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**Man Committed  
After Incident  
At White House**

A 30-year-old Suitland man was committed to St. Elizabeths Hospital for mental observation yesterday after he allegedly tried to enter the White House grounds through a West Executive Avenue gate, a Secret Service spokesman said.

U.S. Park Police identified the man as Frank Winfield Cronkite, who has been charged with driving the wrong way on a one-way street and blocking the entrance to the White House. They said he refused to leave the driveway, which was blocked by another vehicle, and was taken into custody after allegedly making irrational statements.

Cronkite was driving a van-type vehicle when the incident occurred at 3:19 p.m., officials said.

## White House

# Another Gate Crasher

Washington

For the second time in a week, a motorist yesterday tried to drive into barred White House grounds.

Police said a man tried unsuccessfully to drive a van the wrong way up one-way West Executive avenue into the White House parking lot, between the executive mansion and the old executive office building on the west side of the executive mansion.

The one-block stretch of road is barred and guarded at both ends.

A car leaving the parking lot blocked the truck at the gate, and two policemen raced to the doors of the van. Police said the driver refused to move or answer questions.

White House sources said the driver was blond and unshaven. He fought unsuccessfully when a National member of the Executive Protection Service, a uniformed force guarding the White House forcibly removed him from the vehicle, police said.

The Secret Service questioned the man to determine

whether he was a threat to President Ford and the first family.

The Secret Service said the man was being sent for psychiatric examination to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington.

On Christmas Day, Marshall Fields Jr. smashed his auto through the adjacent northwest gate from Pennsylvania Avenue onto the main driveway in front of the White House. He came to a stop within ten feet of the executive mansion and threatened to detonate ex-

plosives which turned out to be flares. Fields surrendered after several hours of negotiation.

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A motorist was thwarted when he tried to ram his van into the White House grounds yesterday