forth by moderate Lebanese - and later proposed  
officially by Britain and France. The U.S. joining  
in casting a rare vote - against the Jewish state; thereby  
sparing itself the embarrassment of using its veto power  
- for the second time in three weeks.



JERUSALEM

~~Meanwhile~~ <sup>From</sup> at Jerusalem <sup>we hear of</sup> another victory

for Moshe Dayan. Israel's ruling labor party - agreeing to draw up a new map of Israel; one that shows its boundaries - fully expanded to include <sup>all the</sup> <sup>so-called</sup> captured Arab territories. This - at the insistence of Moshe Dayan: who threatened to resign in advance of upcoming elections - if his wishes were not carried out.

The labor party also approved - a second Dayan proposal; agreeing to construct a new port city - in the occupied Gaza Strip, <sup>to be called</sup> ~~They planned to call it~~ Yamit - or "sea town." Initial specifications <sup>indicate</sup> ~~calling for~~ a deep water harbor - along with nine hundred new housing units.

HAMMOND

Hammond, Indiana -- the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency today filed its first suit - under the National Clean Air Act; seeking a mandatory injunction - against ~~the~~ U.S. Steel, ~~Corporation~~. The E.P.A. ~~is~~ attempting to force the big steel maker - to install air pollution controls at two of its main plants; or else - close them down.

For Russias's Chairman Brezhnev - a trip today to Alma-Ata, ~~the~~ capital of Soviet Kazakhstan<sup>deep</sup> in Central Asia; ~~and~~ There he delivered an address - broadcast live on Soviet TV; an address said to reflect increasing Soviet opposition - to ~~the~~ present leadership in Red China.

Brezhnev saying: "We have been doing all we could - to normalize Soviet-Chinese relations." "But unfortunately" - he continued - "it has been impossible to make a considerable advance in this." "The sole reason" - Brezhnev went on - "is the policy of the Chinese leadership - which is based on rabid anti-Sovietism and subversive activity - against the Socialist countries."

GLASGOW

At a horse show in Glasgow, Kentucky - a special appearance by two inspectors from the U.S. Department of Agriculture; using a new infra-red ~~infrared~~ heat detecting device to check out the entrants for possible contagious mouth disease; along the way - apparently drawing the ire of a Kentucky breeder. <sup>At any rate</sup> ~~At any rate~~ <sup>did</sup> someone pour oil of mustard - on the front seat of <sup>the inspectors' car.</sup> ~~their car.~~

When they started to leave - the two inspectors, of course, quickly discovering the vandalism. They placed a plastic cover over the seat - and then two blankets and a board. Later reporting, however - the oil of mustard still gave them "hot bottoms." ~~As a~~ <sup>With</sup> ~~the~~ the incident reported to the FBI ~~and~~ a full investigation is under way. <sup>Said</sup> An official <sup>"It</sup> ~~explaining~~ ~~the~~ ~~two inspectors were on official business.~~ ~~Adding:~~ "It doesn't pay - to mess with government property."

## **BRAMALEA**

*From Bramalea, Ontario, we have a report on what they call the annual Nittygrittybramachingwingding Summer Festival; this year - drawing a crowd estimated at fifty thousand. <sup>M</sup>arching bands, carnival rides, and special events including a three foot worm race - with the winner clocked at one minute, fifty-eight seconds. Come on you worm! Also, a "most unusual pet" contest; the winner a chicken, Bill.*

*At the Nittygrittybramachingwingding Summer Festival at Bramalea, Ontario.*

Throughout Japan - a series of observances today - marking the twenty-eighth anniversary of Japan's surrender in World War Two. The biggest of all - at Tokyo's Nippon Budokan Hall, a memorial program led by Emperor Hirohito and Prime Minister Tanaka; ~~with~~ those attending including an estimated five thousand relatives of the war dead.

Hirohito signaling the start of a moment of silent prayer ~~throughout~~ <sup>throughout</sup> Japan. And then, in a brief speech - calling for peace ~~in Japan and~~ throughout the world. Tanaka similarly saying: "It is the duty of the Japanese people, to the war dead - to maintain the peace." The ceremony ending with offerings of chrysanthemums - on behalf of all those who perished.