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Tuesday, July 21.

Leadership and full day of appointments; NSC in afternoon regarding new Paris instructions for Bruce, the first of two days of photo sessions with all incumbent congressmen, the dentist to get the new front tooth. Decided not to go to Dewey funeral tomorrow, and to do luncheon with *Star* editorial board Thursday.

Has idea of working up "spender" rating on all the senators up for election - to hit them with blame for high prices and to make the issue regarding Congressional responsibility.

Wants Rogers to go ahead on Irwin for Under Secretary, but wants to talk to him first - had me call Rogers to tell him.

Flap about Bureau of Labor Statistics release of Consumer Price Index - Shultz told President it would be lowest increase since December '68 - then headlines just said cost of living has increased again. President has always been convinced we are jobbed by Bureau of Labor Statistics staff on these, and this is most blatant example. Shultz came in furious - and totally frustrated as to what to do about it.