

TUES. Jan. 27, 1970

As earlier promised - a special seven page message from President Nixon was delivered to Congress today. In it, the President spelling out in detail - his reasons for vetoing that multi-billion dollar Health and Education Bill. Same as last night on radio and TV - the President stressing what he called - the bill's "serious inflationary pressures." He also said again how the money specified - "cannot be used effectively in many cases" - because of arbitrary time limits on its spending provisions. However, the President today was suggesting as a possible compromise - elimination of the requirement that all grant funds must be spent.

And with that - the ball is once again in Congress' court; where the final showdown is set to begin - as of tomorrow.

# SENATE

Federal Appeals Judge ~~G. Harold~~ Carswell - President Nixon's latest Supreme Court nominee <sup>was</sup> ~~2~~ called to testify today before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Senator Hart of Michigan finally asking the question - that had to be asked. Demanding of the witness an explanation - for that "white supremacy remark ~~he~~ made way back in Nineteen Forty-Eight."

Said Judge Carswell: "I said it. - I suppose I believed it at the time"- ~~xxxxxx~~ He added though ~~that~~ he was "aghast" when reporters recently unearthed the ~~statement~~ statement. I had to see it to believe I made it, said he. And the views he expressed then - he now finds "obnoxious and abhorrent" - he went on. At another point - asserting flatly: "I am not a racist - I have no notion - open, secret, or otherwise - of any racial superiority."

## VIETNAM

*In Vietnam - at DaNang - a special ceremony today; honoring the first of an estimated three thousand U.S. Marines - who will be heading home tomorrow under President Nixon's phase three withdrawal plan. Major General Edwin Wheeler - commander of the First Marine Division - telling the troops; "well done - and bon voyage." This latest recall - as you know - expected to total another fifty thousand men by April fifteenth.*

*Meanwhile, the war goes on. Indeed, the U.S. command in Saigon - reports today the discovery of a number of secret munitions stockpiles. These apparently intended for use in the pre-TET offensive U S Intelligence has been predicting for the past week or so.*

## MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East - Cairo was telling today of an Egyptian commando raid - deepest yet. Supposedly carrying all the way to the occupied Gaza Strip - just a few miles from <sup>the former border,</sup> Israel where the commandos were said to have shelled an encampment / serving as Israeli ~~border~~ headquarters for the entire Sinai Peninsula. Cairo calling it - "one of the enemy's ~~big~~ biggest centers for radio ~~communication~~ communication and radar."

All of which - has led to another king-sized credibility gap. Tel Aviv having earlier told of a "harmless" bazooka attack - on an agricultural settlement in the same area. An Israeli officer adding at the same time <sup>that</sup> "the Egyptians are going to say they destroyed something big - possibly a radar station. And so they have - true or not.

WHITE HOUSE

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Prime Minister Harold Wilson of Britain -  
a welcome guest today at the White House. President  
Nixon recalling their frequent contacts through the years -  
with never a difference - said he. The President adding:  
"It can be said - we are together today - and being  
together a great deal is possible."

Wilson, in turn, <sup>referring</sup> ~~remarking~~ to the long time  
special relationship between the U S and Britain, <sup>and</sup> ~~going~~  
on to urge a joint battle <sup>to</sup> ~~in~~ wiping out the social  
evils of the seventies and eighties. He also suggested  
that "we discussed together - the immediate prognosis  
in international economic affairs." This apparently a  
reference to British fears - that tight money policies  
here could well set off a recession across the Atlantic.



## MADISON HEIGHTS

From Madison Heights, Michigan - a Detroit suburb - comes news ~~today~~ of a new law that takes effect next week. A law making parents criminally liable -- if any of their children are convicted of two or more crimes in a single year. With maximum sentence set at ninety days in jail - also, a five hundred dollar fine.

Madison Heights' mayor Monte Jeralds explaining "we want to make it clear to parents - that society expects them to exercise responsibility for the acts of their children." The mayor adding that parents "should know where the children are, what they're doing and who they are with; " And, this law - said he - will see to it hopefully, that they do.

## WASHINGTON

*On the space front - Wernher Von Braun moves onward and upward. The famed rocketeer, after a decade at Huntsville, Alabama getting a transfer today to space headquarters in Washington. There to serve as a chief lieutenant to Dr. Thomas Paine and to plan future manned space flights to the Moon, Mars and beyond! And beyond and beyond.*

*Wernher Von Braun - who will be fifty-eight soon - one of the legendary figures of modern space flight. After World War Two he helped us launch our fledgling U S rocket program. Later moving to Huntsville - when the U S set as its goal a manned landing on the Moon. There serving as the chief architect of the mighty Saturn Five Rocket that carried the Apollo Moon Men deep into space and then back home again.*

By the way, he says his own greatest ambition is to soar through the Heavens on a space flight of his own. Mine, too. How about you, John Shafer - especially to the regions beyond the beyond?



## BEIRUT

*From Beirut word today of the death of the venerable Selim Abdallah Saade; age a hundred and twelve - Lebanon's oldest citizen. Also the man credited with planting the first apple tree in Lebanon long years and years ago. Which eventually led to an apple industry that now makes up an important part of the country's export earnings.*

*Selim Abdallah Saade - the "Johnny Appleseed" of Lebanon, age one hundred and twelve!*