

WHITE HOUSE

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The White House- President Nixon announced plans - for a vast expansion of the nation's wilderness system. With Secretary of the Interior Wally Hickel - also, Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin - assigned to begin an immediate search for suitable acquisitions. The President pledging to ask Congress for any additional funding - which may be needed to make this new wilderness effort possible.

The President then going on to observe - that "the wilderness that ~~which~~ witnessed the nation's birth - no longer stretches from one ocean to the other."

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But neither has it all be^{en} tamed" said he. Adding: "Many of these untamed lands - majestic reminders of primeval America - have been reserved and now comprise the national wilderness preservation system;" ^{he went on,} But "we must do more now - to preserve additional areas of this priceless national heritage."

INDO CHINA

War news from Cambodia includes another report today - telling of U S tactical air strikes in support of Cambodian ground forces. This in the face of an official U S position - ~~which~~ contending that American pilots fly only "interdiction" missions in Cambodia; that is, - raids aimed at cutting Communist supply lines, infiltration routes and so on.

Here at home though - the White House refuses to be drawn into the controversy. Press Secretary Ron Ziegler ^{saying} ~~asserting~~ the President has laid down a broad policy - and now it's ~~up~~ up to U S commanders to decide on specific missions.

MIDDLE EAST

Turning to the Mid-East situation - a "big four" meeting today in New York. The U S, Britain, ~~and~~ France and Russia - seeking ways and means of implementing that latest cease-fire agreement - also, getting peace talks under way.

Meanwhile, high ranking officials of five Arab states were meeting ~~today~~ at Tripoli in Libya, ~~there~~ discussing ~~possible~~ possible ways and means - of ~~ending~~ healing the rift between Egypt and ~~the~~ Iraq. However, the Iraqis ^{were} refusing even to attend ~~the~~ ^{the} parlay. Instead Baghdad ~~was~~ ^{was} denouncing Cairo's acceptance of a U S peace formula - ^{calling it} a betrayal of the Arab cause.

Now this: An Iraqi delegation - arriving today in Moscow. ^{There} Meeting with Kremlin leaders ~~we are told~~ for an exchange of "opinions" on the middle East. This ~~might~~ could be a sign of growing Soviet pressure. - But ^{we don't know} ~~then we'll just have to wait and see.~~

EL PASO-MIAMI

The Hurricane ~~that was Celia~~ - gone but far from forgotten. ~~today~~. In the wake of the main storm - from Corpus Christi to the Mexican border - a big clean-up operation. While the remnants of Celia - were bringing torrential rains to West Texas. This leading the weather bureau at El Paso - to warn of possible flash floods in the fabled Big Bend country of Texas.

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Coincidentally, the national ~~hurricane~~ hurricane center in Miami - some seven hundred miles away - ^{was} reporting ~~today~~ that Celia's back-lash claimed fourteen drowning victims along the Florida coast. A center official explaining ~~that~~ ^{they} ~~were~~ were surfers + who "saw some of the best surfing conditions ever - but didn't see the dangerous part of it."

WASHINGTON

The United States and Spain, will sign tomorrow - a new long-term agreement on American ^{use} ~~growth~~ of Spanish air and naval bases. This according to an announcement today from the U S State Department in Washington, ² which ~~says~~ the agreement ^{is to} ~~would~~ take effect automatically - under the authority of the President's executive power; extending for another five years the U S rights to two air bases - also, a polaris submarine base. With Spain to receive, in return - we are told - an estimated four hundred million in U S foreign aid.

Incidentally, the administration thus brush ²⁴ ~~ing~~ aside - a complaint from Senator Fulbright of Arkansas; who said ~~that~~ any such agreement should be submitted to the Senate for final ratification - the same as any formal treaty. Not so - said the State Department. Administration sources adding that Fulbright's concern over the alleged erosion of Senatorial powers - in this case, simply does not apply.

JUSTICE FOLLOW WASHINGTON

Elsewhere in Washington - the Justice Department ~~today~~ ⁵ reported the results of a nationwide survey over the past few weeks. Subject - that new eighteen year old voting rights law; With ~~thirty~~ ^{twenty} of the states polled advising the federal government - they will comply with the law voluntarily; seven others - saying they won't; leaving twenty-one - who still haven't answered.

In case you are counting - that ~~thirty~~ ²⁴ only adds up to forty-eight states. However, Georgia and Kentucky - already ^{are} allowing eighteen year olds to vote. All of which would seem to indicate a good deal of confusion - till the Supreme Court finally ~~rules in this matter,~~ ^{hands down a ruling,}

MONTESVIDEO

From Montevideo, Uruguay - word today that left wing terrorists have finally set free -- a Uruguayan jurist held captive since last week. Judge Daniel Pereye Manelli -- apparently unharmed. Indeed, reporting he was actually treated well by his captors -- despite earlier threats against his life.

The terrorists are still holding ~~though~~^a U S ~~aid~~ "Aid" official, Dan Mitrione -- also, Brazilian Consul Aloysius Gomide while pressing their demands- for the release of all political prisoners held in Uruguay. The government, nevertheless, continuing to stall. Uruguayan Foreign Minister George J. Pirano ~~observing today~~^{saying} "There is no government position yet." ~~Adding~~^{And he} "Perhaps in ten years - there still won't be a decision."

FLERO

This next - from the village of Flero in Northern Italy - population, three thousand, four hundred and fifteen; where the local post mistress - Signora Giovanna Sicli -- has just begun her annual vacation. A common enough occurrence except that this year the powers that be failed to provide for a substitute; instead, decreeing that no one would receive any mail - until the Signora's return. As a result of which - the entire village ~~was on~~ ^{was on} ~~staging~~ a mass strike today. The villagers vowing - no mail, no work.

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And that's the latest from Flero, Italy, where nothing stops the mail, it seems; not rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor gloom of night - only ~~the strike with her~~ ^{a Signora on a holiday.}

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F D A

From the U S Food and Drug Administration -

which is really hopping these days -- comes another headline today. F.D.A. Commissioner Charles Edwards appealing to drug makers and doctors alike - to cut back sharply on the production and use of amphetamines - those so-called pep-pills. Edwards adding that he would also seek a ban on the use of amphetamines except in the treatment of three ailments, ~~these including~~ narcolepsy, which brings on an uncontrollable sleepyness; ~~also~~, hyperkinesis - or hyper-kinetic behavior -- which occurs mainly in children; also, obesity - but here only ^{for} short term treatment.

Commissioner Edwards observing that pep-pills -- have contributed greatly to the nation's drug abuse problem; a problem that "must be attacked" said he - by a nationwide effort involving close cooperation between government, the drug manufacturers and doctors."