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SAN CLEMENTE

*At the Western White House - San Clemente -*

*President Nixon today signed a bill - providing for a substantial increase in Social Security benefits; seven per cent in April - plus four per cent more in July. The cost to be financed - through an increase in Social Security payroll taxes.*

*The President noting that the bill he signed today - fails to provide for immediate implementation of new Social Security regulations. "I have weighed this reservation very carefully" - said he - "even as I have considered carefully the impact on payroll taxes." "In the end, however" - he continued - "I have been most deeply impressed - by what this legislation can do to enhance the financial security of millions."*

## KISSINGER FOLLOW SAN CLEMENTE

*The President also met today - with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger; who later said the President would begin taking steps next week - to meet the global energy crisis. This to include an attempt at obtaining the cooperation - of both producing and consuming countries.*

*Dr. Kissinger adding <sup>3</sup>tht some of the most "interesting" ideas for cooperation - could well come from the producers. They are fully aware - said he - that in the long run they could be hurt just as badly as consumers - by continuing oil restrictions.*

## WASHINGTON FOLLOW KISSINGER

*Back in Washington - energy czar William Simon was also discussing the fuel shortage. Simon saying the price of gasline could rise- as much as eleven cents a gallon by March First. Adding, however, that gasoline rationing -is still considered a last resort.*

*Simon went on to note that a check of twenty-three hundred service stations - had turned up more than four hundred price violators; some - charging as much as Two Dollars a gallon.*

## WEATHER

*From Louisiana to the Central Appalachians - a blanket of ice today. The beautiful but deadly glaze - causing massive power failures and extremely hazardous driving.*

*The nation's midsection - remaining extremely cold. In North Platte and Scottsbluff, Nebraska - a record twenty-three below; in Laramie, Wyoming - thirty-two below.*

SAXBE

*From Attorney General-designate William Saxbe - a pledge today to conduct his office "with dignity, honesty and fairness." He also pledged a full investigation of the big oil companies - to see if they conspired in any way to produce the present fuel shortage.*

*Saxbe questioned, however, the motivation of the Senate Watergate Committee - in subpoenaing some four hundred White House tapes and documents. "It's obviously a fishing expedition" - said he. Adding: "The committee has to have grist for its mill - to keep in business; if they can keep dredging stuff up - they'll go on forever." Saxbe further saying it may reach a point - "where the President has to decide whether there is any privacy in his office."*

## SACRAMENTO

*In the State of California - a new fifty-five-mile-an-hour speed limit. So far - so good. State police saying drivers are complying with the new law - better than they did with the previous sixty-five and seventy-mile-an-hour <sup>speed</sup> limits.*

*Indeed, the number of speeding arrests - actually dropping about thirty per cent. According to police, an indication of the public's desire - "to help ease the energy crisis."*

## NASHVILLE

*The world of country and western music was mourning today - the death of one of its all-time greats: Famed actor-singer Tex Ritter - the victim of a heart attack at Nashville, Tennessee.*

*Maurice Woodward "Tex" Ritter - a native Texan who studied law till his money ran out. He then switched to music - soon becoming one of Hollywood's foremost singing cowboys; making eighty-five movies, in all - also, recording hundreds of songs, many of which have become classics in the country and western field.*

*These including "High Noon" - "Boll Weevil" - "Whiskey, Rye Whiskey" - "Wayward Wind" - "I've Got Spurs that Jingle, Jangle Jingle" - "You Are my Sunshine" - "Blood on the Saddle" - the list is virtually endless. His latest record - "The Americans;" which has been out only a week or so - but already a million-seller.*

*Tex Ritter - the only man ever elected to both the Country Music - and the Western Music - Halls of Fame*

*(Age sixty-seven,*

## CLEVELAND

*Congressman Vanik of Ohio was telling his constituents today - in effect, "no help wanted." Vanik saying: "I will endeavor to campaign without a campaign fund - no contributions to be accepted - no funds to be spent other than my own; no signs - no campaign cards - no advertising - no purchase of time or space in the media." Vanik adding, what's more, that "any contributions received - will be returned."*

*Vanik giving as his reason for all this - the continuing Watergate scandal as well as the discovery of illegal contributions to both parties. "If the events of the last year are to have any meaning at all" - said he - "it should be that the American people will never again permit public office to be bought."*



## **CRACKDOWN**

*The Republic of Ireland was cracking down today - on the outlawed Irish Republican Army. Police and troops seizing at least twenty men - in lightning raids into areas bordering Northern Ireland. An IRA spokesman saying: "It looks as if the government - is out to smash our organization."*

## **BELFAST FOLLOW CRACKDOWN**

**To the North - at Belfast - the British Army was stepping up its patrols - in Protestants neighborhoods. This in the wake of ten bomb blasts - in the past forty-eight hours; at least half of ~~which~~<sup>which</sup> attributed to Protestant extremists. An attempt - we are told - to sabotage the North's new coalition government.**

## **BIRMINGHAM FOLLOW BELFAST**

**At the same time - a bomb alert throughout**

**Britain. The result of two IRA bombing attacks - in**

**Birmingham. A police spokesman saying: "If the attacks**

**follow previous patterns - we can expect bombs in other**

**areas."**

## **RENO**

*The death of one of the great innovators of American business - is reported today from Reno, Nevada.*

*E. L. Cord - the originator of the revolutionary Cord automobile - back in the Twenties. He also built Auburns and Dusenbergs. And along with Hughes and Boeing - pioneering the development of "super-planes" carrying as many as fifty people. In addition, mining interests in Nevada - real estate holdings in California - and radio stations in both states.*

*His advice to young people: "Knock around for a couple of years after you get out of high school - eight or ten different jobs in different locations; so you can find out where you fit - so you can enjoy your work and make a success of it; then go back to college - and really learn."*

*E. L. Cord - age seventy-nine.*



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SWARTHMORE - He Walks!

A man perhaps a worthy example to senior citizens everywhere, Dr. Frederick Luehring of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania; at age ninety-one one of the nation's ~~foremost~~ foremost hikers; an avocation he began in earnest, incidentally, at age sixty-eight, following his retirement from Princeton, University.

Dr. Luehring setting as his initial task - an attempt to conquer the Appalachian Trail; which he then hiked in bits and pieces from Springer Mountain in Georgia to Mt. Katahdin in Maine; a trek of more than two thousand miles - finally completed at age eighty-two; and he's still going strong. One of his latest adventures - a solo trek over the final eighty miles of Vermont's famed Long Trail.

Next question: Why? The ~~answer~~ answer to which - is supplied by one of Dr. Luehring's many admirers - who says: "For those who understand -- no ~~answer~~ explanation is necessary." For those who do not - none is possible."

**SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "DR. LUEHRING"**

**Thank you, Lowell. A final story - in a moment.**



## **PUERTO RICO**

**Soviet chess champion Boris Spassky arrived today in Puerto Rico - there to begin preparations for his quarter-final match in world chess play. Spassky's opponent - U.S. Champion Robert Byrne - also arriving today. Both attempting to acclimate themselves - prior to the start of actual play week after next. Officials adding that world chess champion Bobby Fischer - will be on hand to observe the proceedings. It was Spassky - you'll recall - from whom he took the crown.**