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BETHESDA

At Bethesda Naval Hospital - President Nixon is reported to be recovering from pneumonia. An afternoon medical bulletin gave his temperature as slightly higher but his lungs now show less congestion - with an additional x-ray was deemed unnecessary.

The bulletin adding that the President - is continuing - "his program of graduated activity and staff work." Summing it all up by saying: "His overall condition: One of improvement."

WATERGATE

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In the Senate Watergate hearings - a surprise witness today. Former White ^{House} aide Alexander Butterfield telling how the President ordered his own offices bugged nearly three years ago - this, ^{he claimed} ~~we are~~ told - a practice "similar to one employed" in the Johnson administration.

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The main ~~to~~ purpose - said Butterfield - to maintain a record "for posterity." The witness ~~adding~~ adding that the President seemed "totally obvious - or certainly uninhibited" by the presence of such devices. Butterfield going on to say: "There was some ~~reluctance~~ reluctance on my part - to reveal information which I felt could have a number of serious repercussions" also, because I felt it could be something the President might like to present at a later time - in defense of his own position." Butterfield further saying: 'I believe the President - is innocent.'

WATERGATE - Add

The next witness - Herbert Kalmbach,
the President's former personal attorney; who said
that ex-White House advisor John Ehrlichman -
personally endorsed cash payments to the Watergate
defendants last summer - Kalmbach saying he felt
~~that~~ it was the "decent thing" -- to help the men with
their legal fees and support their families.

NEW YORK

A related item - from New York. Former Attorney General John Mitchell - ^{ed} ~~filed~~ a motion today in federal court - ~~claiming~~ claiming that the Watergate hearings - ^{where} ~~in which~~ he was a reluctant witness - have made it impossible for him to receive a fair trial.

Therefore, requesting the dismissal of ^{those} pending indictments ~~against him~~ charging ^{him with} ~~perjury and~~ perjury and conspiracy; ^{he asks for} ~~or~~ failing that ^{an} indefinite postponement of ^a ~~his~~ trial ^{and} originally ~~set to begin~~ ^{for} September eleventh. Mitchell's lawyers claiming he "cannot be tried except by jurors who have not been exposed to the publicity," of the Watergate hearings. Adding, what's more, that ^{all this present Watergate hearing and viewing} ~~this~~ is publicity - which the government itself has created. "

PENTAGON

From the Pentagon - an admission today that U S bombing raids against Communist targets in Cambodia - first began in Nineteen Seventy. This at a time when publicly, at least -- the U S was still respecting Cambodian ~~now~~ neutrality.

Officials add that the raids were carried out in secrecy - because Cambodian Prince Sihanouk who was still in power - wanted it that ~~to~~ way. He then was playing both sides" we are told; "letting the Communists bring supplies in through his port of Sihanoukville - and letting us bomb the border areas - which he didn't control anyway."

RAIDS

~~Elsewhere in Washington~~ - Federal agents *today* were given new and more precise instructions ~~today~~ on how to ~~conduct~~ conduct drug raids. These including restrictions - on the use of fire arms, forced entry, and so-called "no = knock" authority; also, establishing rules and regulations - for proper dress and identification; all set forth by John Bartels Jr. - acting administrator of the drug enforcement administration.

"Unhappily" - said Bartels - "we are all too familiar with the incidents - which have made the issuance of this policy necessary." And he added - "any recurrence of such incidents - cannot and will not be tolerated."

DETROIT

In Detroit - the start of auto contract negotiations today - between the United Auto Workers and the "Big Three" ~~auto makers~~ with General Motors -- first on the list. Union President Leonard Woodcock presenting a long ~~list~~ list of demands to ~~the~~ G M Vice President George Morris Jr. This ~~a ceremonial beginning~~ to be repeated tomorrow at Ford; and Wednesday, ~~at~~ Chrysler.

Union officials also bringing ~~ing~~ along a giant cake - which they presented to G M bargainers. Its top - embossed with one of the union's ~~major~~ major demands; a monthly pension of Six hundred and fifty bucks - ~~only~~ after thirty years service. A Union spokesman saying: "We want the frosting on the cake."

TOKYO

U S Secretary of State ~~William~~ Rogers -

~~a guest~~ today in ~~Tokyo~~ Tokyo ; ~~where he~~ addressed ~~the~~
the Ninth United States-Japan Economic Committee.

~~He~~ ~~Rogers~~ ~~urging~~ ^{es} Japan ~~to~~ "to assume a greater share of the
responsibility - for the promotion of peace and stability
in Asia. The Secretary ~~made~~ ^{said} ~~it plain however~~ ~~that~~
he was not suggesting ~~that~~ Japan assume a greater
military role - stressing, instead - the need for a
continuance of present U S and Japanese military ties.

Japan's improved relations with Red China and Russia

"would have been impossible" ~~said he~~ "without
our strong security ties."

SHULTZ

From Treasury Secretary George Shultz -
an announcement today that ~~Shultz~~ the President's
phase four economic program will be forthcoming later
this week. The President now 'in the process - we are
told -- of completing final details. Shultz adding
~~however,~~ that the President's illness - has precluded
a nationwide TV address, as ^{with} ~~is all~~ the previous ~~stages~~
phases. Shultz indicating it will be he then - who will
make the plan public. ^{This} ~~On whatever day, some time~~
late ^{some day soon after} ~~in the afternoon when~~ the major stock markets
have already closed.

KATHMANDU

At Kathmandu, in Nepal - young King Birendra
Bis Babram Shah Deva
shakes up his government. In a surprise move today he
names ~~him~~^{ed} as his new Prime Minister National Assembly
Speaker Nacendra Prasad Rijal, ~~the latter replacing~~^{to}
Kirtinidhi Bista who had served as Premier ^{for} the past
four years. ~~His~~^{Kirtinidhi} Bista coming under increasing
criticism of late - from dissident elements within
the government. But the final straw apparently -
or at least the reason now given for his dismissal -
a fire last week that destroyed most of Nepal's one-
thousand room central secretariat. ~~For~~ Bista's foes
saying he failed to take the ~~the~~ necessary precautions.

LAMB

Another exercise in government ~~gobbledy-gook~~
gobbledy-gook -- is reported today from the pages of
a department of Agriculture news letter. Subject -
lamb production. The newsletter saying - and I quote:
"A growing lack of downward flexibility in retail lamb
prices since Nineteen Sixty-Five - has tended to
widen wholesale to retail margins - and has aggravated
the competitive positions of lambs compared with
beef and contributing to its declining consumption.

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The writer apparently ^{knows} ~~cognizant though~~
that some might find that difficult to understand.
And so - an explanatory footnote, ^{Which says Bill,} ~~it means: "We are told~~
- "things ain't been going so well in the lamb industry
lately."

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CHINESE

New York again = a press conference called by Doctor Hendon Harris; a China born missionary who formerly headed the hundred nations crusade.

Dr. Harris citing charts and maps - nearly a thousand years ~~so~~ old. These - said he - the works of ancient Chinese explorers; showing clearly the locations of various places - in both North and South America; as, for example, Lake Tahoe, the Grand Canyon, the LaBrea ~~blow-pit~~ tar pits in Los Angeles - White Lake near Mexico City - and a "mythical holy mountain" in Peru.

Dr. Harris adds that, indeed, Chinese explorers first came to the Americas - more than four thousand years ago. Down through the years - he claims ^{they were} - "fathering the Mayans, the Hopi, and other Indian tribes. All of which may be true - but ~~Bill~~ they really ~~I can't help noting, Bill, they certainly~~ don't look Chinese. Or maybe they were pre-Chinese as as the Tolos and Meows who still live deep in the Mts. of China