

President  
~~SECRET~~

Fri. July 20-73.

President Nixon came out of Bethesda Naval Hospital today ~~pale~~ and drawn but clearly in fighting trim. In a ~~xxx~~ brief address to White House staff members - saying: "Any suggestion that this President is ever going to slow down - or is ever going to leave this office until he finishes the job he ~~xxx~~ was elected to do is just plain poppy-cock."

The President also citing: "Great decisions" yet to be made - "to determine whether we have peace in this world - to determine the fate of anti-crime, and anti-drug campaigns - to determine whether programs for all Americans are carried forward."

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The President going on to say: "There are these and other great causes - that we were elected overwhelmingly to carry forward in November of Nineteen Seventy-Two and what we were elected to do -- we are going to do."

The President adding: "Let others wallow in Watergate - we are going to do our job."

The President later motoring to Camp David where he plans to ~~stay~~ spend the weekend. As he ~~leaves~~ left - saying: "When I come back - we will be going full tilt, all the way."

WHITE HOUSE

The White House again - a press briefing today - with Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren fielding a number of questions - dealing with the letter President Nixon is writing to the Watergate committee. Warren making it perfectly clear that the President will say - no - to the committee's request for Presidential tapes.

"You can assume" - said he - "the President has pretty well concluded ~~to~~ what the letter will contain. One can also assume he continued - there is no change in the President's basic decision as previously ~~said~~ stated July seventh. The President's stand at that time - you ~~may~~ may recall - citing mainly the "separation of powers."

# WATERGATE

At The Watergate hearings - ~~round and round~~  
they go. With Robert Mardian - again <sup>was</sup> the man ~~in~~ in  
the hot seat, ~~today~~. The former key aide to John  
Mitchell telling of President Nixon's great concern  
<sup>over</sup>  
~~at~~ White House news leaks. Mardian saying the  
President felt - "his very ability to govern was  
threatened - <sup>and</sup> the peace of the world ~~was~~ threatened."

ADD WATERGATE

Next, Gordon Strachan; who was once  
~~an~~ <sup>an</sup> ~~staff~~ assistant - to former White House Chief  
of Staff H R Haldeman. Strachan disputing Jeb  
Stuart Magruder's claim - that he reported fully to  
the White House on a proposed intelligence gathering  
plan. Adding that Magruder merely referred to this  
project as - "a sophisticated political intelligence  
gathering system."

WASHINGTON

More on the tapes - from John Ehrlichmann who told newsmen today - he had been unaware of any ~~White House~~ White House taping. Noting, however, that such tapes <sup>^</sup> were ~~clearly~~ "the ultimate evidence in this ~~is~~ thing." Adding: "I would be glad to see them produced." The former White House ~~is~~ advisor going on to say: "I may have said some things about some people - that may ~~not~~ have been very ~~is~~ frank or unvarnished. But as far as my whole position in this controversy is concerned - I don't have a thing to worry about - I'm delighted they're there."

LIDDY

Convicted Watergate mastermind G Gordon

Liddy - a scheduled witness today before the House

Armed Services Committee on intelligence operations.

Considered a

A potential ~~gold mine~~ mine of information except that

he refused even to be sworn in. Liddy's attorney

-- citing his rights under the fifth and sixth

amendments. Liddy now facing a contempt of Congress

citation - that could keep him in jail even a few years

more.

TRIPOLI

*Dramatic* Resignation in Tripoli. Colonel Moammar Khadafy, the chairman of Libya's revolution command council - quitting his post today - ~~apparently~~ apparently voluntarily. This - we hear - in order to facilitate the planned merger - between Libya and Egypt.



## ICELAND

The so-called Cod war between Britain and Iceland was again heating up today. A British frigate colliding with an Icelandic gun boat - inside Iceland's disputed fifty ~~for~~ mile fishing limit. Each side - blaming the other. Luckily though - no one injured. ~~and~~ apparently ~~only~~ minor damage.

PARIS

From a Paris based travel group - a report today on world tourism. Noting that Nineteen Seventy Two - was another banner travel year; that it was also marked by a "strong revival of tourist traffic from the U S -- apparently unaffected by the dollar devaluation.!" Adding, however, that U S tourism so far this ~~year~~ year - has grown at only about half the previous rate.

Incidentally, the Americans and the Germans<sup>are</sup> still rated - the world's <sup>most avid</sup> ~~greatest~~ tourists; <sup>with</sup> ~~But~~ the Japanese catching up fast. ~~And the~~ <sup>The</sup> ~~newest~~ newest popular <sup>area</sup> ~~place~~ - we hear - "Jugoslavia;" followed closely by Turkey.

EAST BERLIN

*German*

East ~~Berlin~~ border guards today shot and apparently killed ~~today~~ - an unidentified man attempting to escape over the Berlin wall. The lifeless body was then leisurely examined, photographed and finally ~~was~~ removed. Victim number one-sixty-one - since the Berlin Wall was first constructed twelve years ago.

## CAPE KENNEDY

At Cape Kennedy - the successful completion of a mock launch - for America's second sky lab crew, - launch director Walter Kapryan - reporting only a few minor problems; all of which can easily be corrected - said he - by launch date. Adding, in short - the test was very successful. / And now this - the second <sup>Their</sup> sky lab's orbital mission - extended ~~■~~ from fifty-six to fifty-nine days. ~~This - "for operational reasons,"~~ <sup>will be</sup> to bring the Splash down - ~~closer to the Pacific coast.~~ at a point ~~now just three~~ ~~■~~ hundred-and-forty miles southwest of ~~■~~ San Diego.

# YELLOWSTONE

Tragedy at Yellowstone. A company of explorer scouts from Albuquerque, New Mexico - setting out on a six day camping adventure. In Canoes and ~~hoyas~~ kayaks - paddling across Yellowstone lake when ~~suddenly a~~ <sup>a sudden violent</sup> tremendous, thunder storm ~~swamp~~ed~~~~ <sup>ed</sup> two of the canoes and one of the kayaks. The frigid lake ~~so~~ quickly claiming two sixteen year old scouts and two adult leaders.

The lone survivor from those ~~lost~~ tossed into the water - sixteen year old Kim Jones, who somehow managed to swim ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> shore. He later said: "Every time I would stop moving my arms in the water - they would freeze up; so I figured, ~~that~~ "old buddy - you'd better keep moving." Which he did, <sup>and he's</sup> ~~luckily~~ <sup>lucky</sup> - the only one who lived to tell about it.

LETTER

A final ~~note~~ note - on ~~the~~ the President's hospital stay. Mr. Nixon saying he must have received letters ~~from~~ from everyone in the country ~~who~~ who has or has had pneumonia. "And believe me - said he - "there are a lot of them." All the mail - greatly appreciated. But the one letter he particularly singled out - that from an eight year old boy living in Livermore, California.

It read: "Dear Mr. President: I heard you were sick with pneumonia. I just got out of the hospital yesterday with pneumonia - and I hope you did not catch it from me. Now you be a good boy and eat your vegetables like I had to. If you take your medicine and your shots - you'll be out in eight days like I was." And it was signed: love - John James - the Third.

~~The President adding - on his own: "I hate~~

At the seaport city of Lae in Papua-  
New Guinea - the arrival of a creature never before  
seen in that part of the world. A giant elephant -  
1/2 ~~elephant~~ appropriately named Jumbo; scheduled to serve  
as the star attraction - at an up-coming agricultural  
show; and already - a big hit.

The arrival of Jumbo - drawing an estimated  
four thousand curious on-lookers - who followed him  
all the way to the show grounds - where he was then  
placed in quarantine. All the ~~time~~ while a number of  
officials circulating through the crowd, Advising one  
and all - that Jumbo was harmless. Also, warning -  
7 ~~Bill~~  
we are told - that he should not be attacked - for  
quote "eating purposes."

ROME

*Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor ~~set~~*

*together again. The battling Burtons kissing and  
apparently making up at an airport reunion in Rome.  
Driving off together into the sunset. ~~and~~ Once again  
love conquers all. And so - Mar!*