

WHITE HOUSE

Tues, Mar. 11th '75.

From the White House - an ~~xxx~~ expression of fear today that Congress might be planning to take an Easter holiday - before it passes a tax cut.

Spokesman Ron Nessen - saying the President is "very very ~~concerned~~ concerned." Adding: "If the Senate takes its vacation without a tax cut - the President would find that unbelievable."

Nessen also noting that "people are losing their jobs and businesses are cutting back;" The President "just can't understand" he continued - "why Congress won't pass a tax cut quickly - when everyone agrees its needed."

CENSUS

From the U S Census Bureau - a report tonight showing a big increase in economic gains - by the nation's smaller minority groups. For example, the number of businesses owned and operated by non-black and non-Spanish minorities - jumping fourteen percent during the last reporting period; while gross receipts soaring by ~~40%~~ nearly fifty percent. The new entrepreneurs, as listed in order of dollar volume - the Japanese, Chinese, ~~and~~ Filipinos, American Indians, Koreans, and Asians.

INDO CHINA

The war in South Vietnam - was ~~again~~ heating up today. Communist forces launching a series of attacks - stretching from the Saigon area all the way to northern most Quang Tri province.

~~At the same time, a ~~sharp~~~~ ^{Also a} step-up in enemy shelling - at Phnom Penh airport in Cambodia, ~~this~~ forcing a slight cut-back -- in deliveries ~~also~~ today via the U S air lift, to ~~the Phnom Penh. But~~ ~~nowhere here at home~~ ^{With} the White House ^{still} insisting there's ~~is till some~~ ~~one~~ hope ~~that~~ the present Cambodian government will survive. ~~Ron Nessen saying the~~ ~~insurgents may be having their own problems~~ ~~with supply and manpower.~~

ANKARA

At Ankara - another apparent success today
for Henry Kissinger. The U S Secretary of State -
conferring with Turkish foreign minister Melih
Esenbel; ^{followed by} ~~after which~~ an announcement that talks on
the future of Cyprus - by Greek and Turkish Cypriots
will be resumed ~~very~~ shortly.

LISBON

In Portugal - an attempted coup today by right wing army forces. The insurgents seizing Lisbon's international airport, - ~~also, bombing a military barracks~~ ~~and~~ ~~barracks~~. But Portugal's left wing government later reporting the rebellion crushed, ~~almost immediately~~. The master-mind of the plot - apparently former President General Antonio ~~de~~ DeSpinola; who with his family has since flown ~~off~~ ^{to} a ~~military base in neighboring~~ Spain.

WEDDELL SEA

The U S Coast Guard icebreaker - Glacier, ^{today did} finally
succeeded ~~today~~ in freeing itself from ^{all that} twenty-five
foot thick ~~deep~~ ice ~~deep~~ in the Antarctic. The
Glacier ^{now in} ~~ramming her way into~~ ^{the} open water ^{of} ~~in the~~
Weddell Sea; ~~with the help of gale force winds that~~
~~"shifted the ice a bit."~~

MALTA Idaho.

The discovery of a huge reservoir of naturally
super-heated water, about a mile underground - is
reported today from Malta, Idaho. Officials saying
the new find could become - the nation's second
commercial geo-thermal power source. The first,
~~as you ~~may~~ may have heard at~~ ^{those California} Geysers, ~~California,~~
north of San Francisco near Mt. Lassen.

WASHINGTON

The newest and youngest Ambassador in Washington twenty eight year old Abdullah Saleh Al-Mana from oil rich Qatar on the Persian Gulf; who, with his nineteen year old wife, Samira - has just selected his official residence in the District of Columbia.

The building they chose - a former ~~po~~ mansion priced at six hundred and seventy thousand bucks. But it will need ^{to} ~~some~~ additions ~~including~~ a huge new "Arabian room" -- and a basement kitchen big enough for roasting ~~several~~ several lambs simultaneously. The young couple saying they ~~will~~ will then be able to entertain == in a style appropriate to their mission of "putting Qatar on the map."

KREMLIN

Starting next year Soviet citizens will be able to travel almost anywhere they want - as long as it's in the Soviet Union. This by order of the Kremlin -- which is now getting ready to issue the necessary passports. The Soviet Union - as you ~~perhaps~~ know - ~~an amalgamation of fifteen~~ ^{comprises 15} ~~separate~~ separate states and more than fifty ethnic groups. The ~~Soviet~~ ^{is} move ~~is~~ seen as part of a worldwide trend - toward the easing ^{up on} of travel, ~~restrictions in general.~~

By the way, the first U.S. passport - the National Geographic tells us - from President James Monroe, in Eighteen Oh Four. The bearer described as having "thin, brown hair, eyes, ~~crossed~~ -- nose, large, forehead, low -- mouth, ~~middling~~ -- chin, round with scar -- and head, ~~square.~~" ^{I wonder if} ~~it appears, however,~~ the Monroe passport was ~~never used.~~ ^{And the reason} ~~we are told~~ ^{maybe} The bearer ~~was probably~~ too embarrassed.