

NIXON

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President Nixon - his wife Pat, and daughter Tricia - welcomed more than a hundred service men to the White House today to share the Presidential Thanksgiving dinner. The guests were patients - some in wheel chairs - from nearby military hospitals and most of them ~~had sustained~~ <sup>ed</sup> wounds in Vietnam. ~~██████████~~

~~Just~~ Before they sat down to ~~a sumptuous~~ <sup>the</sup> turkey dinner, the President told them - "the White House belongs to all Americans, particularly those who have served with such distinction". <sup>R</sup> Tomorrow, the President ~~plans to~~ <sup>will be</sup> ~~spend a working day concentrating~~ on his forth-coming budget message to Congress. He is reported to have ~~virtually~~ <sup>not to ask</sup> decided ~~against asking Congress~~ for any new or higher taxes ~~in the budget he'll send to Capitol Hill this January. White House sources say this probably~~ ~~will be the President's decision~~ even though government spending is almost sure to far exceed

revenues. There's a possibility however that the

President may again request a tax on lead in gasoline -

this to help reduce pollution,  
~~though this would be aimed more at reducing~~

~~pollution than raising revenues.~~

# VIETNAM

For the first time in nearly a year, the Viet Cong struck ~~close to~~ <sup>near</sup> Saigon today, ~~X attacking~~ <sup>Some</sup> ~~two government outposts only seven miles away.~~ ~~About~~ twenty guerrillas ~~took part~~ in the assault. ~~and~~ <sup>They</sup> were beaten back by South Vietnamese militia supported by helicopters. No Americans were reported killed in Vietnam. -- ~~although the toll was sixty five last week - highest weekly toll since early September.~~

The Hanoi radio broadcast a warning - charging that the United States would bear full responsibility for the lives of American prisoners - should U S forces carry out any new commando raids in North Vietnam.

The broadcast claimed that several captured American pilots were ~~of the~~ wounded in the recent raid near Hanoi. This revived some speculation that perhaps


American prisoners were actually present at Son Tay

when ~~the~~ <sup>our</sup> forty-man commando team ~~made its~~ <sup>made its</sup>

~~attempted~~ <sup>attempt</sup> ~~rescue mission~~

# HICKEL

Former Interior Secretary Walter Hickel -  
who was ousted from his job by President Nixon late  
yesterday spent Thanksgiving with his family at their  
home in suburban Maryland. So far, he has declined  
to answer any questions about his dismissal, - but he  
~~does intend to say something~~  
~~promises to speak out on the matter next week~~  
says he'll be "wide open" for any questions when he  
speaks <sup>at</sup> ~~before~~ the National Press Club in Washington  
on Wednesday. The White House <sup>as you know,</sup> says the President  
fired Secretary Hickel because the two did not have  
mutual confidence in each other.



## HICKEL ADD

Throughout the day Hickel has received

praise for his work some of it coming from his former

<sup>Democratic</sup> critics. <sup>^</sup> Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin who

~~once~~ once criticized Hickel ~~praised~~ praised him today - claiming  
because of his ~~stand~~ stand on environment controls  
that business interests were afraid of him and hopping

that  
mad ~~him~~ <sup>^</sup> a Republican would punch them on the

nose instead of kissing them on the cheek. Hickel's

successor - designate Representative Rogers C. B..

Morton of Maryland says he will accept the post but he

also  
~~he~~ <sup>^</sup> praised Hickel for giving what he called "a new

dimension to solving the problems facing this country."

I've known Wally Hickel for many  
years - up in Alaska. He's an Alaskan  
thru and thru - and a great human being.  
He was once a prize fighter - and he  
doesn't have a glass chin.

# TURKEYS

On this Thanksgiving Day we're told that wild turkeys are more numerous than ever. ~~before~~ Twenty years ago, they numbered ~~an estimated twenty~~ <sup>under a hundred</sup> ~~thousand~~ thousand. Today, game managers believe more than a million ~~thousand~~ roam the woodland ranges of some thirtyfive states: ~~The Pilgrims, in their own words,~~

~~drew on "a great store of wild turkeys" in celebrating that first Thanksgiving. But, try catching a wild turkey today. Unlike their domestic cousins, they stand a good chance of escaping the dining ~~table~~ table. Hunters even claim the wild turkey has radar vision - sonar hearing, ~~and jet speed.~~ <sup>and</sup> In one turkey season, for~~

instance, a party of more than a thousand hunters swarmed through the Wisconsin woods - only to bag a grand total of eighteen birds. As an old Indian saying goes - "any brave can kill a deer - but it takes a

chief to kill a turkey." <sup>Another deer hunter was shot here in the woods near my rural radio studio today. It happens often</sup>

TWO BY TWO - NOAH

Did you think of anything to be thankful for on this Thanksgiving Day? I did. As you either know, or have heard, there have been indications of decadence in both the motion picture world and the legitimate theater. Ah, but at last, we have a new musical in the great tradition, one perhaps to rank with South ~~Draft~~ Pacific, Oklahoma, Annie-Get-Your Gun, My Fair Lady and so on. Some critics don't agree. But, they panned Hello Dolly when it came out; and ~~how~~ look how it broke all records.

In Two by Two, the story of Noah, the Ark and The Flood, Richard Rodgers has done it again. ~~Not only is this a show with delightful music and a rattling good story, but it has a superb cast headed by the one and only Danny Kaye~~ <sup>Playing</sup> ~~to play the part of~~ Noah who was four hundred years old, <sup>^</sup> play him both as a young man and as a patriarch, <sup>^</sup> gives us a ~~new~~ different Danny Kaye

than we've ever seen, or heard. ~~and~~ If Noah himself were to return to life I'll bet he couldn't do it half as well as Danny. I'm often bored at <sup>the</sup> theater, and either walk out or fall asleep. But Two by Two kept me on the edge of my seat all the way. And if another great flood doesn't interfere <sup>with your travel</sup> I suggest you fly to New York on your magic ~~carpet~~ carpet, and go with Danny Kaye and Co \* Two by Two aboard the Ark and join <sup>for</sup> ~~him~~ on the voyage that <sup>will</sup> land you atop Mt. Ararat.

I have a rock from the summit of Ararat.

But that's another story. This is a bouquet of roses for Danny Kaye and Richard Rogers.



## TRAVEL

More than ever before, Americans are travelling to far countries in record numbers - and spending more ~~more~~ money while they are there.

A survey shows that more than ~~more~~ four and a half million Americans travelled abroad last year - a thirty five percent increase<sup>^</sup> over the previous year.

And they spent three and a half billion dollars. In terms of money spent, Canada ~~was~~ the most popular tourist spot for Americans, ~~followed~~<sup>second</sup> by Mexico, ~~and~~<sup>third</sup> Britain.

FAMILY

In Stoke-on-Trent, England, a thirty-eight year old grandmother - Mrs. Jeanne Clutton - gave birth to her eighteenth child - a girl. She and her husband now have eleven daughters and seven sons. the eldest of whom is twenty - married - and has a son. Said Mrs. Clutton - "we're happy but if I started all over again I'd limit the family to ~~four~~

~~that's~~ a nice manageable number." ~~It~~ How many?

1/2 and Oh two. Not even 4 - or 6 or 7. 18 she has ~~that~~ <sup>daughters</sup> and she's only 38. ~~that's~~

## ENDING

This hasn't ~~exactly~~ been an easy year for most Americans, what with strikes, campus disturbances, drugs and racial problems, plus an exceedingly unpopular war. And since this is Thanksgiving day, I thought I'd phone a friend and ask him what he has said today by way of thanks. Dr. Edward Elson, as you may know, is the distinguished chaplain of the U S Senate. But, I didn't locate him. So, I took from one of my shelves a small book sent to me by another old friend, Dr. Elson's predecessor as Chaplain of the Senate -- Dr. Frederick Brown Harris. From his book of U S Senate prayers I selected the following lines:

"God of our Fathers open our eyes to see Thee not just out on the ~~rim~~ rim of the universe on some distant star, but in the human terms which hallow our lives and sanctify our homes. May our lives, freed of

*bitterness and prejudice and radiant with good will which leaps all barriers, be open channels through which Thy saving grace may flow. Almighty God help us on this day to meet its joys with gratitude, its difficulties with fortitude, its duties with ~~firm~~ fidelity and loyalty. Deliver us from petty irritations and resentment which dim the far look.*

*We are thankful for the friends whose trust calls out the hidden best that is in us.*

*Save us from small and selfish living in so great a day.*

*Bring us to the ending of this day unashamed and with a quiet mind. In the stillness wilt Thou whisper some words of insight within our souls. Amen.*

*And so long until tomorrow.*