

Tuesday, November 18, 1975

WHITE HOUSE

At the White House - President Ford met today with House and Senate Republicans from New York again exploring the possibility of Federal loan guarantees - to help save New York City from default. An indication - we are told - that there has been some movement on the President's part. Spokesman Ron Nessen saying: The President will make a statement on this some time tomorrow.

DEFENSE

After much controversy, the Senate finally approved today - a new one hundred and twelve point five billion dollar defense spending bill; a measure that now goes to a conference committee - to iron out the minor ~~the~~ differences. Both houses agreeing though to moth ball the nation's only safe guard anti-^{missile}~~missile~~ defense site -- at Grand Forks North Dakota.

RUMSFELD

*The full Senate today approved overwhelmingly
the nomination of Donald Rumsfeld as Secretary of Defense.*

~~The final vote~~ *Ninety-Five in favor - and only Two against.*

now this M-

Cleaver

After seven years as a fugitive abroad -

former black Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver finally

returned today to the U S. - On arrival at J F K in

New York ^{he was} immediately placed under arrest. ~~Cleaver~~

Earlier saying he'd rather face prison in California -

than live any longer like "a fish out of water."

WASHINGTON

~~Washington again - an attempt at explaining~~

Regarding

soaring crime rates, Attorney General Levi saying: "It's very hard to detect and catch criminals. When you do, prosecutors use their discretion not to go ahead with the case - witnesses don't want to appear - and judges, who are harassed anyway, don't sentence."

~~Levi~~ adding; ~~however~~, the crime rate can and will be cut - "when people decide they've had enough of it;" when they make it known "they do want a criminal justice system - that does require a penalty of those who commit serious crimes."

LONDON

A crowded restaurant in the fashionable
Chelsea district of London ^{was} the target tonight
of another I R A bombing attack. Police saying 2
^{dead, 31}
~~more than thirty~~ were injured, - ~~at least six seriously.~~

NEKONG RIVER

NEW MADRID

The body temperature of Franco dropped today -
to ninety-three degrees; with his doctors attempting to slow
down his bodily functions - in order to stem internal
bleeding and it worked - for the time being, at least. A
spokesman saying this will not lead to a recovery - "but will
prolong his life a little."

MEKONG RIVER

Thai and Laotian troops were again ~~blasting~~
~~at~~ at each other today - from opposite sides of
the Mekong River near ~~Vientiane~~ Vientiane. The battle
that began yesterday resumed ^{ed}~~ing~~ today - when Thai
commandoes attempted to recover the body of a
Thai sailor from a sunken gunboat.

And now for C -

UNITED NATIONS

U N Secretary General Kurt Waldheim

~~Waldheim~~
~~today announced plans to leave this~~ Thursday - on
a trip that will take him to Syria, Lebanon, Jordan,
Egypt, and Israel. Waldheim saying his main goal
is that of extending the mandate of U N peace keeping
forces - on the Golan Heights ^{where} The U N's present
six months mandate ^{is} due to expire at the end of the
month.

CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill - the Senate Intelligence Committee began public hearings today on domestic ~~spying~~ spying by the F B I. This including the reading of testimony - previously given in closed session. Former F B I official William Sullivan - telling of investigations of Communists - students, blacks and feminists; saying the Bureau's tactics - were "rough, tough and dirty and dangerous to persons being affected."

Committee Counsel also introducing part of the letter - supposedly sent ~~anonymously~~ anonymously by the F B I to Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King. The writer ~~threatened~~ threatening to expose Dr. King for conduct as yet unspecified - if he went ahead with plans to accept his Nobel Peace Prize - further, suggesting that ~~suicide~~ suicide might be the only way out.

CANCER

From the National Health Federation, a private organization ^{came} a report ~~recently~~ saying the fluoridation of U.S. water supplies - may have caused an increase in cancer deaths. From the National Cancer Institute, a government agency - a report today calling ^{such an} ~~the~~ alleged cancer-fluoridation link - pure bunk.

This on the basis of studies - involving a number of U.S. cities, both big and small. The Cancer Institute saying it "found no trends in cancer mortality - attributable to the consumption" of fluoridated water. Adding, indeed, in communities with high levels of natural fluorides in the water - there were ~~actually~~ fewer deaths, ~~from cancers of the brain and nervous system~~

Now this M.