

WHITE HOUSE

Thurs. Aug. 22 - '74.

The White House again today - the scene of laughter, joy and hope. Not once but twice; as Gerald Ford - continues to place his stamp on the Presidency.

This morning - the signing of <sup>a</sup> Proclamation <sub>^</sub> declaring next Monday - Womens Equality Day.

Invited guests including thirteen Congress-women.--

The President posing for pictures <sup>^</sup> with one arm around Lindy Boggs of Louisiana and the other around Bella Abzug of New York <sup>and</sup> <sub>^</sub> telling the lady legislators -- they looked like a group of Rockettes. But more important, <sup>he was</sup> <sub>^</sub> reaffirming his <sup>quote</sup> "great commitment" - <sub>^</sub> to ratification of the pending equal rights amendment.

The President saying that "women, especially in politics - have to do things twice as well in order to get half the credit." Adding: "We've got to change that."

This afternoon <sup>there was</sup> =<sub>λ</sub> the signing of a new eleven billion dollar ~~for~~ housing and community development bill; a ceremony attended by some two hundred mayors, governors and county officials - as well as members of Congress. The President calling the new bill - "far-reaching and perhaps of historic significance;" in that it "returns power from the banks of the Potomac - to people in their own communities."

The President also underwent today - his first physical since becoming Chief Executive. A later report saying: "Everything ~~is~~ fine."

ROCKY

The new Vice President designate - was back in Washington today. Nelson Rockefeller making a whirl-wind tour -- of Capitol Hill. In the morning, meeting with nine senators - including Senator Goldwater of Arizona. All - members of the Senate Rules Committee. Then - a state department luncheon; followed by afternoon meetings -- with members of the House Judiciary Committee.

Along the way, the former New York Governor <sup>was</sup><sub>7</sub> invited to inspect the Senate Office <sup>to be</sup>~~to be~~ occupied <sup>by him</sup> - once confirmed. Rocky saying thanks - but no thanks. "I am superstitious" said he. Adding: "I'm going around with my fingers crossed."

## MANSFIELD

The President's announcement that he "probably will" run for re-election -- drew strong support today from a rather unexpected source. Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield saying: "it is the duty of both parties - to put their best man ~~man~~ forward." Adding that as far as the Republicans are concerned - the President "is by far the best they have".~~and~~

What about the Democratic "best"? "Oh, we have a lot of them," said Mike Mansfield. But beating the President - he continued - that's "going to be a tough, <sup>in</sup> ~~job~~"

## VIENTIANE

*From the Communist Pathet Lao in Vientiane*

*- a ~~the~~ proposal today for an exchange of prisoners of war - on September Twelfth. This at a meeting of the joint Commission - ~~was~~ assigned to supervise the Laotian peace agreement. The Communist offer -- promptly accepted.*

*One of the prisoners who could be affected by this - Emmet Kay, age forty-seven, of Honolulu; the last American - known to be in Communist hands in Indo-China. But whether he will be one of the prisoners set free September Twelfth - ~~well, well~~ <sup>we don't know,</sup>*

~~just have to wait and see.~~

## KUWAIT - CARACUS

Two of the world's top oil producing countries announced today <sup>that</sup> they're cutting back production.

~~to~~ Venezuela and Kuwait - attempting to dry up a growing surplus of western oil supplies <sup>and</sup> thus, ~~they~~ <sup>think</sup> hold to the ~~hoping to preserve the higher~~ higher prices <sup>^</sup> they've been charging of late. Kuwait's Abdel Rahman Atiki saying: "If prices are subject to the law of supply and demand then we shall reduce the supply in order to increase the demand."

**GAS FOLLOW KUWAIT**

*there has been*  
Here at home again  $\lambda$  a report ~~that~~ that  
**President Ford is considering a possible ten cent  
a gallon increase - in the federal excise tax on  
gasoline. In a sense - true - the White House ~~follows~~  
tells us. Jerald TerHorst saying: "This is one of  
many proposals in the mill". He adds, however,  
" the President is not" planning to impose "a gasoline  
tax or any tax increase - at this time."**

## WASHINGTON

A Washington court of appeals today "suggested" a brief delay -- in the upcoming Watergate cover-up trial. This in response to a motion filed by attorneys for John Ehrlichman and other defendants. The Appeals Court saying - "a continuance of perhaps three to four weeks" to allow for "further trial preparation by all parties - would be appropriate."

The Appeals Courts "suggestion" - promptly accepted. Judge Sirica postponing the start of the trial - from September ninth to September thirty. But ~~the judge~~ also warning <sup>that</sup> he may hold court sessions - six days a week; saying he "hopes" to wind up the trial - by Christmas, if at all possible.

# SENATE

The Senate passed and sent to the White House today - the nation's first comprehensive pension reform bill -- <sup>termed</sup> a landmark achievement. The new bill <sup>to</sup> ensuring the pension rights - of an estimated thirty million American workers. President Ford - expected to sign it next week.

## JERSEY CITY

The new world's record holder for pogo stick jumping -- Vincent Cirilli, age fifteen, of Jersey City, New Jersey; today completing eleven thousand, five hundred jumps - without stopping.

And now this message

~~The pogo stick he used -- was then returned to a friend from whom he borrowed it. And no regrets. Young Cirilli saying "I don't want to see it any more."~~

**ADD ROCKY**

*At another point, Rockefeller saying he was told by the Secret Service he would need security lights at his new Washington residence. Rockefeller saying he then told the Secret Service: "You order them - and send me the bill."*

**BREMERTON**

**At Bremerton, Washington - Army recruiter**

**Larry Tipton has just been given a special citation**

**- for services above and beyond the call of duty. This**

**for signing up his wife - to a three year hitch.**

And now for CBS news this is  
LT saying e-f-u-t-m.