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TREASURY

From Mt. Tremblant, highest in eastern Canada again tonight. From a realm of sunshine and glistening snow, let's take a look at the world.

A big survey of tax reforms coming up. As promised yesterday by President Nixon - the Treasury Department announcing today a three-fold tax reform plan. First - to insure that "all Americans in similar circumstances pay approximately the same amount of income taxes." In other words - to close existing loopholes. Second - to facilitate the use of business tax credits - "to help solve the problems of the cities and of our disadvantaged." And third - to revise federal-state relationships - hopefully to ease the tax burden for all.

Elsewhere in Washington - the President himself was already busy with a half-dozen other chores: Meeting with his cabinet - also, a number of youth groups;

visiting the Commerce Department, conferring with

Roy Wilkins of the N.A.A.C.P. Consulting with

Air Force General George Brown just back from Vietnam.

Then the President ~~left~~ departed tonight for Key Biscayne

- for a brief working vacation.

PARIS

On the peace front - Paris - a report

tonight of secret contacts between opposing negotiators.

These - we are told - separate and apart from formal

meeting. Supposedly a continuation of earlier secret

contacts that led finally to ~~the~~ ^{the present} expanded peace talks.

^{they are} Now ^{ing} said to be an attempt ^a to head off ^a prolonged

deadlock; although results as yet - apparently nil.

SAIGON FOLLOW PARIS

Meanwhile Allied troops in Vietnam - were seizing some five tons of enemy war supplies. These in a secret cache - some forty miles north of Saigon. Apparently intended to support a sneak attack - on ~~the~~ U S Army ~~headquarters~~ headquarters at nearby Long Binh.

At the same time - back in the capital - South Vietnamese President Thieu was imposing a crack-down on militant monks and priests. Ordering the arrest of any religious leader who delivers a "political sermon" solely to "stir up the people."

JERUSALEM-CAIRO

In the tense Middle East - another in the recent series of demonstrations threatening a full scale conflagration. More than a thousand Arabs ~~were~~ ^{today} marching through the streets of Occupied Jerusalem, shouting slogans in support of Egypt's Colonel Nasser - shouting defiance of Israel. ~~till the arrival of the~~ Israeli security forces ^{finally} ~~was~~ broke it up. ^{overall} Even so - the situation was seen as easing.

In Cairo, for example, the semi-official newspaper Al Ahram ^{today} ~~predicted~~ ^{ed} a change in U S policy under the new Nixon Administration. The U.S. will still favor Israel - said Al Ahram; adding, however, that any change will be for the better - "simply because it can't be worse."

SANTA BARBARA

~~Here at home again~~ - Wally Hickel gets tough. The new Secretary of the Interior, former Governor of Alaska reversing himself overnight. Today ordering an immediate halt to all drilling operations - in California's oil polluted Santa Barbara channel. The ban to continue - said he - until we can determine "with some certainty - that we are not risking another blow-out in the area."

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BALTIMORE FOLLOW SANTA BARBARA

A somewhat related item from Baltimore - where the U S Justice Department today filed an historic suit for the first time ever - demanding the closing of an industrial plant for reasons of air pollution.

Alleged offender - an animal rendering plant, owned and operated by the Bishop Processing company at Bishop Maryland. Said to be ~~pouring~~ pouring malodorous air pollutants across the State Border into nearby ~~Del~~ Delaware.

TYLER

A new boom for oil rich Arabs and other desert dwellers is reported today from Tyler, Texas. Howe-Baker engineers announcing ~~development~~ development of a miniature oil refinery - for use in conjunction with another device called a "hydrostill." The latter - an oil powered water converter, Capable of turning salt water or desert alkali water into fresh water - at the rate of a hundred thousand gallons a day.

The process - one that requires ~~an awful~~ lot of oil. Indeed, the cost would be prohibitive & here in the states ^{or Canada.} But not so in ~~oil~~ oil producing countries such as Libya - where a number of hydrostills are already in use. Company officials adding that their market "lies in the ironic fact - that areas containing eighty percent of the world's known petroleum reserves are areas lacking in good water."

An added bonus: The water maker is said to be so simple in design, so nearly fool-proof that

anybody can operate it. Just set it up - we are told -
and presto! "Instant oasis."

ROME

In Italy, this week - a series of strikes idling about ten million workers. And now, this latest: A strike of Italy's Association of Musicians - also "workers of the occult;" both demanding government recognition as a professional body - with all the rights and privileges, accruing thereto.

Leader of the strike movement - one Victorio Scifo - otherwise known as "the Sage of Tobruk;" who threatens to "hypnotize" the police and the Carabinieri unless his demands are met. Another mystic mogul - the so-called "Sage of Andalusia;" who offers to prove the magician's right to recognition - by solving Rome's seemingly unsolvable traffic problems do it "in ten days."

How - he didn't say, Warren. Could he be counting, you suppose, on "that old - hocus pocus - abacadabera - now-you-see-it-now-you -don't?"

SOUTH BEND

From the University of Notre Dame - South Bend, Indiana, comes news today of an anti-pornography conference ^{that is} ~~was~~ different, to say the least. Delegates including members of a ~~local~~ Citizens for Decent Literature group - also, county officials, gathered together to see a documentary on the problem of pornography - or so they thought. Except that the film that flashed on the screen - was a hot little number called "Flaming creatures." A movie recently declared objectionable - even by the Supreme Court.

Conference ^(officials) ~~officials~~ later blaming the mix-up -- on a mis-labeled film can. They never the less cancelled the scheduled showing of four more so-called "avant garde" films. "Flaming creatures" proving - the flaming end.

And now from Mt. Tremblant,
Sly until now!