

Wednesday, January 8, 1975

**SARASOTA**

**First - a salute to CBS radio station W S P B -**

**Sarasota, Florida; celebrating thirty-five years of  
broadcasting.**

**WHITE HOUSE**

**The White House - President Ford met with his cabinet today - for the first time since mid-November; discussing in general - the new economic program he plans to present to Congress, ~~next week~~. No details. But, the President saying it "is a good program - it is tough - it is fully defensible - and, it will give us the restoration of confidence - that is ~~now~~ essential to recovery."**

SIRICA

From Judge Sirica - an order today freeing three ~~men~~ - whose testimony helped to break the Watergate case. These including first and foremost -- former White House council - John Dean. Also, former Nixon campaign official - J. Edgar Hoover - and former Nixon lawyer Herbert Kalmbach.

The Judge's action - following by less than a week the completion of the Watergate ~~conviction~~ trial, where all three - served as government witnesses. Dean and Magruder immediately transferred from Fort ~~Holabird~~ Holabird, Maryland to somewhere in the Baltimore, Washington area; there to be picked up -- by their families. - ~~but~~ Kalmbach, already in Washington, <sup>was</sup> <sub>λ</sub> conferring with Watergate prosecutors. At a hurried news conference <sup>he</sup> <sub>λ</sub> expressed <sup>ed</sup> <sub>ing</sub> "great appreciation for the compassion of Judge Sirica."

GESELL follow Sirica

A request by the major ~~one~~ networks for  
broadcast copies of white house tapes <sup>WHA</sup> ~~^~~ rejected  
today by Judge Gesell - for the time being at least.  
The judge noting that the networks had been unable  
to guarantee ~~^~~ that the tapes would not be put to  
quote "undignified use."

MOSCOW

Russia's Leonid Brezhnev today made his first public appearance in Moscow - in two weeks.

The Soviet leader attending funeral services for his aged mother; a fact ~~quickly~~ reported - by the Soviet news agency Tass, in an

~~this in an effort~~ effort to stem recent reports -- that Brezhnev was seriously ill - or ~~else~~ engaged in a Kremlin power struggle. Tass adding that such reports - by "so-called Kremlinologists - are nothing more than groundless inventions."

CAIRO FOLLOW MOSCOW

*Meanwhile, in Cairo - a possible explanation - for Brezhnev's decision to cancel a planned trip to Egypt. Egyptian President ~~Anwar~~ Sadat saying the Soviet Union has already replaced Syrian weapon losses in the last mid-east war; but so far has failed to re-supply Egypt - with all the arms it needs.*

*Sadat adding that the Soviet reply to a recent Egyptian weapons request was "unsatisfactory; and, as a result - said he - key aspects in Cairo-Moscow relations remain "frozen."*

## LOC NINH

*In Vietnam - a series of massive government air strikes- against Loc Ninh, the defacto communist capital in South Vietnam. President Thieu also appealing to the U S - for help in stemming Communist advances.*

PARIS follow Loc Ninh

Half a world away - at Paris - a public protest today - from the Viet Cong delegation to the stalled peace-talks. The Communist side calling U S naval movements in southeast Asia waters - "an impudent menace which constitutes a ~~gross~~ grave violation of the earlier Paris agreement."

## HARTFORD

Hartford, Connecticut -- Ella Grasso was sworn in today ~~as~~ the nation's first woman governor ever elected solely on her own. Governor Grasso pledging an "heroic" effort - to deal with Connecticut's growing fiscal crisis.

## VAAAL REEFS

As for that  
Since Sunday - a strike by thousands of black  
workers - at South Africa's giant Vaal Reefs gold  
mine; ~~and now the work stoppage~~ <sup>it is</sup> spreading to other  
mines, and <sup>to</sup> processing plants.

The strike <sup>is promoted by</sup> ~~led by~~ black miners from  
neighboring Lesotho, <sup>who</sup> object to having most of  
their pay placed in banks back home.

The Lesotho miners <sup>have been</sup> ~~are~~ battling both police and  
fellow workers ~~in~~ in an effort to enforce their  
no work stand. The violence so far - leaving at  
least eight dead.

WASHINGTON

Washington again - William Klassen today announced his resignation as postmaster general - as of ~~Oct~~ February fifteen. ~~Klassen~~ Saying he intends to return to private life, <sup>he denies</sup> ~~but denying that he was~~ resigning because of recent heavy criticism. "The postal service still has problems," said he, "But the solutions are evident; and the ultimate goals set for the postal service in the postal reorganization act - can in time be achieved."

Klassen's successor, by the way - his present deputy, Benjamin Bailar.

FCC

*For the first time ever, the federal  
Communications Commission today denied a public  
broadcast license-renewal to a state-operated  
educational ~~one~~ television network. The F C C  
ruling that Alabama's education television commission  
was racially discriminatory -- in both programming  
and employment.*

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KALAMAZOO

Veteran Metropolitan star, <sup>Richard Tucker</sup> ~~Richard Tucker~~

the victim of a heart attack while on tour today  
at Kalamazoo, Michigan. The famed tenor - age  
fifty-nine.

LONDON

Britain's Prince Charles - ~~is~~ again in the news  
~~tonight~~ in an interview published in London, saying the  
past British monarch he admires most of all - <sup>ho! ho!</sup> ~~his~~  
~~is~~ King George-the-Third; ~~who was king~~ <sup>as we all know</sup> ~~of course~~ -  
during the American Revolution.

Charles observing that George-the-Third "was  
a much maligned monarch - particularly by American  
historians;" who then "could argue that they were  
revolting against a mad monarch who had no credibility;  
when, in fact, he was suffering from a blood condition -  
which at times only made him appear irrational. Charles  
adding that "George-the-Third was a gentle and learned  
man - a patron of the arts and sciences - and also  
"a fine country gentleman." Says Prince Charles,  
~~Geo. the-3rd~~ not a villain!

# MEMPHIS

In the my-how-time-flies department this next  
from Memphis. Rock idol Elvis Presley age forty  
today; ~~on~~ <sup>The</sup> occasion marked by public praise  
from city officials - ~~and~~ <sup>will</sup> special tributes on local  
radio stations. But the star of the show - remaining  
secluded at his memphis mansion . Why? ~~Hard to~~  
~~say~~ ~~But~~ <sup>a</sup> picture of a rather paunchy Presley recently  
~~front page~~ <sup>appeared</sup> in a national publication. And, rumor  
has it he's now trying to get his weight down <sup>like</sup>  
back when he was Elvis-the-Pelvis - the teen-age  
heart throb.