

Tues. June 17-69.

HOUSE

For President Nixon - a key victory today. With the House Ways and Means Committee approving finally - a twelve month extension of the present income tax surcharge. Also voting to repeal permanently - the current seven percent investment tax credit; while simultaneously cutting income taxes - for an estimated five million poor people.

This following a White House meeting - earlier in the day. The President quoted as telling Congressional leaders - there could be no further compromise: that any "temporary or limited" tax measures - "would just add fire now to the situation regarding inflation."

Next step - presentation to the full House; which is now expected to approve the measure - intact - perhaps as early as next week.

VIET NAM - PENTAGON

On the warfront - Viet Nam - another allied sweep of the A Shau Valley; including a drive today - on the approaches to key Hamburger Hill. This - you will recall - the peak first seized and later abandoned last month; setting off one of the most bitter controversies - of the entire war.

Meanwhile - here on our own shores - a further clarification of that planned U.S. withdrawal from Viet Nam ~~of~~ the twenty-five thousand troops affected - less than a third actually to return home - said the Pentagon. Adding that the rest will be reassigned either to Hawaii or some other base in the Pacific.

MOSCOW

That world communist summit meeting in Moscow - first in ten years - over at last today; to the relief - of practically one and all. Final adjournment following an official declaration - carefully skirting the present split in the Communist camp. Instead, rededicating Communists the world over - to,,quote, "the tasks of the struggle against Imperialism."

According to a later dispatch^c from the Soviet news agency Tass - it was also to call for a new and bigger conference - sometime^o in the future. One that would include not only Communist delegations - but also "all anti-imperialist forces". Although Tass admitting that such a parlay - could be years away.

WHITE HOUSE

At the White House - a special and proud moment today.

President Nixon presenting Young American Medals - to four U.S.

teenagers - two boys and two girls. The male contingent - consisting

of Ronald and Randy Lee of Stanley, Wisconsin; a couple of brothers -

credited with saving several members of their family from a blazing

home. The girls - Gail Budlow of Westallis, Wisconsin - for

volunteer work among the elderly and with retarded children.

Also - Janette Litten of Alhambra, California, who sparked a

Christmas Fund collection for the Navajo Indian Gospel Mission

at Oraibi, Arizona.

Each of them - in the words of the President - a

shining example of "courage in serving some larger cause -

serving someone else - serving his country, his family, his nation."

SENATE

~~Reverse side~~ - another session of that Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee. Hearing a report today from staff investigator Phillip Manuel - on the anatomy of S.D.S. - Students for Democratic Society. Including an assertion that seven Communist splinter groups - are currently battling for control of the organization. At the head of the pack - as of now - said Manuel - a "pro-Mao, pro-Chinese" faction; said to be making "suckers" - of so-called campus "innocence".

BRAZILIA - RIO DE JANEIRO

New York's Governor Rockefeller - on tour today in Brazil. First stop on the current third leg - of his Latin American fact finding mission for President Nixon. The Governor conferring initially with government and military leaders - in the capital city of Brasilia; later flying to Rio De Janeiro - for additional talks with leading citizens.

At every step along the way - maximum security precautions in effect. At last report though - threatened student agitation failing to materialize.

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WESTPORT

Controversial Lady Industrialist Lillian Kellems of Westport, Connecticut - back in the news, ~~of late~~. As you may have heard - the seventy-three year old Miss Kellems - currently charging discrimination by the Internal Revenue Service. This in permitting special exemptions - to husbands and wives filing joint tax returns. Miss Kellems asserting over and over again: "It is unconstitutional to impose a penalty tax on me - simply because I have no husband."

Anyway, it turns out - Miss Kellems has found something of an ally. Mainly, Senator McCarthy of Minnesota - who is urging passage of a special tax relief measure; one to permit a head-of-household exemption - for any single person over thirty-five.

Why thirty-five? Because - said Miss Kellems - "some-
- Warren -
one once told him a woman is most beautiful at age thirty-five.

~~In the mating game - apparently - the point of no return.~~

MEXICO CITY

In the same vein - a report today from Mexico City; citing air pollution in the Mexican Capital - as probably the worst in the world at the present time. According to a U.N. report - actually twice as bad as Los Angeles, for example. With autos, industry, open fires and natural dust storms - said to be chiefly responsible; currently pouring pollutants into the city's atmosphere at an astounding rate of about four-thousand tons a day.

All this - a source of growing concern of course. Indeed, the city has just taken its first steps to stem the tide of industrial pollution at least. In the meantime - the faithful of Mexico City adding a line to their traditional Ash Wednesday incantation - an adaptation "for all seasons." The passage now reading: "from dust thou came - to dust thou shalt return - and ^{thou} thy shalt breathe the stuff in between".