

WHITE HOUSE

Thurs, Mar. 9-72,

In the midst of growing airline terrorism -
President Nixon steps in. The President today ordering
immediate implementation - of Federal regulations
originally scheduled to take effect in June. These
directing each airline to take all necessary steps: One -
to prevent or deter the placing of weapons or explosives -
aboard any of its aircraft. Two - to prevent or deter -
unauthorized access to aircraft. And three - to lighten
baggage-checking procedures - also, ~~baggage~~^{baggage} and cargo
security.

Commercial aviation in the U.S. - has built a
"commendable record" of service and safety - said the
President. And now - he continued - "I intend to do all
in my power - to help protect that record; by preventing
air travel - from becoming a vehicle for traffic in
terrorism." The President adding: "There is no time
to lose - we must not be intimidated by such lawlessness."

NEW YORK

In the long, drawn-out Howard Hughes-Clifford Irving caper - maybe the beginning of the end. At any rate, author Irving, his wife and his research assistant - all indicted today by either Federal or New York County grand juries - or both. The charges including - mail fraud, grand larceny, forgery and perjury; which carry with them - possible sentences up to ten years or more.

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Incidentally, the Federal panel also spelling out - Irving's alleged method of operation; charging that he and his researcher "tape recorded interview sessions with each other - in which they alternately played the role of Hughes' The grand jury adding that one of Irving's main sources of information - was the confidential reference file of Time, Incorporated; the same company which later paid a healthy advance - for serialization rights to ^{what was presumed to be} ~~the resulting quote,~~ an "autobiography."

MIAMI-TALLAHASSEE-JACKSONVILLE-GAINESVILLE

With New Hampshire now history - it was on to Florida today. A flood of Democratic candidates - heading into the home stretch of that state's Presidential primary campaign.

At Gainesville - Hubert Humphrey preaching "the politics of love." Miami - John Lindsay undertaking a ~~"murder tour"~~ at various stops, urging nationwide gun control - to "end the senseless gunplay in America."

Tallahassee - George McGovern calling busing a "phony" issue, when the real problems - said he - are Vietnam and ecology. ~~At~~ ^{At} Jacksonville - Edmund Muskie ~~was~~ discounting McGovern's so-called "psychological" victory in New Hampshire. Muskie saying: "I'll swap real victories for psychological victories - from now till July."

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CHICAGO

Still another New Hampshire commentary - from

Mayor Daley of Chicago. Said he: "I think everyone won

New Hampshire - ^{— he added} except "the fellows who didn't do so well."

VIETNAM

**On the war front - Vietnam - American jets
again attacked anti-aircraft installations in Communist
North Vietnam. This the eighth straight day - of U.S.
"protective reaction" strikes.**

BELFAST

At Belfast in Northern Ireland - a tremendous explosion today; Killing three - injuring four. This - in a Roman Catholic section; apparently the site of a "bomb factory" - for the outlawed IRA.

Elsewhere in Northern Ireland - Protestant workers staged a series of work stoppages; thereby pressing demands - for a restoration of "law and order;" in the process, leaving most of the country without power - bringing business and industry to a virtual standstill.

CAPITOL HILL

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Capitol Hill again, *at* a joint session of the Senate Interior and Public Works Committee; Interior Secretary Rogers Morton *was* discussing the possible construction of a trans-Alaska oil pipeline; *Saying* the Federal government will decide soon - whether or not to give a go-ahead. "By the middle of April" - said he - "it will be on or off." By the tone of his later testimony though - Morton *is believed to* ~~said to~~ indicate *that* it's currently "on" rather than "off."

VATICAN

At the Vatican in Rome - an attempt today to curb a growing erosion of church doctrine. The Vatican's Holy Office issuing a statement of faith - stressing "the divinity and eternity of Christ" - also, ^{quote} "the truth of the Holy Trinity." At the same time, condemning as "contrary to faith" - any deviation from these precepts. "If they are altered" - said the Vatican - "the whole treasure of faith is falsified."

EAST BERLIN FOLLOW VATICAN

Church doctrine - both ^{Catholic and Lutheran} ~~Protestant and Catholic~~ -
also figured strongly today in a vote in the Communist East
German Parliament. The lower house of that body - approving
a new liberalized abortion law; ^{with} More than four-hundred
and-seventy of a total four-hundred-and-ninety-nine
members - voting ^{"yes."} ~~in favor of passage~~

~~But there were~~ Eight members ~~who~~ abstained;
~~and fourteen more - who~~ actually voted "no." The first
"no" votes - in the history of the East German Parliament.
All apparently cast - by members of East Germany's
Christian Democratic Party. This a part of the Communists'
"National Front" - we are told; but some of its members -
still loyal, it seems, to church teachings.

KUWAIT

Egypt's President Anwar Sadat - a visitor today
at Kuwait, ^{WCEA} ~~There~~ attempting to build support - for an Arab
confrontation with Israel. Sadat saying: "The Arab
nation - in its present stage - is passing through the most
dangerous turning point it has faced - or will ever face."

BAR AM FOLLOW KUWAIT

**Meanwhile, an Arab rocket attack from Lebanon -
directed against the Israeli border settlement of Bar Am.
Israeli gunners - quickly answering back. ^{Followed by} ~~And then~~ an
Israeli air strike - against an Arab guerilla encampment
seven miles inside Lebanon. This in line with Israel's
newly-announced - "no nonsense" reprisal policy.**

PARIS

In Paris today ~~at~~ a luncheon attended by some of America's top business executives; ~~with~~ the main speaker French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann; ~~who~~ praised President Nixon ~~for~~ following a realistic course in relations with Red China. This - said he - clearing the way for "a general consent to peaceful coexistence" - in all of Asia.

In the same vein, Schumann noting that President Nixon - had "a very great admiration for General DeGaulle;" further suggesting that the President - "even tends to be inspired by DeGaulle's example." For it was DeGaulle - said he - who first recognized - it is impossible to ignore "a people ~~which is~~ older than history."

TAIPEI FOLLOW PARIS

From Taipei - a related item. Diplomatic sources reporting today that Nationalist China - may be ready now to resume normal relations with Russia. This - we are told - as a possible counter to the new friendship - between Washington and Peking. But we are also told - it will be up to Moscow to make the first move.

TUCSON

From the University of Arizona - a report today
on the study of moon rock and moon dust. Dr. Bartholomew
Nagy saying there is not now and never has been - life of
any sort on the moon. No man in the moon. - ~~no green~~
~~cheese~~ - nothing. ^{Does this} And ~~thus~~ ends another illusion ^{Warren?} - ~~no~~
~~sense "mooning" about it.~~

HAPPINESS

"Is everybody happy?" - Ted Lewis used to ask.

And now a New York advertising firm ^{is} pressing the point.

Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborn - checking the

"self-happiness ratings" of more than four hundred persons.

Coming to the conclusion that the average American - is

"a relatively contented individual." But the happiest of

all - we are told - "young married women, age eighteen to

thirty-four - church-goers - in the middle-income bracket."

~~*BBD&O, therefore, observing that advertising
"which plays on the unhappiness of women - is way off
target." Adding: "If anything, we should direct our
efforts - at the more unhappy males."*~~