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~~Here at home~~ → The White House was a busy place today. Even moreso than usual. President Nixon starting out - conferring with House Minority Leader Gerald Ford and Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott.

The President later quoted as making : A flat, categorical statement - that he will call Congress back into special session the day after Christmas; that he will do so if Congress has failed to act by then - on any appropriations <sup>bills</sup> or any other priority measures.

Senator Scott adding on his own - "I have never seen the President any tougher - than he was today."

HAYNSWORTH FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Meanwhile, the President was already meeting with Judge Clement Haynsworth, the man he almost succeeded in placing on the Supreme Court. When the conversation was ended - the two ~~men~~ announcing jointly that Haynsworth will continue to sit as ~~xxxx~~ a Federal Appeals Court Judge.

Attacks on the Judge's integrity - "brutal, vicious and, I ~~think~~ think, unfair," said the President. Asserting what's more, <sup>that</sup> it would <sup>indeed</sup> have been understandable -- if Haynsworth had decided to return to private life. He added though: "The Judge has suffered ~~such~~ defeat - but he is without fear."

Judge Haynsworth himself saying: "I've become completely ~~conv~~ convinced that the judges want me back -- the bar of the circuit wants me back - so I'm going to stay."

## *RAILS FOLLOW HAYNSWORTH*

*Next a visit from Labor Secretary George Schultz - in the midst of negotiations aimed at averting a threatened nation-wide rail strike. After conferring with the President, Schultz returning again to the bargaining table. A few hours later joining Labor and management negotiators in announcing tentative agreement on a new contract. Schultz declaring confidently:*

*"There will be no strike."*

PARIS

~~For Henry Cabot Lodge something of a~~  
"last hurrah" today. <sup>CW7</sup> ~~The~~ Chief U S peace negotiator today  
bowed <sup>ed</sup> out of those Paris talks with a heart-felt speech  
of parting. Summarizing - in his own words -  
"the things which we on our side have proposed - what  
the other side reactions have been - and what is the  
hope for the future." Whereupon the Communists  
responded with a point by point renewal of all the charges  
that had already contributed to Lodge's resignation.

Later on - the costless <sup>Henry</sup> Cabot Lodge braving  
an icy ~~windy~~ wind to confer with reporters outside the  
conference hall. <sup>He termed</sup> The U S goal of a negotiated peace -  
was one of overwhelming importance; "and, I believe it  
will come some day" - said he. Adding: "I continue  
to be an optimist."

While all this was going on - another weekly casualty report from Saigon. With U S combat deaths for the past seven days - dropping nearly fifty percent from the previous week. The final figure of seventy killed in action - lowest since early October. Indeed, the third lowest of all the weekly tolls, dating back to January, Nineteen Sixty-Seven. This apparently indicating - the start of a new fighting lull.

Another development: South Vietnamese President ~~Thieu~~ Thieu today order<sup>e</sup>d twenty-four hour cease fires -- covering both the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

~~A U S spokesman quickly adding that "we will also abide by the stand down"~~

MADRID

Generalissimo Francisco Franco of Spain -  
seventy-seven ~~years~~ years old as of this day - on occasion  
he marked quietly ~~today~~ with family and friends at his  
sixteenth century Prado Palace just outside Madrid.

Back in town - a flurry of simultaneous  
speculation - maybe wishful ~~kind~~ thinking - that Franco  
is perhaps getting tired after thirty years of one man  
rule; ~~and~~ that he may retire soon in favor of the man  
~~who~~ he has already designated his successor - thirty-one  
year old Prince Juan Carlos of ~~Bbx~~ Bourbon.

~~However <sup>one</sup> western observers ~~say~~ <sup>points out that</sup> it is most  
whether there's rain in the plain or not  
~~unlike~~ ~~at least one~~ ~~noting that~~ in Spain <sup>^</sup> "things  
happen <sup>there</sup> only when nobody expects them to; <sup>so</sup> maybe next  
year - or <sup>in</sup> a couple of years - but not now!"~~

DETROIT FOLLOW UP

Speaking of womens' rights a related item from Detroit. Doctor Cynthia Wedel of Washington - one of the nation's foremost advocates of womens rights winning election today as the first woman President of the National Council of Churches; becoming, as such, the highest ranking officer - in the nation's largest religious body.

The new Madame President - a sixty-one year Episcopalian - also the wife of a prominent theologian. Defeating a black man - the Reverend Albert Cleage Junior of Detroit - in a secret Presidential ballot. Mrs. Wedel later <sup>saying</sup> ~~asserting~~: "I deplore discrimination against black people and have worked hard to eliminate it but women have also been victims of discrimination. - (and I regard my election" said she - "as a belated recognition of their importance, in the Church.")

BLAIR HOUSE

Vice President Spiro Agnew - a surprise guest today at a feminine "coffee clutch" in Washington. Joining his wife Judy at Blair House ~~for~~ where Mrs. Agnew was entertaining a group of women reporters. The Vice President saluting the press <sup>first by</sup> playing a bit of "Sophisticated Lady" on the ~~the~~ piano, and then - a free wheeling press conference.

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Along the way - the Vice President said that he plans to make another hard hitting speech some time later this month. Target not specified - but it won't be press or ~~to~~ T.V. - said he.

Next question: How does he really feel about newsmen? To which the Vice President replied: "I like everybody - it's just that sometimes I have to call the troops to attention." Ah, but newswomen <sup>he likes them</sup> <sub>λ</sub> best of all -- said he. Adding: "They're prettier, nicer, and they're ~~no~~ more objective." And that Warren from Vice Pres. Spiro Agnew!

## ROME

Rome - another victory of sorts for Italian women - in their long battle for equal rights. Italy's highest court - overturning today a long established penal code; ruling that, henceforth - it is not a crime for a woman to commit adultery; thereby giving errant wives - the same immunity their husbands have always enjoyed. ~~And so it goes - with adultery, Italian style.~~

BELGRADE

From Belgrade Jugoslavia <sup>comes a</sup> ~~the~~ story ~~today~~  
of a government sponsored cultured renaissance. As  
part of the process - the Yugoslav post office putting  
out a series of new stamps; all of them - reproductions  
of nude studies by the country's greatest artists.

As for results of the program it's still a  
little too early to gauge the ~~cold~~ cultural impact. However,  
observers note; - it ~~sure~~ has inspired a lot of new ~~stamp~~  
stamp collectors. *had a - u - Tomor. -*