

Thursday, January 2, 1975

SAN CLEMENTE

*From Richard Nixon - first reaction today to the latest Watergate convictions. An aide to the former President - saying he was "deeply anguished by Watergate;" the more so in that "his closest aides and their families have suffered so much; and that their lives - have been so tragically touched."*

PRESIDENT FOLLOW SAN CLEMENTE

~~Meanwhile, Mr~~ President Ford <sup>is</sup> ~~flying~~ back <sup>in</sup> ~~to~~  
Washington after twelve days of work and <sup>recreation in the</sup> ~~play at~~  
~~Mount~~ <sup>Mountains of</sup> ~~Vail~~ Colorado. The President refusing comment  
on the Watergate verdict - on the grounds it would  
be inappropriate. ~~But~~ He did say he was "looking  
forward- to getting back to a full day's work."  
Adding that after <sup>his</sup> twelve days <sup>at Vail he'll</sup> ~~of skiing~~  
"feel better, do better and work harder."

WASHINGTON

One of the products of the Vatican Two conference  
a decade ago - a new Vatican commission for studying  
Roman Catholic and Jewish ~~religious~~ relations. ~~\* In~~ a  
commission report <sup>4</sup> issued tonight in Washington,  
The Catholic clergy <sup>λ</sup>urg~~ing~~ a "real" dialogue between  
Christian and Jews - in their common quest for  
peace and justice. Adding that this should lead to  
better understanding - and some day perhaps even  
to common prayer.

## SOUTHERN LEBANON

In the Middle East - Israeli forces today launched a series of attacks - against Arab guerrilla positions in southern Lebanon. The Israeli command calling this - an "all-out security operation;" ~~saying~~ its main purpose ~~was that of~~ <sup>to</sup> heading off Arab strikes in connection with the upcoming tenth anniversary of the Al Fatah guerrilla group.

LONDON

~~An expected~~ <sup>The</sup> U S gold rush <sup>expected by some</sup> ~~is~~ now that ownership

is legal, ~~there~~ has ~~so far~~ failed to materialize.

As a result, the price of gold dropping another eleven

fifty today ~~4~~ on the ~~big~~ London bouillon market, ~~and~~

~~for~~ a total decline of nearly twenty-five bucks from

the record high of a hundred and ninety-nine an ounce

last week.

DUBLIN

An I R A cease-fire in ~~northern~~ northern Ireland scheduled to expire at midnight - was extended today for another two weeks. The announcement - coming from I R A headquarters in Dublin - a spokesman warning, however, that British concessions up to now - have not ~~been~~ been sufficient to warrant a permanent cease-fire. Adding if "substantial progress" has not been made by January sixteenth - the I R A will be forced to consider "resuming offensive military action."

## AMSTERDAM

*From the Philippines a bid of five million dollars*

*for the right to hold a world chess championship this*

*year in Manila. The Philippine bid announced today*

*at headquarters of the international chess federation*

*in Amsterdam. The winner - to get two-thirds of the*

*total prize offer; the loser - <sup>one third.</sup> ~~the rest~~ But all this of*

*course*

*still subject ~~of course~~ to final approval <sup>4</sup> by world*

*champion Bobby Fisher and his Soviet challenger*

*Valery Karpov.*

WALTER REED

Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas remains  
in "serious" condition tonight at Walter Reed ~~Army~~<sup>in</sup>  
~~Washington Medical Center~~<sup>Washington.</sup> The stroke he suffered New Year's  
Eve said to have left him with a "weakness" in his  
left side; but other than that - apparently no permanent  
impairment. The doctors adding that his "vital signs"  
are stable and he is alert."



RALEIGH

The new Chief Justice of the North Carolina  
Supreme Court <sup>is</sup> veteran ~~judge~~ jurist Susie Marshall  
Sharp, who was sworn in today at Raleigh. Judge  
Sharp - or Miss Susie - as she's sometimes called -  
the first woman ever to hold ~~such~~ such an office -  
anywhere in the nation.

## FAMAGUSTA

Former Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit paid

a triumphal visit today - to Turkish occupied northern  
Cyprus; <sup>he told</sup> ~~telling~~ a ~~wildly~~ wildly cheering  
<sup>that</sup> crowd <sup>^</sup> the Turkish invasion of Cyprus was really  
a "peace operation;" an attempt - said he - "to bring  
peace, tranquility and freedom - to the people of  
Cyprus as a whole." <sup>The Ankara premier</sup> ~~Ecevit~~ <sup>^</sup> adding that "indeed,  
it was Turkey's freedom loving and peaceful operation -  
that caused the downfall of dictatorship in Greece."

## SUBWAY

The new head of the London subway system -  
late to work today - his first day on the job. Kenneth  
Robinson explaining that he rides the subway - and  
his train was delayed. ~~Adding~~ <sup>Said he:-</sup> clearly - "we have a  
lot of problems to overcome."

ROENNE

This next - from ~~Bornx Roenne~~, Denmark;

where the chief surgeon at <sup>a major</sup> ~~the main~~ hospital ~~has~~  
~~says~~ <sup>will be barred</sup> expectant fathers henceforth from staying with  
~~barred~~ their wives during natural ~~which~~ child-birth. Dr.

Dunnar Heyhas explaining: "We simply haven't got  
enough staff - to take care of fainting fathers."

And now —

## RESOLUTIONS

The New Year Nineteen Seventy Five - less than two days old; but a lot of New Year's resolutions - have already fallen by the way-side. And this is especially true - says a New York psychiatrist of resolutions wherein we ~~solemnly~~ solemnly vow to give up some of our bad habits. *In his words,* ~~Dr. Herbert Pardes saying~~ "It's like trying to sweep away your mother-in-law.- She keeps coming back."

Friday, January 3, 1975

**SANTA ANA**

*At Santa Ana, California - final preparations are now under way - for what will prove the greatest balloon adventure of all time. Millionaire magazine publisher Malcolm Forbes - and young aerospace expert Tom Heinsheimer - to take off at four o'clock tomorrow morning, Pacific time; - 7A.M. here in New York - hoping to set twin records by crossing first the U.S. and then the Atlantic, non-stop; and, if all goes well - landing in the Mediterranean area some time next week.*

*All of which is a lot easier said than done. Twelve balloonists have so far attempted an Atlantic crossing. None have made it. Four have perished. Forbes himself admitting that in spite of all his pre-flight planning - "there is, of course, always the unanticipated, the unknown." But, I just had to try it" said he. Adding: "It's the ultimate trip."*