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Nixon Says Media Distorted

By JERRY THOMPSON
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HUNTSVILLE—Speaking to a crowd of 40,000, President Nixon said here yesterday it was a relief to get out of Washington where what he called distorted news reporting "makes it appear that America is sick."

Sharing the platform with three Southern governors, including Alabama's George C. Wallace, Nixon made only one reference to his own current difficulties. "There have been men and women in our history who have had great problems and they survived them," he said.



Smiling Exchange, But a Careful Introduction

HUNTSVILLE—Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace participated in the second annual "Honor America Day" ceremonies here.

HE WAS TALKING at the Sertoma Club's annual "Honor America Day" ceremonies, designed to celebrate "what is right with America."

Nixon's blast at the national news media came as a "personal note" at the conclusion of his short address. He said there is "sometimes a tendency in reporting of the news . . . that bad news is news and good news is not news."

Nixon said that because of this, "many get a distorted view of what is America and what it is really like. It is in Washington, more than any place in the world, that you hear America is sick, that something is wrong with the country that cannot be corrected."

IN INTRODUCING Nixon, Wallace was helped to the specially built podium where he stood with the help of leather support straps.

Wallace, a Nixon opponent in 1968, very carefully phrased his welcoming remarks to avoid any personal praise of Nixon and said the people of Alabama "have always honored the office of the presidency of the United States."

Wallace assured the President that "you are among friends," and Nixon seemed pleased with his reception.

"The massive crowd, which included many hanging from trees in a park in downtown Huntsville, was predominantly friendly toward Nixon although there was a sprinkling of sign-carrying dissenters."

ONE HUNTSVILLE man described the anti-Nixon placards as "the meanest signs I've ever seen."

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\$2 Million Plan Aired By Hearst

From Wire Reports

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Newspaper magnate Randolph A. Hearst pledged \$2 million yesterday to feed the needy as a final step in winning freedom for his kidnapped daughter Patricia.

"This is a gesture of good will," Hearst told a news conference at a downtown hotel. "There is no guarantee Patricia is going to get home on this."

HEARST TOLD the news conference that \$1.5 million will come from the Hearst Foundation and the remaining \$500,000 "represents a large portion of my available funds."

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Ford Predicts No Ouster

By JIM O'HARA
Tennessee Staff Correspondent

CHATTANOOGA—Vice President Gerald Ford said here yesterday he does not think the House will impeach the President "because there are no valid grounds, although there may be partisan political grounds."

"Based on evidence I have seen, heard or read about, there is none that fits the very specific definition of (impeachment grounds) in the Constitution," he told an afternoon press conference.

WHEN HE WAS A member of the House, Ford had said that an impeachable offense "is whatever a majority of the House of Representatives considers it to be at a given moment in history." That state-

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Democrats Freezing Projects

By LARRY DAUGHTREY and JOHN HALE

Democratic legislative leaders have reached tentative agreement on massive readjustments to Gov. Winfield Dunn's \$2.1 billion budget, including a freeze on many state government construction projects.

Leaders are vague on the total figure on this point, but they mentioned adjustments in the budget ranging from \$60 million to \$150 million.

DUNN WON a major victory in the House last night, however, as legislation giving the go ahead for a new state medical school in Johnson

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Report Urges Central State Improvements

By FRANK SUTHERLAND

A blue-ribbon committee investigating Central State Psychiatric Hospital recommended yesterday that the hospital move toward accreditation, increase substantially its professional care and tear down two of its oldest structures.

"These recommendations are among several the committee made to the state commissioner of mental health, Dr. Richard Treadway, who released the report."

TREADWAY appointed the committee of professionals and lay citizens to investigate conditions at Central State after a series of articles appeared in the Tennessee last month, describing inadequate and unsanitary conditions at the hospital.

Among the major recommendations of the committee were:

- The State Mental Health Department should seek an additional \$2.5 million appropriation from the legislature to obtain desperately needed personnel and equipment and provide "even minimally adequate treatment and sanitary conditions."
- An in-depth study by out-of-state professionals should be conducted to determine the future role of Central State, especially whether new buildings should be constructed on the grounds.
- The Mental Health Department and Central State should "continue in their efforts" to "accredit the hospital."
- The hospital's "unit system," by which patients are assigned and treated at the hospital to the county in which they live, should be discontinued.
- The large number of geriatric patients at the hospital should be reduced.
- More responsibility should be given to the hospital administration to relieve the support of such duties.
- A "rejuvenated" program of volunteer services should be established at the hospital.

In its findings, the committee noted a lack of psychiatrists on the hospital staff and the fact that the physicians are not

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Hill Land Sale Nets \$5,500 After Rezoning

By ALBERT GORE JR.

Metro Councilman Charles (Bud) Hill made \$5,500 in eight months by buying a piece of property in his district, having it rezoned by the council, then selling it to a land developer.

The developer, Kenneth L. Burson of Atlanta, confirmed last night that he acquired an option to buy Hill's property contingent on the zoning change.

Hill bought the property, located at 3320 Paragon Mills Road, on May 7, 1973, for what he said was over \$30,000. Public records show the actual price was \$31,000.

IN OCTOBER, Metro Council voted 38-0 in favor of Hill's motion to rezone the property "Commercial B." On Jan. 15, 1974, the 31st District councilman sold it to Burson for \$36,500.

"I admit I bought it," he said last night. "I admit I sold it. I'll be glad to go to the council's Ethics Committee."

Hill said he did not know the property he owned was included in the zone change he sponsored until the bill came up for a public hearing. He said Farris Deep, executive director of the Metro Planning Commission, drew the bill.

DEEP SAID last night, "I don't recall that I didn't know he had property out there."

After Hill purchased the property, he signed an agreement to resell it to Burson. According to Burson, the option to purchase was contingent on a zone change—as were all other options he negotiated on numerous parcels of property in the area.

Asked about Burson's option to buy his property, Hill said he could not remember the dates of the option. Burson said he did not know the specifics because most of it was handled by other people.

The councilman said he thought the option had "run out" before the rezoning bill was passed by council.

BURSON, president of Burson Properties Inc., Atlanta, began buying large chunks of land in the vicinity of Hill's property shortly after Hill purchased the land, public records show.

According to Hill, Burson had options to buy many other properties in the area. However, Hill said he was unaware that Burson expected to make a profit if the zoning bill went through. "I didn't know what he (Burson) was going to put there," Hill said.

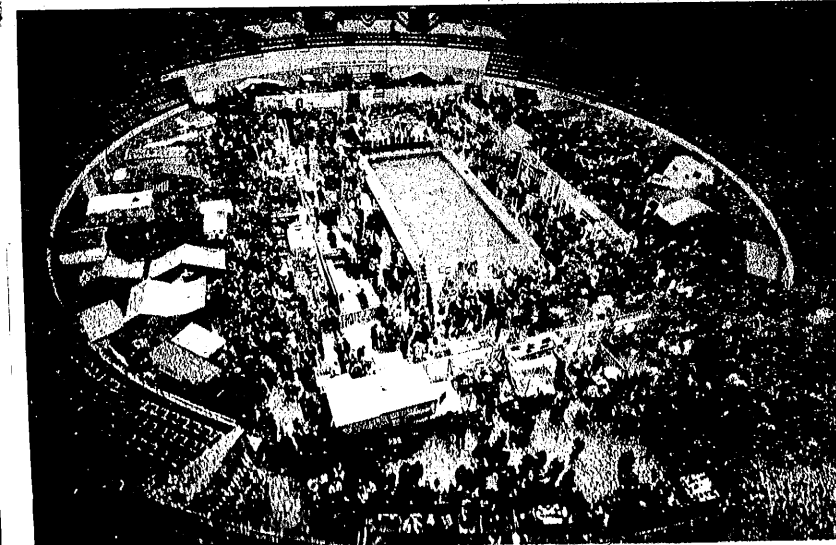
Although the deed on the property Hill bought shows that he purchased the property from Mrs. Betty O. Williams for "310 and other considerations," tax stamps on the deed indicate that the total price was \$31,000.

MRS. WILLIAMS, of 5500 Country Drive, declined to give details of the transaction last night, saying, "I don't give out that information."

She said she was aware at the time of the sale that her property was going to be rezoned. "He (Hill) didn't take me. There was nothing underhanded . . . I got exactly what I asked for."

Hill said he informed residents of the area that his property was going to be affected by the zone

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Show Gear Would Amaze Tom and Huck

Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer wouldn't believe their eyes if they could see all the fishing and camping gear at the Great Lakes of the South Outdoor Show.

A lot of Middle Tennessee families will be in for some surprises, too, when they visit more than 200 booths displaying the latest in houseboats, outboard motors, campers, tents, backpacks, fishing rods, hunting rifles, sleeping bags and exotic bait designed to fool even the most sophisticated fish.

IF ALL GOES on display from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. today through Friday, 9-11 p.m. Saturday and 10-6 p.m. Sunday at Municipal Auditorium, The Tennessee and the Down town Belmont Club are sponsors of the show.

A preview peek at the health exhibition, the arts and filling both floors of the auditorium shows 125 booths devoted to health, beauty, dieting, fitness, health, and more.

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Step Right Inside for a Lot of Outdoor Fun

There is enough fishing, camping and hunting gear overflowing the floors and eaves of Municipal Auditorium to make springtime sporting dreams come true for thousands at the 10th annual Great Lakes of the South Outdoor Show opens its doors at 5 p.m. today.

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The Good Old Days of Gas War

TAMPA, Fla. — Casualties of the energy crisis, these signs sit in the weedy back lot of a service station here, reminding one of the good old days when gasoline wasn't in such short supply.

Blue-Ribbon Committee Reports

Central State Upgrading Urged

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licensed to practice in the state.

Because of the lack of staff, the committee said, "individual treatment is the exception rather than the rule."

IN NURSING services, where more than 87% of the personnel are unlicensed technicians, the committee said: "That a nonprofessional orientation to patient care is dominant cannot be related."

In social services, the committee said there is a "serious need for more field workers and more secretarial support" which could aid in the reduction of the number of geriatric patients.

The committee also criticized the poor sanitation and antiquated buildings and recommended that the Farmer and Hill complexes "should be demolished at the earliest possible date."

"In the older wards in the Farmer Complex and the Hill Complex, maintenance and housekeeping are almost impossible," the report said.

"THE FLOORS and walls are saturated with the odor

of urine, and all the paint and floor covering one can apply will not eliminate this condition. The wards that have been completely renovated were comparatively clean; however, one could not help but notice the old furniture and furnishings that were used. We were informed that money was not available for furniture when the renovation was accomplished."

The committee recommended that the housekeeping staff of 45 be increased by another 100 employees.

The report said the cleanliness of patients suffered in the old building but not in the newer structures.

"Patients in the Farmer Complex, where so many geriatric patients were evident, gave the impression of having unclean habits," the committee said.

"THIS IS easily understood where the facilities are crowded and inadequate, the patient-to-nursing personnel unworkable, and the feeling of helplessness is evident."

The committee generally commended the medical care unit of the hospital, including its laboratory and medical records. The report also

praised the hospital's aggressiveness in investigating cases of staff abuse of patients, which it said is small in number.

The report said the nursing service "impresses one with its dedication and caring" but added:

"As laudable as these characteristics are, they cannot overcome the barriers to this service being an effectively functioning, independent, professional one. The ratio of nonprofessional nursing personnel to professional nursing personnel must be substantially changed."

THE REPORT was presented to the commissioner Friday.

"I have only read it once," he said. "I generally think it is a good report. I have not discussed it with staff. I will do that next week, item by item."

Treadway said he is "looking with interest at the recommendations" but said he will not express any specific reactions until he had discussed the matter with his staff.

He did announce that the State Building Commission has granted approval to the

department to tear down building 11, one of the oldest sections in the Farmer Complex. He said that when the population of the hospital is reduced, perhaps "significant portions" of the Hill and Farmer complexes should be demolished.

TREADWAY said the report would be "passed on" to the governor and the commissioner of finance and administration, especially the recommendation for an additional \$2.5 million appropriation.

"We only made recommendations, not decisions, about the budget," Treasury said.

Members of the committee, appointed Jan. 21, are:

Henry Hughes, chairman of the Central State Board of Trustees.

Drs. Jesse R. Peel, Amos Christie, Greta Salenius and Warren Webb of Vanderbilt University.

Frank True, executive director of Travelers Aid.

The Rev. Kelly Miller Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill.

State Sen. Doug Henry, D-Nashville.

Kissinger, Arabs Air Progress In Peace Meet

By BARRY SCHWEID
WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Arab foreign ministers and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger made some progress yesterday on bringing Syria into the Middle East peace talks and lifting the oil embargo against the United States.

The ministers, Ismail Fahmy of Egypt and Omar Sakkaf of Saudi Arabia, will call today on President Nixon at the White House. Fahmy told newsmen he would be bringing "good news."

"THERE IS progress on every avenue," the Egyptian said after an hour's talk with Kissinger in the secretary's office and lunch at the State Department. But he declined to provide specifics.

Kissinger, meanwhile, said there had been some "solid" accomplishments.

"We had very useful and constructive and friendly talks with foreign ministers Sakkaf and Fahmy about the whole range of Middle East problems and I agree with his (Fahmy's) characterization," the secretary said.

Asked whether they had a mutually reached an agreement, Kissinger replied: "They weren't of this nature but they were constructive talks."

SAKKAF, suffering the effects of a virus, stayed for only part of the meetings with Kissinger. Vice President Gerald R. Ford was in the luncheon group.

Kissinger has been eager to get the Arabs to agree to a lifting of the embargo before the disengagement negotiations with Israel. The Arabs have maintained that before the oil squeeze is relaxed the Israelis must pull back from the Golan Heights.

However, when Sakkaf was asked whether disengagement and the oil embargo were directly connected, he said: "Not necessarily the way you think it is connected."

This appeared to raise the prospect of a lifting of the embargo once negotiations reach a serious point.

KISSINGER said that "the major problem now is to get these talks started and I hope we are making progress."

He said that before he could consider traveling to the Middle East as a mediator there would have to be "a framework" for negotiations.



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