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DETROIT-UNITED NATIONS

*President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger were both lashing out today - at price gouging by Arab oil producers.*

*The President - first; in a speech at the Ninth World Energy Conference, in Detroit - warning that "exorbitant oil prices - can only distort the world economy, run the risk of worldwide depression - and threaten the break down of world order and safety."*

*The President going on to say: "It is difficult to discuss the energy problem without lapsing into doomsday language. "But" - he added - "the danger is clear - it is severe."*

*At the U N more of the same from Secretary of State Kissinger. Said he: "The world cannot sustain even the present level of oil prices - much less continuing increases." Adding: "The world is posed on the brink of an*

*economic collapse such as occurred in the Thirties."*

*"And should that occur all would suffer - poor as well as rich, producer as well as consumer."*

## MANSFIELD

*By the way, President Ford was up early today - not only to fly to Detroit but also to savor a so-called "Montana breakfast." This at the invitation of Senator Mansfield of Montana -- who said he was concerned that the President might "have to toast his own English muffins."*

*Next question: What is a Montana breakfast?*

*"~~We had~~<sup>"</sup> eggs, wonderful sausage, ~~and~~ bacon and good company," said he.*

# ROCKEFELLER

The Senate Rules Committee ~~also~~ began hearings today - on the nomination of Nelson Rockefeller <sup>- for</sup> Vice President. One of the first questions - whether Rockefeller, ~~if~~ he became President would use his pardon power - as President Ford did in the case of Richard Nixon. Rockefeller replying: "My total inclination is to say no - but I don't want to get into a box - there may be circumstances I don't know." <sup>P</sup> The former New York Governor was also questioned about his family's ~~enormous~~ <sup>vast</sup> wealth but ~~he~~ denied ~~that~~ there was any family "network" exercising <sup>any real</sup> ~~vast~~ control over the <sup>nation's</sup> ~~economy~~. It's a "myth", <sup>!</sup> - ~~it~~ "just doesn't exist", <sup>!</sup> said he. Rockefeller further denying that his wealth might post a conflict of interest. "If I had spent a lifetime of abusing economic power" said he - "I wouldn't be here today" <sup>-and</sup>

<sup>He added:-</sup>  
"I'd be richer."

BOSTON

Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts - today withdrew from the Nineteen Seventy Six Presidential race. The formal announcement - "firm, final and <sup>said he</sup> unconditional" <sup>^</sup> at a news conference in Boston.

From the campaigns of my brothers before me," ~~we~~ - said ~~Teddy~~ Kennedy -- "I know that seeking the nation's highest office -- demands a candidate's undivided attention <sup>and</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>^</sup> deepest personal commitment."

<sup>Then</sup> <sup>^</sup> He added: "My responsibilities are at home.- I would be unable to make a full commitment.- I simply cannot do that to my wife and family."

<sup>This of course</sup> ~~Kennedy's withdrawal~~ <sup>^</sup> throwing <sup>S</sup> the race for the Democratic nomination wide open.

LONG BEACH

~~As expected~~ <sup>Former President</sup> Richard Nixon <sup>today</sup> was admitted ~~today~~

to Long Beach hospital <sup>in</sup> California <sup>for</sup> treatment of phlebitis, ~~= the former President~~ Arriving by car he

~~Refusing~~ <sup>ed</sup> to talk to reporters - except to say hello.

~~He was then taken to a suite of rooms on the hospital's~~

~~sixth floor - there to undergo~~ <sup>For</sup> a series of tests and

~~receive~~ treatment, <sup>the</sup> doctors saying he'll probably in <sup>the</sup> hospital for at least three or four days.

## HONDURAS

*A massive relief effort is now under way in Honduras - to aid survivors of Hurricane Fifi. Food, medical supplies and rescue equipment rushed into areas hardest hit. Officials saying more than one hundred thousand are homeless; and many still stranded on high ground after three days with nothing to eat. The disposal of an estimated seven to eight thousand dead - is also proving a monumental task. Too many even to bury.*

SAXBE

U S Attorney General ~~William~~ Saxbe - the main speaker today at a meeting of the international association of Chiefs of Police, <sup>ed how</sup> ~~noting that~~ a recent study shows about half of all street crimes - ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> "probably committed by only fifteen percent" of all offenders. Also ~~showing~~ that thirty-five percent of these <sup>socalled</sup> "career criminals" <sup>even</sup> may be re-arrested - while out on bail awaiting trial.

Says Saxbe, ~~adding that~~ ~~in~~ ~~his~~ ~~opinion~~ this proves something has got to be wrong somewhere, <sup>and he</sup> ~~therefore~~ <sup>PA</sup> ~~State~~ ~~and~~ local governments to give top priority to ~~insuring~~ speedy prosecution.



## TYRRHENIAN SEA

In the Tyrrhenian Sea - off the Isle of  
~~Capri~~ Capri - an attempt to set a new world deep  
diving record. Enzo Maiorca, age forty-three, of a  
Sicily<sup>ian</sup> - hoping to ~~break~~<sup>lower</sup> his own mark of two hundred  
and sixty-two feet; ~~the whole thing~~<sup>It was</sup> broadcast live  
on Italian TV. However<sup>this time</sup> Maiorca getting only forty-  
nine feet down ~~ft~~ when he collided head-on with an  
under water TV photographer. ~~He quickly~~<sup>Whereupon he</sup> returned  
to the surface, ~~on breaking water~~ saying: "I'd like  
to meet that blankety-blank. 'One doesn't fool around  
with peoples lives.'" He also said some other things -  
~~except by then they had already cut off the audio,~~<sup>by which time they had tuned it out at Master control,</sup>

BURBANK

— Charles Weaver —

Veteran radio and TV star <sup>A</sup>Clif Arquette

the victim of a heart attack today at Burbank, California.

His first job - at age fourteen - at the head of his

own band. His last - as a regular on the popular

<sup>wood</sup>Holiday Squares on TV.

Clif Arquette only sixty-eight.

LONDON

~~This next - from London, where~~ Actor Richard  
~~Burton,~~ <sup>in London,</sup> ~~was~~ discussing his breakup with Elizabeth  
Taylor, <sup>says:-</sup> ~~Burton saying:~~ "Unfortunately, we are  
incompatible. We love each other - but we can't live  
together."

What about Liz's new flame -- one Henry  
Wynberg? "Ah, well," said Burton - "Elizabeth is  
such a moral person - that unquestionably she will  
marry the ~~subject~~ chap."