

Thurs. Aug. 23-73

At the Western White House in San Clemente - a new-found aura of pride and optimism today. White House aides saying the response to President Nixon's news conference - has been overwhelmingly favorable. Adding that they themselves were convinced he came through - "with flying colors". Further suggesting that the President may hold another news conference - in a few days."

White House aides add, what's more - that the President will soon be stepping up his activity; making more public speeches - and personal appearances. An attempt - we are told - to show that he "is in command" despite the rigors of Watergate.

LONDON FOLLOW SAN CLEMENTE

More on the same - from London; where Billy Graham was holding a news conference to herald the start of a British bible training event. The famed evangelist saying ~~out~~ at the outset - he would not comment on the Watergate affair. Then - a question he couldn't refuse.

A British reporter asking Billy Graham: "Do you think Nixon has come unstuck?" Billy Graham quickly replied: "No, I don't." Adding: "One certainly did not get that impression - from yesterday's press conference." Billy Graham going on to say: "The President should hold more press conferences - he is at his best in that kind of give and take - he comes alive."

Billy Graham also said that he doubts whether "the President or Sam Ervin or anyone" - will ever know "the total truth about Watergate." "But I believe" - said he - "it will have a great cleansing effect on the United States."

KISSINGER FOLLOW LONDON

Meanwhile, Henry Kissinger was meeting with newsmen. - ~~to discuss the state of U.S. foreign policy.~~

The new Secretary of State - designate -- noting that Watergate has already affected U.S. foreign relations.

The President becoming so preoccupied with domestic affairs - we are told - ^{that} he has been forced to postpone a planned visit to Latin America later this year.

Dr. Kissinger ~~stressed,~~ nevertheless, ~~is~~ thinks "the affects of Watergate can be minimized." Also, pledging to strive for "a new concensus" - based on a "new and full partnership with Congress." Dr. Kissinger saying: "We will do our best to conduct foreign policy - in as open an manner as possible, consistent to bring about lasting peace." Adding: "foreign policy is not a party matter - it transcends any administration."

CARS

The principal of "truth in advertising" - was extended today still another notch. This - in the interest of saving fuel. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency urging U.S. auto makers to tell new car buyers - exactly how many miles they can expect to get on a gallon of gas.

E.P.A. official Robert Sanson saying: "This program will let consumers know what they are really buying - in terms of out-of-pocket operating costs." Adding that "in the midst of a national energy crisis and rising fuel costs - Americans cannot afford to squander billions of gallons of gasoline."

FOOD FOLLOW CARS

Washington again - Agriculture Secretary Earl

Butz today predicted^s ~~ed~~ still higher food prices ~~just ahead;~~
especially in meats - with the lifting soon of the price freeze
on beef. ~~But~~ ^{He} ~~said~~ added, however, that expected price
increases - will not be as bad as many ~~had~~ feared;
~~insisting, indeed,~~ ^{and} that after mid-September - "food prices
will level off for the rest of the year."

BALTIMORE

The man who succeeded Spiro Agnew as Chief Executive of Baltimore County, Maryland - was indicted today by a Federal Grand Jury. Dale Anderson ~~charged~~ charged with extorting more than forty-six thousand - from Local building contractors.

A man who once worked under the Vice President and then ^{for} Anderson - was also named a "co-conspirator" but not a defendent in the same case. Former County Administrator William Fornoff ^{who is} said to have served "as agent" for Anderson ^{is} Now expected to testify - as a witness for the prosecution.

MOSCOW

Last year's wheat harvest in the Soviet Union -
as we have heard was
~~as you know~~ ^{altho'} one of the worst ever. This year, ^{altho'} a striking
improvement, ~~But still - the~~ problems persist.

First, an epidemic of mechanical failures - in
farm equipment; at one point, idling about fifteen percent
of all the combines - in all of Russia. Now - a serious
shortage of railroad cars. Moscow reporting that
thousands of tons of grain - are piling up at open air
collection points; and ~~there~~ spoiling - for lack of transport.

One of the areas apparently hardest hit - the
Voronezh District just south of Moscow. Voronezh farmers
saying they need anywhere from six to seven hundred
railroad cars each and every day - to ship their grain ~~into~~
government centers. ~~But~~ One day recently - ~~we were told~~
the number of cars they ~~actually~~ got - was only twenty-
seven.

EARTH ORBIT

High above the earth - round and round ~~she goes,~~
America's Skylab Space Station, ^{Gold.} For the ~~men who now~~
~~man II - the Skylab Two~~ astronauts - a thing of joy and
beauty, ^{says Mission} ~~as witness a radio message today - from mission~~
commander Alan Bean. ~~"This thing is~~ "Like a vacation up
here" - said he. Adding: "Every day ~~is~~ almost like a
holiday - there are so many fun things going on." ~~Alan~~
~~Bean~~ Also telling mission control: "You guys are the ones
that deserve a rest - you're ~~the ones that~~ take the strain."

FUNDS

From the U. S. general accounting office - a report today on major contributions to Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates - from April through December of last year. These said to total about seventy-nine million - in the form of donations, ticket sales, loans, transfers, interest, rebates and so on; perhaps the largest amount - ever collected in a single campaign.

Today's report - the first to be issued under the new Federal Election Campaign Act; with additional details - still to come.

BENTON

A big rock music festival scheduled to be held Labor Day at Benton, Tennessee - was officially banned today. Tennessee's Circuit Judge Virgil Carmichael - putting a stop to the so-called "Mid-East Monster Peace Jubilee and Music Festival"; doing so on the basis of testimony that such an event - could well draw up to half a million people.

Judge Carmichael saying: "There is no assurance that the State Health Department - will have any control over this situation." Adding: "The only logical step - is to ^(stop)~~stop~~ this thing where it stands."

Chairman Sam Ervin of the Senate Watergate Committee - has become of late a sort of folk hero to some. Now an apparent attempt to cash in. A new book called "the Wisdom of Sam Ervin" - edited by Senate aide Bill Wise - with an introduction by Senator Baker of Tennessee.

Senator Ervin's "wisdom" as expressed herein - including ~~ing~~^{ed} a few brief remarks with regard to the Watergate case. But most of his "bon mots" dealing with prior issues. On Women's Lib, for example - the Senator saying: "I am glad the Lord did create two sexes - I think it one of the wisest things he has done; but if he had had the benefit of Women's Lib at the time of creation - he would not have arranged things that way - we would have had a unisex."

The book also includes a special section - entitled "that reminds me..." Senator Sam saying: "I have always been able to sympathize with what Jonah is reputed

*to have said - after the whale threw him off on dry land
after three days." To wit: "If you had kept your mouth
shut - this thing wouldn't have happened."*

CHICAGO

Starting as of today - it's "Shape Up With Pickles Time". This year's annual event - getting underway with a press conference in Chicago. William Moore of Pickle Packers International - noting that a pickle contains only eleven to fifteen calories. The perfect adjunct to a stringent diet - also we are told.

At the same time, a report indicating ^{ee}~~ing~~ that more than half of all Americans - are ten to twenty percent overweight. All of which suggests that thin may be in - but fat is where it's at, *and - a-l-u-t-m,*