

NEWS REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

Congress Stalls—Nixon's Request—The Cost—Politicians Silent—

Washington, D. C.—The White House was bitterly disappointed by recent stalling on Capitol Hill, as West Coast dock workers continued to tie up shipping with their strike.

Last year the President personally intervened in an effort to obtain a settlement and at one point thought he had produced a compromise accord. But that bright prospect collapsed and in January—with the strike still crippling the national economy—he appealed to the Democratic-controlled Congress to pass a law ending the strike.

Striking dockers know most politicians in Congress are hesitant to vote for any bill which might cost them organized labor's vote. Congress, as expected, stalled. The President made an urgent appeal in early February, but Congress still moved leisurely. It was the old story. Organized labor exerts greater power over many Congressmen than any other political or pressure group.

President Nixon two years ago proposed strikes in rail, airline, shipping, longshore and trucking industries be limited. He would have impartial mediators settle disputes in these industries because such strikes inconvenience or harm the public, the general welfare or national security.

Congress failed to act, even as the dock strike on the West Coast continued to cost the nation hundreds of millions in lost exports—at a time when the nation was experiencing a minus in its export-import trade for the first time in eighty years. The comment of House Labor subcommittee Chairman Frank Thompson (D-N.J.) was typical of the attitude of most members of Congress. Thompson, in reply to the President's urgent appeal, said he felt all his colleagues hoped a settlement would be reached before they were forced to act.

Mr. Nixon feels Congress should have acted two years

ago, in the case of the dock strike at least a year ago. This basic difference is one of the key issues in the 1972 presidential campaign. The President's position is that strikes by a small number of workers should not be allowed to cause undue suffering to the vast majority, threaten the general welfare and flout the national interest.

Democrats, who have long enjoyed the support of organized labor, won't go along. Among all Democratic presidential candidates, none spoke out forcefully against the West Coast strikes in recent weeks.

THE WORLD OF ENTERTAINMENT

TO FIND A MAN

We view this film with some humor but mostly deep compassion for these youngsters (so typical of today's youth) who, under normal situations, would find growing up a big enough job without having to embrace adult problems.

"To Find A Man" handles the situation in a fashion you forget it's just acting—it can be any-town U.S.A. Here, 17-year-old Rosalind (Pamela Martin) realizes she's not so sophisticated



when she finds herself pregnant. Immediately she thinks of an abortion as the easy way out. That can be more trying than she wants to admit.

Andy (Darren O'Conner), only sixteen, attempts to make the right contacts but this sensitive boy experiences great stress when faced with this adult problem. Rosalind's parents, play-

ed by Phyllis Newman and Lloyd Bridges, aren't exactly the concerned parents. But the physician (Tom Ewell) and druggist (Tom Bosley) are well placed in their parts.

In seeing this "GP-rated film" the very young should realize sex is best saved until they're more mature. It's a film that is honest, humorous and a bit sad—all in the right places.

WHO KNOWS?

1. When was the first Opera held in the U.S.?
2. Do you recall when John Glenn Jr. made the first U.S. Orbital flight?
3. What great American poet was born on February 27th?
4. Define Veni, Vidi, Vici.
5. Identify Uranus.
6. Compare Uranus in size to the earth.
7. What is a vicuna?
8. What is the Septuagint?
9. What is the food value of spinach?
10. Who designed the Federal Court Building in Washington, D.C.?

Answers to Who Knows

1. February 18, 1795.
2. February 20, 1962.
3. Henry W. Longfellow.
4. I came, I saw, I conquered.
5. One of the planets—seventh from the sun.
6. It means about fourteen and one-half times that of the earth.
7. It's a small, humpless member of the camel family.
8. The oldest Greek translation of the Old Testament.
9. It is a rich source of Vitamins A and C and some Vitamin B. Also contains minerals.
10. Cass Gilbert, completed in 1935.

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By LESTER L. COLEMAN, M.D.

Forget 'Athlete's Heart'

OUR 14-YEAR-OLD boy is just mad about sports, and is good at them. My wife is afraid that he might eventually develop an athlete's heart. I don't think this makes sense. Do you?

Dear Mr. E.: Your wife's concern about "athlete's heart" has no medical or scientific validity.

However, she needs re-assurance if she, too, is to enjoy your son's accomplishments.

All muscles of the body grow larger and are benefited by exercise. The heart, a most important muscle, grows larger and stronger with sensible and controlled exercise.

Professional athletes who have competed all their lives do not develop heart trouble that is attributed to their youthful athletic activities. It would give your wife a sense of comfort if your own doctor ruled out the possibility she fears by a complete examination.

Without that, you and she may be in conflict about your boy's athletic prowess, imposing upon him an unnecessary psychological burden.

Is fatigue always a sign of illness?

Dear Mrs. H.: Fatigue is one of the most common complaints brought to the attention of doctors.

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ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS

President Nixon has asked Congress to broaden the jurisdiction of the Civil Rights Commission to deal with discrimination against women. He said this Administration will continue its strong efforts to open equal opportunities for women.

Fatigue in itself is a symptom, not an illness. It is too easy to dismiss chronic fatigue by saying it is a symptom of boredom or general weariness, or even of psychological origin.

All these may be true, but I believe that persistent fatigue deserves investigation.

The fatigue that comes at the end of a day for mothers is understandable. The race they run in taking care of children, chores, and household duties would tax the energies of a professional football player.

A man's fatigue after a day of hard work is based upon expenditure of muscular energy.

However, unexplainable fatigue must be tracked down by physical examination and by studies of the blood to find the exact cause.

Does mental deterioration occur with Parkinson's disease?

Mrs. E. A., Ark. Dear Mrs. A.: No, there is no relationship between this illness and intellectual capacity.

There is a fixed facial expression which is associated with this disorder. This masked appearance, and tremor of the hand, may give the impression of impaired mental capacity. But that is totally false.

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