

ROGERS

In perhaps the finest article yet seen in a continuing stream of favorable comment on the Secretary of State, Newsweek relates Rogers' emergence as a much stronger Secretary than anyone had expected. Honest, candid, relaxed, sincere, handsome, informal, humorous are all used to describe Rogers.

Newsweek quotes a Rogers aide that if Vietnam were left to the Secretary, "We'd be out of there tomorrow." The Secretary is found to be the man "deftly matched" by RN to articulate and implement the Administration's low profile foreign policy.

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WYETH

With a full-page reprint of Wyeth's latest printing, Time writes of the upcoming WH honor for the noted artist. "The show and dinner were RN's own suggestion, and nobody else's." Time finds Wyeth's characters "stolid; they endure. . . . Perhaps to RN as well as to ordinary people, they recall the bitter hard work that went into making a nation."

HICKEL

Business Week's cover story on "the environment man in the Cabinet" reflects favorably on Secy. Hickel who is said to be "fast becoming the Administration's environmental czar." While some conservationists may still doubt his sincerity, they are pleased with his decisions. "Hickel, in fact, looks on himself as a great conservationist." His actions on the waterways are

DOD BUDGET

The New Republic has an article which takes strong "issue with a widely quoted piece which recently appeared in the magazine claiming that war profiteering was a myth. Basically we are told that not only do the arms manufacturers make good money off of wars, but they also play no small part in getting us into the wars in the first place.

ENVIRONMENT

Both Fortune and Sports Illustrated have joined the bandwagon of publications using the environment for a cover story. Fortune, in fact, devotes its entire issue to the subject with keynote messages from the President and Sen. Muskie. Sports Illustrated reprints an article in the current Foreign Affairs by British scientist Lord Ritchie-Calder. The writer urgently calls for planned cooperation among nations to deal with population and pollution: "There are no frontiers in present-day pollution and destruction of the biosphere. Mankind shares a common habitat. We have mortgaged the old homestead and nature is liable to foreclose."

Fortune's 10 articles cover the waterfront and possess a common theme: environmental reform is going to be harder to achieve than many of its advocates suggest. Almost every article questions, in some way, the adequacy of our decision-making processes. One completes the articles with a feeling of weariness -- so many obstacles seem to lie in the way of

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I don't believe the public interest
is deep though it may wide in
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achieving the clean air, water and land which everybody would like to have. Perhaps most discouraging -- or challenging -- is the difficult and expensive course which lies ahead if water pollution is to be controlled.

Initiatives taken by some major industries contain seeds of hope and a survey of some 300 top business leaders finds them ready and willing to begin the fight in earnest. Government regulation with national standards established is preferred by the businessmen. 59% feel tax credits would be the single most effective incentive to get them to do something more.

Time says the President's recently proclaimed commitment to the environment will probably result in more presidential support for the Council on Environmental Quality than had appeared likely several months ago. Train's new position is viewed as giving him an opportunity to bypass Hickel in the same manner in which the Secretary bypassed him on Interior policy matters.

Hugh Sidey felt that the President could have had much more impact with his State of the Union comments on the environment if he had "suggested what the profits could be if we set our environment straight, or what the costs will be if we don't." It was, writes Sidey in Life, economic gain that was mainly responsible for causing men to make the mess to begin with.

E. J. ... That is the point - we must use a different ~~type~~ from profit

Picking up a theme seen rather often. Mary McGrory writes in America that the environmental control crusade, "if successful, obviously would benefit the country physically and even psychically. A national house cleaning might be the very thing that could unify a divided nation."

The President's State of the Union Message should be read as much for what it plays down as what it plays up. There was only one single reference to the once heralded welfare plan and then the President moved on to the cheaper and less controversial ground of environment control. The speech "did little more than go through the motions of reaffirming his own plan." Some observers believe that the WH is losing its enthusiasm for the program because the conservatives now view the plan hostilely. There is little doubt that the President could get congressional action on the program if he was willing to fight as hard as he did for ABM and Haynsworth. (Clayton Fritchey in 1/29 Detroit Free Press)

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It is time the Administration showed the voter that its battle against water pollution amounts to more than patronage appointments. The Administration's current activities are "shocking". It is replacing regional directors of the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration with political appointees. One man in Atlanta has been given the choice of transferring or resigning after 27 years in government. And in Chicago a qualified regional director is being replaced by the Chairman of Lithuanian Citizens for Nixon. The Administration's tone is good -- but words don't clean up rivers and lakes. There would be "much higher hopes for the Administration effort to combat pollution if there was some indication that the program will not be seen by political hacks." (1/22 Atlanta Constitution editorial)

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MEDAL OF FREEDOM

The visit of President and Mrs. Nixon to the Academy of Music was a "landmark occasion in the cultural history of America." For Ormandy, the orchestra and all who appreciate fine music it was a "proud and unforgettable night." The President came not only to bestow an award, but to increase his own cultural experience. Hopefully it will be as memorable for him as it is for Philadelphians. For Ormandy and members of the orchestra, "the plaudits of the President and Mrs. Nixon echo the admiration of millions around the world." (1/26 Philadelphia Inquirer editorial)

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DRUGS

10% of Americans over the age of 16 say that someone "close to them" uses marijuana. Among teenagers the proportion triples to 28%. And 31% among college students say either they or some close friend uses "pot." While 7 in 10 of the public think marijuana is dangerous to use, only 56% of college students feel this way. Only 1 in 10 know someone who has used LSD and only 1 in 20 knows someone who has tried heroin. (2/9 Harris poll)

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It is tempting to say that "pot" should be legalized and there are some cogent arguments which can support the position: The problem of enforcement is insuperable and the doctors haven't developed any convincing arguments that directly relate adversely to pot smoking. But these arguments pay insufficient attention to the psychic consequences of using pot. Surely in an age when HEW says Tab is dangerous, we ought to pursue more study of pot. There are a lot of people sentenced to jail who have cooperated with medical experiments. Why not have them smoke pot under observation on a purely volunteer basis? The experiments could give us important information without which we cannot speak intelligently. (2/9 William Buckley)

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It seemed only logical and sensible to build Florida's desperately needed new jetport near the Everglades. "Yet it is not to be. The startling fact was confirmed by Pres. Nixon. The port would have to be built elsewhere... Natural assets and wildlife preserves have been rescued before, just before the bulldozers moved in, but what was new here was the magnitude of the work already done, the money spent, the solid expectations suddenly rejected. What was novel was that the Nixon fiat had been made against tremendous commercial investment and popular demand and need... What was portentous was the precedent: Had an example been set?" Perhaps the victory isn't total, "yet, for those who have fought the jetport, the President's announcement is a start, and more than