

Tues. Feb. 3 - '76.

WHITE HOUSE

Today brought out
~~The White House~~ - President Ford ~~launched today~~

what could be the first major issue - of Campaign 'Seventy-Six. ~~This~~ In an interview with CBS' ~~newscaster~~ Walter Cronkite, The President saying he does "not believe in abortion on demand" - and therefore disagrees with the recent Supreme Court decision liberalizing abortion.

The President stressing, ~~however~~ ^{that}, he is equally opposed to a Constitutional Amendment - banning abortion.

"There ~~has~~ has to be some flexibility" - as in cases involving illness, rape "or any other unfortunate thing that might happen" - said he. Adding: "If there was to be some action in this area - it ought to be on a basis of what each individual state wishes to do."

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LUSAKA

From Zambia by way of South Africa ^{could} a report
~~today~~ that five African leaders will be meeting this weekend
- in the Zambian capital of Lusaka. These to include the
presidents of Zaire, Botswana, Mozambique and Tanzania' -
as well as Zambia; hoping to bring about a truce between
the three warring armies in neighboring Angola - and get
them to form a joint government.

KISSINGER

Here on our own shores - in San Francisco -
Secretary of State Kissinger ^{today} bitterly denounced ~~today~~ - what
he called a "blatant Soviet and Cuban challenge" in Angola.
"Let no nation believe" - said he - "that Americans will
long remain indifferent to the dispatch of expeditionary
forces and vast supplies of arms - to impose minority
government." Dr. Kissinger adding ^{that we have} ~~the U.S. has~~ no desire to
play world policeman - "but it can never be in our interest
to let the Soviet Union act as world policeman."

GOLDWATER

From Senator Goldwater of Arizona ^{came} a charge

~~today~~ ^{today} that the late President Kennedy was clearly involved in alleged CIA plots - to kill Fidel Castro. Goldwater saying "all the evidence - everything - points right" to the JFK White House. Adding, what's more, the Senate Intelligence Committee - is now attempting to suppress the ~~said he:-~~ obvious. [^] "We spent nine of the ten months of our investigation" ~~said he~~ "trying to get Kennedy's name out of it."

BONN

At Stuttgart in West Germany - a TV station last night broadcast the names of a number of alleged Soviet spies - said to be working as diplomats in that country. At the same time - in Frankfurt - a Socialist newsweekly was publishing a list of alleged American agents. And the upshot - almost simultaneous protests today - from both the U.S. and Russian Embassies in Bonn.

A U.S. spokesman calling the listing^{of} alleged CIA agents - "irresponsible...contemptible...inflammatory."

A Russian spokesman saying the identification of alleged Soviet spies - can only be "the product of those circles which wish to undermine relations between states."

SMOLENSK

Another grim remembrance of World War Two - is reported today from Smolensk in the Soviet Union. A local newspaper telling of the arrest at long last of six men - said to have collaborated with the Nazis during World War Two; among other things, allegedly helping to execute - eight hundred of their own countrymen.

The newspaper adding that all six have been tried - convicted - and received "just punishment;" in the Soviet Union - in connection with war crimes - a term that invariably means execution.

SAN FRANCISCO

A special prayer for an end to California's three-month drought ^{was} ~~was~~ being offered today ^{at} ~~in~~ Roman Catholic Churches throughout the San Francisco ~~Archdiocese~~ ^{Area}. This by order of Archbishop Joseph McGusken - the prayer saying: "Lord God, help us in our present time of trouble - send us the rain we need - and teach us to seek your lasting help on the way to eternal life."

In drought-stricken California - an appeal to a higher power.

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CAMP HILL

This next - from Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. A doctor there by the name of Samuel Jones - finding his office ransacked but nothing apparently taken. The reason explained in a note he found in an office typewriter - a note saying: "We couldn't find a dang thing to steal." Adding: "Sorry for the mess." ~~And it was~~ signed: "Your Friendly Local Hood."

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