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LONG BEACH

From Long Beach, California - a report today that ~~Former Pres.~~ ^{Richard} Nixon's phlebitis - has now spread from his left leg to his right lung. ~~The former President~~ ^{Mr. Nixon} said to have developed a blood clot in his lung & "about the size of a dime." His physician, Dr. John Lungren, calling the new development - "a potentially dangerous situation but not yet critical," ~~at this time.~~

The doctor adds that ~~"naturally"~~ ["] this means his hospital stay will be extended;" a fact which could interfere with ~~his~~ ^{any} scheduled testimony. - ~~at the upcoming Watergate trial.~~ Dr. Lungren stressing, however - the former President is holding up remarkably well. When asked about ~~the~~ ^{the} Nixon's state of mind ~~further~~ saying: "He has a hell of a will to live."

COLUMBUS

The My Lai murder conviction of former Army Lieutenant William Calley - was reversed today in a Federal Court at Columbus, Georgia. Judge J. Robert Elliott basing his ^{action} ~~decision~~ on a recent Supreme Court decision ~~and~~ - in connection with ~~the~~ Watergate, ~~case~~. Ruling that Calley had been the victim - of "unrestrained and uncontrolled" pre-trial publicity; and then denied his right - to confront unfriendly witnesses. The Judge saying: "If there ever has been a case in which a conviction should be set aside - this is it."

Judge Elliott also ordering Calley's release from Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary - "forthwith;" except that his freedom papers - will be sent by mail; so the Pentagon - will have time to appeal.

WHITE HOUSE

Italy's President Leone ^{was} a guest today at the White House; where he was warmly greeted & by President ^{Ford.} ~~Nixon.~~

The President also taking the ⁸ occasion & to continue his campaign against soaring oil prices; noting that inflation and access to natural resources such as oil - now "threaten the stability of every economy" in the world. The President going on to say: "The very nature of these problems & defies solutions by unilateral measures."

Leone's response ^{was} in the same vein. "The vast urgency of the task - requires a global answer" - said he. Adding: "We must study and tackle the great economic problems - which beset the world."

CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill - Nelson Rockefeller was ^{completing today} ~~presenting~~ his testimony ~~before~~ before the Senate Rules Committee; along the way, disclosing that Spiro Agnew and John Ehrlichman - had both asked him for financial help during the past few months.

Agnew's request - "in connection with a book" he was writing - said Rockefeller. Adding that he "did not help." As for Ehrlichman - he twice sent letters requesting contributions to his own defense fund. ^{Said} Rockefeller ^{to} ~~telling~~ the committee: "From a human point of view, I'm embarrassed to say - I did not answer these letters."

TEGUCIGALPA

Thousands of helicopters, planes, rescue boats, cars and trucks - were streaming today into Northern Honduras; ~~attempting to bring~~^{with} food and medical supplies ~~to an~~^{for some} ~~estimated~~ three hundred thousand persons left homeless by Hurricane Fifi.

At Tegucigalpa, the head of the Honduran relief effort - ~~saying~~^S it's now a race against time. "If we don't reach the survivors within forty-eight hours with food" - said he - "they are going to die of hunger."

ADDIS ABABA

A nationwide general strike called today by Ethiopian union leaders ^{fizzled out} - ~~a virtual flop from the word "go."~~ Only a few rank-and-file workers - joining the walkout ^{and} By noon it was officially called off. The union leaders thus avoiding an immediate confrontation - with Ethiopia's new military regime. ^{Some} ~~But~~ one diplomat, ~~but it, there~~ ~~can be no question now~~ "the military council is in absolute control."

In the Middle East - Israeli jets today attacked Arab guerilla positions in Lebanon - for the second day in a row. And then at sundown - the start of Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement; ordinarily a period of prayers, feasting and contemplation - but accompanied this year by "maximum vigilance."

BEIRUT FOLLOW MIDEAST

**Meanwhile, the latest government in Lebanon -
collaps^{ed}~~ing~~ today after only fifteen months in power.**

**Premier Takieddin Solh submitting his resignation - in the
face of mounting criticism over inflation and failure to
control Palestinian guerrillas.**

HONG KONG

In drought-stricken Hong Kong - an all-night water curfew has just begun; bringing with it - a run on water buckets. Officials saying the resulting shortage of buckets - has already led to price increases of anywhere from fifty to seventy-five per cent; and sometimes - even more. For instance, a special-type plastic water bucket that once sold for Three Bucks - now ~~priced at~~ Twelve Bucks.

BRUSSELS

The man who will serve as the President's new chief of staff - was holding a farewell news conference today in Brussels. Former NATO Ambassador Donald Rumsfeld saying he plans to see that the President will have "multiple sources of information." ~~Adding that~~ he expects to have "as much power, responsibility and authority" -as the President wants him to have. ¹~~And~~ that" - said he - "is the way it should be."

CADILLAC

Politics makes strange bedfellows - so the saying goes. At Cadillac, Michigan - it also makes strange dancing partners. The Democratic and Republican political organizations there - holding a joint dinner dance to raise campaign funds. This because the community was felt to be too small to support two separate fund drives.

Nevertheless - a strange sight. Bandleader Stan Kenton, who played at the affair, later saying: "I never saw so many Democrats and Republicans under one roof - who weren't fighting."