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The White House - President Ford today signed and sent to Congress a proposed budget for next year - calling for federal expenditures of three-hundred-and-ninety-four-point-two-billion. This to include a healthy increase in government spending - for defense and energy; <sup>with</sup> ~~but~~ a scaling down of social welfare programs -- which, it is <sup>believed</sup> ~~expected~~ will lead to individual and business tax cuts.

The President saying: "This represents what we hope will be a major turning point" - the start of a new "common sense" approach to federal spending. Adding: "We will give more money to those <sup>who are</sup> ~~below~~ <sup>at or</sup> below the ~~poor~~ poverty line" - but, "cut off those above."



## REACTION FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Reaction to the President's new budget -  
largely favorable from Republicans <sup>and</sup> the reverse from  
Democrats. Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott  
calling the President's spending plan - clearly in the  
best interest "of the people." House Democratic  
leader Thomas O'Neill saying: "The President's  
budget priorities are one hundred percent ~~am~~ wrong."<sup>2)</sup>

~~We have to worry about the future not just the  
election."~~ And now —

# BEIRUT

In the Middle East, - Lebanon - Palestinian -  
and Moslem forces were said to be digging in today  
-- attempting to consolidate their hold on the <sup>rich</sup> Bekaa  
Valley in the East - the Akkar region in the North -  
and <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ seventy mile stretch of the Mediterranean  
coast.

~~From~~ <sup>Confirmation on TV</sup> ~~no further word on the cease fire talks;~~  
~~also~~ <sup>in Beirut</sup> ~~though it is thought~~ the fighting  
continues <sup>with</sup> ~~unabated~~ Christian forces launching an  
attack on the Moslem suburb of Maabeh -- in  
reprisal for ~~the~~ the fall of two Christian towns  
south of the city. <sup>(so called)</sup> The Voice of Lebanon - a ~~private~~  
radio station, <sup>is</sup> saying Christian ~~militia~~ militiamen  
are uniting under one command -- to liberate "the  
entire Lebanese nation from its usurpers."



TEL AVIV

An advance party of U S technicians arrived today in Tel Aviv enroute to the Sinai - where they'll soon begin work on an early warning system. They are ~~group including twenty one employees of B Systems of Dallas - also, nine State Department officials,~~ the first of more than a hundred and seventy Americans -- expected to take part in the operation.

MOSCOW

Secretary of State Kissinger - in Moscow, -  
~~was having~~  
~~began today his latest series of talks with Soviet~~  
~~leaders.~~ After morning and evening ~~two~~ sessions, ~~he~~  
~~told~~ <sup>told</sup> newsmen - "the Soviet leadership and general  
secretary Brezhnev personally expressed the hope -  
that these discussions will signify a step forward"  
toward a new Salt agreement.

~~Along the way,~~ <sup>When</sup> Dr. Kissinger <sup>brought</sup> ~~also bringing~~  
up the subject of Russian and Cuban intervention -  
in Angola. <sup>we don't know.</sup> ~~The Russian reaction, as yet unknown.~~

~~However,~~ In a formal toast at lunch, Dr. Kissinger  
warn<sup>ed</sup> that "the principles of restraint and respect  
for each other's interests" - the avoidance of attempts  
to gain "unilateral advantage" <sup>11</sup> remain at the core  
of the search for a stable world order. <sup>11</sup>

CELA

From Angola <sup>we hear</sup> ~~we hear~~ ~~a report today that~~

the Soviet backed popular movement for the liberation  
of Angola has captured the key town of Cela, ~~in the~~

~~South.~~ <sup>But The</sup> ~~If true - a crushing defeat for~~ pro-western

forces ~~the latter insisting, however,~~ - Cela is

<sup>still</sup> ~~still~~ in their hands, ~~still holding.~~



# TAIPEI

At teeming Taipei on the island of Formosa  
- a recent wave of armed robberies. As a result,  
four young men - age eighteen to twenty were executed  
today - for a robbery committed ~~exactly~~ a month  
ago.

~~This in keeping with a new law assigning~~  
~~punish jurisdiction in robbery cases - to military~~  
~~courts.~~ *In Taipei now* The crime of robbery, ~~under military~~  
~~law~~ punishable by death. Officials saying ~~it is~~  
~~hoped the "speedy verdicts" imposed by military~~  
~~courts will prove an effective deterrent.~~

## VATICAN

Over the weekend - in Italy - a group of militant feminists attempted<sup>ing</sup> to force their way into the famous Milan cathedral, - ~~in the process~~, clashing with police - whom they pelted with eggs. The feminists demanding "free abortion" for Italian women. Also protesting the Vatican ~~document~~ document last week condemning homosexuality, masturbation and sex outside marriage.

Today in Rome - a Papal response. Pope Paul condemning what he called "the ~~indecorous and~~ sacreligious invasion of the Milan cathedral, ~~by~~ <sup>))</sup> uproarious people." ~~Calling it further an example of the "incomprehension, difficulty, and opposition" in the modern world to "true and complete values of life."~~



LONDON Paris

- at last -

Britain and France today jointly inaugurated

- the new supersonic age of ~~jet~~ jet air travel. A

British Concord flying from London to Bahrain in the

Persian Gulf, - ~~while~~ a French Concord flying from

Paris to Rio de Janeiro, <sup>at</sup> ~~The two planes hitting~~

speeds of up to ~~ten~~ one thousand three hundred and

fifty miles an hour - ~~and~~ faster than a twenty-two

rifle bullet. ~~Chopping hours off the normal passenger~~

<sup>Said</sup> ~~flight times on both routes.~~ British Trade Secretary ~~British Trade Secretary~~

Peter Shore ~~saying as of now~~ <sup>now</sup> - the world is "only

half the size it was this morning."

And now -

## MINNESOTA

This next- from ~~Miss~~ Minnesota where a  
~~big~~ utility company is attempting to beat the energy  
crisis; <sup>by</sup> applying for a long term lease on two hundred  
thousand acres of state owned peat bog - ~~is~~ hoping  
to turn the peat eventually into synthetic heating gas.

<sup>As you perhaps know</sup>  
~~By the way,~~ peat <sup>is</sup> still used in many parts  
of the world - to keep the home fires burning, <sup>say</sup> ~~the~~  
National Geographic, <sup>Would you say:</sup> ~~which tells us. Adding, indeed,~~

"there's no fuel - like an old fuel."

And now for c