

For YOUR Eyes Only

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WASHINGTON, OCT. 25 — From time to time, in response to reader demand for more fuel for paranoia, this space will be filled with "Hot From the Feedbag," the infamous syndicated column by Albert Bustard, which specializes in inside information, malicious rumor, character assassination, breezy assertion and random mendacity. Mr. Bustard's first column follows.

White House insiders are whispering about scarcely credible new travel plans for the Chief Executive to follow his coming triumphs in Peking and Moscow.

According to one White House biggie, the President would like to follow up his visits to these two big-time enemy capitals by making live on-the-spot appearances for peace in other places even more hostile. After Moscow, according to top White House men this column meets behind potted geraniums in Georgetown, President Nixon will go to Cuba.

If the Cuba trip succeeds, the President is telling intimates, he would like to visit New York.

FLASH!—The hitherto undisclosed reason why President Nixon has been kicking around one-time good friends, Canada and Japan, can now be revealed exclusively by "Hot From the Feedbag." We predicted five weeks ago that events would show it was not mere greed and stupidity that led this Government to infuriate two of its best friends. Once again, we were right.

Movie-starlet insiders say Professor Kissinger has told them it's part of the Administration's plan to give us a generation of peace for the President to run on in next year's election. Here's how the President's top peace experts see it:

President Nixon's friendship visits to Peking, Moscow, Cuba and New York will leave the United States without any serious enemies by early summer of 1972. This means there might not be any hostile places to pay triumphant visits to during the final six months of the 1972 campaign.

A shortage of enemy capitals to pay peace visits to could result in a shortage of votes that could cost President Nixon the election, thereby wiping out the country's opportunity to get a generation of peace. The solution: Make some new enemies for the cause of peace.

Why Japan and Canada? White House travel agents say the President is eager to see a Japanese baseball game, and Canada's easy tie-in's with U.S. TV systems make it a place where a last-minute, election-eve peace visit would be guaranteed maximum coverage.

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GEE WHIZ!—It will be denied, of course, but Congress doesn't amount to much.

HOW THE WIND BLEW!—Another embarrassing bureaucratic blood feud is threatening to become public, with the gravest possible results to the national security if the story is published. Briefly, the struggle is over which agency will get the job of composing and printing the captured enemy documents which are leaked to the American press to show that our side is winning the Vietnamese war.

For years the task has made work for thousands in the Bureau for Conning Reporters. In recent months, however, newspaper use of B.C.R.'s captured documents has practically ceased because, as White House insiders confidentially inform this column, "You can't fool all of the press all of the time."

Now the Federal Office of Counterfeiting is trying to get the assignment away from B.C.R., arguing that if F.O.C. were composing the documents they would look much more like the real thing. The White House favors a compromise. Since the U.S. will probably have to go on for years turning out captured documents that nobody ever looks at—it's the way government works, folks—why not give the job to the Subversive Activities Control Board, which has nothing to do but collect its payroll?

PSST! — Attorney General John Mitchell will deny it, of course, but the smile he is using is one that was left behind when the glaciers receded.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!—Despite the Administration's attempt to put a law-abiding face on the crime issue, the situation in Washington is still far from good.

We have it on good authority, for example, that President Nixon was mugged in a White House washroom two weeks ago and robbed of \$2.75, which was his lunch money. This comes hard on the heels of shattering inside information we have received to the effect that the military officer who always stands outside the President's door with the secret codes for starting the thermonuclear holocaust was held up at gunpoint in the White House West Wing a month ago and robbed of his briefcase.

The holdup man's fence, fortunately, turned out to be a C.I.A. agent, which made it possible for the Government to buy back the codes for slightly less than the cost of a year's supply of captured documents.