

Tues. June 5, 1973

ENVIRONMENT

A re-appraisal of nationwide air pollution is reported today from the Environmental Protection Agency. The new study taking into account a number of factors - previously disregarded; coming to the conclusion that auto exhaust pollution - may not be nearly the problem once thought.

For example, the E P A earlier listing forty-seven major metropolitan areas in which auto exhaust pollutants were then considered a health menace, whereas it now lists only four, Los Angeles, Chicago, Salt Lake City, and metropolitan New York. The E P A adding that under existing programs - "the Los Angeles area is actually the only one - that clearly would not meet the national standard" set for Nineteen - Eighty-Five.

EARTH ORBIT-HOUSTON

In the flight of America's Sky Lab space station - a brief time out today to permit another private radio conversation. Mission Commander Pete Conrad fearing that doctors were overly concerned - about his heart action during an earlier exercise test. He was promptly assured - that such was not the case.

Director Chris Kraft of the Manned Space Center telling Conrad he is actually in excellent shape. Adding that all systems are still "go" for the space walk Thursday - to free the sky lab's jammed solar power wing.

LONDON

The price of gold again - up and away today; hitting a record one hundred and twenty seven bucks an ounce - on the London bullion market. While the U S dollar was again dropping to new lows - in Frankfurt, Helsinki, Zurich and Brussels. Europeans generally agree the reason for this - is the continuing Watergate scandal. One London banker observing - that "everyone fears instability in Washington."

INFLATION FOLLOW LONDON

~~Reverse side~~ ^{came} report today from the
organization for Economic Cooperation and development,
which represents the twenty-four major industrial
nations, in Western Europe, the Far East and North
America; ^{its} a report dealing with inflation levels -
suggesting the U S may have fared the best of all
over the ~~past~~ past year. The U S index of consumer
prices showing an increase of only five-point-one
percent; as compared with an over-all average
gain - of six point six percent; while in western
Europe a full eight percent. A spokesman for the
O E C D observing: "The problem of restraining
inflation - is clearly an international one."

SENATE

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The Watergate hearings Act Two. Senator Ervin and his colleagues deciding to go on with the show - in spite of the objections of ~~Sen~~ Special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox; calling as their first witness today - a former secretary to convicted Watergate conspirator G Gordon Liddy. Mrs. Sally Harmony telling how she transcribed the intercepted telephone conversations - of Democratic campaign officials insisting, however, she never knew - they were ~~only~~ obtained by illegal wiretaps. She also said that she had been forewarned - that Liddy might be involved in "clandestine" activities. But she stressed that she thought that meant "secret" - not "illegal". And she added: "I can keep a secret." Mrs. Harmony's testimony was then followed by that of a former Nixon campaign worker. Robert Reisner - telling of how he packed a file

folder - for former White House aide Jeb Stuart

~~Mr~~ Magruder. This in preparation for a meeting -

with then attorney General John Mitchell. Reisner

saying the material he packed included copies of

secret "Gemstone" files on political bugging and

espionage.

WHITE HOUSE

The ~~White~~ White House - President Nixon met today with top Republicans - from the House and Senate. Senate Minority leader Hugh Scott - later charging that some people are "out to get President Nixon." Who specifically? The same "people who wanted to get him in November" and "still want to

get him," said Scott. ^{Says} ~~The~~ Senator ^{Scott:} ~~insisting, however,~~

"it's not going to work". Adding: "The President is strong - he is going to be here for three-and-a-half more years;" and he intends "to go on with the work of the country \wedge not withstanding anything that might be said about him."

SCOTT FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

On his own, Scott also challenged today - a number of recent headlines charging rampant government snooping. Further backing his case - with figures said to show that, indeed, just the opposite is true.

Since President Nixon took office, said Scott the F B I has maintained about a hundred "national security" wire taps a year. But that - he continued - -- only "half the level of the ~~country~~ early to mid Nineteen Sixties." Scott adding that he was trying to place the current wiretap debate in its "proper context."

KLEIN FOLLOW TOLBERT

On another front, the White House announced today the resignation of Herb Klein as ~~the~~ President Nixon's Communications Director. The President accepting the resignation - with deepest personal regrets; calling Klein "a loyal friend." The former communications director will now become a Vice President of Metromedia Inc.

PARIS

Henry Kissinger ^{has} returned to Paris [^] ~~there~~ to continue talks aimed at shoring up the present Vietnam cease-fire agreement. Doctor Kissinger saying he hopes to negotiate "greater adherence to the peace agreement - in the next four to five days."

The President's chief foreign ~~px~~ policy adviser ^{this time} ~~^~~ accompanied by White House Press Secretary Ron Ziegler. This giving rise to rumors - that Ziegler may be in line for a new job. The White House ~~stressed~~ ~~also~~ however, that Ziegler's presence was intended only "to increase his understanding of this particular series of negotiations."

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CAPITOL HILL FOLLOW PARIS

The new round of Paris talks - was also a subject of discussion today on Capitol Hill. Secretary of State ~~Dr~~ William Rogers telling the House Foreign Affairs Committee: "We think the North Vietnamese are conducting themselves - as if they want the agreement to be carried out; we think ~~that~~ they are looking forward to continuing talks ~~on~~ on rehabilitation and reconstruction; we think ~~that~~ chances are good that the International Commission on control and supervision - will continue to function."

Next subject - the projected sale of sophisticated armaments -- possibly including phantom jets -- to Saudi Arabia. Rogers saying that such sales were necessary - "to promote regional security in the ~~area~~ area of the Arabian peninsula and Persian Gulf." He also brushed ~~aside~~ aside a suggestion - that this might deter mid-east peace talks. Rogers saying:

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"Our major immediate objective is to get negotiations started - whether direct or indirect."

ELYSEE PALACE

The physical condition of President Pompidou of France has been a matter of speculation over the past few months; to the point that opposing political leaders are demanding a full report. One Socialist leader saying "The President has a duty to inform us. The national interest is at stake."

Now - at last - an official response. The Elysee Palace announcing today that President Pompidou has decided to cancel "all social appearances scheduled in the coming weeks." This is it was said - to permit the "rest necessary" to combat "recurring grippe" from which he has suffered this winter."

LOOS

From the author of "Gentlemen Prefer
Blonds" at age eighty - a new look at male and
female relationships. ~~Lovely, blond~~ ^{Spritey #} Anita Loos
saying: "The people I'm furious with - are the
women liberationists. Why? because "they keep
getting up on soap boxes - and proclaiming that
women are brighter than men.

^{Bill,} Miss Loos adding: "It's true, of course -
but it should be kept quiet or it ruins the whole
racket."

TOLBERT

The White House again - a visit today

from President William Tolbert of Liberia, who was

greeted warmly - by President Nixon. The President

also ~~complimented~~ complimenting Tolbert on his choice

of attire -- including an open necked, short sleeved

white safari jacket. In view ~~now~~ of the current

Washington heat wave - apparently the perfect get-up.