

WHITE HOUSE

Wed. Sept. 19-73.

At the White House - an attempt today to set the record straight. Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren flatly denying that anyone there ^{(was attempting} ~~was attempting~~ to force the resignation of Vice President ~~Spive~~ Agnew. "There is no ~~disposition~~ disposition" said he - "on the part of the White House or people in the White House - to force the Vice President to resign." ^{Then he added:-} ~~And~~ "published reports to the contrary ~~said he~~ are false."

Press Sec. Warren also attempted to explain the White House policy of "no comment" - with regard to the Vice President. "Because the matter of the Vice President is under investigation" - said he -- "we feel it is inappropriate for the White House to comment or accept questions - the ~~one~~ answers to which could pass judgment on the situation."

NEW YORK

Meanwhile, Senator Goldwater ~~of Arizona~~
~~was~~ holding a press conference ~~today~~ in New York;
~~was~~ denying that he was the source of yesterday's
resignation rumors. ^{Sen.} Goldwater ^{also} insisting ^{that} ~~that's more~~
he's a "close friend" of the Vice President. Adding:
"I've been telling him to fight it." Meaning the charges
arising from that Maryland kick-back scandal.

~~But~~ Goldwater then ^{went} ~~going~~ on to say: "If he were
indicted - ^{then} I think the Vice President would seriously
consider resigning. Further saying his first ~~and~~ choice
as Agnew's successor in such an event - would be
Governor Reagan of California or failing that, Governor
Rockefeller of New York or former Governor Connolly
of Texas.

TAPES

As far
~~In the matter of the President's~~ disputed tapes -

the ~~battle~~ lines were again clearly drawn today. White House lawyers ~~are~~ filing a forty page legal brief ~~in~~ effect, rejecting a compromise suggested by a US court of appeals. This in reply to a petition filed by special watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox in an attempt to gain ~~some~~ access to the tapes. "To tear down the office of the American Presidency" - said the White House lawyers - "is too high a ~~price~~ price to pay even for Watergate."

PRESIDENT

~~On another front~~ - President Nixon sent to Congress today his promised housing message. This including a series of proposals - aimed at stepping up the supply of available funds for home mortgages. The President saying: ~~"Credit~~ "credit is the life blood of housing." Adding without it - "very few families could afford to purchase their homes."

The President also proposing a system of cash payments to the poor - to replace the present system of federal housing subsidies. Such a program - said he - would give ^{to} the poor "freedom and responsibility to make their own choices about housing - and would eventually get the federal government out of the housing business."

CAPITOL HILL

Capitol Hill - the President wins again. The House today ~~over~~ sustaining the President's veto - of a new minimum wage bill. This marking the sixth straight time this year - that Congress has failed to over-ride a Presidential veto.

SENATE FOLLOW CAPITOL HILL

Across the way - an attempt today to close another tax loop hole. The Senate voting to set a limit of seventy five thousand bucks -on the tax deduc^uation a corporation may claim in order to pay an executive's pension.

The new limit - if finally approved - to effect a number of large corporations; but apparently aimed mainly at professional corporations - such as those set up by doctors and lawyers who incorporate themselves for tax purposes.

SOFIA

Russia's Leonid Brezhnev ^{was} ~~is~~ a visitor today
at Sofia, in Bulgaria; delivering the key address - at
a Bulgarian Communist Party rally. The Soviet leader
saying there are ~~words~~ "some circles" who would welcome
a return to the cold war of yester-year. Adding, however,
that "peace and European security" is the primary goal
of the Soviet Union; on the grounds that "all nations
need it - and profit from it."

Brezhnev also warning: "It would be a grave
mistake - if present chances were missed."

MARLAND

The White House again - President Nixon today accepted the resignation of ~~Mr~~ Sidney Marland - as the ~~top~~ nation's top education official. The former Pittsburgh school superintendent reportedly quitting for personal reasons. The President ~~nevertheless~~ accepting his resignation "with deep regret and with deep appreciation and ~~admiration~~ admiration for his work in the field of education."

BHUTTO

The President also concluding talks today - with
visiting ^{Zulfiqar Ali} ~~the~~ Prime Minister Bhutto of Pakistan. The

White House later saying the U S will continue its present
weapons policy - as it "applies to India ~~as~~ as well as
Pakistan." Spare parts - yes. Lethal weapons - no.

WATERGATE

Former White House aide Charles Colson - made a brief appearance today before the Senate Watergate Committee -- in closed session. Colson requesting a promise of immunity . When he didn't get it - refusing to testify on the grounds of possible self incrimination. This in view of the fact that he is now the "target witness" - in a federal grand jury investigation on the West Coast.

Committee chairman Sam Erwin later disclosing however - that Colson had insisted "he was innocent of any wrong doing." Colson also said to have expressed hope - that he would be able to testify voluntarily at some ~~for~~ future date.

STOCKHOLM

In the Royal Palace at Stockholm - a brief but ~~and~~ colorful ceremony dating back to the ~~the~~ dark ages. Carl the sixteenth Gustaf becoming officially - "the king of the Swedes, the Goths and the vandals;" ~~successor~~ succeeding his grandfather - who died just Saturday.

King Carl then delivering his first speech - from the gilded throne of Sweden. Proclaiming as his royal motto; "for Sweden - with the times!" "I is my wish" - said he - that this "shall be understood as an appeal for mutual understanding and development - for the good of all Sweden." Whereupon the multitude shouting: "Long Live the King."


CHILE

At Santiago, Chile -- a posthumous indictment of Marxist President Salvadore Allende was set forth today by Admiral Jose Merino -- who apparently heads the new Chilean military government. Admiral Merino saying: "Chile is broken and destroyed - not because it has not been producing;" but "because what it produced - was sacked and robbed by thieves." The Admiral adding that Allende killed himself - rather than "confront the courts and the justice of Chileans. "

TALLAHASSEE

Just a few years ago - you may recall - the Florida alligator was thought to be threatened with extinction. Enter the conservationist - followed by enactment of strict hunting laws. The result - an alligator population explosion, leading today to an about face - at Tallahassee.

Dr. ~~Earle~~ Frye of the Florida game and fresh water fish commission - noting that marauding alligators are now threatening urban residential areas. Also, citing the recent death of a young swimmer - the first known case of a "gator" killing a human. Dr. Frye therefore urging legislative approval for a controlled gator hunting season.



TAMPA

A ~~related item from~~^{at} Tampa International Airport;
~~where~~ a big commercial jet ~~4~~ landed smack ~~at~~ on a big
six foot alligator.

A ~~spoke~~ spokesman for the Federal Aviation
agency later saying - the plane was undamaged. "But
it sure made a mess of the gator." ~~said he, said he.~~

WALDORF

~~At the Waldorf Astoria in New York - a special~~
~~lecture today. Famed~~ Etiquette expert Amy Vanderbilt
address^{ed}~~ing~~ a group of New York cab drivers; ^{today at the Waldorf -} part of an
industry drive - to improve New York cab service.

^{Amy}
~~Miss Vanderbilt~~ telling the cabbies - among other
~~these~~ things - they must never - never interrupt amorous
couples who are temporarily occupying the back seat.

You must put yourself in the other ~~the~~ person's place,"

^{Bill -}
said she. "Would you want to be interrupted at a time
like that?" Said she!

~~Miss Vanderbilt adding. After all, it is a~~
~~self-limiting activity.~~