

'Astronomical Is the Only Word for It'

The White House view is that the President's decision set a positive example for the American people to follow during the energy crisis.-The Washington Post, Dec. 27.

Well, I should just about think that it did. Set a positive example, I mean, for the American people to follow during the energy crisis. And it could hardly have come at a more opportune time, either, what with zero hour for 1974 New Year's Resolutions upon us.

Here is the ideal time for each and every patriotic American citizen to make it his Number One resolution to follow the President's example. Let each and every one of us solemnly resolve never to take his own Boeing 707 four-engine jet to Florida or California for the weekend; and let us resolve furthermore never to have that plane backed up by an identical plane; and let us resolve, above all, never to be accompanied, at public expense, by a planeload of carping, criticizing, freeloading press and TV representatives.

Even if only half of us, say a hundred million or so, make this resolution, and stick to it all year-why, just think of the savings in fuel! Astronomical is the only word for it. Why, by the end of the year we will have saved so much fuel that we will be selling the surplus to the Arabs!

And I certainly hope this puts an

end to all the unpatriotic talk about "lack of leadership in the White House."

The White House is leading. All the rest of us have to do is follow. Charge!

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