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NEWS SUMMARY  
September 20, 1973  
(Wed. wires, nets)

- Question of whether VP would resign led ABC (#2 on NBC, #4 CBS) w/ABC saying there's "still no firm denial" from either VP or WH and "still signs of continuing rift." Jarriel cited "social snub" when VP was omitted from dignitaries photo at Bhutto session. NBC, in light of Warren's statements, saw situation as still "somewhat unclear" tho "changed somewhat" in declaring no one in WH out to get VP. But Nessen said speculation is "still very much alive," noting neither VP himself nor spokesman has specifically denied rumors. CBS noted rumors show no sign of abating; report included clip of Goldwater saying if VP were indicted he'd expect him to resign.
  
- In report on status of WH/Cox compromise, Chancellor said RN filed "another hardline brief" w/appeals court, noting WH position "to tear down office of Presidency is too high a price... even for W'gate." Allnets noted RN personally has not met w/Cox tho Buzhardt has done so twice. Chancellor said WH position suggests to him WH will reject Court suggestion of sharing tapes w/Cox, but Stern reported Cox "might be willing to accept something less," such as certified transcript of portions. ABC called WH position an "unwavering" public stance, but said WH appears attempting to find compromise.
  
- All nets reported Colson denied immunity by Sen. W'gate Comm. and thus, in 2-hour private session, took 5th amendment since he believes he may be indicted by Ellsberg grand jury. NBC described Colson as one who'd "wanted very badly to be heard;" CBS said he'd been one of RN's "most vocal backers," and ABC called him an "ardent" backer. Schorr said pleading 5th followed "strenuous effort" to be excused. Each net had different Ervin/Baker clips: Ervin said Colson took 5th w/out conceding any wrongdoing and that Comm. would very much like to have heard from him, as they've reason to believe he has relevant information; Baker said they're indications grand jury action against Colson is "imminent," but people should accept his reasons for taking 5th as it stands w/out reading more in. Schorr said it's now open to question whether Colson's 50-page opening statement in support of RN will ever be heard.

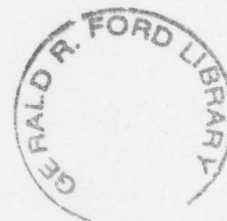


- CBS led w/Admin Housing proposal (ABC #6, NBC #5), Cronkite said it comes under conditions of "skyrocketing" real estate prices and almost non-existent mortgage money. All nets noted both short and long-range provisions, w/input of \$5 1/2B to S&L's for short-term, and proposal for direct cash supports in lieu of federal guarantees in long term aim to end Uncle Sam being "biggest slumlord in history" (noted by all). NBC noted observer called the \$5.5B a "drop in ocean," since Calif. alone lends-out \$10B per year and nationally the figure is \$220B. CBS reported Dems generally reacted w/"too little, too late," but S&L League's VP welcomes the increase. ABC/NBC reports focused on D.C. slums, and CBS cited St. Louis and Detroit.
  
- ABC/NBC noted RN meeting w/Love and governors, after which Love said governors were almost unanimously in favor of mandatory allocation of fuel oils. Both nets w/features on impact of fuel crisis: ABC focused on farmers in Idaho, while NBC featured Pacific Northwest region, where 90% of area's power is based on water, but very dry summer threatens to create crisis by mid-March '74.
  
- NBC led (#7 on ABC, #11 CBS) w/"another considerable victory" for RN in failure by 23 votes to override veto of min. wage bill. All nets noted this was 6th straight sustension of RN veto.
  
- D-J closed up 19 at 910 w/25M vol....After 2 days of sharp drops, ABC noted bargain hunters pushed IBM up more than 11 pts.

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#### RN/BHUTTO

AP leads: "Bhutto delighted WH state dinner audience when he humorously disclosed 'inner truth' of 1st day's talks w/RN." He said that, perhaps because of HAK, military and cultural matters became intertwined w/Jill St. John going to USSR, Raquel Welch "earmarked" for PRC, Tallulah for "our old friend" Pakistan. Said Bhutto, "we're old friends, but not in that sense," adding that Pakistan's interested not in "obsolete spare parts, but in red hot weapons."



Bhutto said W'gate's damaged internat'l effectiveness of US and is "counterproductive" w/"world outside" very concerned w/"terrible, frightening vacuum" created by W'gate. US should "of course" be concerned about it, but he feels the "present trivialities will be brushed aside and a more glorious people dedicated to cause of eternal peace will emerge." In that "struggle" and "quest" he saw RN as "the leader of the free world...., the leader of Western civilization and as a man of peace."

Chancellor noted Bhutto visit wrapped up w/promise of econ. aid, but no new military help.

#### OTHER FOREIGN AFFAIRS

ABC noted scores of trucks and minibuses filled w/supplies rolled up from seacoast to PP for 1st time in 25 days after Hiway 4 was cleared....ABC noted fighting continues outside Kompong Cham, tho routes into town are clear. Film noted Cambodia's "already swollen" w/refugees who are dependent on internat'l agencies and volunteers for help. US Col's wife on film said refugees are better off in inadequate camps w/volunteers' help, than on the roads. She added there's a major effort to help young and old. ABC said no stix are available, but hospitals are bursting. Many die before reaching operating room. Dr. on film expects situation to get worse. ABC noted all this is new problem to Cambodians. Unidentified US diplomat was quoted as saying when Cambodians learn how to use money properly, then US will provide.

Thai PM Kittikachorn predicted "intensified" Communist insurgency plus increased infiltration in NE provinces. Thais will have to rely on their own and less and less on US, he added.... Japan and NVN to establish relations Fri.

Art historian, Barabanov said KGB have threatened to jail him for "anti-USSR activity" because he smuggled out poems by Pasternak and others govt wouldn't allow published....CBS noted Sakharov's open letter to Hill in Post.



Brezhnev said internat'l relations "should be based on new principles and an honest approach by all participants." He warned against reviving principles of the cold war. He said "peace and European security is not necessary only to Soviet Union. All nations need it and profit from it. It will be a grave mistake if present chances are missed;" UPI says this was reference to CESC.

Noting USSR-Occidental agreement, CBS AM's Rudd said it'd be fairly easy to swap back and forth in scientific/technical fields, but he wonders about the business area. For 1 thing, there are hardly any businessmen in USSR -- except for farmers who carry strawberries to the cities to sell them. And the one org. that's supposed to sell to foreigners was shocked when Rudd wanted to make a purchase when he was there. Hardly like Sears. Also, Rudd questioned Soviet Chamber of Commerce, whose function was described to him as collecting samples of foreign goods and making copies.

Monitor says Pompi's PRC visit was "suffused w/a public show of cordiality but largely bereft of sort of concrete agreements French had hoped to secure to support claim to special relationship w/PRC." The few commitments made were "overshadowed by wide gulf" separating the 2 on "sensitive issue of Eur. detente," and communique "made clear efforts to find common ground on issue had foundered on differing attitudes toward USSR." Prevailing impression among observers, Monitor adds, is PRC will "look elsewhere than France for the political will to resist Soviet blandishments in Europe."

Suggesting DOD was involved in coup, USSR paper said "despite worsening of relations between US and Chile, there was 1 definite field which continued flourishing. US continued to train Chilean officers."...NBC/CBS noted new Chilean gov't said any person who shoots weapon at new gov't will be shot...NBC's Streithorst reported new gov't picking self up out of rubble of coup. It's a deeply changed country, Streithorst said: political graffiti is coming off walls; where there once were dozens of newspapers there are now only 2 civilians are going back to work, at gov't's directions. Military is clearly in control he concluded, but just what it's intentions are is not clear.



Pinochet said "there're many places where they're forming guerrilla units. They're preparing places, but beware because declaration of internal war's possible." He added military code provides "most severe penalties" and if necessary would be applied "w/out fear." ... Junta to issue "white paper" exposing "incredible" corruption under Allende. ... CBS noted 6 Americans are believed being held by new gov't.

Censorship of dispatches by foreign correspondents was lifted and military sources acknowledge they "made a mistake" by censoring. Newsmen were warned they were "responsible" for content of dispatches and shouldn't be "misleading."

CBS noted Saudi Arabia petrol min. Yamani on CBS AM clip said country hasn't changed policy toward oil production but might if it can't solve its economic problems or if peaceful atmosphere isn't obtained. "If you want us to produce more, you'll have to help" toward solution in Mideast.

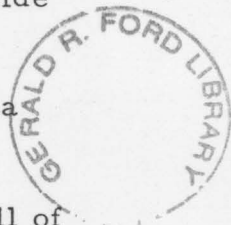
ABC/CBS noted hundreds of Palestinians were freed from prison under amnesty linked w/Hussein's campaign to end Jordan's isolation from other leading Arab states. Relatives danced and sang outside prison gates while awaiting their release.

Syria reportedly arrested 16 Al Fatah and restricted guerrilla movements in Syria.

AP leads: "representatives of US, Soviet Union and nearly all of Europe began work today on proposals to outlaw the use of force." ... NBC's Utley reported CESC resumed work, w/the 35 nations doing so mostly at insistence of USSR. Utley said essence of Soviet position is that it wants others to recognize status quo, which he said means Soviet dominance of E. Europe. He concluded that Soviet message is simple: if you want detente, then it'll be on Soviet terms -- at least, he said, as far as individual liberties are concerned.

Heath tried to dampen new political crisis in N. Ireland by backing off earlier warning that Britain would strip province of autonomy if its pols can't get together.

Sweden's new King may be forced to dissolve Parliament and call new elections in perhaps his 1st and last act before legisl strips him of remaining powers and establishes totally symbolic monarchy. ... NBC noted he took office, but was not "crowned," since Sweden doesn't do that.



Eritrean Liberation Front claimed Selassie's grandson held the emperor at gunpoint aboard jet returning from W. Germ. visit last week and tried to force him to abdicate.

AP leads: "Flags of West and East Germany were hoisted side by side at UN as country after country congratulated 2 Germanys on their entry into world org."...CBS' Hottelet gave "mood" piece on UN, calling it cross-section of human race and closest man's come to a universal gov't. Once looked to for guarantees of peace, dissolution over its ineffectiveness is as high as low as hopes for it once were high. Hottelet noted it's the non-aligned nations that appear to benefit most from UN's many programs of aid, and who often bog it down in wrangling. It's an assembly, he emphasized, not a fairy godmother.

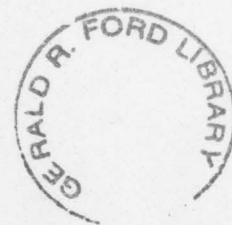
Internatl pilots group called UN air safety meeting "dismal failure" and warned again of pilot boycott if hijackings go unchecked.

State's Newsom urged maintaining US aid for Africa. "I simply cannot stand before the peoples of Africa unless we can share some of our resources with them," Newsom said.

#### DEFENSE

RN expressed hope Fitzgerald case would be settled "w/out necessity of appeal." In response to Civil Service request for opinion, RN's statement continued "case is concrete demonstration of effective operation of procedure by which rights of fed. employees are protected."

Educational Testing Service of Princeton said educational benefits being paid Vets lag behind WWII levels and are insufficient to meet students' living expenses. But Vet's Johnson said "it must be stressed that GI bills were never designed to provide all of a Vet's living expenses and educational expenses."



ECONOMY/PH 4

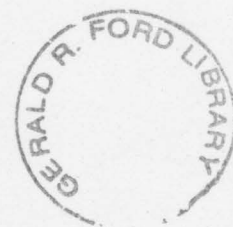
ABC/NBC noted CLC refused to consider new Chrysler proposal to increase prices on '74 models. Dunlop said Chrysler's action resembled "series of bites...not in accordance w/our policy and we're stopping it." ....ABC noted Dunlop added "we envision a further round of auto price increases when labor negotiations are ended and other costs are determined." ....Rejection was 1st time CLC has flatly refused proposed price increase by major during month-old Ph 4. ....Chrysler defended request and repeated intention to seek still another hike based on tentative agreement w/UAW.

UAW/Chrysler reached agreement on contract covering white collar workers, bringing all 127,000 Chrysler workers under tentative agreements. ....Woodcock on Today cited "breakthrus" in contract and said he's optimistic rank and file will accept pact and possibly return to work Mon. Note made of different atmosphere in negotiations, w/Woodcock saying recriminations don't get people anywhere.

Gulf announced .9¢/gal. wholesale price increase effective immediately. Gulf regretted Ph. 4 forbade dealer to pass on increase to consumer...CBS AM film on Mass. gas dealers who closed for 3 days in protest noted some were losing so much money, they were forced to shut down. Mass. AG got temporary restraining order to force stations to open because of shortages. ....Scott and 13 other GOP joined Mansfield and 19 Dems in asking CLC to permit fuel retailers to pass cost increases to consumers. ....60 DC gas stations to close 1 week starting Mon. unless controls are lifted.

Internat'l Wheat Council said shortage apparently has been reduced w/over-all supply taking turn for better....Disputing predictions of UN FAO official, Butz said grain supplies were large enough to prevent world hunger this year and situation would improve in '74. Butz also noted US "has made strongest effort of any wheat support nation to maximize its export availability...despite a substantial increase for domestic consumers."

All nets noted key measure of BOP -- balance on current account and long-term capital -- narrowed between April and June to smallest deficit in 2-1/2 yrs.



Ways and Means tentatively approved mandate for US negotiators to seek reciprocal lowering of trade barriers on product-by-product basis. Karth (D-Minn) said it'd put US mfg's. on equal footing in trade talks w/agricultural products which were lumped as 1 product.

Britain's Chancellor of Exchequer reportedly said there's long way to go before agreement is reached on monetary reform.

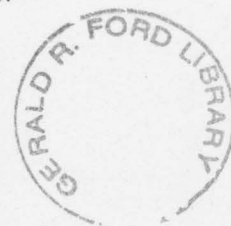
ABC film noted "rarely" has so much attention been focused on cow. Question is what're tenderloins worth? Beef prices have been "inching down," even while other prices "soared." Now supply's up, but demand isn't. ABC noted on Chic. Commodity Mkt. bidding last month was better than 60¢ a pound, now its down to 42¢. Trying to sell from these stix, broker on film said prices are just beginning to go down. He expects lower prices that'll be stable for months. But ABC said unpredictable force like bad weather could change futures and remind city-slickers beef doesn't grow in meat lockers.

CBS noted Cost of Living stix for Aug., to come Fri., were said by Dunn to reflect a "very substantial" rise in retail food prices. Dunn, according to Cronkite, said stix will be "one very bad set of numbers."

#### MANDATORY ALLOCATION/ENERGY

ABC noted RN would decide "very quickly" whether to go ahead w/stand-by allocation plan proposed by Admin last month.... Love indicated he'd dropped some objections to a mandatory program.... Commerce comm. agreed 22-7 to broaden reach of bill that'd force allocation of fuels, despite Eckhardt's complaint that bill would make RN "czar" of oil industry.

Hearst says Alaska pipeline opponents won't give up easily, not even if it were made of plastic and milk run thru it. He said environmentalists' battle has "been a very good influence in making the oil companies toe the line and do a lot more in the direction of environmental protection than they might have ordinarily."



In what UPI called his strongest statement since taking over EPA, Train accused industry of waging well-organized fear campaign to discredit environmentalists and weaken anti-pollution laws. He said public should recognize campaign for what it is -- "simply an effort to slow down or avoid getting on w/job of clearing up pollution.

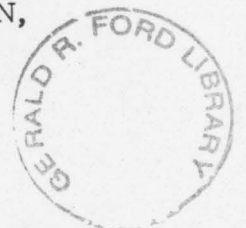
Butz said he sees nothing to support fears of widespread farm "energy crisis" at harvest time this year. "We think we'll have adequate fuel to get through the fall. There isn't a tractor that didn't run for lack of fuel last spring," he said. However, he said, propane gas for drying crops "is going to be a close thing."

ABC film noted Idaho had almost perfect farm yr, w/bumper crops of corn and grain expected, but situation turned "sour" as machines used last gallons of fuel. No more fuel til Oct, and enough won't be available. Distributors are sorry but they've already provided 100% of what they did last yr. 1 farmer remarked he'd use horses if he had them. Butz on film said agricultural fuel needs were at very top of priority list. But, ABC said farmers don't understand why there's enough fuel for pleasure boats in other parts of US and why DC isn't doing more to correct situation.

NBC's Oliver said Pacific Northwest uses huge amounts of water for power. But it's experienced hottest, driest summer in years. Water supply is "way down," and if it continues to drop there's "no way" it will be able to meet needs, despite vigorous efforts to conserve electricity. Gov. Evans (on film) said if there isn't a substantial reduction in usage and only average rainfall, they'll have critical shortage by mid-March. Despite broad powers legislature gave Evans, Oliver concluded, general public is not convinced of pending problem.

#### RN/HOUSING

UPI leads: "RN took action to provide \$5.5B for money-starved homebuyers beginning next week and asked Hill to put thousands more Americans, especially the young, in their own homes." RN also unveiled cash allowance program aimed at helping elderly poor to buy or rent in neighborhoods of their choice.... AP leads: "RN, arguing that present programs have made Uncle Sam 'the biggest slumlord in history,' proposed to Hill experimental payments of

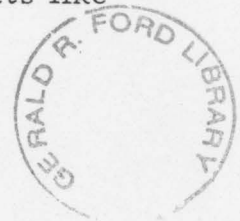


cash housing allowances to needy." UPI leads: "RN asked Hill to enact a series of measures to pump more money into tight mortgage market. He proposed eventually replacing current system of fed housing subsidies for poor w/cash payments."

Star banner: "RN Frees Cash for Homes" beneath kicker, "Wants FHA, VA Ceilings Lifted"... Early Post, w/3-column lead: "RN Defers Cash Grants Housing Plan."

CBS' Rather said, in urging end to huge federal payments RN's not asking that all existing HUD complexes be leveled such as Pruitt-Igloe in St. Louis, but he "doesn't want any more built." Ones not demolished, he continued (over Detroit film), are decaying and marring scenery, w/problem aggravated by real estate speculators. In addition w/experiment of direct cash allowance, Rather continued, Lynn cited other features as 3.5% tax credit to lenders to pump mortgage money to mid-income group, release of more federal bank money, increase of FHA/VA maximums, and urged states to eliminate existing ceilings on interest rates. Sparkman (on film) said even if they went into the new program -- which he said he doubts they will -- it'd be "Jul. '75" before it got going. Prox (on film) said suggestions will have "disastrous" affect for those earning less than \$12 or \$13,000 per year. Prox said RN's indicated there will be no program for next 2-1/2 years to help those w/modest incomes since program couldn't be effected til '76. Rather concluded outcome turns on philosophical difference that appears certain to be argued thru '74 elections.

NBC used report on DC's Victoria Apartments which Clare Crawford had prepared for local TV. She said renewal intended for this complex never really got started. Over matching film, she said plaster is falling, toxic paint's on walls, fire inspector called it a "death trap," and rats (on film) are present, as are cockroaches. She said this mother (on film) puts corners of sheets in her children's ears so cockroaches won't crawl into them. She closed on note that urban renewal programs have "history of being slow and ineffective." ....ABC w/film of federall-funded building project "sliding into decay" noted Admin doesn't want projects like this to happen again.



Star's Kempster leads: "RN ordered series of administrative actions designed to pump billions into credit-starved housing market and urged Hill to eliminate interest ceiling from FHA-VA mortgages."

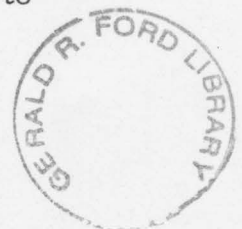
ABC noted Admin urged mortgage money be provided for new housing at interest rates slightly below market level to help young and/or middle-income homebuyers.

Lynn said the cash allowance proposal, which preliminary estimates indicate could cost as much as \$11B/year, needed more study before going to Hill. .... Lynn on ABC said building new housing wasn't right approach. Admin. believes main approach should be direct cash assistance. .... CBS noted Nat'l Assoc. of Homebuilders called proposal "not fully responsive" to needs.... Prexy said message proposes permanent end for many of subsidy programs, but "indicates no basic proposals yet ready to replace them. Burden of this'll continue to fall w/particular weight on those whose housing needs are most urgent and difficult to meet."

Proxmire called message "great disappointment." He said effect was to continue present housing moratorium til '76 and "merely bid up price of existing housing...Hill and public will be most reluctant to support such a costly and potentially ineffective program," Prox added..... Chancellor said there were no comments from homebuilders assoc. on the more technical points of the proposal. .... NBC noted Nat'l Housing Assoc. believes RN's program is intended to avoid a "housing recession" in '74. .... Reuss said Admin labors had "brought forth not a mouse but promise of a mouse by '75. For low- and moderate-income Americans already hopelessly priced out of housing market, this is cruel news."

Chrmn of Housing subcomm Barrett (D-Pa) said proposals were "again based on premise of local autonomy" and any such program should have strict guidelines and Fed. oversight. .... Moorhead (D-Pa) criticized RN for failing to release impounded funds for present housing construction programs.

Chancellor said record high interest rates and tight credit rules were causing housing nightmares. .... August housing starts dropped to lowest level in nearly 2 years. Building permits continued to nosedive.



OTHER DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

UPI leads: "RN won 6th consecutive veto fight of yr. w/Hill as House failed to override rejection of bill to increase minimum wage."...WH said RN gratified. "It's now up to Hill to replace vetoed bill this yr. w/new bill which'll bring min. wage in line w/increased COL while doing so in way that helps to check inflation and protects jobs...."

GAO's Staats says OMB's impoundment of funds for Natl Industrial Equipment Reserve and its directive to dismantle the reserve are illegal.

Admin said Hill it'd spend \$540M more on elementary and high school education next fall in return for some form of education R-S which consolidates categorical grants for needy, handicapped and other children. Marland said promise was a WH guarantee to spend the money and wouldn't be w/drawn either because of veto of HEW money bill or by impoundment as Admin did w/\$700M in school aid last year. But Admin will oppose legisl of House Education subcomm which would force Admin to spend full impacted aid appropriated by Hill. ...CBS noted Marland's resignation. Cronkite said he'd had differences in past w/Admin but reason<sup>he</sup> was leaving was "personal."

Dem Study Group said RN's charges of Hill inaction are unsupported by facts and are "blatant effort to distract attention from major policy failures and corruption that characterize Admin." Group said more than half of 50 measures in SOTU have already been passed by at least 1 house. All but 10 have seen some legislative action. "What RN's really doing w/so-called SOTU is calling on Hill to do what it's already in process of doing." Commenting on charge of Hill "budget busting," DSG said Hill adopted ceilings below Admin, and any deficit for present FY "would be result of insistence of Admin on \$5B DOD increase."

AP leads: "Butz says he's being prevented by Hill itself from spending more than \$25M to give children extra portion of milk, even tho Admin wanted cutback in 1st place."

Senate Agriculture approved bill authorizing additional \$129M in subsidies for school lunches. Admin-opposed measure, is similar to bill which recently passed House. Senate aides predicted efforts will be made on Senate floor to boost subsidy above level approved already, from 8¢ to 10¢.

UPI leads: "Senate unanimously approved bill to insure working people receive retirement benefits they have earned under pension plans even



if they don't spend all their working life w/same employer." Bill also offers tax advantages to induce uncovered workers and self-employed to invest some of their earnings toward retirement.

House approved (305-108) \$224.1M authorization for USIA. The measure is \$16M less than Admin requested. Brock urged Ervin to get quick action on budget reform proposal in Ervin's Gov't Operations Comm.

ABC noted Elliott Roosevelt demanded public apology from Jackson for allowing Mastriana's testimony, accusing subcomm of smearing him in world press w/out trying to check on testimony of the witness. Roosevelt called story "cock and bull" and said Mastriani had embezzled \$10,000 from him and an associate.

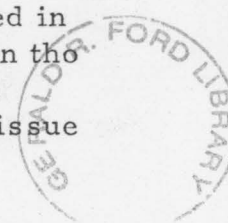
CBS w/film of Philip Wilson, former leader insurance co. that became leader in multimillion-dollar network of fraudulent banks and insurance companies and who's now under conviction for mail fraud, testified he cheated whole nations -- including PRC and USSR -- in fraudulent securities and insurance schemes. He said he periodically passed on certain "economic info" he obtained from his dealings w/ local CIA office. ... To amusement of audience, Wilson told how he lost money in Poland because 2 aircraft crash into same mountain, to his insurance liability.

NBC/CBS noted "Buddy" Martin, 1 of triggermen convicted in Yablonski murders, was sentenced to die in electric chair even tho Pa. outlawed capital punishment. ... the judge thinks it'll hold up, said Chancellor; and, if it doesn't Cronkite said judge will issue life sentence w/out pardon or parole.

#### ADMIN

AP's Lewine leads: "RN plans to concentrate on domestic problems 'til Hill recesses, and aides say date of any European trip is now uncertain" -- WH adviser said "uncertain's very perceptive word." ... Lewine noted "as sign of how active RN has been, WH produced some stix on schedule since May 1: visits w/11 heads of state and 8 other foreign officials; 9 Cabinet meetings; 38 meetings w/individual Cabinet members, and as well as some 50 congressional meetings, and a number of trips, including summit w/Pompi and "brief" appearances in Norfolk, Orlando, Pekin, KC, and New Orleans. But no trips scheduled for rest of Sept.

Star's sports section bannered w/story of RN letter to NL in support of Padres transfer to DC.



Julie said family was irritated by "completely unfair and untrue stories" that WWH-KB improvements enhanced value of properties. She said family "could care less if we have a gazebo or a spotlight on the flagpole." Julie also said David flunked as a journalist because he couldn't pass the test of "sneers and jeers." She said US wants to put W'gate "in perspective" and US mood is that "people want to move forward and concentrate on other issues, such as energy and SALT." UPI noted audience "frequently applauded" her remarks.

HAK, receiving congrats on Foreign Relations approval, joked he was "lucky. Only 10 witnesses testified against me. I thought my whole staff would."

#### VICE PRESIDENT

UPI leads: "Warren denied RN or anybody in WH was trying to pressure VP into resigning." Warren said reporters suggesting WH was attempting to force VP to leave "are false. There's no disposition on part of WH or people in WH to force VP to resign."... All nets reported Warren said "because matter of VP is under investigation, we feel it's inappropriate for WH to comment" "or accept questions -- the answers to which would pass judgement on situation -- while it's still being considered by AG."... ABC said w/this as justification, no statements were made on VP's future in WH.

Jarriel said RN sent spokesman to deny WH was trying to force or pressure VP to resign. Nor was WH leaking damaging news to press. Jarriel said Warren said this w/out explaining how he could make such broad categorical denials and never answered direct question: does RN want VP to resign? W/film of VP, Jarriel said "social snub" came just when everyone was watching. Tho WH denies "snub," Jarriel said action may've come just when VP was looking hardest for sign of support. Incident suggested WH "coolness" towards VP, Jarriel concluded.

NBC's Brokaw said WH position makes clear VP is "standing on his own".... Nessen said VP office found WH words "most welcome and reassuring," but added VP's not waiting around for support; rather he intends to fight this alone. Noting VP's office reported strong public support (500+ telegrams -- all but 2 supportive), speculation remains alive. Duke, from Capitol, said Hill gave welcome support as GOP Senators "of all shades" rose to VP's defense. Dole (on film) said while he doesn't know facts behind rumors, VP's made it "rather clear" he's no intention of resigning -- this may be time for him to restate it to scotch rumors. Curtis (on film) vehemently declared the rumors were damaging, not only to VP but the nation. Javits



said (on film) he hopes people and Hill will let law take its course if he's indicted, but if he's not he shouldn't be "bedeviled." Duke concluded that as GOP Senators see it, "VP should not resign so long as he proclaims his innocence and so long as he's not indicted."

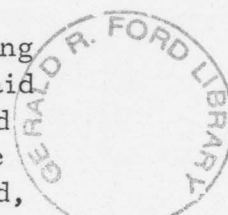
In Thurs Post, Kilpatrick-Cannon write that even as WH statements were being issued, "there was a fresh report that a principal WH official has predicted (VP's) resignation in 'next few weeks.'" Article says report came from an "Eastern GOP who said he was told by the official w/in past few days that (VP's) departure would give RN "an opportunity to set a whole new tone for Admin."

VP att'y Topkis said "VP's said he's not resigning and that's it."... Beckman and Kelly in Trib say VP's received a number of options from attys, including resignation, but that's very low on list, if not at the bottom.

Gold blames "WH staff at the highest level, Haig and Laird" for reports. He said they "operate the staff and know who says what. When an anonymous WH source is quoted they show no damned interest at all in finding out who said it." Gold called RN "the #1 member of the JBC clique" who does nothing to stop talk about JBC. ... JBC refused comment on "what may or may not be going on" in reported attempts to replace VP. He said "I don't know of a Connally clique." Connally said "I'm sure I won't run for the presidency in '76."

Gold on CBS AM said resignation talk is "latest in sustaining campaign by WH" to undermine VP's position. Noting Laird said his comments to John Anderson were misinterpreted, Gold said this "misinterpretation" has gone for quite a while, and in case of WH "no comments," that was "quite deliberate." Gold added, tho, that the rumors were a "common denominator" of whatever staff there was at WH. It occurred w/HRH/JDE, and "I suppose if you had Sonny and Cher we'd get the same thing. Also, he scoffed at RN's support of VP only from day Agnew became Veep and pointed out Dem Mandel asserted he believes in VP's innocence. He added the "pros" certainly know what it all means. Gold further emphasized that VP matter has diverted attention from W'gate.

Gold would be "shocked, amazed and stunned" if VP resigns, noting he's Constn'lly elected. And he doesn't think VP will be "shoved" or "intimidated" out by WH. Unless we have a "Chilean govt." now, VP will stay, he asserted, jokingly saying of course they could "surround EOB w/troops." RN "can't force him out,"



he said; how can you force a person w/great strength of character out? Have Haig send him notes, or as Herblock suggested, cut off heat in Veep's offices? Gold admitted VP may have thought of resigning, but not seriously, and compared that to Julie's statement re: RN. Someone "w/less guts" may be forced out, but VP will fight; he's not chased away by dirty looks and no comments. When note was made VP may hurt GOP in '74, Gold said RN may be in that position to. When Serafin wondered why VP hadn't denied rumors, Gold noted VP's stand on not responding to unattributed rumors and emphasized VP had publicly said he wouldn't resign.

Noting every VP undergoes "Chinese water torture" -- it's like "hating freshmen in college" -- Gold said it's hoped someday that a Pres and staff would treat a VP w/deference. But WH staff acts as if they were ones elected. This lack of respect has gone on for years, and RN knows about it -- or should, added Gold, commenting, of course, we've heard that before. Asserting he doesn't know anyone who could do better job than VP, Gold also suggested those starting such rumors have their ideas about who should replace VP. The "JBC clique" is definitely involved, and Laird maybe has some ambitions, too, he said.

Nessen w/Today Byline noted many VP friends insist VP's a victim. of WH plot to discredit him and force resignation. They also see it as diversion from W'gate, and some feel AG/Laird are in on plot for own ambitions. VP supporters suspected plot last month when VP was informed of investigation, and this suspicion "deepened" w/leaks. WH/RN haven't "done much" to discourage speculation, added Nessen, noting RN's support, described as "half-hearted," and WH's "no comments." But Nessen noted there's another theory -- i. e., RN knows evidence against VP will lead to his indictment and/or impeachment and wants VP to quit now to avoid further embarrassment to Admin. Whatever theory you believe, concluded Nessen, it all adds up to fact VP's been hurt by investigation and is being pressured to resign.

Laird on CBS AM clip said he had no info re: VP resignation; he'd talked to VP but not about that. Asked about WH "no comments," he noted RN's stated his respect and admiration for VP, who can speak for himself as well. Laird said VP's handled himself well and is willing to face press and answer questions.



CBS AM's Serafin noted it "remains unclear" if VP will resign. Observers looked for "signals" at Bhutto dinner, and Agnews didn't precede RN/PN and Bhuttos for official photos as usual (foyer was too crowded was official explanation), but Serafin noted signals can be "deceptive."... Bhutto found VP laughing and in a "fine mood" but said he had nothing to disclose re: resignation reports.

Goldwater on ABC film doesn't detect effort to ease VP out. But BG added "if I wanted to write scenario involving way to get any man in public life... I think present scenario would lend self to that."... Goldwater said he thought Connally would be a "fine" candidate to replace VP if he were out of the picture, but that he preferred Reagan.



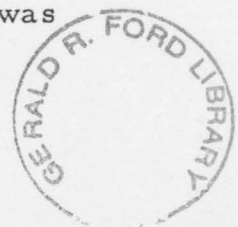
"Sees WH Axing Spiro" is p. 1 NY News banner, w/p. 2 head, "Barry Charges RN Is Trying to Get Agnew." Volz/Wieghart identify a Goldwater spokesman as person accusing WH of putting out story BG was source for Broder report, and they add, "Clash between pro-VP forces, led by BG, and Admin faction which reportedly wants to dump VP broke into open for 1st time. VP was known to believe WH was behind reports JBC was RN's choice to replace him." . . . . Again denying he was Broder source, BG asked: "Has anyone ever heard me say '99-1/2' of anything? I go 100% or not at all." Citing his age BG ruled self out and said any choice should be a likely WH candidate in '76. . . . . Noting Morton was "hurriedly called" to WH Mon., NY News says a "WH source speculated Morton might well've been" Broder's source.

Monitor's Hey quotes a conservative source as saying, "Something seems to be up, but what it is I don't know;" pressure on VP "must be enormous." And Hey says 1 point "on which there seemed considerable agreement was there's growing rift between RN and VP."

NBC noted Rodino denied Pasadena Star-News report that Judiciary has discussed possible VP impeachment w/Justice. Spokesman said subject did come up in regular meeting of Rodino w/subcomm. chmn. but only as something that might have to be dealt w/in future. Justice also denied report. . . . . Some members have discussed VP case among selves, but not w/Justice.

W/possibility VP could be indicted and W'gate cloud hanging above, ABC said tho not likely, impeachment isn't "unthinkable." Noting debates would begin in House Judiciary Comm., ABC had Rodino on film saying Comm. members are supposed to know answers to rather complex questions. Thus, Comm. has been doing "very indepth" study consulting experts on questions re: impeachment, indictment. ABC noted no one really anticipates moves, but Comm's "gearing up" just in case.

Among those MCs meeting to discuss possible impeachment, following comments were made: Conyers said, "there's a curtain around me. When the time comes, I'll be glad to talk about it." Mezvinsky said "All the issues coming out of W'gate as well as controversy over VP were explored in a general way. There was no consensus of what action, if any, should be taken and none



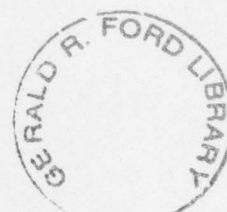
was sought;" Abzug said "something will come out of this (meeting). We're going to do something and you'll know about it when the time comes."

Prexy of Mayor's Conf. didn't mean to indicate VP no longer would be welcome spksmn for cities. Norfolk's Martin had said "in his position I don't think we'll see VP participating very heavily in any new endeavors." In telegram to VP, he said "my remarks concerning you have been misinterpreted. I've always had highest regard for you." Martin hoped VP'll "continue to provide voice for urban US in DC and that this role can be more formalized for remainder of Admin."

Brinkley commented that "seldom in modern times have we seen a VP in the news so much." After citing minor, but memorable vignettes for which Dawes, Marshall, Garner, HST, LBJ, HHH and RN were remembered as VPs, Brinkley observed VP Agnew has twice made himself center of attention: 1st when he attacked press and made himself a hero ("among those who already hated it"), and now, amidst charges of crime. David declared there's been "very little support" from WH, which has treated VP "like a family embarrassment." Even before current troubles, observed David, "it was known" RN's backing was "less than great." Brinkley concluded that regardless of outcome of current controversy, "it's almost certain" VP's hopes in '76 are "almost dead." If so, he'll return to Baltimore as "modern history's most famous VP."

#### TAPES

AP leads: "RN filed hard-line response in tapes case that hinted broadly that he'll not accept compromise proposed by Appeals." .... UPI leads: "WH attys, indicating they'd reject out-of-court compromise...., told Appeals it'd tear down Presidency if RN were forced to surrender tapes." UPI said "hard-line stand" appeared to be a forerunner of rejection of Court's suggestion and was consistent w/previous WH contentions. ... Another UPI lead: "WH and Cox, working up to court-imposed deadline, were reported still far apart on attempts to compromise out of court...".



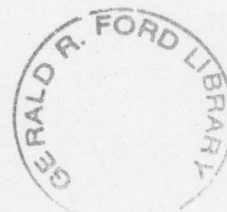
WH/Cox "flatly" refuse to comment, ABC said prior to confirmations of having met. "Legal summit conf" included Cox, Buzhardt, and Garment according to ABC which, along w/NBC/CBS, said they'll meet 1 more time before final deadline. ABC noted WH source who said WH is not "much more flexible" in private....NBC's Stern said RN hasn't budged, but there are "small signs" he might. Noting possibility of Cox accepting transcript of portions, Stern quoted WH aide as saying tapes are "not like Montevani," where you have to hear every note....In noting the Cox/Buzhardt meetings, Cronkite observed "no break thru yet."

The brief argued, "To allow a court, which has no jurisdiction to indict or try an incumbent Pres., to conclude a Pres. has committed a crime, merely as an incident to an evidentiary ruling, would be wholly intolerable. Pres. would stand condemned in eyes of US w/out any of safeguards that even humblest citizen enjoys." ....Lawyers said RN, recognizing unique character of W'gate, appointed Cox and gave him broad powers. ....ABC noted "but he hasn't delegated to Cox, and won't abrogate, his constn'l duties and prerogatives. That would move beyond accommodation to irresponsibility."

Seattle Post-Intelligencer reports Tom Clark asserts WH statements it can't release tapes to Cox even on Supreme Court order is "contrary to our whole concept of law and order." He added "a court can indeed order a Pres. to produce evidence," and quoted English judge, Lord Coke: "No man is above the law, even the king."

#### OTHER W'GATE

Ervin on ABC film stressed Colson expressed hope it'd be possible to testify voluntarily later. That thought notw/standing, ABC said Comm's "now more than ever" firming up list of those who'll testify in public hearings.



NBC said Comm. "didn't hear much" from Colson... McCormick reported Colson was once considered "so important" they allotted 4 to 5 days for his testimony, but now it's said that while they still want to hear from him, his information is really neither new enough or useful enough.... Schorr for CBS observed that taking 5th amendment was "last resort" for Colson and, until he became target of grand jury, had been "demanding" to appear.

AP leads: "Counterbugging expert Ragan... worked simultaneously for GOP and ITT." He worked at RNC as consultant from '69 til Sept. '71 and early in '71 was sent to Chile by ITT. ITT spokesman denied that mission was linked to GOP... NY News quotes informed sources as saying Comm identified Ragan as "wireman" who tapped Don Nixon's phone. He's also expected to testify about how he allegedly tapped phones of Kraft, officials and other newsmen, reportedly on orders from Plumbers.

Sevareid commented that "now and then the spiritual smog lifts," as in 2 recent events. Fitzgerald was reinstated -- he was guy who "blew whistle" on C5A cost overruns and it was suggested in memo to HRH that he be allowed to "bleed for awhile." The other event, Shultz-Laird rift on taxes, is best illustration of difference in DC spirit from HRH/JDE days. In pre-W'gate exposure days, you "could get fired for that," said Eric, or be left to bleed, or left to twist slowly, slowly in the wind. But Shultz said he's glad he said it and Laird's laughing. Somewhere along line, "an atmospheric inversion occurred." While Admin is not as open as RN once talked of it, it's more open than it was. All this means, Eric concluded, that there's a chance of a relaxed spirit of confidence returning and it's important to note that next to power w/out knowledge, the "worst thing is power w/out humor."

Weicker said 4 Cubans have spent too long in jail and have been treated as scapegoats. He added "if anybody thinks jailing of 4 is correct punishment and corrects situation, I think they're very much mistaken."

Nets to continue live coverage of hearings on rotating basis starting Monday, NBC/CBS noted.



LATE NEWS/MISCELLANY

JBC said US has reached point where "we can't pay our debts."

AP's Chadwick said hearings indicate "slow going for bills providing use of tax funds to finance campaigns."... Reiterating his position of past, HKS said public financing's "clearly" an idea whose time has come. Smith asserted Hill doesn't need more facts. Hill should simply forbid all private financing.

Hebert blasted Aspin for criticizing DOD projects. "It's about time for Aspin to put up or shut-up. From now on I'll challenge every erroneous, misleading and distorted statement he makes," Hebert said. "Critics of DOD programs who obtain publicity by being negative and offer no constructive criticism or alternatives are doing disservice" to US.

All nets noted 3 of 5 remaining sextuplets are stricken w/same lung disease that killed sister.

CBS w/lengthy report on woman who trains eagles and hawks to survive.

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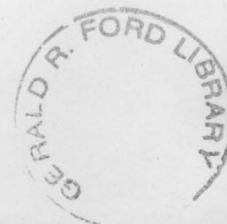
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NEWS SUMMARY  
August 22, 1974  
(Nets, wires, papers, edits)

The Major Stories:

- All nets led w/JtH announcement GF's decided he'll "probably" run in '76. "If any GOP or Dem had doubts," said CBS, GF erased them, and "only cataclysm" could now prevent it. All nets w/film as GF told press NR stated it well yesterday, declining to express it himself, and wanting "you to worry about that." Brinkley said GF/NR would be hard to defeat, while Sevareid saw it as move by GF to implement power he needs now, w/everyone figuring they'll have to deal w/GF for years to come....ABC/NBC w/film of NR/Happy sailing near Me. coast.
  
- ABC said GF was "anywhere and everywhere" Wed., and Chancellor said "all over Washington". All nets w/film as GF signed Educ. Bill and dropped in on Hill and presided at Andrews reception for Davies body. CBS said GF dropped in on Hill for "no particular reason," tho all noted GF's inauguration of Penn. Ave. as 2-way street. ABC said GF was greeting old friends, courting old enemies whose critical support he needs. Clark said if all warm handshakes mean anything, Dems/GOPs alike will help GF avoid fate of last man -- LBJ -- who tried to make Penn. Ave. 2-way street.
  
- After nearly 3 years, Black Caucus met w/GF. All nets w/film. Pierpoint said among 16 members only one (Young) had voted for GF's confirmation as VP, but all were "clearly pleased" at their quick access. Jordan/Rangel on all nets w/positive reaction, Burke similarly on ABC, but Conyers "not so impressed" on CBS, saying he saw/heard "absolutely nothing" to indicate GF will be any different toward black issues than he was as MC....NBC/CBS also w/clips of GF w/Chappie James, "an old friend," said Pierpoint, en route to new assignment.
  
- UPI lead: "Increase in retail prices (.8%) not as great in July as in previous 2 mo's," all nets noting, w/CBS saying almost everything went up, save some food costs, and "not good news" for consumers....Nets also noted GM modest roll-back -- \$54.00 -- "not very far" (CBS), "really a gesture" (NBC).



- Victory for GF as House cut Mass Transit bill down to \$11B, but in development all nets noted, Ways-Means efforts to reach health bill compromise collapsed.
- Jaworski joined WG defendant attys in US Court of Appeals for trial delay.

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DAVIES/CYPRUS

AP leads: "In solemn and moving ceremonies led by GF, Davies came home from war torn Cyprus where he was slain while working for peace."...On all nets GF said Davies was a "professional in the fullest sense. He lived and worked for peace."...HAK said "a professional foreign service officer has come home. He returns not to joy but to sadness, not to parades but to solemn ceremony." HAK conferred secretary's plaque, highest state dept award possible.

On all nets, GF kissed Davies' daughter and shook son's hand, presenting US Flag. Kalb on CBS said GF/HAK were waiting when jet bearing Davies body arrived, thus paying him "highest tribute possible." Kalb concluded it was "very sad, very moving tribute," and reminder that any crisis in world can touch US....ABC's Koppel said of presenting flag to Davies daughter GF was "more fatherly" than Pres'l, showing that his death would set tone, not for inflaming nat'l passions, but of symbol of US quest for peace.

3 men arrested in Cyprus in connection w/Davies death. 2 released later on. Ceasefire continues. All nets noted.

CBS noted Turks ordered UN troops out of port of Famagusta, but UN ignored the order and patrolled the deserted streets, saying request for clarification had gone unanswered.

Ecevit said Turks are ready to negotiate reasonable changes in demarcation line and he's optimistic negotiations can start again. NBC/CBS noted...He also said there's absolute need for separate areas for Greek and Turk Cypriots.



Karamanlis appears to be unmoved by HAK's attempts to get Greece and Turkey back to negotiating, says UPI. Greece reportedly refused to resume talks til Turks pull back to lines held before last wk's offensive.

"Jubilant over their recent military achievement, Turks feel they're finally achieving their long sought goal of a separate and autonomous Turk admin in an ind't federal Cyprus," leads Monitor's Cohen noting observers believe Turks have won battlefield what they sought at conf. table and Greece will have to accept it.

#### OTHER FOREIGN

Sun's Parks reports from Moscow that "US is scrapping the conceptual agreement it had worked out w/USSR as basis for new limits on strategic arms, to take a "broader, probably tougher approach when negotiations resume next month." New stance probably will seek to preserve the USA's qualitative advantage. And Parks sees it more akin to Schlesinger view than to HAK....Soviets said keeping HAK offers, in principle, prospect of continuing detente. But they fear HAK's wings may be clipped under GF, says UPI. Russia and its allies are afraid GF-NR team will slow down detente or change its direction, says UPI. They're uncertain and suspect GF's less eager for detente than RN. Sooner Moscow gets clarification on policy under GF, the better, says UPI.

Tho GF has emphasized foreign affairs continuity, Harvard's Bowie in Monitor expects some modifications re: putting detente in better perspective by cutting thru the hyperbole w/ more realism and specificity. Bowie also emphasizes "demands of interdependence must have much higher priority....Greatest failing of RN Admin was its virtual neglect of this task." Bowie feels GF's "method and approach" of openness and concern for economic issues bode well for "organized cooperation w/others."

Egyptian forces fired missile at Israeli warplane in one of severest violations along front.

Khaddam arrived in Washington Wed. for conf. on ME w/HAK and other officials.



Panama is restoring relations w/Cuba....US expressed regret and reaffirmed US will change its policy only thru OAS. UPI noted while US officially maintains hard line, there've been some signs of easing that position.

Senate narrowly defeated (47-44) attempt to cut \$150M from military aid to SVN....All nets noted....It was Goldwater maneuver. He argued US should either live up to its agreement to provide aid or eliminate it completely. ABC noted....DOD budget pared down \$5B from \$87B Admin request. McClellan said of money to go to Saigon, "It's cheap, because of inflation, we're not giving them as much as we did last year." Senate was expected to fight further reductions, but Eagleton introduced bill making an \$81B ceiling requiring a further cut of \$1B. ABC noted.

ABC w/film of water rising in Bangladesh -- worst in history -- hardly a village or house not under water. Food is wheat provided by US, and more requests are in. Cholera is also spreading, w/total of 20M people affected, said reporter.

All nets noted Abrams in "serious" condition w/clot in right leg.

#### AMNESTY/VETS

EMK called VFW's rejection "narrow....it was wrong to put him down w/out even chance to hear his proposal." EMK also said GF's performance in other areas since assuming presidency have been excellent and said "He hasn't missed a beat.".... EMK on ABC/CBS told VFW he believes they were wrong in turning down man who carries "enormous task of reconciliation." He asked Vets if they were lenient enough to reconsider position, to which they responded w/resounding "NO!" CBS' reporter Simpson said after meeting, Soden said he was surprised at EMK's remarks, but also sure Vets won't reconsider. Simpson concluded on note that Soden said in case of amnesty, "law must apply equally -- whether on bugging in, or bugging out." "

From Am. Legion conv. in Miami, CBS AM said GF's decision on amnesty has "VFW up in arms" and that most of Legion agrees w/one leader that "they should be brought back in jail where they belong."



AG said it is doubtful deserters/dodgers will be asked to join Armed Forces, Peace Corps or Vista as condition for amnesty. Possibly GF could ask only for request for repatriation as requirement. Alternatives being considered according to AG are, "from asking for repatriation to requiring what was required of conscientious objectors."

"DOD did an about-face from opposing any kind of amnesty to studying ways of carrying out policy of leniency toward deserters and evaders as prescribed by GF," reports Sun's Corddry. "All early indications, however, were the Dept. would resist making unwilling military service one of the requirements for offenders."

High praise from Monitor for GF's amnesty remarks that took "a middle way where feelings of most Amers. probably now lie."....Sun also feels "GF deserves credit for putting the issue...on a new plane of public debate and even greater credit for choosing the forum he did." But paper wonders if more leniency won't be required.

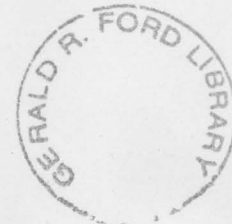
"Eloquent" words, says LAT, also praising the "rising spirit of nat'l reconciliation" held out by GF, in a speech of "deep conviction and courage...GF's every act since becoming Pres. attests to open and generous spirit."

As in choosing NR, WSJ commends GF for putting aside emotion and clarifying the central issue on amnesty. "Surely a magnanimous nation would offer some way for refugees to return after a divisive war. Just as surely, a nation that someday might have to fight another war would insist on some recognition of its right to decide which wars are just....It's only imp't that society stays in the driver's seat. It shows good judgment that GF recognizes this, and "a dash of courage" in announcing it before VFW.

Senate passed and returned to House compromise increasing monthly benefits to vets attending school by 23%. Tuition grant plan dropped.

#### ECONOMY/RELATED

COL up nearly 12% in past yr, w/modest dose of good news in another report which showed real earnings up 0.2%. However, that's still down 5.3% since '73.



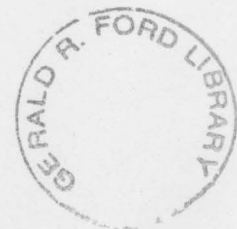
W/trim of \$54 from planned auto hikes, GM's '75 models still will be up nearly \$450....CBS called it "small anti-inflation move," w/one result being big boost in sales of '74 models. Report from NYC indicated 1 dealer w/sales double '73. Report noted GM's argument that costs required to compensate for govt-req'd ecology/safety devices, w/dealer (on film) saying he thinks govt has "over reacted" to ecological demands....GF called GM rollback "one of many examples of restraints <sup>by mgt.</sup> and labor" can take in fight against inflation. ABC/CBS noted....UPI noted JtH said GM acted "independently" and "voluntarily." But Rush has been on phone almost daily w/auto ldrs to urge restraint, said AP....Rush said he was "very encouraged." He declined to characterize rollback as either adequate or inadequate.

Burns said if Hill cut budget \$10B, Fed would "of course take that into account" in deciding whether to ease tight money policy. Burns told new Sen. budget panel that cut would be single most imp't. step to curb inflation. Cut would have tremendous psychological effect in convincing country Hill's serious, Burns said. But Heller said there should not be any net budget cut, and said measures should include tax cuts for low-income as well as more spending for unemployment and housing subsidies.

CBS noted Buckley called for imposing spending ceiling to hold budget to \$295B for current FY. Measure would permit GF to cut budgets by 15%, but not allow him to cut where Hill reduced appropriation request by at least 5%. Harry Byrd termed measure "practical and realistic."....Byrd also said to get budget balanced, GF would have to get new OMB head, or change Ash's thinking. Prox. said Buckley's bill "would take govt. out of borrowing market and make more money available for housing, and Curtis said it'd move budget away "from hit-and-miss, meat axe" approach to reduced spending.

McFall/Conable to represent House on steering comm. planning economy summit. Comm to meet Thurs. at WH.

EMK said "GF has isolated key issue -- economy and he'll be held accountable for it."...CBS noted he'll be tough to beat in '76 if he can solve problem.



Heavy, oft-prominent print coverage to GF's Tues. remarks on controls: "GF Reiterates He Won't Seek Pay, Price Curbs/Statement's Aim Is to Assure Labor/Business, Head Off Inflationary Demands" tops p. 3 WSJ story noting it was "another extraordinarily busy day for the new Pres." ...."GF Vows No Return to Controls" is p. 1 Sun. ....Also p. 1 in LAT: "Pres. Won't Seek Any Price or Pay Controls/Hopes to Prevent Hikes From Being Made Hastily in Expectation of Curbs" ....Also p. 1 Post: "GF Won't Seek Controls." .... "GF Sees No Lid on Pay and Prices" also p. 1 NYT. .... "GF Lets Air Out of Controls Rumors" inside NY News. Story also inside Inquirer while topping inside Star page: "GF Rules Out Economy Curbs".

"GF's expected to make economy the next arena for a bold, dramatic move underscoring the contrast between his Admin and RN's," reports Cahill in NY News. "Insiders predict a substantially larger govt role than the 'do-nothingism" of RN's final days.

It's "good news" to finally have a Pres. talking of inflation battle as if he means it, says Royster in WSJ. And perhaps Hill will finally listen given public concerns. Still, "the tide of battle doesn't go well." Besides widely varying views of Admin economists, Royster notes NR wasn't a frugal gov. and Dems haven't ever done much cutting. GF himself has a policy, but not a program. Thus the veteran WSJ reporter "detects a faint air of defeatism" re: inflation. Being tested is whether GF and Hill have the "political courage to take the necessary measures" and whether public is determined to win the war.

Ph. 2 Price Comm. chrm. Jackson Grayson in WSJ feature sees little value in the new wage-price agency -- "it'll increase (falsely) expectations that inflation solution's closer. It'll do little to stop inflation. It'll increase some wages/prices and prevent decreases. ..It'll increase odds of future mandatory controls." It's not going to be just a passive monitoring agency, Grayson warns. "Action will be forced because the agency exists." But conceding it's going to exist, Grayson recommends no more powers be given it, that heavy reliance on it be avoided and keep it out of WH, making it quasi-ind't. If it's tied to GF, he can only lose w/the agency only tackling cases it can win or requiring new mandatory authority.

AP leads: "Butz brought to closed meeting of Senate Agric. essentially same message a top aide brought last week: don't panic over current crop conditions." Butz reminded Senators wheat crop is still a record and corn crop is 4th largest tho lowest in 4 yrs.



OTHER DOMESTIC

All nets w/brief film as GF signed \$25.4B education bill imposing new limits on busing and guaranteeing privacy rights to students and parents. Bill includes provision that student cannot be bused beyond next closest school district which also may not be...Anti-busing provision strongest yet passed but many feel it didn't go far enough, AP notes. ...Jarriel on ABC called signing "symbolic" of GF's effort to "walk middle ground." Outside, Jarriel noted, GF mingled w/children (on film) who'll be directly affected by bill. ...NBC's Brokaw said GF signed bill in new "spirit of compromise." On film, GF said while it's not perfect bill, it's good law and will be more effective and provide equitable distribution of funds to improve educ. ...CBS' Jones said GF was "having good time" signing bill, quipping that it's hard to use so many pens w/short name.

AP leads: "Ways-Means efforts to reach compromise on Nat'l Health bill collapsed w/panel hopelessly torn over tax and revenue issues." Mills said issue would be put aside because "there's no majority consensus now" on panel. ...But Mills said "it wasn't a dead issue" and "it's entirely possible" Comm. can do something before Hill adjourns. ...Martha Griffiths reminded Comm. "GF asked for a bill. I'm for giving him a bill."

Percy/Ribicoff confident of getting remaining votes needed to cut-off filibuster on CPA.

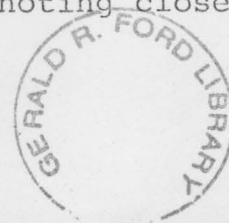
Nader, never welcomed at WH during RN/LBJ admins, wants appt. to see GF.

CBS AM's Strauser reported Ron Walker and Park Reservation, Inc. are being investigated by Metzenbaum committee because of what might be "contract favoritism." Both deny any favoritism. Morton also has ordered audit of contract issued thru Walker. Strauser also noted Walker's name before WG Comm. in connection w/rally in N.C.

Ex-dir. advance sales for Seattle Expo says fair may lose \$3M and be forced to close early, but spokesman denied it.

Group of House GOPs chaired by BG, Jr. recommended sweeping guidelines to safeguard personal privacy, including restriction on use of Social Security number as form of universal identification.

Auto crash death of org. crimefighting-Tenn. sheriff Buford Pusser noted by all nets, w/CBS report noting close



friend maintains broken tie-rod appeared cut to him, thus doubts crash accidental. State police believe impact broke tie rod, tho investigation not closed. Pusser's life had been basis of movie "Walking Tall," and he'd just signed \$2M contract for sequel. Also noted were 7 attempts on his life, since becoming Sheriff at age 24.

LA FBI office said "alphabet bomber" was apparently acting alone. NBC/CBS film of suspect's booking, w/CBS reporting man's employer of 2 years said he's "mute," thus doubting he ever made tape. But neighbor claimed she's talked w/him often. The conflicting information "plunged it into mystery," said CBS, and both nets noted LAPD satisfied they've got right man, given voice-print match, and other evidence.

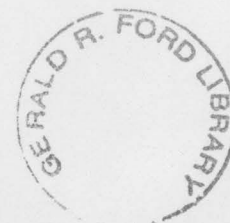
NBC/CBS w/film reports from Amarillo where 2 prisoners held hostages above county courthouse for 36 hours. W/no explanation of how it began, sheriff's deputies began shooting (at men armed only w/knives, said NBC). 1 killed. Hostages were unhurt and released.

CBS w/lengthy report from Harlan, Ky., where "striking" UMW plans demonstration related to union's "memorial". Reporter said contract talks stalemated, w/no prospect for agreement, amidst increasing bitterness, as economy continues to deteriorate. Emphasis on 2 families, 1 paying \$10.00/mo for 4 rooms, other same amount for 3 rooms, and disappearance of their income as strike continues.

#### ADMINISTRATION

JtH said "there's no precise agreement" on NR in '76, but this shouldn't be taken as indication GF planned to drop him. ...CBS noted JtH said he "definitely" wants to keep word 'probably' in statement. AP says "barring unforeseen developments, GOP nomination is GF's virtually for the asking."

ABC's Bell reported GF had promised BF 2 years ago he'd retire in '76 and reaffirmed that (NBC/CBS note) at VP confirmation hearing. But NR hinted GF had changed his mind, and plan to run in '76 is "already in advanced stages." JtH (on film) said GF's position changed after he became Pres. He said GF feels it's his duty to bind up nation's wounds, following many months travail, agony for many, which may take longer than this term. Bell concluded on note that GF/NR team, tho not definite, has not been put together for short term. ...AP called it "unusual" for such news to be announced



at news briefing.

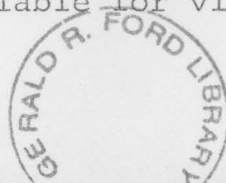
NBC's Chancellor said it was only 2 days ago GF moved into WH, now probably to run in '76 for full term, and Brokaw reported "in a sense," GF hasn't stopped running since day he took office." ...Mudd on CBS said it appeared to most GOPs that GF/NR in '76 is settled.

UPI leads: "In spirit of friendship and reconciliation, GF met w/Black Caucus to discuss legislation on housing and unemployment." Atmosphere was "jovial."

On CBS, Jordan said "all we can do" is react to "what we know at this point in time," and, w/GF in office less than 2 weeks, he invited us, a step that took more than year w/RN (also on NBC)...On ABC, Jordan said she's encouraged w/open door/sensitive Admin, but added it "remains to be seen" if that openness "can be translated into substance." ...Burke on ABC said "important thing is not that they rec'd any commitment, but that there's now means of negotiation."

Rangel on CBS said they were leaving w/"full confidence" GF will have someone appointed to give them access to him "before any major decision's made" that'd affect quality of life of poor...Young on CBS said "very fact he asked us" for meeting indicates lines open and that they're going to have Pres. "we can work with." ...Nessen noted Chappie James, "VN hero," consulted on black problems in armed forces, while Pierpoint said his advice was sought on such problems for blacks both in/out of military. Nessen concluded that fact GF held meeting early in days of his Admin gave impression he's trying to establish communication w/US blacks.

Hawkins said GF said he was sensitive and aware of large black unemployment, but w/out making a specific commitment, GF said "We should apply the medicine where the problems exist." ...Jordan said GF's response to the public service jobs proposal was "a little short of direct personal commitment." She quoted GF as saying "There are strong advocates w/in Admin," w/out naming himself among them. She said GF was concerned such funds not go to locations where unemployment isn't the greatest. ...Rangel said GF "made it clear" he's considering some kind of public service employment. GF said US needs strong defense posture but DOD budget isn't sacrosanct. (CBS note). GF assured them, said Rangel, "that not only is his door open but each one of us can call him." ...Jordan said, "Character of meeting was more, let's talk to each other and that we did." ...Conyers said "GF has made it clear he's going to be cutting back in domestic areas using inflation as an excuse." ...Agronsky interview w/Stan Scott and Conyers following WH meeting was recorded and is available for viewing via



VTR (4125).

AP leads: "GF paid informal courtesy calls on Senate and House to demonstrate 'the official inauguration of Pa. Avenue as a 2-way street.'" ...Clark on ABC said, Hill has been home to GF for 25 yrs, where he oft led outnumbered minority into battle. Hill drop-in visit was a greeting of old friends and Clark noted speeches to both houses asked for cooperation to help restore faith of people in their govt. Received standing ovation and laugh when he said he was there to inaugurate 2-way St., said Clark. ...CBS' Jones said visit to Hill "totally disrupted" legislative branch. Moving from Senate to House, GF was "making it clear he likes it down at the WH." ...Brokaw on NBC said GF praised Senate for cooperation on CLC, and was intro'd on House Floor as distinguished and beloved former member. He shook hands w/Albert and spoke w/ those who once called him "Jerry," but now calling him "Mr. Pres." --a title he likes, said Brokaw and one Rocky thinks GF'll like thru '80. Brokaw concluded that less than year ago, GF was leader of "embattled minority" unable to reach his life's dream -- Speaker of House. Now he's ready for election to full term as Pres.

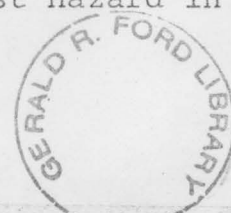
AP saw GF "Moving to cement his relations w/Hill."

ABC's Smith commented that Presidents seem to depart w/unhappy endings. Always leaving drained, hoping history will make it up. Pres. must learn how to make his bank account work for him by stretching it. GF has learned to use alienating forces, such as attack on GM, amnesty statement, to "stretch" that bank account. He has a certain blandness and right choice of language. GF said when he came in that he wanted to be good Pres. and he certainly has started right.

Amnesty and NR decisions "weren't compromises for sake of compromise but recognition that mvt. was in fact needed," says WSJ edit. The moves "added a sense of mvt. to the new presidency, a feeling that GF's starting to roll." WSJ regards them as not only right, but they "speak well of the man making them."

From Paris, Reston says "GF's made excellent impression there by his candor, his defense of a strong US military and by willingness to appoint experienced men like NR."

Childs warns against instant stereotyping of a new Pres. After all, besides his simple, straightforward talk, "GF's the only Pres. in this century to earn an advanced degree from an Ivy League school." Childs says GF's greatest hazard in

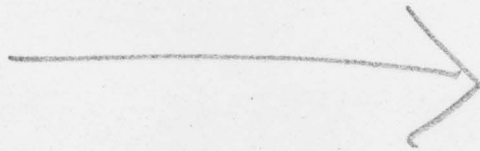


stereotype area is being boxed in by his Hill record when he needs flexibility, especially re: defense policy on which he's been so "hard-line."

UPI's Helen Thomas, in lengthy Sun. advance, leads: "AH has played historic role in selection of 2 VS VPs. When RN selected GF to be his VP last fall, AH made momentous telephone call. When GF wanted to summon NR to Washington... it was AH who made the call."

"Jeans and Jeeps -- Plus One King-Sized Bed" tops 4th in positive NY News series on the 1st Family noting "togetherness is a family style." Ann Wood's full page account leads w/ Julie's tribute to BF --, "if anybody had to take my mother's place, I'm so grateful it's you," -- which overwhelmed the new 1st Lady as it was "genuine, straight from the heart."

"Cheerful and Candid 1st Lady" is People's favorable cover story on the "frank and refreshing" BF who "grins and shares the toughest job in the world" and "she accepted it w/ a cool show of courage.".... Story is followed by 2 pages of profiles of GF's friends in Grand Rapids.... Mag also w/interview on the WH itself w/ ex-usher JB West, profiles of GF's top advisers: Hartmann, Laird, Goodell, Seidman, Marsh, Byrne, and Mildred Leonard... Also a review of the Nixons -- "the anguish may not be over."



NR/CONFIRMATION

AP says hearings won't begin for several weeks and could last rest of yr. AP says "compared to accounting of NR's holdings, investigating GF's was as simple as counting up contents of piggy bank."...Rangel doesn't think confirmation can be completed by Nov. and Wiggins hopes for completion by Jan....But Mansfield/Albert said every effort will be made to confirm NR before Oct. recess. "I don't want any collateral issues, ie, election, involved," Albert said.... Bruce Morton on CBS AM said there seems no chance for confirmation before elections.

Rodino on Today called NR "greatly respected" adding confirmation should go thru easily, tho he'd not say how he'll vote....Rodino/Cannon said major question re: confirmation is how long it'll take to investigate NR's holdings....Rangel sees "great difficulty in how Comm. is even going to start investigating his financial statement."... Rudd on CBS AM noted NR's net worth being in range of \$200-600M, w/large amount of foreign interests which might be problem.

Wires notes NR only carries good luck silver dollar given him by his grandfather, and at ritual trips to NY State fair while Gov. he always had to borrow quarter from newsman or bodyguard to buy hot dog.

Rodino said "whether it's going to take 8 or 10 weeks, whatever time it's going to take Comm will do it as quickly as possible." But Hutchinson said if NR's confirmation takes longer than GF's, "somebody's going to be guilty of foot dragging."....Tho no Dems would say so openly, Volz of NY News notes some feel a stall would be to restrict NR's campaigning this fall for GOP.

EMK expects NR to be quickly and easily confirmed.

ABC's Zimmerman said "NR may have gained job but lost vacation." Note of influx of USSS and press at home in Seal Harbor. NR saw David R. and the Douglas Dillons had short sail around harbor w/wife. On film NR more reminiscent of Kennedys than GFs. Informality not natural however, seems planned. Possibly wealth may hurt or slow down confirmation hearings. NR said he will put all in trust



if confirmed and if needed, noted ABC.....W/press and photogs crowded around, NBC called it 1st time for Happy to get taste of being "2nd Lady." Rollin noted they've often gone sailing (on film) but never before w/boat of USSS alongside. The long vacation's over w/commuting ahead now.

WED. HEADS OF NOTE ON NR CHOICE

"GF Selects NR as 'Good Partner for Me,' US/Confirmation Seems Certain" leads in LAT...."NR Apparently Acceptable to Hill/GOP Right Wing Also Favors Nominees" leads in Monitor w/ Spering beginning: "For 2nd day in row, GF moved somewhat to his left-toward the center."

"Typical GOP Reaction: 'It's a Helluva Good Choice...' Many See Move as Bolstering Party in Coming Elections; Reagan Aide and BG Express Conservative Dissent."...."Hill Welcomes NR"...."Libs, Moderates on Hill Welcome Choice."... "Choice Widely Hailed by Hill Leaders."...."Choice Wins Praise in Both Parties/Some Dissenters."...."Rodino and BG Take Stony Stance on Rock."...."Provides GF Strong Link to Libs in GOP/Conservatives May Be Irked."

"Business Cheers Decision by GF/NoD Called 'Sensational' as Source of Balance."...."Selection Puts New Life in Mkt."... "NR Good News to S. Amers."

"GF Sought Consensus."...."GF Wanted NR From Start."... "Relaxed Nominee Fits Mood Sought by GF."...."NR Considered Perfect Complement to GF/GF's Style, Strength Seen Augmented."...."A Good Balance."

"NR Eager to 'Help Run US'/A Durable Pol as 'Standby.' " ... "Pragmatist Above All."... "NR Expected to Be Heavyweight."... "NR, Born to Power, Wanted Presidency From Early Age."

"Turn of GOP's Tide/Nomination Completes Quick Reversal of '76 Outlook."...."Leaders Believe Union Drives Will Be Hurt/Labor Officials See NR Choice Blunting '74 Campaign to Elect Libs."



REACTION/COMMENT ON NR

Knight's Friedman reports NR was "1st and only real GF choice" from the beginning. But he wanted both consensus and assurances there was no derogatory info that could hurt NR. ...Morton Dean of CBS AM said NR took job due to "age" and "no where to go." He'd describe self as "pragmatist" and "began career as lib but moved to right as US moved to center." He's been a "good soldier" and rarely criticized RN, VN, and has said little on WG." He said NR will be "relatively quiet, for NR," and he'll make a "rather docile VP."

Top NR aide said he wants Dr. Wm. Ronan as chief of staff. tho it's not definite.

Scranton feels NR should be given some of GF's duties to free him from the isolation of the Presidency, reports Nelson in LAT. "Why couldn't the VP formulate domestic policy? Why couldn't he take care of regular contacts w/Cabinet except for secys. of state, defense, treasury and AG," said Scranton. "We must have mechanisms for releasing GF from some of the work so he can be open and see the people. How'll he know what man in st. thinks if he's so isolated. He may know what Meany and David Rockefeller are thinking, but he'll have a hard time knowing what average person's thinking."

AP leads: "GOP is fielding strong new GF/NR leadership team at same time old Dem divisions have burst into open." AP notes. GOP confidence is reflected in smiles of GOP lawmakers and officials. Strauss hasn't succeeded completely in maintaining an uneasy peace, as evidenced by Dem. blow-up in K.C. Sun. in which regulars tried to delete reform rules. AP also notes 60% of Dems favor 1 of 2 highly divisive figures: EMK or Wallace.

Brinkley said just as GOP's putting on one of its best shows, Dems were putting on one of their worst. Fight in K.C. last week was same fight they had in Miami in '72. One black who walked out, Calif's Willie Brown, said all this does is send "good vibes" to GOPs. And Brinkley said GOPs "are feeling the good viba and aren't concealing their pleasure. GF/NR ticket will be difficult to beat. Brinkley, noting economy problems, and some fears of recession/depression, said problems of US have "lately become destroyers of Presidents." Not since Ike has one left "in reasonable serenity," said Brinkley. Thus, no one can predict anything. In 2 short weeks, when Dems had pretty good '76 prospects, "it's all been turned around."



Sevareid said GF's "no longer the reluctant dragon" about '76, and for now he's favored horse. Not only was announcement expression of his private intentions, but implementation of "his official need." He'll be more effective, said Eric, if all concerned -- his own party, Dems, Govs, foreign nations -- know they're likely to have to deal w/him for years to come. Tho DC seems "a bit groggy" from "outbreak of sanity" of late, most 2nd guessing now has to do w/political assets NR will bring. It's open question either way, what he'll do to VP office, or what VP will do to him. And it's sign of GF's "self-confidence" that he brought in man w/wider experience and bigger reputation than his own -- last time being when JFK picked LBJ, said Sevareid. But no VP can really outshadow forceful Pres, as all the power is w/Pres. Only damage he could do to GF would be "minor" and "temporary," w/mixed-up signals resulting from his impulsive nature. But he can be of substantial value, not only to GF, but also HAK. NR probably knows "the exotic mysteries" of world monetary system better than either, same for Latin America. "Words and music directed southward have always been important," Sevareid cont'd, and "NR has them down pat." It'll also be "fascinating" to critics on aisle to see what his presence does to "uneasy balance of power" between HAK and Schlesinger. Inevitably the 2 offices encroach on each other, unable to separate foreign policy from DOD policy. Both men differ on Russia and detente, for one. Normally VP would not count, but NR will also sit on NSC, and to picture him sitting silently "insults" the imagination, Sevareid concluded.

UPI says Reagan, once "the fastest rising GOP star of the west" has virtually no chance now of running for Pres or VP, close associates said. One said "It appears there's very little chance, unless something very unexpected happened." Another said "possibilities are very remote."

"An effective campaigner," said Dem Study Group director Conlon of NR. "He can go anywhere in US and be effective." Shogan of LAT says the nod "added to sense of unease that's overtaken Dems since GF replaced RN and dimmed their prospects of landslide this fall." And noting Dem disinterest in rushing NR thru, Shogan again quotes DSG's Conlon: "GOP's asking Dem Hill to approve the club they'll beat us with."

Bush on CBS AM said he thinks "divisions of past will fade" and that NR will do "first class job."

Strauss on CBS AM said "GF made strong nomination" and NR has "good deal of background and experience GF doesn't have." Strauss said Dems' "job is tougher now," w/new Admin.



Harlow polled conservatives and found them "surprisingly" pro-NR, reports Monitor.

BG said he doesn't "know of a soul who'll oppose NR." But BG also accused NR of "ducking out on at least 2 pres'l races" -- '64 and '68.

"4 or 5 yrs ago he was a bad word in South," said Miss GOP chrm. Clarke Reed. "It's not any more." ...Loeb said "he's now a staid old married man."

Cranston opponent H. L. Richardson said appt. was "lousy" and amounted to "throwing an NR wrench" into Calif GOP. "I don't think GF could've picked somebody as far from rank and file GOP."

"We've now fielded our 1st team at home and abroad," said Javits. "It puts forth our very best in govt."

LA Mayor Bradley called NR "a good choice as liaison w/ cities."

"W/one stroke," says new Sun reporter Trehwitt, "GF committed himself to a surprisingly activist presidency, underscored his own self-confidence and created enormous grief for Dems...To assume NR might now subside would be to defy credulity." And GF/NR ticket in '76 is a "formidably attractive one even if Admin's moderately successful" while Dems are "still divided and bickering."

"The one candidate most able to step into WH at any instant" was NR's main qualification, reports Greene in NY News from Hartmann briefing. ...."GF has placed a premium on experience thruout the federal system," says Goldman of LAT. ..."Few have brought to V-P such a diverse talent and broad background," says Sun's Nordlinger.

"Whatever happens in '76, GF can count himself lucky to have NR's expertise on his side," says NY state reporter O'Neill in NY News. "He's a recognized expert in foreign affairs w/deep roots in business community. He's a proven campaigner w/a paradoxical human touch...that can be enlisted to help GOP thruout US..."

NR's idea of a coordinator "is a man who can keep all the balls in the air w/out losing his own," said Henry Wallace to FDR in '42, recalls Donovan of LAT who feels NR has shown such dexterity ever since. "An enlightened man...His energy and usefulness are unbelievable" and Donovan can see him as a candidate in '80.



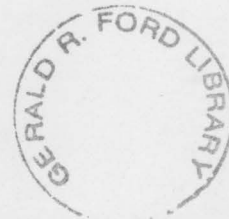
Trewhitt finds "an element of daring" in the choice, "a mark of GF's self-confidence." Further, says the Sun man, "it's a mark of GF's courage that he's willing to have both NR and HAK looking over his shoulder at the same time." ...In article emphasizing NR's "unique assets," WSJ's Otten also finds GF demonstrating "surprising self-confidence, his freedom from fears expressed by some associates that the supercharged NR might in time come to dominate Admin." And announcement itself "also typified the easy, relaxed operating style GF's followed so far."

Carter of NY News features excerpts from Kalbs' book on HAK detailing the Secy's close ties to NR, his hostility to RN in '68 and his subsequent development of "total respect" for RN. Carter sees HAK as central in both RN's decision to resign and GF's selection of NR.

WSJ edit calls GF's week "off to a good start" w/NR and amnesty -- both "evidence of a deft touch on GF's part." NR was "the obvious choice...Clearly a man of nat'l stature... It's reassuring to US to have a known quantity as VP and doubly reassuring to learn a less known Pres. makes his selection on the grounds the selection bespeaks."

NY News "most fervently and heartily endorses [NR]...A 1st magnitude star in a galaxy of lesser lights." The NR choice was "an act of statesmanship" by GF, says NY News. "It speaks volumes for his personal character as well as his devotion to the nat'l interest." Instead of picking "a gray semi-nonentity, ...he chose the strongest and most vigorous individual in sight." Urging confirmation "w/all possible dispatch," NY News says "GF/NR can provide...firm, positive leadership" needed to end the uncertainty "and the sooner they get the green light to proceed in tandem the better it'll be for all of us."

"Responsible and encouraging," says NYT "A tribute to GF and NR that one was big enough to make the offer and the other big enough to accept. ...NR's a hard worker who knows how to get things done. GF strengthened Admin. and US confidence in his own capacity for disinterested ldrshp, "NYT concluded. ... Similarly, Sun edit says "GF showed the inner self-assurance to pick NR. ...a qualified man at possible expense of a shiny-bright ticket in '76...By opting so dramatically for the GOP 'mainstream,' GF once again showed his instincts for healing and for overcoming the divisiveness that's marred US public life for so long...He's shown a potential for growth and expansion of his outlook that augurs well...Nowhere is this more evident than in nod to NR."



"Excellent...Good news indeed" says LAT. NR's "a moderate w/a zest for meeting big problems head on...He'll raise VP office to stature that recent events have taught US it must have." ...."A truly pres'l choice," said Post of this "quality" choice reflecting "a nat'l perspective and concern for nat'l interests that transcend a narrow Hill or party outlook... It suggests [more than any of GF's other moves] that he's made remarkably swift and sure transition from Hill leader to Chief Exec. ..He showed himself unafraid to bring to high office and close proximity a man of enormous ind't stature, political accomplishment and ambition," says Post.

"Much to recommend it," says Star, but a pro forma confirmation's still not in order." The most searching inquiry into NR's financial affairs" is needed given WG and US economic problems.

In "admirable" fashion, GF met his standard of choosing a person who'd 1st and foremost be a good Pres, says very favorable Inquirer edit: "The Pres Does Well in Picking NR." ..."More than customary qualifications for VP candidates," says Monitor of NR and it confirms GF's assertions the choice would be primarily based on qualifications for stepping into WH itself. And "it signals respect for the 2nd office which it needs but has often been denied...W/inflation designated domestic enemy #1, there's feeling of reassurance in having a Rockefeller near the top w/all the name's echoes of financial acumen plus enlightened regard for human need."

"Candor and humor of NR, after tensions of last few months, was refreshing" says NY News TV critic Gardella on the news conf and GF press room's "informal atmosphere" where "everything is buddy-buddy." ....Jones on CBS AM said in press conf, NR had different attitude than GF, calling it "more of a snippy attitude."

LAT feature profile on the "very private Happy Rockefeller" who hoped NR would be named, but she's zealous about her time alone w/their 2 kids and her declining interviews isn't seen as out of character at all by close family friend Mrs. Tom Braden who also sharply rebuts rumors of any Rockefeller marital problems. "Absolutely, totally untrue." ..."Happy: At Home Pouring Tea or in the Country" leads Inquirer over wire profile. ...."Happy Tends to Shun the Spotlight" tops Star profile.

CBS to rebroadcast a special 1-hr. version of "The Rockefellers" Sun nite at 8.

Correction: In Wed. AM summary, Reasoner said both NR and many others believe he could've had '60 not and won - sted of couldn'tve.



WGATE-RELATED

JDE said GF hasn't allowed him to review his papers at WH in preparation for cover-up trial. ABC noted.

Sirica completed exam of 64 subpoenaed conversations and order 9 more dating from 2/7/73 to 4/25/73 to be turned over to GJ. RN made no claim of exec. priv. or objection, tho Sirica sustained such claim on 3/21/73 conversation in Oval from 9:15 - 10:12 a.m.

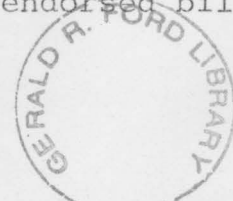
Stahl on CBS AM said RZ's proposed subpoena be given to him and he'll give it to RN. Stahl said JDE's subpoena appears to be 1st of several in RN's future for RN, as Rothblatts suing RN, and should case be dismissed because of faulty serving of summons, attys. say they'll serve summons again this time on private citizen.

Noting Gallup Poll w/55% opposing prosecution of RN, Nat'l Review publisher Bill Rusher in his syndicated column says this "inclination to go easy on him's rooted in sound perception that his own role in cover-up wasn't all that awful anyway and that his forced resignation is entirely adequate punishment." Rusher cautions that "anti - RN zealots will ignore this sentiment at their peril...They should be 1st to understand it doesn't pay, in long run, to defy public's settled good judgement."

RN may sell KB and renegotiate mortgage on San Clemente to ease personal budget problems. Big money may lie ahead if RN chooses to write book. Present feeling among RN aides is to let RN rest and not expect him to make any big decisions soon. Experts in publishing industry say that paying RN advance on book would be highly speculative. Impossible to tell how book would sell in 2 yrs. minimum time allowed for getting it out.

O'Neill accused Bauman of a "cheap, sneaky, sly" move in connection w/filing/printing of Judiciary report. Tip, in "unusual burst of temper," verbally attacked Bauman who demanded and succeeded in getting O'Neill's remarks stricken from Record. O'Neill had noted Bauman got unanimous consent to file his own remarks in Record when most MCs had left the floor.

Rep. Brooks proposed bill that'd limit installation of permanent protective facilities to only 1 private residence for presidents and would require owner to reimburse govt. for any increase in fair market value of property resulting from govt. installations. Horton endorsed bill and said he found no opposition at WH.



Sev'l prominent attys, including Wash State AG Gorton, testified in Krosh's behalf in face of possibility of his disbarment. AG said he'd offered a job to Krogh because he was impressed w/the way he'd differentiated himself from many others involved in WG by admitting serious error in judgment.

LATE NEWS/MISC.

Army now admits its CID recommended sending criminal misconduct evidence by sr. DOD officials to Justice.

UPI's Thomas reports transition team recommend that Chief of Staff post be eliminated.

CBS w/report from Muir Nat'l Monument -- nationalization to be effective this fall, where young school children are caring for 200 yr-old redwood, roots of which seriously threatened from erosion. Children from nearby school regularly hike to area to fill-in soil around exposed roots, as govt can't do anything 'til nationalization effective. Reporter said there's something enthralling" about seeing children scarcely beyond toddler stage laboring at the base of huge redwood they call "Little Brother."

CORRECTION

The Weekend News Review was wrongly dated 8/20/74. It should have the Aug. 19 date on it. No Summary is distributed Sunday, thus Sat/Sun. news is compiled in Weekend Review available Mon. am. Thus the 17th (Sat) and the 19th (Mon) are consecutive Summaries.

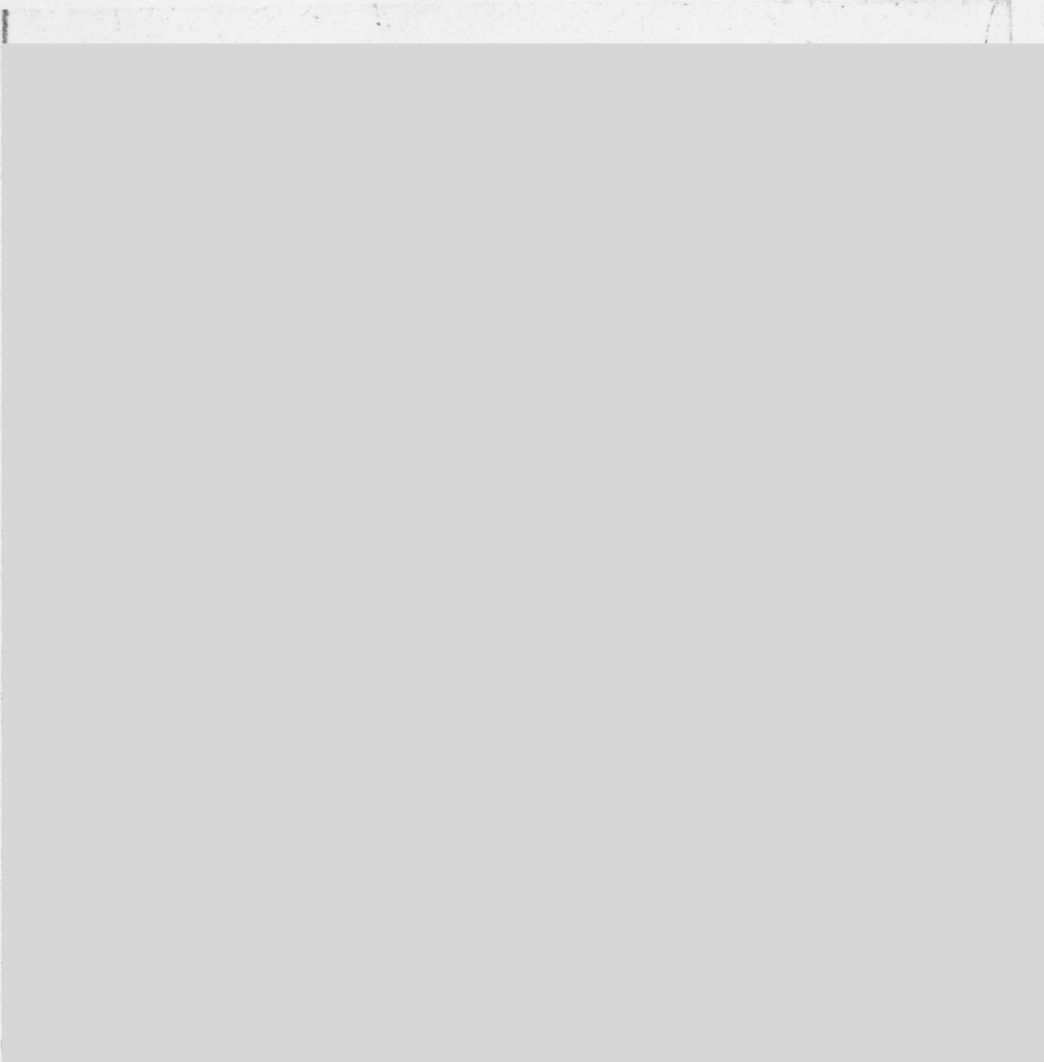
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Conrad is on vacation.

L. A. Times, 8/21/74



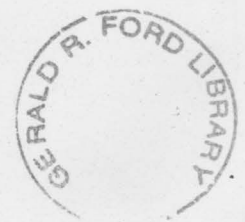
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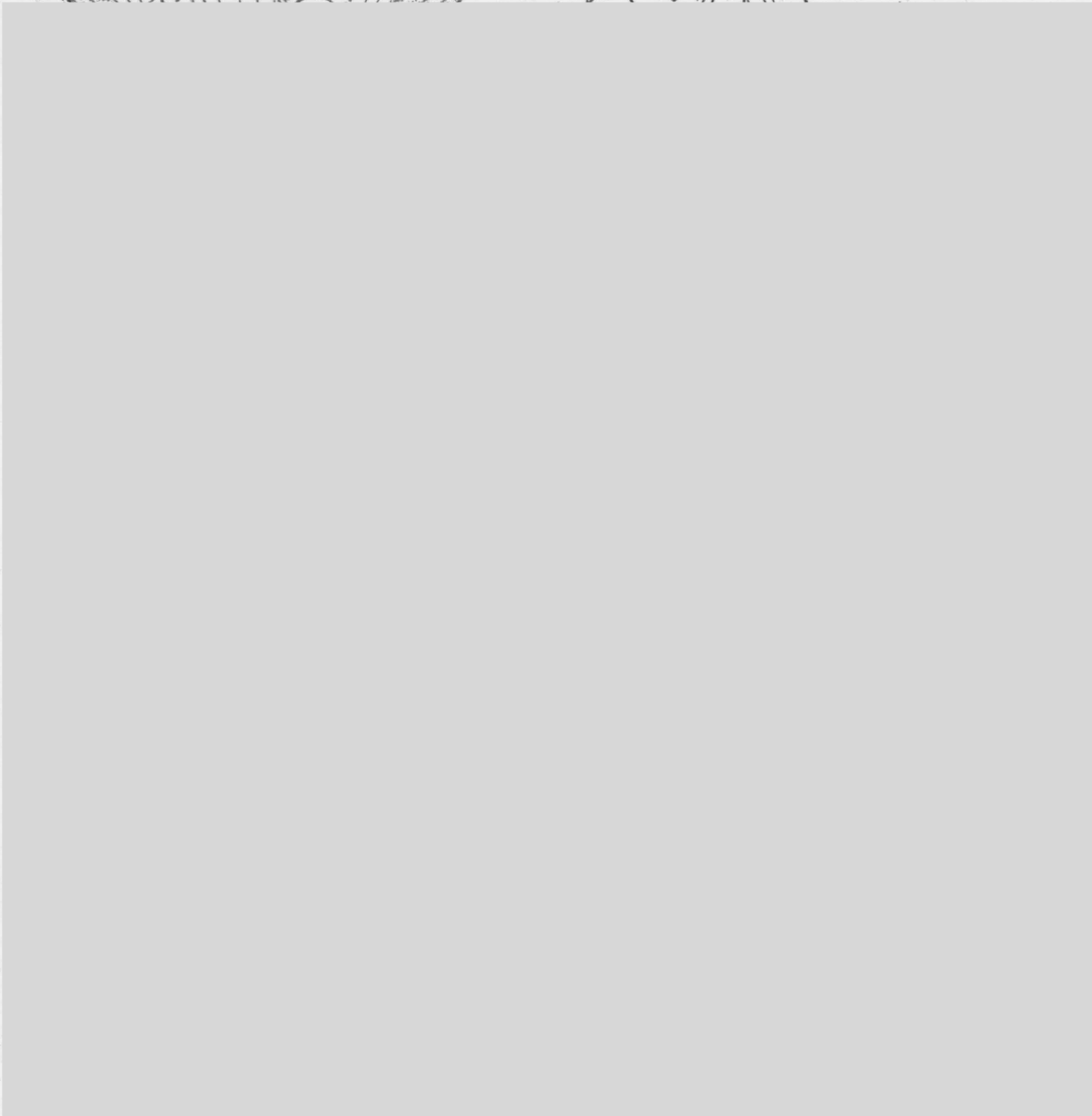
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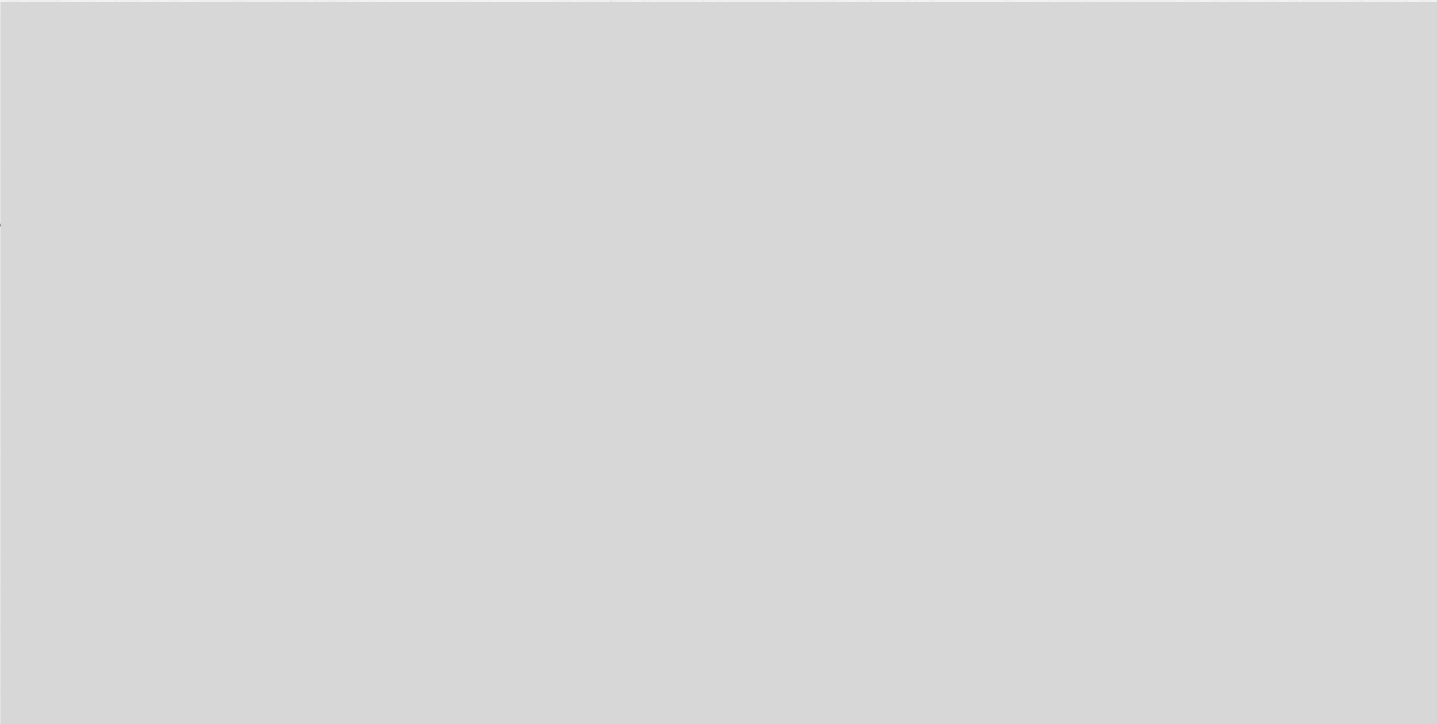


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AMNESTY/FOR. AFFAIRS

"An appropriate way to launch an Admin dedicated to nat'l reconciliation," says New Republic of GF's VFW speech. But he ought to "convey more respect for the concientious positions of many of the resisters," or his efforts will fail. In fact, an amnesty leader feels no more than 20% of exiles would come back if conditions are placed on them.

In "largely lib-Dem town of Pittsfield, Mass," Nat'l Observer's Edwin Roberts says GF's amnesty stand was "greeted as one more indication that he's a man of unexpected sensibilities. They...care far less about it as an issue than they do GF's compassionate approach" and Roberts quotes a representative observer: "I've never thought much about amnesty, but GF's major purpose is to bring US together. He seems like a very good man." An overwhelming number either favored GF's amnesty ideas on their own or simply because they trust him and are "content to go along w/the new Pres."

"One of the most impt books of the century," says Malcolm Muggeridge in Esquire re: Solzhenitsyn's Gulag Archipelago. It's both history and high literature; "it's infinitely moving... w/beautiful sincerity and eloquence...a notable triumph of art over lies....It's welded together w/great skill and artistry to provide a living picture of one of the cruelest and bloodiest tyrannies." And Solz makes clear the horrors stem directly from Marxism itself. "There can be no question," says Muggeridge, "of waiting for Soviet regime to be liberalized. It can't be [or] it'd cease to exist."

Oft-humorous, interesting excerpts in Esquire from Bill Buckley's new book on his experience as UN delegate and his frequent run-ins w/Saudi rep. Baroody, "the UN's most conspicuous figure."

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

London Economist says GF is looking to summit "not for some brilliant idea not previously thought of, but as opportunity to extract from the most influential men moral commitments to at least a renewed attempt at wage and price restraint.... The big stick's not for him, but, for some time to come, his moral authority's going to be large."



"How cheap it is to live in US by comparison w/Europe" declares correspondent Ray Vicker in Nat'l Observer after 14 years abroad. Moderate hotel rooms in Bonn are up to \$40; concert tickets in Geneva at \$13 compared to \$6 a few yrs ago; hamburger at \$3/lb. in some cities; roll and coffee for \$3.55 in "middle-class" Rome hotel; 50¢ for coke in Paris; a dinky Fiat in Italy costs as much as full-sized Chevy or Ford; \$2.25/gallon gasoline in Portugal. "Prices are soaring in US," Vicker concludes, but "they're not zooming at anywhere near what they are in many places in Europe."

"Planting Seeds for Volunteers" tops favorable Nat'l Observer piece on new ACTION program whereby effort's being made in 17 pilot cities to imbue entire communities w/spirit of voluntarism and perhaps show there's another way to alleviate social/econ. programs than by spending billions. Report focuses on Great Falls, Mont., where there's high enthusiasm for the approach and hundreds of volunteers at work. However Romney contends the provision of any tax revenues undercuts true voluntarism. But ACTION's Balzano responds that the agency's mandated by Hill to get voluntarism going -- and once that's done, programs can be carried out far cheaply than via DC. "Only because of WG and impchmnt," says Washingtonian article by Charlie McCollum, "has abortion not become the chief focus of nat'l concern" akin to civil rights in '50s and crime in '60s. A lib N-E MC moans that "it's going to explode and casualties are going to be heavy." And Phil Hart came out of a meeting w/anti-abortionists to say: "This is going to make busing look easy." Nearly every MC and Sen. refuses to discuss abortion publicly and a number who privately favor the Sup. Ct. decision still are voting for anti-abortion legislation. "They're very afraid of the grassroots power of the Right-to-Life groups," says Washingtonian.

"The Back-to-Normal Pres" tops London Economist edit on GF whose "common touch is genuine." And given his warm Hill reception after 25 yrs, "chances are all those words he's been using [as Pres] express how he is: Square in both the old and new sense, candid when practicable, easy in communication, open to compromise and accommodation, preferring truth as a matter of habit."

Nonetheless, GF will have to take "gritty decisions" in which respect and spirit of accommodation may not be adequate to resolve, says Economist. It looks to GF to restore US instns. by "briskly demolishing the imperial seclusion" that's grown at WH since HST and by persisting in cooperative endeavors w/Hill and Courts.



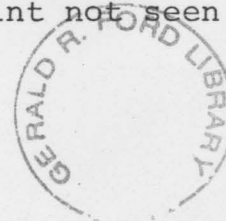
"GF shows encouraging signs of diminishing parochialism and increasing liberalism," writes TRB in New Republic, but he retains "a monolithic crew of Wall St. types" as econ. advisers "and there's no signal as to what he'll do re: growing racial isolation. TRB devotes column to self-generating polarization as reported by Comm. on Civil Rights its critique on exclusionary zoning and housing laws and a Justice Dept. that's not enforcing the law. "Residential deseg. may be GF's test."

"The obvious right choice," says New Republic's cover edit of NR. He provides "ballast...is the polar opposite of RN's Calif. plumbers and fixers...may be the new amb...w/unius." But both right and left, have reasons to distrust him, points out New Republic, noting the "grimmiest example of the new Rocky" was Attica. But confirmation's expected -- once he completes "a tough initiation rite" that'll invade his privacy "w/out mercy, and probably more than's necessary." Finally, New Republic says "one of GF's most difficult tasks will be to define the VP's role in such a way that'll employ his talents w/out making this a Rockefeller admin."

New York's Richard Reeves, along w/Ripon's Pres Cairns and Pincus of New Republic, Agronsky show discussed NR. Reeves said NR's "arrogant, cynical, and pragmatic" w/out any particular ideology. But he has "very great" capacity. Reeves said NR used to take weekly polls, to which NR's position would conform. He's "awesome" and "frightening", said Reeves, who reported DNC's Patterson -- once NY State Sen. -- used to be afraid to be w/NR alone, as he'd "immobilize people," asking them "what do you want?" i.e., "really want." Reeves said NR either "destroyed or bought" anyone who got in his way.

Cairns believes NR will bring diversity to GOP that'll lend "certain balance" to party and revitalize competitive politics. Cairns further believes many GOP who dropped party over past 2 years are coming back, and NR will help w/that.... Pincus said it'll be interesting to see if NR takes over "mean" political speeches. Reeves said he'd reported GF as VP making "smallest, meanest, partisan speeches," but last 2 weeks have been "glorious." Reeves believes NR offers avenues to univs, foreign gov'ts, financial community. While GF's "limited man," said Reeves, NR is "world citizen."

Pincus said GF's strength comes from "candor," which Pincus doesn't think NR knows. Test of NR will be to see if he really appreciates new mood about candor. Pincus, further praising GF, said he's opened up to point not seen in DC "in years."

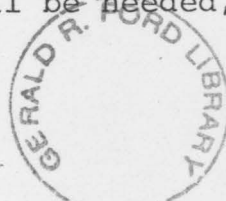


Agronsky said qualities of each compliment each other. Trick will be to see if each is big enough to accommodate the other, said Agronsky. Reeves said GF's recognized his own limits, and "that's about as big as man can get." But Reeves believes next phase will be power struggle involving HAK and Schlesinger and NR will have a role in that.

GF/NR team shows no Dem has a nat'l constituency, said Ripon's Cairns. But Reeves said EMK does, and GF/NR means he'll make '76 decision later, w/prospects depending on economy. Reeves believes Dems will win in '76 because economy's "going to hell." Reeves doesn't believe press can keep Chappy "alive" as it did W'gate, w/no trials, indictments, etc. But New Republic's Pincus doesn't believe EMK can win, given GF's "present rate." Cairns further sees tough time for EMK on subject of his ability, and said EMK will suffer w/rest of Hill on "lack of results."

"When Mel Laird (ML) Whispers, the Pres Listens" is New York's cover story on the "Man of the Ear" written by Evans-Novak who feel ML, "one of most pragmatic and far-reaching men" in DC, will "enormously strengthen Admin. But his outspokenness and disregard for diplomatic niceties will bring problems. Still, E-N feel ML's strengths as "a thoroughgoing pro" outweigh his flaws as a person. They note his unprecedented instrumental role in picking both the Pres. and VP after his experience w/RN -- despite 25 yrs assn, they had no friendship or trust and RN's said to have "particularly feared ML." GF too is "a bit wary" of ML, given his rep of constantly conniving at some game of his own. Similarly there's a fear and leeriness by GF's inexperienced, insecure staff towards ML's "pervasive influence" -- and he once told GF they weren't up to the task. But that power may not last if ML holds to part-time, informal role.

E-N call ML the most qualified adviser in the US for a Pres across the board. "He's the political Renaissance man," but he's also often obstreperous or obnoxious. E-N emphasize ML's behind-the-scenes work on a number of fronts since he left WH, recall his subtle conduct on Hill and term his "orchestration of the VN pullout probably one of his greatest achievements and his most audacious exercise of power." His conduct on Hill and DOD, however, has earned him thoro distaste of both Wed Group libs and the Old Guard. And such actions as releasing the file on his disagreement w/RN on amnesty and pushing NR from the beginning as GF's choice are type of things that concern GF's advisers, if not GF himself. But the Pres. has displayed no coolness and his advice continues, tho it's not known whether it'll be needed, eg: "Clean



sweep of all Nixonites," even HAK; economic innovations such as WH tax powers. "He won't change his style to keep his membership in the kitchen cabinet," but if GF decides the price of ML is too high, both he and US will lose.

\* [ Atlanta Constn calls GF's request of Stan Scott to stay "encouraging. He's competent man of high integrity who simply had nothing to do w/WG."

"Consumed by thoughts of what might've been, Tom Whitehead's leaving OTP as one of WG's walking wounded," reports Broad-casting. "He's depressed by the scandal that brought down RN whom he served to the last." He's going to Harvard's Institute of Politics, will write a book on interrelationship of gov't, media and public and possibly do a column along w/some TV commentary.

"I'll Die for My Pres." is title of Washingtonian feature profiling "the Tense, Watchful, Unsmiling Life of the USSS Agent," written by ex-HHH press secy Norman Sherman who the mag refers to as "scarred by an excess of political zeal," ie, his guilty plea in illegal milk money. While expressing respect for the selfless dedication of the agents, Sherman voices concern over the extent of their domestic intelligence operations, the size of their budget -- \$70M, the adequacy of protection and the degree of personal services provided presidents and their families in guise of protection. Sherman says USSS shouldn't have been doing the RN tapings for one thing -- several Service sources, incidentally, say none ever ran out -- and the KB/WWH work clearly went too far.

#### WG-RELATED

New Republic calls for reopening of For. Relations consideration's of Ruth Farkas in light of Kalmbach testimony re: "\$250,000 for Costa Rica." If latter holds up, her expected pro forma resignation to GF should be accepted.

Muggeridge in Esquire feels Magruder's book provides an adequate explanation for WG and the WH under which the event occurred: Its isolation from the country and the staff's isolation from the Pres, akin to the reigning Moghul of India "theoretically exercising despotic power, surrounded by sycophants whose sole purpose was to carry out his wishes even before he gave expression to them, and an ever-widening gap between the ruler and the ruled."



As for "the moral fury and burgeoning self-righteousness of the WG avengers," Muggeridge doubts whether they'll cut much of a heroic historical figure. "If the dragon becomes a mouse, St. George is correspondingly reduced in stature. Thinking of Solz' Gulag, WG seems a mouse...." Muggeridge feels it'll be appropriate for the WG avengers to have EMK become their lily-white boy, given his Harvard cheating and Chappy situations that have barely been publicly questioned. "WG conspirators, as they languish in prison, may reflect enviously upon so quiet and assured an immunity."

POLITICS/MISCELLANY

Writing in New Republic, Arthur Schlesinger rebuts those "romantically" looking to a parliamentary system, eg, HKSmith and TRB, especially in light of WG. 1st of all, Schlesinger notes w/US parties relatively weak, this is hardly the time to expect them to be more commanding and cohesive. But, more imp't, he notes the loss of a vote of confidence hasn't directly overthrown a British gov't in 50 yrs. And the power of dissolution would play into role of exec w/only MCs having to face the electorate. Further, why should policy disagreements allow removal of Presidents.

Schlesinger says while a WG might have forced out a British PM long ago, the public probably wouldn't have known what was going on. He also demonstrates Hill's powers now are far more than Parliament's where the exec and its cabinet clearly dominate.

Washingtonian w/another feature on Sex, Power and Politics -- a follow-up to its widely discussed article 2 yrs ago. Writer discussing the heavy dose of sex on the Hill given the "sexy" nature accruing to those who are powerful. Some anecdotes: Schroeder (D-Col) on losing an amendment 25-1 said the defeat was only because she had a vagina. To which Hebert said: "If you'd been using it instead of your mouth, maybe you'd have gotten more votes." ...The 1st sex story from WH recently emerged when a top RN aide was having an "in-House" affair w/"one of the prettier young WH assts" w/the relationship discovered by media types who lived near her in Geo'town and noted the aide's surreptitious comings and goings. The duo went to WHH on separate planes and one nite the girl's room was called at 4 a.m. by press imitating USSS and demanding to talk to the aide. She reluctantly did so and the reporter asked, w/lots of laughter

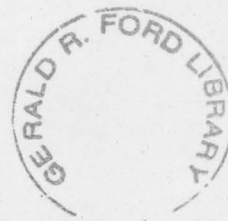


in the background: "What's the schedule tomorrow?" Writer Lee also feels RN WH had an "abiding, prurient interest in sex" given the '72 dirty tricks and Clawson's alleged efforts to leak info on Maureen Dean. And he tells of an "angry and vindictive [and well-known] NY divorcee" who talked so much about her relationship w/a famous Sen. who's already "vulnerable enough to this sort of thing" that he publicly denied and then terminated the affair whereupon she told everybody how bad he was in bed -- an assessment not given much credence, "especially by numerous others who'd also been in bed w/the famous Sen."

Hoover's "private life" is Esquire's lead story. Nothing surprising tho author does focus on Clint Murchison/Sid Richardson connections which Jack Anderson has discussed in past. Interviews w/Hoover relatives, waiters and old Ike confidante George V. Allen who are all generally straight to positive on Hoover, tho some idiosyncrasies crop up.

Nwswk wants Moyers to take over Stewart Alsop's back page column, reports New York mag.

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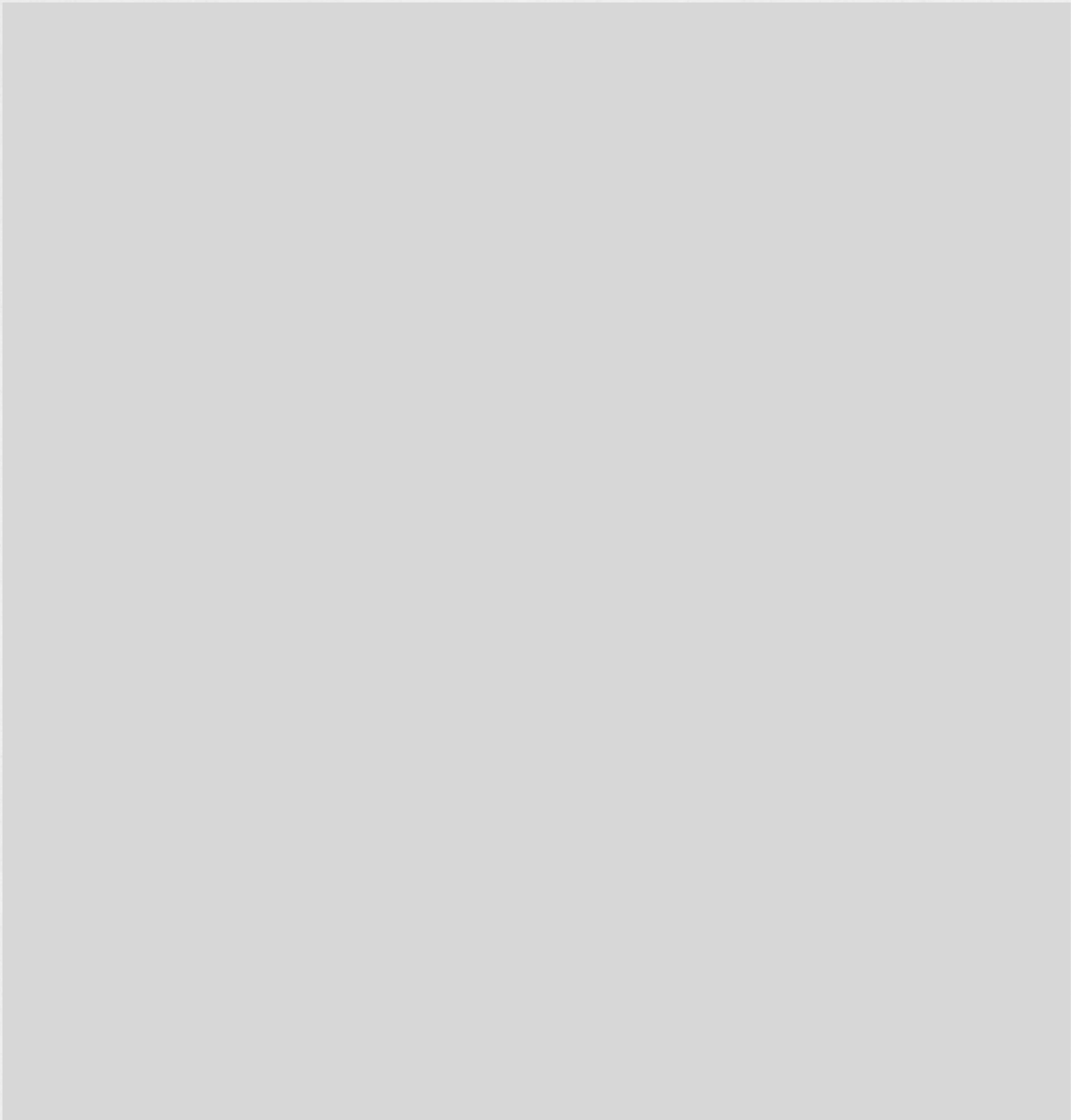


Baldy

*'... A Few Folks Wanta Check Out Your Credentials, Rocky?'*

Atlanta Journal August 21, 1974





"It may be a Jerry-built rig, but it moves.  
by golly ... it moves ...!"

Louisiana Courier Journal August 20, 1974





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SPECIAL NEWS SUMMARY  
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PRESIDENT FORD'S TESTIMONY BEFORE  
THE HOUSE JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE

NBC

As President Ford walked out of the judiciary hearing room, John Chancellor commented on Ford's handshake with Rep. Elizabeth Holzman (D., N.Y.), "his sharpest questioner."

"Mr. Ford spent 25 years in the House, doing a lot of handshaking," Chancellor said. "He's quite at home in a situation of this kind." Chancellor presented a 10-minute recapitulation and cited these points:

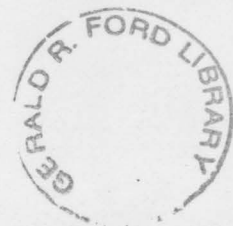
-- The President's reason for pardoning President Nixon was not so much Nixon's welfare as "to try to get the United States focusing on serious problems."

"Mr. Ford said he was convinced at the time of the pardon, and he is convinced now, that if there were no pardon, the attention of the people would have been diverted from the problems facing the country."

-- "He also said heatedly there was no deal, no deal, period, with Mr. Nixon. He said that he felt that the shame and disgrace of resignation was enough."

-- The President said he had talked about pardon in a general way as one of a series of options presented to him by Gen Alexander Haig, before Nixon's resignation Chancellor said. That it was one of five options offered. That he heard about it and made no recommendations about it. Ford said he had made no deals and had said nothing about it in advance of the resignation.

Ray Scherer and Tom Brokaw interviewed Rep. Don Edwards (D., Calif.). Asked what he would have asked, given more time, Edwards said, "We had scores of more questions as to the exact details of communications at the White House before and after the pardon. Whether or not there were communications with the Nixon family."



Edwards said he was generally satisfied with Ford's performance, and that he was satisfied Ford did not engage in any kind of deal or illegal activity in granting the pardon.

"I think he made an honest case. I learned a couple of things that I hadn't known before, that there indeed were discussions of a pardon, but that it was a general discussion, before Mr. Nixon resigned," he said.

On the question of Ford's motives Edwards said, "I'm afraid that it will continue, because it really wasn't done very well. It was done prematurely. So no matter what President Ford does and how honest he might be about it, and I'm sure he is, the fact that it was done prematurely, before indictment, will always cause some problems." It will be a political judgment, and a historical judgment, too. Because the process was intercepted, it wasn't allowed to proceed. And that is never very good in a governmental system such as we enjoy here."

Asked whether he sympathized with Rep. Holtzman's position that the committee questioning format was inadequate Edwards said:

"Here on Capitol Hill and in government, you have to be satisfied with the best that you can get. We had over an hour to question the President of the United States and I think that is a large step forward. It's an indication that there will be more cooperation between the different branches of government. I think it's just fine," Edwards said.

Rep. David Dennis (R., Ind.) said the President "made a compelling case."

"I thought it was a very frankful, comprehensive statement, which indeed left very few questions which needed to be asked, and answered the reasonable questions of any reasonable person," Dennis said. "He certainly ought to be ahead in public opinion. You can disagree with the President about whether a pardon ought to be issued or not. I happen to agree with him. But he's the President. He's got the prerogative to make that decision judgment, which he did, on what seems to me to be sufficient grounds."

Dennis said the President's appearance will help Republican candidates for election in November who have been hurt by the pardon. "Certainly. Absolutely. I think it will



help those problems...It's caused some problems. It's caused me some problems."

Dennis said he did not believe the President's appearance should be called a precedent, since Ford appeared voluntarily and "he was careful to point out that he was not going to make it a precedent in this case. "There is nothing about this situation which would require any other President or this President to do this again unless he saw fit to do so. It there's anything that really needs to be looked into, I'm not against it. But I think that, prima facie, it's a pretty closed case -- I think you have to remember that the Democrats...sort of hate to lose an issue."

Asked about the continuing controversy of the tapes, Dennis said:

"There is controversy on that, but I don't think the controversy is on the important points. Everyone's agreed the tapes are going to be kept for the courts to use if they're needed at any of these trials. The law is reasonably clear that, as of now, this is private property, these tapes which belong to Mr. Nixon. Perhaps we should legislate in regards to future documents. But if we decide to make these tapes public property, I think personally we'd have to condemn them and pay compensation under the Constitution."



"The President did not answer some of the questions put to him today, largely by Elizabeth Holzman," Chancellor said. He listed them as follows:

-- "Why didn't the pardon specify crimes in terms of Mr. Nixon's activities? The President didn't really deal with that. He agreed with the contention that the acceptance of the pardon was tantamount to an admission of a crime, but there was no specific crime mentioned.

-- "He did not respond to her question about why the Attorney General was not consulted in terms of the pardon, why the special prosecutor was not consulted before there was an agreement on the tapes, and why the whole thing was done in haste and secrecy. That was really not dealt with here today.

-- "On the other hand, the President did make what many Committee members, I'm sure, will believe was an effective presentation of the arguments and he did, in fact, answer most of the questions that were put to him.

-- "On the whole, I think it was a successful presentation of his case in a completely unprecedented, historical situation," Chancellor concluded.

### ABC

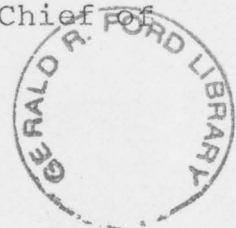
Howard K. Smith opened six-and-one-half minutes of commentary by saying, "President Ford has just made history for the past two hours."

Smith said that if he were forced to select a headline for the appearance it would be:

"There was no deal according to the President -- no deal ever made."

Smith said Ford revealed some new facts, however, about the possibility of a deal.

Ford's first disclosure to the sub-committee, Smith said, was that when he was advised by former White House Chief of



Staff, Gen. Alexander Haig, that Nixon might resign. Haig presented a series of options to Ford including the possibility of a pardon for Nixon. Ford told the Hungate sub-committee that he told Haig he would say nothing because of his "sensitive position" as a Vice President about to accede to the Presidency.

Ford's second revelation to the sub-committee, Smith reported, was the President's announcement that "the tapes are there and he would give the Special Prosecutor any tapes he wanted."

Smith reported that when the President was reminded of the criticism concerning the haste of the pardon announcement, he told the committee that on reconsideration he thought he would take the same action again.

Steve Bell said the President approached the opportunity to testify before Congress as a gamble because he was very cognizant of the effect the pardon had on his own credibility and on the Republican's chances in the November elections.

"I think he will be quite happy with the way he came across today," Bell continued. "I don't think he feels it is going to reverse anything completely, but I think the President will feel that he stayed within the guidelines he had set, not to expand it into precedents he did not want, and he was able to make the point -- the central issue as far as he is concerned -- that if he had not taken the pardon action when he did that the country would have been much worse off in not being able to go on to other issues while the process of bringing former President Nixon to trial was taking place."

Smith reported that the President had emphasized in his opening statement that his appearance was not to be interpreted as a precedent. Smith said the President said his testimony was "a rare case and not likely to happen again."

There were three omissions in the questioning, Smith said.

"One is did he consider the effect of this on the other Watergate defendants who are now on trial?" Smith said.

Smith questioned whether a court would now rule that those same defendants are guilty for having obeyed a President who is now safe from prosecution.



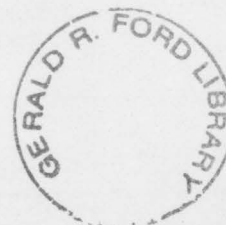
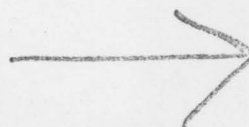
Secondly, Smith said no committee member questioned Ford "very seriously" on his failure to send the Attorney General -- "the official law officer of the President -- to confer with the former President.

The third matter which was not fully developed, Smith said, was what caused Ford to change his mind after he had said at his first press conference that he would withhold action on the Nixon case until the judicial process was followed.

Bell said that this third underdeveloped line of questioning was "the thing that surprised me most about the session just completed."

"At no point did someone say, 'Mr. President after that news conference you suddenly changed your mind about when a pardon should be considered'," Bell reported.

Smith in concluding remarks said that enough questions were not asked. Smith cited the drop in Ford's popularity polls and Republican candidates had called the pardon "a great blow." Smith said part of the reason for Ford's appearance was to rectify that, "to give Republicans a better chance in the November elections."



CBS

Walter Cronkite, prior to the questioning, said the appearance of the President would take place in Room 2141 in the Rayburn House Office Building, the same room in which the House Judiciary Committee voted to impeach Richard Nixon. Cronkite said the purpose was to reply to 14 questions aimed at determining if there was any kind of a deal behind the pardon of Nixon.

Following the President's appearance, Cronkite presented a one-minute recapitulation in which Cronkite said the President gave a 43-minute statement, followed by almost an hour of questioning.

"President Ford emphatically said again and again that there were no deals made," said Cronkite.

Ford also said there had been no discussions with former President Nixon regarding a pardon, and there had been no request for the pardon prior to its issuance.

Cronkite reported the President said his appearance was not to establish a precedent. The President's position "was in no way shaken, he said, although Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D., N.Y.) complained the Committee proceeding did not permit the full inquiry to allay what she called "the suspicion" that, in fact, there was a deal, said Cronkite.

WIRE SERVICE COVERAGE

Both wire services kept running stories going throughout the testimony. Here are their early leads:

Washington (UPI) -- President Ford, the first Chief Executive ever to submit to formal questioning by a Congressional Committee, appeared on Capitol Hill today to explain why he pardoned his predecessor, Richard M. Nixon.

Seated at a witness table before some of the House Judiciary Committee members who voted nearly three months ago to impeach Nixon, Ford began two hours of televised testimony with a statement. Each of the members then were allowed five minutes to question him.

Upon arriving in the Hearing Room, Ford sat alone at the long witness table and poured a glass of water from a silver



pitcher while a dozen or so photographers took his picture. It was the same hearing room where Ford underwent questioning for confirmation as Vice President late last year.

Ford, whose pardon of the former President cost him some of the strong public support he received when he took office, has maintained that it did not develop out of any deal made prior to Nixon's resignation Aug. 9.

Ford volunteered to testify, expecting that it would put an end to the questioning and criticism of the pardon on Capitol Hill and throughout the Nation.

Rep. William Hungate, D-MO., the Subcommittee Chairman, lauded Ford for offering to appear but said, "We are not here because of friendship, but because of responsibility our governmental system of checks and balances and separation of powers places upon us."

"I hope the American people as well as the Congress appreciate the importance of President Ford's appearance, as well as the need to... resolve once and for all, all of the questions relating to the pardon of former President Nixon.

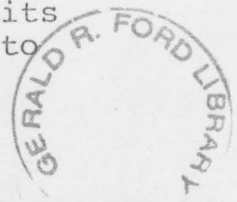
"I am convinced that the issue of the pardon will not be behind us until the record of the pardon is complete."

Ford pardoned Nixon Sept. 8 amid reports that the former President was deeply depressed and severely ill following his resignation. Nixon, named as an unindicted co-conspirator in the Watergate Cover-up and still under subpoena as a witness in that trial, thus was freed from the prospects of being tried himself for crimes in office.

Rep. Henry Smith of New York, ranking Subcommittee Republican, told Ford in his opening statement that he hoped the appearance before the Committee would not establish a precedent.

"But, on the other hand, it is an example of a splendid cooperation between the Executive and Legislative Branches of our Government, which I trust may be followed many times in the future by those who may come after you as President of the United States of America -- the world's toughest job."

Rep. Peter Rodino, D-N.J., Chairman of the Full Judiciary Committee, and Rep. Edward Hutchinson of Michigan, its ranking Republican, confined their opening remarks to welcoming Ford.



Washington (UPI) -- President Ford said today that even after he learned that Richard Nixon's Presidency probably would be doomed by the impending release of a crucial tape, he continued to state publicly his belief Nixon was innocent of involvement in Watergate.

"In the previous eight months, I had repeatedly stated my opinion that the President would not be found guilty of an impeachable offense," he told a House Judiciary Subcommittee.

"Any change from my stated views, or even refusal to comment further, I feared, would lead in the press to conclusions that I now wanted to see the President resign..."

Ford said he had appearances scheduled in two southern states over the weekend of Aug. 3-5, and in them he continued to insist on his "belief in the President's innocence of an impeachable offense" even though he had learned from Alexander Haig of the damaging June 23 tapes which would soon be made public.

Nixon resigned Aug. 9, three days after the transcript of the damaging tapes had been made public.

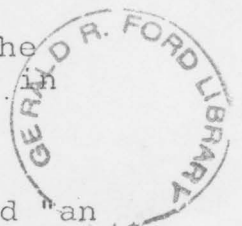
Gaylord Shaw, AP -- President Ford, in an historic personal appearance before a congressional panel, said today he discussed the possibility of pardoning Richard Nixon if he resigned as President but declared, "There was no deal, period, under no circumstances."

Responding to questions after reading a lengthy statement at a nationally broadcast house Judiciary Subcommittee hearing, Ford said he remains convinced he acted in the right way at the right time in granting Nixon a full pardon.

"I assure you that there never was at any time any agreement whatsoever concerning a pardon to Mr. Nixon if he were to resign and I were to become President," Ford said in a lengthy opening statement.

Then, after Rep Elizabeth Holtzman, D-N.Y., spoke of "very dark suspicions" and made what another member called "an accusatory..speech," Ford was blunter in his answer.

"I want to assure you, the members of Congress and the American people there was no deal, period, under no circumstances."



Answering questions on whether he now thought he acted too hastily in granting the pardon, Ford acknowledged that the timing has been criticized but said, "I am convinced after reflection that the timing of the pardon was done at the right time."

When he was asked, "Don't you feel that acceptance of a pardon is tantamount to an admission of guilt?" Ford's response was quick: "I do, sir."



Nixon Files Suit on Documents

Nixon asked the court to order Presidential Counsel Philip Buchen and two other government officials not to produce or disclose any presidential materials to anyone other than himself.

In the complaint Nixon said that he had entered into an agreement with the Ford Administration to house his presidential materials and personal records in California but that the White House has not honored the agreement.

"The relief requested is merely to preserve the status quo; that is, to maintain the existing confidentiality of the presidential materials and to preserve (Nixon's) right to control access thereto," the former President's complaint said.

The application for a temporary restraining order was filed against Buchen, Arthur F. Sampson, the head of the General Services Administration and Secret Service Director H. Stuart Knight, individually and in their official capacities.

The aim of the suit is to give Nixon, rather than the White House, the right to decide who gets access to the documents.

On September 6 Nixon and Sampson signed an agreement in which the former President agreed to house all his presidential materials with the GSA in a facility near Nixon's San Clemente home in California.

The agreement provided that Nixon, as custodian of the materials, would get one key and the government another. It also said that Nixon's tape recordings would remain on deposit until September 1979 and that Nixon thereafter had the right to destroy any recordings before returning the remainder to the government.

Nixon noted that he is subject to subpoenas demanding production of the materials but that he cannot answer them because the documents are not in his custody.

On September 9 the Watergate Special Prosecutor agreed with the White House that none of the materials could be moved from their depository in Washington without the Prosecutor's approval.



"The effect of this agreement was to interfere with the contractual rights of former President Nixon" and to inhibit his ability to assert presidential privilege, the complaint stated.

The complaint noted that Nixon's lawyers had discussed the September 6 agreement but "these negotiations have not resulted in even a limited implementation of the depository agreement."

The complaint also noted that Watergate prosecutors have said they intended to subpoena Buchen demanding that Nixon's papers be turned over to them and that there have been at least six other requests for access.

President Ford spent two hours before investigating Congressmen today and declared "there was no deal, period, under no circumstances" behind his pardon of Richard M. Nixon.

Ford acknowledged there was discussion of a pardon before Nixon resigned the Presidency on Aug. 9, but said it was only that -- discussion, with no commitments, agreements or recommendations on his part.

He told a nationally broadcast house Judiciary Subcommittee hearing that despite the uproar over the pardon, he remains convinced that he did the right thing at the right time when he spared Nixon possible indictment and trial in the Watergate cover-up.

But the President said he acted in what he deemed the national interest, not for the sake of his resigned predecessor when he pardoned Nixon on September 8.

"The reason I gave the pardon was not as to Mr. Nixon himself," Ford said, then, thumping the witness table, he added: "I repeat and I repeat with emphasis, the purpose of the pardon was to try to get the United States, the Congress and the American people focusing on the serious problems we have..."  
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