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**WHITE HOUSE**

*President Ford signed into law today the new comprehensive energy bill, passed by Congress just prior to adjournment. The bill he signed - a far cry from the one he originally requested. Mr. Ford wanted oil prices decontrolled immediately instead, the bill he signed won't lift controls completely for forty months. But for the consumer, probably for forty months. But for the consumer, probably no effect at the gas pumps, even though oil prices farther up along the pipeline will dip a little at first.*

*The President says, he signed the energy bill because it is a first step to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil. But he vetoed another measure, even though his Labor Secretary threatened to quit over the issue. The bill would have expanded the picketing power of union*

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construction workers. It's called the Common Situs  
Picketing Bill and those who opposed it said Mr. Ford's  
veto would please builders and political conservatives.  
Labor Secretary John Dunlop says he'll take a couple of  
weeks to think over whether or not to quit his post in  
protest.

## SUPREME COURT

SACRAMENTO

*The Supreme Court today refused to freeze treasury funds which must be distributed to ten presidential candidates and the Republican and Democratic Party. The funds distribution is part of the new campaign reform act. The constitutionality of the act is being tested in the Supreme Court. Challengers of the act had hoped to stall the distribution of funds while the court makes up its mind about campaign reform.*



## SACRAMENTO

*In Sacramento - two friends of Lynette Fromme arrested by FBI agents. A federal grand jury says Sandra Good and Susan Murphy planned to mail death threats to business and industry leaders. Good, Murphy and Fromme, all followers of Charles Manson.*

## ALGIERS

Those pro-Palestinian terrorists who yesterday seized the headquarters of the world oil cartel in Vienna - off today by jet to Algiers; there dropping off six of the oil ministers they were holding as hostages - then flying to Tripoli in Libya. Algerian Foreign Minister Abdelaziz Bouteflika saying the terrorists will fly to several more Arab capitals - releasing additional hostages "at each stopover."

## LEBANON

*Fighting in Lebanon again today. And there were reports that foreign troops may have entered the area around ZOCKLAY. CBS correspondent Mike Lee says Egyptian radio claims ten thousand ~~four~~ armed foreigners helped out left-wing factions which have been battling the Lebanese army. Official Beirut-radio also reported the presence of foreign elements, but did not say how many troops were involved, where they had come from, not for whom they are fighting.*



## PENTAGON

*At the Pentagon - Donald Rumsfeld today held his first news conference - as Secretary of Defense; discussing, among other things - the possibility of Soviet violations of the Strategic Arms Limitation Agreement. Rumsfeld says he has discussed the monitoring process - with key aides. He says: "I'm satisfied that we are arranged in a way that if there are violations - we will know about it and pursue it vigorously."*

## DOCTORS

*The American Medical Association and two related doctors' groups in Connecticut - the targets today of a government anti-trust action. The Federal Trade Commission claiming organized medicine is illegally restraining competition - by refusing to permit doctors to advertise. A spokesman adding if the FTC action is successful - it will have "a substantial effect" on the fees doctors charge.*



**LUANDA**

*From pro-Western sources - a report today that Russian technicians have just installed an advance radar system - in the Angolan capital of Luanda. The Soviets also said to have crated in twelve Mig-Twenty-One jets - which they are now in the process of assembling. This seen as an apparent move - to escalate Angola's ongoing civil war.*

JOHANNESBURG

At the same time - in Johannesburg - a warning that a Communist takeover in Angola - could lead to an "arrogant attempt by Russia to establish itself in Southern Africa." This - from the South African Defense Minister who added, nevertheless, it may be necessary for South Africa - to scale down its own involvement in Angola. The main reason - said he - the U.S. Senate cut-off on any further aid to Angola.

**CUBA**

**The Cuban Communist party ended its first Congress today in Havana. Business concluded: an expansion of the politburo and central committee and - Fidel Castro was re elected leader.**



## PHILADELPHIA

*Final preparations for moving the Liberty Bell at the start of America's Bicentennial year - were begun today in Philadelphia. The trip to begin New Year's Eve - at the stroke of Midnight; a journey of about a hundred yards - from Independence Hall to a new MILLION-dollar glass pavilion; expected to take about Twenty Minutes - amidst a giant celebration; all of which has caused some - to question the timing, if not the propriety, of the move. Opponents protest that after all - "people will be drinking that night."*

*But City Representative Harry Belinger, for one, replies "The bell belongs to everybody - and everybody's going to be there - dignitaries, bands, the works." He adds: "This New Year's Eve it won't be Guy Lombardo and Times Square - it'll be the Liberty Bell and Philadelphia."*