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WHITE HOUSE

At President Ford's first news conference of the year - the main topic was ~~again~~ energy. ~~The President saying~~ <sup>he said</sup> In his opening ~~statement~~ - he plans to sign a presidential proclamation later in the week; and thereby "set in motion the most important and far-reaching energy conservation program ~~in~~ in our nation's history;" one that will prove "the first ~~one~~ step toward regaining our energy freedom." The President also pledging to work with the Congress - to "insure speedy enactment" of his new energy program. <sup>TP</sup> In response to a later question though - <sup>he said</sup> ~~saying~~ he hopes ~~that~~ "Congress won't make too many ~~adverse~~ changes," adding that, ~~indeed~~, he would veto any attempt by Congress ~~to~~ to impose mandatory gasoline rationing. "There is no easy decision - and I never promised one" <sup>said</sup> the President. <sup>Adding:</sup> - ~~went on~~ "But I am convinced" ~~said he~~ "the months ahead will prove that we ~~are~~ are right."

*In the same vein, the President again asserting the U S right to use force, <sup>if</sup> if necessary -to avoid "strangulation" for lack of oil. "A country has the right" said he - "to protect itself against death."*

*The President was also asked: "When you were minority leader of the House, would you not have been horrified by a President who predicted a thirty billion dollar deficit and then proposed a big tax cut?" Mr. Ford replying: "I'm horrified - as President." But adding: "It is the right medicine - for our current illness."*

*And now —*

## LABOR

The U S Labor Department issued today its year-end report - on the ~~cost~~ U S consumer price index. The rate of climb in the cost of living - showing a slight drop in December; but the total increase for the year coming to more than twelve percent or the third biggest jump in modern U S history. ~~Deputy Treasury Secretary William Simon~~ saying: "~~The inflation rate is going to come down.~~" ~~But he added:~~ "~~We are still going to have a built~~ in rate of inflation - ~~that is going to be unacceptable~~" ~~that "is going to take years to bring back down."~~

# DETROIT

Small car specialist American motors today  
joined Detroit's Big Three - in offering cash rebates  
to new car buyers. ~~The A M C action~~ <sup>This</sup> following a  
drop of ~~sales~~ more than fifty percent in early  
January sales.

**F B I**

**F B I director Clarence Kelly today issued an unprecedented explanation - of F B I investigative procedures; saying the Bureau often receives or collects information - pertaining to the "loyalty" reputation or moral ~~character~~ character" of members of Congress.**

**Kelly insisted however, the information in question - is treated exactly the same as information compiled on private ~~citizens~~ citizens. Adding that it has never been used to intimidate congressmen or influence their "judgment" or actions."**

BAGHDAD

After ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> three Arab hi-jackers who terrorized & Paris' ~~city~~ airport in Paris ~~over the weekend - were allowed~~ to land ~~today~~ <sup>ed</sup> at Baghdad, ~~Meanwhile,~~ the Palestine liberation organization ~~condemning the hijacking~~ <sup>ed them,</sup> ~~action~~ pledging that the three gunmen will "face trial for their crimes." ~~But a number of Arab newspapers - saying this simply isn't enough.~~

The Beirut Daily Star, <sup>says</sup> ~~for one, noting that~~ "condemnation & has never stopped desperadoes in the past," ~~Also saying, "It is obvious to all that the culprits must receive~~ <sup>and that they must be given</sup> "stiff punishment." ~~to discourage further irresponsible action."~~ Cairo's semi-official Al Akhbar, <sup>speaks out in similar vein.</sup> ~~saying "If the authors of this attack are Arabs - pity the reputation of the Arabs."~~

PANEL

Washington again -- a meeting of the American Association of political ~~consultants~~ <sup>today</sup> consultants, ~~heard~~ <sup>today</sup> a panel discussion - by a group of political pollsters; ~~among them~~ <sup>including</sup> Peter Hart - who works mainly for the ~~Democratic~~ ~~Democratic~~ Democrats. Hart ~~was~~ accusing the political pros - of failing to level with their constituents; ~~thereby "turning off" large blocs of voters.~~ "The American people are cynical about their leaders" - said he - "only because their leaders are cynical about them."

And now -

## ROME

At spring and summer fashion showings in Rome - another journey today into nostalgia. Top designer Tita Rossi - presenting so-called "mini-harem" trousers. The material - all frilly and feminine, <sup>and rather transparent -</sup> ~~and yet it was clear to see - we are told -~~ ~~the alluring name the "mini-harem trousers"; were nothing more than old style bloomers.~~