

Good Morning TOP of the NEWS

WARMER. Clearing skies should accompany warmer temperatures today, the National Weather Service predicts. High temperatures should be near 70 today and 60 tomorrow, with an overnight low near 45. Yesterday's extremes were 64 and 48. Details on Page 4A.

Global

RESCUE AT SEA. The 124 passengers of the drifting Queen Elizabeth 2, many of them enjoying the adventure and in good spirits, board their rescue ship, the Sea Venture, 11 workers came to the QE2's aid. Two tugboats from New York will tow the vessel to Bermuda later. Page 4A.

COALITION IN LAOS. Prince Souphanouvong and Souvanna Phouma, royal half-brothers and leaders, respectively, of the Communist and royalist forces in western Laos, are meeting at the Vietnamese airport to work out details of a new coalition government. Two previous coalitions have failed. Page 4A.

National

CHAPIN TRIAL. Dwight L. Chapin testifies at his perjury trial that he tried to keep from a federal grand jury the fact that H. R. Haldeman, former White House chief of staff, approved the activities of political prankster Donald H. Segretti. Page 2A.

MITCHELL STAYS. The prosecution rests its case against former Nixon Cabinet member John S. Mitchell and Maurice Stans. Three separate defense motions for dismissal are expected to be heard today out of the jury's hearing, but defense testimony is expected to begin on schedule Friday. Page 2A.

BOYLE TRIAL. Two witnesses for the prosecution in the trial of former United Mine Workers President W. A. Boyle, Boyle charged with ordering the murder of UMW insurgent Joseph "Jack" Yablonski, testify that they backed out of proposals to kill Yablonski. One plot provided dynamiting Yablonski's house. Page 2F.

Arizona

ABORTION AMENDMENT. Rep. Jim Skelton, R-Phoenix, has introduced an anti-abortion amendment to a bill authorizing the sale of \$3.5 million in revenue bonds to expand U.S. football stadiums. Page 1B.

Local

CITY HIRING POLICY. City administrators are considering amending hiring practices in the wake of a federal investigation into charges of discrimination initiated by a black man who failed to get a city job despite scoring higher than any other candidate in competitive examinations. Page 4A.

COUNTY FAIR. The Yuma County Fair leaves strong winds to open its five-day run, with a program of fireworks, shows, exhibits, fun entertainment and midway attractions for visitors groups, some of the fair's many participants, will be honored in events today. Page 2A and 1B.

AL MURKIN AWARDS. The Arizona Historical Society makes its first annual presentation of awards for outstanding contributions to Arizona historical studies. Five of the 12 citations go to Tucson individuals and organizations. Page 4A.

TEACHER DEADLOCK. Negotiations between teachers and Tucson school district the long on teacher salaries for the coming year. A three-member arbitration panel will be appointed for the first time ever. Page 1B.

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Nixon To Pay \$465,000 Back Tax

By FRANK COEMIER
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon has agreed to pay back income taxes of \$465,000, the White House announced Wednesday night.
The announcement said the Internal Revenue Service had ruled Nixon owed the taxes on income during his White House years, and that the President had ordered full payment with interest.

A White House official said Nixon's payment of the back tax bill would save out of his personal wealth. The President's net worth as of May 11, 1973, was \$89,332, according to figures made public by the White House in December.
Officials said on a virtually every challenge tax item, the IRS findings and those of the staff of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation were in agreement.

The IRS had announced it was auditing Nixon's taxes, while the joint committee had them under study at the request of the President.
A major item at issue had been Nixon's tax deductions for the donation of his size presidential limousine, valued at \$250,000, to the government. He had deducted \$42,000 of that sum. Both the committee and the IRS agreed that he was not entitled to the deductions.

However, at the time the President voluntarily requested the committee to conduct its examination of his tax returns, he stated that he would abide by the committee's judgment. The statement said "in view of the fact that the staff report indicates that the proper amount to be paid must be determined by the Internal Revenue Service, he has today instructed payment of the \$42,000 net by the Internal Revenue Service plus interest."

White House officials said President Nixon will have to borrow some of the money to pay his back taxes.
The White House statement added:
"It should be noted that the report by the Internal Revenue Service rebuts any suggestion of fraud on the part of the President. The committee's staff report offers no facts which would support any such charge.

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Patricia Hearst Joining SLA

Tornadoes Leave 237 Dead



More than 200 persons died Wednesday when a series of tornadoes swept through nine states in the Midwest and South and Canada.
Damage was estimated in the millions. Half the town of Xenia, Ohio, a community of 15,000 people was destroyed, according to the county sheriff. Authorities estimated that 25 persons died in the Xenia area alone.

Authorities counted 227 deaths and gave this breakdown: Kentucky, 73 deaths; Indiana, 44; Ohio, 38; Illinois, 2; Alabama, 20; Tennessee, 11; Georgia, 10; Michigan, 1; North Carolina, 1; and Windsor, Ont., 8.

Eight persons were killed and more than 20 injured in Windsor, where a tornado ripped the roof of the local curling rink.
In hard hit Kentucky, Gov. Wendell Ford said it "probably is the most tragic day in the history of Kentucky."

The National Weather Service had been issuing tornado warnings for hours before the twisters set down, but in many areas such messages are considered routine. In most cases, entire communities were caught unawares to the storms.

Patricia's father, Steven Wood, on the telephone here, later told reporters he "seemingly cynical on the part of the SLA to think that 'I can believe Patty has returned her freedom and even more that she has returned to talk to me or explain to me what's been on her mind for the past several weeks.'"

Reinecke Indicted In ITT Case

Brandenburg, a town 30 miles from Louisville, was left in shambles and authorities reported 11 deaths. Despite an Indiana community of 300, was leveled, business establishments and homes in three other small Indiana towns — Burden, Hamberg and Martinsburg — were reported being from 60 per cent to nearly totally wiped out.

The Indiana tornadoes were the worst since 1958.
In California, Reinecke denied guilt and said he would stay in the race for the state's Republican gubernatorial nomination.

"I am innocent," Reinecke said at a news conference at the Capital in Sacramento. "I will not stand guilty. I am on the gubernatorial race to stay."

The 50-year-old Reinecke has been a leading candidate for the governorship and for his party's nomination. In the view of party leaders in California, his indictment may spell the end of his hopes.

There were allegations at the time that President Nixon had personally selected San Diego as the convention site because it was his home town.

Chavez-Trucker Alliance Formed

By RICHARD HALL
Star Staff Writer
Cesar Chavez joined with a Tucson-based trucker's group here yesterday in a "working alliance" against the Transwestern, the Nixon administration and oil companies.

Chavez, chairman of the United Farm Workers of America, held an airport press conference to announce the new bond between the UFW and Tractors for Justice.

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Revolutionary Recruit

The common goal prompting the new alliance is the Transwestern.
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Sent yesterday to a San Francisco radio station, this picture shows newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst in combat garb and armed with an automatic weapon standing before the seven-headed cobra that is the emblem of the Symbionese Liberation Army. (AP Wirephoto)

