

Thursday, January 30, 1975

SCRANTON

**First, a salute to CBS radio station W G B I
Scranton, Pennsylvania - today celebrating its fiftieth
anniversary on the air, and now the news.**

WILSON

Britain's Prime Minister Wilson - a guest today at the White House; where he was warmly greeted - by President Ford. The two agreeing that the U.S. and Britain must unite to fight their economic ills - just as they once united to fight their wartime enemies.

DETROIT FOLLOW RATE

^{From}
~~Meanwhile, in~~ Detroit, an indication that the

worst of the auto slump may now have ~~been~~ been passed.

The Chrysler Corporation announcing that all but one of its eight assembly plants - will be back in operation next week. Officials adding that Chrysler's ~~car~~ output next ~~was~~ week - should be the best since before

Thanksgiving.

RATE

~~Chase~~ Chase Manhattan - the nation's third largest bank - today dropped its prime ~~and~~ interest rate by half a point; from nine and a half to a flat nine percent; ~~with~~ other big banks ^{are} expected to soon follow suit.

WHITE HOUSE

~~The White House~~ - President Ford today extended his Vietnam amnesty offer - for a period of one month. This in the face of a sudden rush of applications - with the approach of his original February one deadline. The President saying: "Many of those who could benefit - from the amnesty program - are apparently "only now learning of its application to their cases."

In a related move - the President also ordered a speed-up today - in the payment of more than three hundred million in veterans insurance benefits. This in an effort to give a quick boost to consumer spending - and thereby help to spur the economy.

SAIGON

South Vietnam's President Thieu held a rare news conference today - in ~~Six~~ Saigon; there telling reporters the three ~~was~~ hundred million in U S military aid which the President has asked of Congress - is the least he can get by with.

Next question: Would a refusal of U S aid - mean the collapse of South Vietnam"? Thieu refusing a direct reply, ~~to that~~ but saying: "If we do not have enough military assistance - the situation then would be very dangerous for nineteen seventy-five."

RUTH

Special Watergate Prosecutor Henry Ruth - a witness today before a House Judiciary Sub Committee; ^e testifying in opposition to a bill, - calling ^{ed} for a final Watergate report - including therein virtually every scrap of evidence. Ruth declaring ~~that such a~~ ^{the} bill would violate the constitutional rights of individuals - to due process of law; among them - those of former President Nixon. Adding that he not only opposes, ~~such a move~~ but would challenge ^{the bill} ~~it~~ in court "in about ~~an hour~~" ^{if it} ~~after it was~~ passed.

~~Ruth also said that, "Mind you the substance of the Watergate affair has already been aired; via impeachment reports - and court trials. And he further declared: "We don't have ten more smoking guns - lying around our office."~~

NOW

~~From~~ The President of the National Organization
of Women, ~~a prediction today that~~ the equal rights
amendment ^{is soon to} ~~will~~ be ratified. Karen DeCrok saying the
show-down ^{be} ~~will come~~ in April - just as she earlier
predicted - with the State of Florida supplying the
decisive vote.

But Democratic National Chairman Robert
Strauss at the same news conference ^{insists} ~~noting~~ the
amendment must still be ratified by five more states,
^{with as he put it:}
also saying - ~~it'll be, quote~~ "a damned tough battle."
~~Strauss adding:~~ "It's a matter of far more than
male chauvinism" ^{said Strauss;} - "it's a matter of dis-interest on the
part of a great number of women."

CAPE HATTERAS

The site of the wreck of the U S S Monitor, about sixteen miles southeast of Cape Hatteras - was designated today the nation's first marine sanctuary. This - by order of commerce secretary Frederick Dent.

The famed Civil War gunboat - lost in a storm in eighteen sixty-two; ~~but~~^{was} finally found a couple of years ago [^] by marine scientists using ~~highly~~ sophisticated electronic equipment. The ship still down there, ~~is~~^{is} ~~too~~^{to} fragile to be moved - ~~but~~^{and} today's order [^] barring ~~ing~~⁵ the area ^{from all} ~~to activities such as~~ dredging, diving, anchoring, and so on; ~~instead, placing it~~^{and henceforth will be} under the control - of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; which also plans to build - an on-shore ~~in~~ memorial.

FRANKFORT

Up until ~~the~~ last year - West Germany was the world's leading exporter of automobiles. But no ~~longer~~ more. ~~A report today~~ ^{we hear} from Frankfort ~~disclosing~~ that West German auto exports last year - came to less than two million; and ~~this~~ the new leader ^{is} ~~λ~~ Japan - which last year exported more than two point six million cars.

FREIGHT

A request for an immediate seven percent increase in major railroad freight rates - was given a thumbs-down today by the inter-state commerce commission.

The I C C ruling that such an increase would be

- "unjust, unreasonable and otherwise unlawful."

WASHINGTON

In Washington ~~again~~^{at} the twenty ~~third~~ third national prayer breakfast, ~~with~~ President Ford the ~~main speaker~~; ~~telling some~~^{told} three thousand congressmen, - government officials and others: "We are joined in the profound realization - that none of us can go it alone."

The President ~~also noted that he himself~~^{told how he} ~~has~~ had been bolstered by many letters - during his first six months in office; ~~These~~ including many prayers, - ~~said he~~. But, "~~of course~~" he went on, - "there are some letters which ~~are~~ not so inspiring."

Now this mess -

LONDON

In the classified section of the London evening News - an ad for domestic help. "General duties hours to be discussed." The kind of ad you would expect to draw many replies? - ~~but~~ It did - a lot. The reason perhaps best explained in the closing line - which said that applications, "in writing, should be sent to, quote "the Master of the Household, Buckingham Palace."

How would you like to have a job at B-Pal?

This is -