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WHITE HOUSE

It was announced today that President Ford may propose a twenty billion dollar Federal tax cut. This to include a seventy dollar tax credit - for each exemption claimed in Nineteen Seventy Five; plus a rebate of five percent, or up to three-hundred-and-seventy-five bucks on each tax return; also, an increase in investment tax credits - from seven to twelve per cent.

The new tax proposal - originally put forward by a panel of sixteen labor and management leaders is said to be "essential - in the committee's view - to restore consumer and business confidence - and to turn the economy around." Spokesman Ron Nessen saying nothing firm as yet. The President "now making his final decisions," said he.

LABOR

From the U S Labor Department ^{we have an} ~~report~~

~~today~~ ~~attempting~~ to explain the nation's sudden jump
in unemployment. Officials ~~noting~~^{note} that slumping U S
industries - completely eliminated about six-hundred-
and-seventy-five thousand ~~lx~~ jobs in December alone.
~~and~~ This ~~said to constitute~~ the worst period for
industrial payroll reductions - since the end of world
war two.

NEW DELHI

For the Palestine liberation organization -
another major political victory. India today became
the first non-arab nation - to grant the P L O
diplomatic status. And this - according to Jasser
Arafat -- "a very big push forward;" further strengthening
the P LO's claim to be the "sole legitimate representative
of the Palestinian people.

~~For the first time~~ The timing of today's
announcement apparently tied in with a state visit to
Iraq
that Madame Gandhi will be making next week; to and
Iraq ~~which just~~ happens to be a major supplier of
oil to India.
~~of India off~~

D E T R O I T

Former Teamster Boss Jimmy Hoffa - today bowed to government pressure - withdrawing from the race for the Presidency - of his old Detroit Local. Hoffa saying he was doing so - for fear of violating his pardon, which specifically bans any union activity until nineteen eighty. Hoffa stressing, however, he still intends to contest the government restriction. I can fight better out - than I can in - said he.

PENINA

Portugal's President Da Costa today opened
the
talks - with three main guerrilla chiefs from Angola.

This in the heavily ~~guard~~ guarded coastal town of
Penina - about two hundred miles south of Lisbon;

~~with~~ DaCosta virtually pledging, ~~at the outset~~
to grant the guerrillas full control of the rich west
African territory. "Your high patriotism and your
merits as politicians and military leaders" he told
the rebel leaders - "have won you the right to
direct the future of your new country." ^{When -} ~~The only~~
~~question~~ still to be decided. - ~~it seems - is when.~~

VATICAN

At the Vatican in Rome - Pope Paul met today with leaders of world Judaism . The Pontiff noting that the Catholic Church has rejected "every form of anti-semitism." Adding that he trusts Jewish leaders will now reciprocate - according to their "own perspective;" ^{and} ~~thereby~~ clearing the way - for "a true dialogue between ~~just~~ judaism and ~~christian~~ christianity."

BRUSSELS

The President of the European Common Market held his annual press conference today in Brussels.

Francois Xavier Ortoli, a Frenchman - saying the U S increased its dominance over Europe last year; especially especially in matters dealing with energy - and raw materials. But this was true - mainly because of Europe itself - said he. Adding: "Our disunity our lack of initiative and our lack of courage has turned us from modest partners into spectators at a game - taking place outside of us."

ALASKA RESCUE

How would you like to be caught in a ~~Alaskan~~ blizzard, miles from anywhere, winds at a hundred miles an hour, temperature 60 below. Haines, Alaska, ~~at the top of~~ ^{at the top of} the Gastineau Channel, ~~the Gastineau~~ ^{-- a great} fjord, ~~is~~ ^{-- in} territorial days was the headquarters of the U.S. Army in Alaska. Today ~~is~~ ^{is} a terminous for ferry boats ^{plying} ~~up~~ ^{up} The Inside Passage.

Last week a blizzard swept down on the road ~~that runs on north and west~~ from Haines ~~on the way~~ to Fairbanks. Cars were trapped by the storm, unable to get through the huge drifts. ~~Some~~ Thirty-five people ~~were~~ stranded. So far as I know this didn't get into the newspapers here in the South 48. ~~But~~ ^{But} a mother called me on the ~~tele~~phone and said her son had been one of those trapped by the storm. ~~He told me~~ So I called Juneau and the word is that all 35 ~~of the travelers~~ who for several days were marooned, have been rescued, taken

out by helicopter, which means their cars must still be
there somewhere in those snowdrifts. For Alaska,
nothing unusual.

ORBIT

The largest piece of space debris ever to orbit the earth - will soon be coming home. It's a U S sky lab rocket section - that was once eight stories tall; expected to re-enter the earth's atmosphere - sometime ~~between nine and ten~~ tonight ^{or early tomorrow,} ~~Eastern time,~~ ~~whereupon~~ the great bulk of its aluminum hulk ~~is~~ expected to disintegrate in a blaze of ~~flamingous~~ glory.

~~As for the rest~~ well, some of it may get through, ~~The space experts assure us, however, that~~ ~~any surviving pieces - will~~ probably fall into an ocean. ^{Yaw} ~~Our~~ chances of being hit, ~~by a piece of the~~ ~~rocket - we hear~~ about the same as ~~that~~ of being hit by a meteorite.

CAPETOWN

The world's only ~~surviving~~ surviving sextuplets -
the Rosenkowitz sextuplets of Capetown, South Africa -
a year old tomorrow. David, Grant, Jason, Nicolette
Emma, and Elizabeth Rosenkowitz - ~~all~~ doing fine, ~~and~~
~~so are their~~ parents, ^{too.} The family now living in
a hundred and fifty thousand dollar mansion - built
with advertising and publicity revenues. ~~Mr.~~

Says Mrs. ^u ~~Susan~~ Rosenkowitz, ~~saying~~ "It's been an Exhausting, ~~year~~ -
but the most exciting year of my life." - ~~I don't regret~~
~~a minute of it.~~

~~Next question:~~ Does she plan to have any
more children? "Not bloody likely" - said ^{the Mamma of the} ~~she, said~~
~~she.~~ sextuplets.