

Friday, February 2, 1973

## CAPITOL HILL

*President Nixon sent to Capitol Hill today part one of his State of the Union address; an address he plans to present this year - in a series of written messages.*

*The President renewing his call for a leaner government - one that places more reliance on the individual. Adding that the first part of this decade has been good. "Our job now," he continued - "all of us together - is to make Nineteen-Seventy-Three and the years to come even better."*

*The President also extended a tentative olive branch - to members of Congress. "As President" - said he - "I recognize that I cannot do this job alone." "My sincere hope - he went on - is that the executive and legislative branches can work together in this great undertaking; in a positive spirit of mutual respect and cooperation."*

## VIETNAM

*In Vietnam - after five days of seemingly interminable delay - the leaders of a four part commission representing all the combatants met for the first time today in Saigon. They quickly agreed to hold their first working session on Sunday; with number one on the agenda - the release of American prisoners of war.*

*The U.S. was also applying pressure to both the North and South Vietnamese - to renew their stand-down orders to troops in the field; an effort to stop the local, sporadic fighting that still persists in many places despite the signing of the formal cease fire agreement.*

*South Vietnam's President Thieu was lashing out today at the Communist members of the International Cease Fire Commission, accusing Poland and Hungary of dragging their feet; adding that the Communists must show more good will toward recognizing cease fire violations.*

OSLO

*For the first time in history - the Nobel foundation strips away its cloak of secrecy in Oslo today - announcing the names of some of those - who are being considered for this year's Nobel Peace Prize.*

*At the head of the list - at least, as far as the U.S. is concerned - President Nixon - for his trips to Moscow and Peking - for his efforts to limit the proliferation of nuclear weapons. Others on the list including President Tito of Yugoslavia and Brazil's Roman Catholic Bishop - Dom Helder Camara.*

## HELENA

*First - Oklahoma - now Montana. The latter becoming the second state this week - to reject that proposed constitutional amendment providing equal rights for women. The Montana Senate turning it down by a single vote after two hours of impassioned debate.*

*One of the measures chief opponents - Democrat John McDonald - who said at one point: "If Jesus wanted people to be equal he would have had six men Apostles and six women."*

## BELFAST

*In Northern Ireland - the outlawed IRA was torn by dissention today. Its moderate "official" wing - accusing Militant Provisionals of declaring open war on the protestant Ulster Defense Association. Adding that this can only lead - to "a savage massacre of innocent people." Therefore urging Roman Catholics to ban together in denying sanctuary to bombers, and quote, "murder squads."*

*Nevertheless, another terrorist attack - just a few hours later. Two I R A gunmen - apparently Provisionals invading a Belfast paint store; lining up a number of employees demanding to know which of them were Protestants. A police spokesman saying: "They then selected a Protestant man - and shot him dead through the head." Adding that this could be - the first shot in an ITA sectarian war."*

## UNEMPLOYMENT

*The U. S. Unemployment rate - down again last month ending up at an even five percent - according to figures announced today; thereby, matching the President's interim goal for easing unemployment. Chairman Herbert Stein of the President's council of Economic Advisors - observing that this further supports the picture of a strong labor market.*

## WHITE HOUSE

*The White House again - eight members of President Nixon's newly revised cabinet were sworn in today in a mass ceremony. These including Defense Secretary Elliott Richardson, Commerce Secretary Frederick Dent, Labor Secretary Peter Brennan - Housing and Urban Development Secretary James Lynn - and Transportation Secretary Claude Brinegar; also, U N Ambassador John Scali, special counselor Anne Armstrong, and Director Roy Ash of the Office of Management and Budget.*

*Some are Republicans and some are Democrats, said the President. "But they can best be described - one and all" - said he - "as a peace cabinet."*

CONNOLLY

*John Connolly of Texas - a visitor in Washington this week conferring with President Nixon - also, taping a TV interview.*

*One of the first questions - about the report that President Nixon has tabbed Connolly as his first choice for President in Seventy-Six. Connolly replying: " I think I'd better leave town - something like this pops up every time I come to Washington. And then - in a more serious vein - he added: "I don't really believe the President said that - I can't believe he would be making a statement on his choice of a Republican nominee only sixty days after his own re-election."*

*Later on though, Connolly observing that he "might well" switch one day - from Democrat to Republican. But he added quickly: "If I do it - it's not going to be on the basis of seeking the Presidential nomination - it'll be based on which party I can be most comfortable in."*



**BREWSTER**

*Elsewhere in Washington - former Senator Daniel Brewster of Maryland was sentenced today to two to six years in prison. This - as you know, for accepting bribes. Brewster's co-defendant Lobbyist Cyrus Anderson - similarly sentenced to four-and-a-half years.*

**ATLANTA**

*From the National Center for Disease Control -*  
*in Atlanta a report today that London Flu is still sweeping*  
*the country and thus a full scale epidemic for the fourth*  
*straight week.*

*Worse yet - London Flu and related illnesses - are*  
*said to have claimed more than a thousand lives. Last week*  
*alone an increase of more than three hundred over normal.*

## SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

*A bizarre aerial chase is reported today - from the skies high and low, over the San Fernando Valley in Southern California. A small single engine plane - allegedly buzzing a school whereupon a police helicopter was sent up to investigate - and was nearly rammed. A second, faster helicopter then joining the chase which continued for more than two hundred miles at altitudes ranging from a thousand to fifty feet. The pursuers reportedly forced to take evasive action time and again - to keep from being hit.*

*In the end though - the plane was finally forced down at Whiteman Air Park. Its pilot Paul Harsch - age thirty promptly charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Said weapon his airplane, which he ██████████ had stolen, by the way*

## MIAMI

*Miami, Florida - a story with a surprise ending.*

*It starts out with word of the death of one Nish Scott. A car had ~~been~~ crashed into a concrete carrier at eighty miles an hour. The driver killed instantly. Police later informing Mrs. Scott - her husband had been killed. She was advised to claim the body - at the county morgue except that on the way - who should she run into but her - late husband. There was her Nish explaining that he had picked up two hitch-hikers - who then beat him and stole his car. Later the dead man was identified as Eugene Robinson - a convicted robber and rapist. At any rate a happy ending for good Samaritan Nish Scott.*

**NOVI SAD**

*This next from Novi Sad in Yugoslavia. The police there nabbing a woman attempting to steal a number of shoes from a local department store. They were puzzled though - the shoes were all for left feet - so they asked the woman - "why, why?" Because - Bill - said she - "I took all the right ones yesterday!"*

## PUXSUTAWNEY

*On the weather front - for what's it's worth - the ground hog saw his shadow today at Puxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Puxsutawney Phil popping out of his hole atop Gobbler's Knob - just at dawn - so they tell us; spotting his shadow and then scurrying back inside. According to legend - this a sure sign of six more weeks of winter. All of which - may indeed be good news for skiers. And now from WDBF Del Ray, Florida - so long until Monday.*