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ECONOMY

On the U.S. economic front - a double dose of good news today. The U.S. cost of living index - up again but only two-tenths of one per cent; while the Gross National Product - jumping by Thirty Billion; according to those who should know - "a prodigious rate" of increase.

Indeed, the Chairman of the President Council of Economic Advisers, Herbert Stein, calling today's figures - "the best combination of economic statistics released in this decade." The White House adding that said reports - are "very encouraging." Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler saying: "It shows real evidence of progress - towards a healthier economy."

OHIO

The heavily-industrialized Ohio River Valley - now the scene of a "first stage" air pollution alert; also, the scene of a landmark victory today - in the battle to save the environment.

The State of Ohio obtaining restraining orders - against twenty firms; orders forcing them to curb air pollution - even if it means curtailing production.

And this - a legal first - we are told.

The head of Ohio's Environmental Task Force - adding that a hundred more firms are next on his list. Noting in the Steubenville area, for example: "We were in an air conditioned car - and we could still taste the contaminants in our mouths ten miles from town."

BELFAST

At Belfast in Northern Ireland - more than two dozen bomb blasts today. In the words of at least one observer - ^{like bombs} "exploding in sequence like firecrackers on a long string." All together, killing at least thirteen - and wounding more than a hundred-and-twenty.

A police spokesman later commenting: "Belfast is nothing more than a disaster area." Adding that many of the bombs "were deliberately place^{ed} on a Friday afternoon at bus and rail stations" - solely, it seems, "to slaughter and maim."

WHITE HOUSE

The White House again - President Nixon presided today at a Cabinet meeting attended by GOP Congressional leaders. The President said to have urged a solid front - against election-year spending proposals emanating from the Democratic-controlled Congress; proposals which could lead - said he - either to higher taxes or renewed inflation.

EAGLETON FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

On the Democratic side - Thomas Eagleton was stressing today the issues of law and order and urban problems. Saying these would figure prominently - in his campaign for the Vice Presidency. But further pledging that he would not "out-Agnew Agnew" - no matter how rough the campaign gets.

O'BRIEN FOLLOW EAGLETON

George McGovern's new "National Campaign Chairman"

- was also getting in a few licks today. Lawrence O'Brien

accusing John Connally of political blackmail - in

attempting to build a "Democrats-for-Nixon" movement.

O'Brien adding that Connally notwithstanding - the Democrats

"are not going to tolerate strongarm tactics."

SENATE

Elsewhere in Washington - the Senate today approved without dissent - a bill to restore to Cape Kennedy its original name, Cape Canaveral. This - in keeping with the wishes of local residents; many of whom have noted that Cape Canaveral - is the "oldest continuously used place name on the American Atlantic Coast line."

The bill's backers stressing though - for the Kennedy Space Center, no change.

VIETNAM

In Vietnam - a surprise enemy attack today briefly closed Highway One - leading to Quang Tri Province. This an attempt to cut off a South Vietnamese task force - numbering about twenty thousand men. But government troops - quickly rising to the challenge. And Highway One, at last report - once again funneling men and supplies into the main battle.

PENTAGON FOLLOW VIETNAM

Here at home - the Pentagon today admitted three attempts years ago - to burn up enemy jungle cover.

A spokesman denied, however, that the project was ever secret - or ever intended to produce "fire storms" such as those of World War Two. And he added, what's more - the project was quickly abandoned. Why? Because-we are told - South Vietnamese forests were simply too wet to burn - even during the dry season.

SOUTHAMPTON

At Southampton, England - a meeting of the British Medical Association; hearing today - from a public health expert at the University of Bristol. Dr. Alexander Macara lashing out at cigarette advertising - which "seeks to portray smoking as a healthy, wholesome habit;" for, in truth - said he - smoking "is arguably the greatest epidemic scourge of Britain - since cholera a century ago." *When smoking is concerned - he's all burned up.*

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "WASTE"

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taking a new look tonight - at an old problem. Lowell...

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Thank you, Lowell. A final story - in a moment.

EXETER

From Exeter, England - a story all about "the handwriting on the wall;" that of a local painter by the name of Keith Chapman - who was given the brush-off by his best girl; whereupon he painted appeals all over town - urging the young lady to please come back.

All - to no avail though; except that Chapman was finally hauled into court - and there forced to pay nearly a Hundred-and-Fifty-dollars in fines and damages. When last heard from - observing flaintively: "I still love her - but I guess love isn't as glossy as it's painted."

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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I am in one of the fastest growing cities in America tonight - Fresno, California - in the rich San Juaquin Valley - at the foot of the Sierras - near Mineral King one of my favorite areas. It's an important day also. I am at station KARM which today we are welcoming to the CBS network - Here's to KARM.

U. N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim was the target of an attack today from U. S. Secretary of State William Rogers, for statements he made over the weekend - about alleged U. S. bombing of North Vietnam dikes. "These allegations" - said Secretary Rogers - are "part of a carefully planned campaign by the North Vietnamese and their supporters - to give world wide circulation to this falsehood. Secretary Rogers adding: "You cannot consider helpful any public statement giving further currency to these reports."