



H. R. Haldeman Diaries Collection, January 18, 1969 – April 30, 1973

National Archives and Records Administration, Online Public Access Catalog Identifier: 7787364

Wednesday, April 1.

The labor problems go on. No real progress on postal negotiations. President pushing for more Shultz involvement, Blount continues to dominate totally. Meany is running things on their side. We had Bill Usery meet secretly with Meany this morning before the meeting with Blount. Worked toward a deal, but Meany still way apart. We will go for 6 percent across board plus 8 percent for postal after reform. Meany has agreed to go along with reform and not oppose stamp increase, but he wants 12 percent plus 12 percent. Ehrlichman and his crew working on revenue ideas to cover cost, probably accelerate estate taxes, add leaded gas tax.

President had Harlow and Bobby Griffin regarding Carswell, they want him to see a bunch of Senators - as usual. He's determined not to do it. Did agree to see Prouty this afternoon - and got his commitment, if his vote is needed. Problem is how many he can take on. At least our move to get Kleindienst in charge has paid off -the crew now meets every morning, and we're getting some real action which we sure didn't have before. Trouble is there's been so much erosion that now there's a long uphill battle, when a month ago we had it made. Really stupid.

President had a few morning appointments - spent afternoon at EOB till Prouty meeting. Then had meeting with Ehrlichman about postal deal. To Residence early.

He had a meeting with Rogers this morning, and concluded he's got to have more of these without Kissinger. Feels Kissinger doesn't give him accurate picture of Laird's and Rogers' views. Always puts it in black and white. President talked a long time with Ehrlichman and me regarding this problem, trying to figure out how to handle this. Basically, it's impossible because of the characters, especially Kissinger. But Rogers clearly maneuvers to clobber Henry. Haig is doing great job in Kissinger's absence, and President agrees. Has had several long sessions with him. Ordered a big retaliation move because North Vietnam hit us - wants to knock out a SAM site - Haig feels this is wrong, told President so. Wants to wait until Saturday so as not to screw up Kissinger's secret talks in Paris.



H. R. Haldeman Diaries Collection, January 18, 1969 – April 30, 1973

National Archives and Records Administration, Online Public Access Catalog Identifier: 7787364

President also got into problem of where you find people for government service. Must have judgment, character, loyalty, patriotism. Most lack at least two of these, especially the Eastern intellectuals.