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Hi There

Four-year-old Chris Tanner of Pasadena greeted Governor Ronald Reagan with a tweak on the nose yesterday. Chris, the 1974 poster boy for California's Crippled Children's Society, and the governor were

participating in a Sacramento ceremony to open the society's fund-raising campaign. Reagan, good-naturedly heaved Chris' nose in return and made peace by offering the boy a jar of jelly beans.

Nixon's Speech -- 'One Year Of Watergate Is Enough'

President's Hint of More Oil

Washington

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THE PRESIDENT DELIVERING HIS SPEECH Congress and radio-TV audiences heard him

Nixon Goals For 1974

Washington

President Nixon, in his State of the Union message last night, listed his ten goals for 1974 as follows:

- 1 — An improvement in the energy supply that would assure "reasonable prices with adequate environmental protection."
- 2 — "Another giant stride toward lasting peace in the world" by continuing a policy of détente with the great powers and by working for a "lasting peace" in the Middle East.
- 3 — A check in the race of nations "toward administering the harsh medicine of recession" while moving the economy into a period of "steady growth."
- 4 — A new system of comprehensive health insurance that would guarantee high-quality care to every American.
- 5 — More progress toward turning back federal authority and money to the state and local governments.
- 6 — "A crucial breakthrough" in peace negotiations.
- 7 — Reforms in federal aid to education.
- 8 — A "historic beginning" in legislation to protect the rights of personal privacy.
- 9 — A "new road toward reform of the welfare system."
- 10 — New initiatives in world trade with more access to American markets and supplies.

His State of Union Talk -- A Confident Pledge Of a Year of Progress

Washington

President Nixon, speaking confidently of the next three years of his presidency, told Congress last night that he will never walk away from his job and declared that "we can and will make 1974 a year of unprecedented progress."

In a dramatic finale to a long State of the Union address, the President acknowledged that 1973 was "not an easy year for me or my family" and then asserted that "one year of Watergate is enough."

By way of calling for an early resolution of the issue, he said he has provided the special Watergate process for all the material he needs to prosecute the guilty and to clear the innocent.

The President promised as a line that appeared to be a conciliatory "to cooperate with the House Judiciary Committee, which is considering impeachment charges."

But many Democrats interpreted his declaration that he would "do nothing that weakens the office of the President" as a challenge to congressional authority.

After promising to cooperate "in any way that I can as a leader consistent with my responsibilities," Mr. Nixon carefully added:

"There is only one limitation. I will follow the precedent that has been followed by and defended by every president from George Washington to Lyndon B. Johnson, of never doing anything that weakens the office of the President of the United States or impairs the ability of the President in the future to make the great decisions that are so essential to the nation and the world."

Despite the sternness of the Watergate President, Congress gave the President an unexpectedly warm reception, interrupting his 10-minute speech with applause 23 times and twice with a standing ovation.

The assertion that "one year of Watergate is enough" brought an especially vigorous response from the press.

Mr. Nixon's first dramatic move in the speech came when he said that Arab oil was being personally assured that they would need petroleum to develop their oil resources.

If the embargo is lifted, it will "end the energy crisis but will not end the energy

Nixon Won't Testify for Ehrlichman

Washington

President Nixon will refuse to testify personally in the California trial of his former aide, John D. Ehrlichman, despite a court order won by the defense. The White House said yesterday.

A Nixon spokesman left open the possibility that the President might answer written questions in the state court trial.

Earlier in the day, Attorney General William F. French criticized the court order as "unprecedented" because the President of the United States can't appear in every justice of the peace court all over this country at the whim of that justice of the peace.

Said the spokesman: "The President has ordered a Justice Department study to determine whether the subpoena sets a precedent for summoning the President to testify in a broad range of legal proceedings involving the government."

At the request of Ehrlichman's lawyers, California Superior Court Judge Gordon Ringer said Tuesday he will instruct Mr. Nixon to appear as a material witness in the trial of Ehrlichman and five other defendants in the White House "plumbers" burglary case.

Ringer said yesterday that he will not sign the subpoena until next week.

Mr. Nixon's refusal is expected.

U.S. Secrets Big Issue in Oil Probe

By William Moore
A Chronicle Correspondent

Washington

Beyond the glare of television lights in the highly publicized Senate hearings that began here yesterday, a crucial tug of war was underway, the outcome of which may shed light on the causes of the energy crisis.

The Senate subcommittee on multi-national corporations was pitted against the Nixon Administration and America's major oil companies.

At issue was whether the administration should make public, as Senate investigators are urging, scores of classified documents, cables and correspondence written by officials of the companies.

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Police Warning To S.F. Residents

By William Moore
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Washington

A short time later, however, Mayor Joseph L. Alioto, who abruptly canceled plans for a trip to Washington, said he sees no reason why he should walk the streets with a feeling of security.

The warning was given by Lieutenant William O'Connor, the police department's public affairs officer, who said, "If people must go out at night after dark, they should go out in pairs or in groups."

The spike at a press conference at which investigators said they have been unable to turn up any clues to the identity of the two black gunmen who shot and killed

four persons and critical to Ernest Nash, who are heading a huge manhunt dubbed "Operation Zebra," issued fresh appeals to the public for information about the shootings.

Department switchboards this far have been crowded with telephone calls about the murders, but O'Connor said "nothing solid" has yet been volunteered.

The car the killers wheeled around the city on their three-hour killing spree was described as a dark-colored Cadillac or Chevrolet sedan, with a slanting roof and a slanting rear window.

We hope those who are stopped don't get upset and feel they are being harassed," O'Connor said. "This is the only way we're going to find the occupants."

Alioto retorted that, saying, "I can't see San Francisco residents will realize it is necessary under the circumstances I quote them they will be treated with courtesy, their rights will be protected, and police officers will act within constitutional limits."

He came right back and said, "If you see something suspicious, don't live it a cowardly to turn around and walk the other way."

It's a nice McMillan 27 who was the first one shot Monday night in San Francisco.

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Zodiac Mystery Letter -- the First Since 1971

By Paul Avery

The killer who calls himself Zodiac broke a silence of nearly three years yesterday with a bizarre note mailed to The Chronicle.

In his familiar and peculiar hand-printed style, he announced that the number of his murder victims now totals 27 and he now again urged San Francisco police for having failed in apprehending him.

Actually, only six slayings have been directly linked to Zodiac—the name the mysterious killer gave himself in one of the first of a long series of letters to this newspaper in which he has boasted of his crimes.

Five of six victims were killed in various areas of Northern California.

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China Frees Yank Taken in Battle

Hong Kong

Chinese authorities freed a bearded American civilian today a week and a half after he was captured during a bloody three-day battle between China and South Vietnam for the disputed Paracel Islands.

American Red Cross 22 at Laotian. The man, said to be 35, was captured during the battle and was held in a prison camp. He was released today and was said to be in good health.

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