

On Capitol Hill - the battle began today. Treasury

Secretary John Connally - appeared before the House Ways and Means Committee; urging speedy approval of President Nixon's new economic program - in toto; asserting that "this carefully balanced program will be seriously impaired - if any of its important parts are not enacted."

Connally also denied that the President's plan - constitutes a "business bonanza," as some have charged. He added, that there must be some follow-up - to the present ninety-day wage-price freeze. After breaking the back of inflation - said he - "we're not now going to walk away from it and just leave it."

Along the way though, Committee Chairman Wilbur Mills - let it be known that he, too, has some strong views; including - number one - a projected One Billion dollars - in ~~at~~ tax relief for the poor. This - said he - to provide "some additional incentives to individuals - to buy more."

ROGERS

Secretary of State William Rogers - another

Cabinet-level witness today on Capitol Hill; testified before a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee - in behalf of a proposed

Three-point-Three Billion-Dollar foreign aid program; and

he there finally agreed to "work out some accommodation" -

whereby the Senate could scrutinize that top-secret five-year

Pentagon plan for military assistance.

Rogers stressed, however, the report in question -

was merely an "internal working document." Adding: "Until

a decision is made - it is improper and disorderly to have

these comments floating around."

VIETNAM

In Vietnam - ~~the news~~ Khe Sanh is once again in the news. With a band of South Vietnamese troops - reoccupying that old abandoned combat base; helping to support a major drive - against enemy troops thought to be operating just below the DMZ.

South Vietnam's General Phu - reports ~~to~~^{to} up to now, ~~however~~, little contact. "There are signs of the enemy withdrawing to the North" - said he. Adding: "It looks like they don't want to accept combat yet."

AMMAN

A Palestinian Guerrilla seized a Royal Jordanian Airliner today and threatened to blow it up unless the pilot flew to Libya, according to the Jordanian Transport Minister. The plane carrying Forty-Six passengers and crew was forced down in Benghazi, where the hijacker was taken into custody. Then it flew on to Amman, where it landed safely.

~~Elsewhere in the Pacific~~ Typhoon Virginia abruptly
changed course today; smashing suddenly, unexpectedly - into
Japan's Pacific Coast. In Chiba Province - east of Tokyo -
killing more than fifty persons; many of whom were buried
alive - under massive landslides. These - the result of
torrential rains; at one point, totaling nearly five inches - in
a single hour.

MIAMI

Closer to home - a storm area stretching more than four thousand miles across - threatened today both America's East and Gulf Coasts. This - according to the U.S. Hurricane Center in Miami - a massive circulation of air;" covering "the entire Gulf, Western and Central Caribbean Sea - and part of the Atlantic;" containing within its boundaries - no less than four major storm systems.

Of these - the worst so far is clearly Edith - a "classical hurricane;" at last report, Three-Hundred-and-Forty miles south-southeast of Kingston, Jamaica, and moving westward. "A good candidate" - we are told - "for storm of the year."

BELFAST

At Belfast in Northern Ireland - a series of early-morning bombings today. Also, the shooting of a British sentry - at nearby Newry.

This coming in the midst of a so-called truce - supposedly ordered by the militant Provisional wing of the outlawed IRA; and thus drawing from regular IRA headquarters in Dublin - a public condemnation. The new violence - said to be an example of irresponsible "stunting." The regulars adding that it also indicates "the extent of the lack of control and discipline that exists in the provisional organization."

CAHILL FOLLOW BELFAST

At the same time - here in New York - a decision today barred ^{ed} from these shores - IRA Provisional leader (KA'-HIL) Joe Cahill; on the grounds that he failed to possess a valid visa - having attempted to conceal a thirty-year-old murder conviction. And so ends - Cahill's projected U.S. fund-raising tour.

NEW YORK

~~Here in~~ ^{again} New York) - eight persons, including at least seven members of the militant Jewish Defense League - were indicted today by a Federal grand jury. ~~These~~ charged with conspiring to blow up - the residence of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations - also, the New York offices of Amtorg, a Soviet trade commission.

PITTSBURGH

For Vice President Spiro Agnew - a visit today to Pittsburgh; where he addressed a session - of the International Conference on Urban Transportation; there urging the creation of new towns and satellite cities - as the nation's best hope for relieving urban decay.

LONDON

In a new book published today in London - the saga of British sartorial splendor over the past forty years; a treatise building to what it calls - the present declining standards in British suit-making, shirt-making and boot-making; to the point - we are told - where Savile Row - once "despotic and hidebound" - is now the "humble survivor from another age; to be cherished like the Lord's cricket ground - or the wind-up gramophone."

The book's conclusion - also, its title: "Today - There Are No Gentlemen."