

WHITE HOUSE

Wed, July - 31 - '74.

At the White House--a discussion of impeachment strategy. Presidential speechwriter Pat Buchanan saying the President may request a House vote--without debate. This--we are told--in order to "get it over quickly" in the House. And then, if he's impeached, to give the President a chance to prove his innocence in the Senate. Buchanan saying: "none of us want to see the House Republicans--put in a very difficult position; especially if the likelihood is not great--that we will prevail."

However, Buchanan's trial balloon<sup>was</sup> quickly punctured on Capitol Hill. A spot check of House members--showing almost no support. The consensus perhaps best expressed--by Congressman Dennis of Indiana; one of the President's chief defenders--on the House Judiciary Committee. <sup>Said he:-</sup> "That's a cop-out" ~~said he~~ and I'm against it."

TAPES FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Meanwhile, the President today <sup>was</sup> claiming executive privilege--  
on forty eight minutes of those tapes he turned over yesterday  
to Judge Sirica. The President's lawyers also disclosing that  
some five minutes of one conversation--simply do not exist.  
Saying: "the tape ran out"--and had to be replaced.

## HOUSE

Capitol Hill again--the House today completed Congressional approval--of a new twenty five billion dollar aid to education bill. This including a compromise--anti-busing provision; one that the House previously said--it would not approve; and the President said--he would surely veto. Observers noting, however, the previous objections are now largely moot--due to the Supreme Court's recent anti-busing ruling.

EHRlichman

Former White House aide John Ehrlichman was arraigned for sentencing today--in the Ellsberg break-in case. When asked to make a statement--telling Judge Gesell: "I believe I'm the only one who really knows--whether I am guilty, your honor." Then adding: "I am innocent--of each and every count."

The judge--apparently unimpressed. In response, observing that Ehrlichman held a position--"of highest public trust." Further noting: "the Constitution was ignored; the rights of citizens were abused and falsehoods and concealments were employed." Whereupon he sentenced the defendant--to twenty months to five years in Federal Prison.

With regard to Ehrlichman's co-defendants--the judge proving somewhat more lenient. Convicted Watergate conspirators Bernard Barker and Eugenio Martinez--getting suspended sentences. The judge telling them--"you've been punished enough." While *for* G. Gordon Liddy--~~getting~~ a one to three year sentence; to run concurrently though--with his present Watergate term.

## MILK FOLLOW EHRLICHMAN

In a related development, a former general manager of the nation's largest milk cooperative--today pleaded guilty to making illegal campaign contributions. Defendant Harold Nelson of San Antonio--also pleading guilty to an attempt at bribing former Texas Governor John Connally. His sentencing set for later--following a probation report.

BENTSEN

From Senator Bentsen of Texas <sup>in a response</sup> ~~a Democratic response today~~  
to the President's recent economic address, ~~Bentsen saying~~  
~~the President offered us only "more of the same, high interest~~  
~~rates--tight money--slow growth," in short, "business as~~  
~~usual."~~\*

<sup>Today</sup> ~~Bentsen then~~ <sup>ed</sup> ~~suggesting~~ as a Democratic alternative ~~was~~  
what he called a "workable program for economic recovery,"  
~~was~~ including a new easy money policy--a new cost of living  
task force--a rein on Federal spending--and a complete overhaul  
of the U.S. tax system.

BANGLADESH

A mammoth flood said to be the worst in twenty years--is reported today from northern Bangladesh. The <sup>mighty</sup> Brahmaputra

River overflowing its banks--under the onslaught of heavy monsoon rains: <sup>rushing down from the Himalayas,</sup> ~~entirely~~ inundating an estimated twelve thousand square miles of farm land--along with four small towns.

Dacca setting the death toll--at ~~about~~ <sup>or more</sup> a hundred, so far.

Unofficially though--it's more like two-hundred-and-fifty.

And the worst--may be yet to come. In the wake of the raging

floodwaters--an outbreak of cholera, <sup>with</sup> At least six national

Red Cross <sup>groups</sup> ~~societies~~ --racing in to help.

QUEBEC CITY

Parlez vous francais? If not, you may find it a bit of  
a handicap--~~if you ever~~ <sup>when you</sup> visit Quebec, ~~Province of~~ <sup>Province of</sup> ~~Canada.~~

The official language there, as of today--French<sup>— only French.</sup> So approved  
by the Quebec legislature--over the bitter opposition of the  
province's English speaking minority.

What's that old ~~car?~~ <sup>car?</sup> "Parlez vous francais?" "Chevrolet  
coupe."



COLLEGE PARK

At College Park Maryland--a meeting of the American Society of Animal Science <sup>was</sup> hearing today ~~from~~ agriculture Secretary Earl Butz; who lashed out at Senator Humphrey of Minnesota-- for ~~xxxxxx~~ suggesting that Americans should eat one less hamburger a week to save grain."

That--said Butz--is "sheer demagogic nonsense." A far better way to reach such a "noble goal" --said he--would be to reduce "our cat and dog population by fifty per cent;" and then get rid of the nation's eight million horses, mules and asses--"which no longer pull <sup>either</sup> ~~the~~ plow or dray." Butz observing: "it takes a lot of food --a lot of grain products-- to keep that many animals alive, sleek and contented."

*The Sec. of Agric -*

~~Butz~~ adding: "the next time I hear that cry to cut back on hamburgers--I'm going to ask the speaker: how many dogs are there--on your block."

*And now this message.*

ALBANY

This next--from Albany, Oregon. A woman by the name of Mrs. Lynda Haggard--getting barred from jury duty for wearing a pant suit. The judge ruling--skirts only. So now she's suing--charging a violation of her civil rights.

Mrs. Haggard saying: "I don't feel a woman's judgment is impaired--by what she's wearing." <sup>Said she: Wb</sup> ~~And she added,~~ "I can think just as well with my pants on--as with my pants off."

This is L.T. for CBS - saying a-p-u-t-m.