

Tues., Feb. 10, 1976

WHITE HOUSE

President Ford today signed a long awaited hundred and twelve billion dollar defense appropriation bill; "reluctantly" - noting since the bill bans covert aid to Angola.

The President also blasting the Democratic controlled Congress - in the strongest terms he has used so far; telling newsmen "Congress lost its guts by backing down in the face of Soviet and Cuban Angola intervention." Calling this an extremely undesirable precedent that could limit severely our ability to play a positive and effective role in international affairs.

Meanwhile, the Soviet backed forces in Angola - today were claiming capture of two key Atlantic ports; Lobito and Benguela. The Soviet Union saying opposition to the Communist advance - is "melting like ice in the sun."

And now this...

GUATEMALA

The death toll in that Guatemala earthquake continues to go up and up and up; now up to twenty thousand. Making it the worst quake ever for Central America. In addition, more than sixty thousand injured - and a million and a half homeless. In a nation of only five and a half million in all - what a devastating blow!

WASHINGTON

In Washington, ~~again~~^{there's} a report ~~today~~ that the U S and Saudi Arabia have finally agreed on a new one point two billion dollar arms deal. This to include - we are told - the construction of a major naval facility; also, tanks, anti-tank missiles, and armored personnel carriers. - But no aircraft.

The Saudis, ~~you may recall~~^{had} earlier_^ express^{ed}~~ed~~ an interest in sophisticated F-fifteen fighters ~~but~~^{for which} apparently they were turned down.

CIZURQUIL

The mayor of Galdacano, ~~in~~^λ Spain was killed yesterday by Basque terrorists and today an attempt on the life of the mayor of nearby Cizurquil. ~~But~~^{However,} the man they got ~~to get~~^{today} - ~~the~~^{their victim} a man who only looked like the mayor, - ~~and the latter~~^λ ~~now under~~ round the ~~black~~ clock ~~protection.~~^{bodyguard.}

AUSTIN

At Austin - Senator Bentsen of Texas, ^{today} made
it official; ~~today; withdrawing from~~ ^{dropping out of} the race for the
Democratic presidential nomination. ^{And now there} ~~Leaving the nine~~
^{are nine} ~~remaining~~ candidates to battle it out, ~~among themselves~~.

CENSUS

The oldest state in the nation - according
to a report today from the Census Bureau - the state
of California; ~~being~~ ^{oldest in the sense that it has} more than two million ~~residents~~ -
~~senior citizens~~ ^{senior citizens} age sixty five or older. ~~Dropping to~~ ^{New York now} second, for the
first time; - ~~the state of New York.~~ ^{then} Next in line -
~~and~~ Pennsylvania, Florida, Texas, Illinois and
Ohio; ~~together~~ with California and New York - accounting
for nearly half of all U S Senior citizens.

ANGUILLA

The tiny island of ~~Anguilla~~ Anguilla in the Caribbean ^{today} ~~was~~ celebrating ^{ed} ~~today~~ its "unindependence" from Britain. Anguilla again becoming a British colony - by rejecting an unsought ~~with~~ alliance with the newly independent St. Kitts - Nevis Federation. The Anguillans - six thousand strong - feeling they are better off back in the fold. . And so today in Anguilla - by government proclamation - a joyous freedom Day.

Could this be the start of a trend? ~~I wonder.~~

MUSK-OX -- JOHN TEAL

~~I'm sure~~ You have all seen pictures of an Arctic animal that was in danger of extinction, the Musk-Ox. ^{For years a} ~~A~~ Harvard naturalist, John Teal, has been working with the Musk-Ox, ~~for many years. In this he has been associated~~ with the University of Alaska, where they now have quite a herd. ~~of this magnificent Arctic animal.~~ Word ~~has just come~~ from ^{up} ~~the~~ North ^{is} that John Teal has succeeded in transferring, in mid-winter, forty-nine of these animals to Unalakleet, ~~over~~ on Norton Sound, ~~which~~ ~~is a great~~ ^a bay off Bering Sea, ~~to the~~ south of Nome. ~~John~~ Teal ~~had his Musk-Ox~~ ^{They were} flown ⁱⁿ ~~there in~~ a huge transport plane, The Hercules. ^{All} ~~They~~ are ~~all~~ pregnant, and expected to deliver calves in the Spring.

~~The under-wool on the Musk-Ox's belly is of superb quality, always much in demand. The plan is to ship Musk-Ox to other~~ ^{Arctic} ~~villages, in the Far North. And,~~ ^{So,} someday, thanks to John Teal and his colleagues the Arctic once again will be repopulated with this handsome animal.

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles - a young man paralyzed as a result of an industrial accident, and his wife, today were awarded more than four million seven hundred thousand dollars in damages. A half a million of this to the wife, for future inability to have children.

And now this...

OMAHA

At the Omaha zoo Casey the gorilla, one of the most prolific in captivity - fathering five baby gorillas; the last one in seventy two. His production since then - zero.

When zoo officials checked they found him up some six hundred pounds. So they put Casey on a diet and now down to a mere four-twenty - he's a gorilla father again - born this week to his playmate Brigitte.

And now for 15 -

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