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At Fort Benning, Georgia - a life sentence today for Lt. William Calley - ~~as you no doubt have heard by now~~ ending at last - the longest court martial in U.S. history.

Ah, But the case is still far from finished.

Indeed, the Calley verdict is subject to automatic review - with subsequent appeals expected to reach the nation's highest court - perhaps even the President himself.

Meanwhile, a flood of protesting telegrams - arriving at Fort Benning - also, the Pentagon and the Western White House. Officials saying the protests are coming not only from the U.S. - but right "around the world."

QUANT TRI FOLLOW FORT BENNING

Another Vietnam war story with a far happier ending - that of Sergeant Paul Lagenour of Oden, Indiana; ~~one of the real heroes of the fighting and those~~

Sergeant Lagenour - the door-gunner aboard a U.S. helicopter; a craft that was shot down while helping ~~to~~ support South Vietnamese troops fighting in Laos. The Sergeant - later waiving away a rescue craft; ^{cho}osing to remain instead and help rally the Saigon troops - who were then retreating in panic. When last heard from - calling in U.S. artillery strikes on his own position to help repel the enemy.

Three days later - Sergeant Lagenour officially listed as missing in action. But today - with hope all but abandoned - the Sergeant somehow finding his way into a U.S. base at Quant Tri in Northernmost Vietnam. ~~Although~~ He was quickly rushed to a hospital - and is ^{reported} in good condition.

And now: an elite band of South Vietnamese
commandos - ferried by U.S. helicopters - hitting a
Communist supply base deep in Laos. South Vietnam's
President Thieu - making the first public announcement.
This proving - said he - that Saigon troops "have the
capacity" to attack Cambodia, Laos, ^{and also} - ^{if necessary}, even
North Vietnam.

PAKISTAN

The situation in ^{East} Pakistan - still deeply
clouded - today; with East and West ^{Pakistanis} setting forth
conflicting claims. - ~~apparently egged on by Indian~~
~~interference.~~

But this much is certain: The U.S.
announcing today it plans to begin an evacuation of
some Americans. ~~now in Pakistan.~~ These - mainly the
dependents of U.S. government personnel - ~~are told~~
but how many - and how soon - ^{we don't know,} ~~that we'll have to wait~~
~~and see.~~

Here at home ~~again~~ - Washington - jailed
 teamster chieftan Jimmy Hoffa - ^{today} was denied ~~today~~ his
 second request for parole. The U.S. Parole Board
 further deferring any additional consideration of the
 Hoffa case - until June of next year; ^{and maybe} ~~in the process,~~
~~apparently dealing a death blow to Hoffa's~~ ^{blocking his} chances
 for re-election as Teamster President this summer.

The question of "media credibility" - subject of a recent nationwide poll; results of ^hwhich were disclosed today ~~at the~~^{at} Chicago meeting of The National Association of Broadcasters.

The study ~~said to~~ indicate ^s~~that~~ nearly half of the nations population - considers television the "most believable" ~~of all the communications media~~ as compared with a twenty percent vote for newspapers - which came in second.

~~At the same time - we are told - some sixty percent listing TV - as their primary source of news and information. All of which would seem to indicate - for the broadcast industry - a heavy burden of trust.~~

A related item: the Nixon Administration urging today - a total repeal of the present "equal time" provision on radio and television. Suggesting instead that candidates for Federal office ~~should~~ be given air time and ad space at the lowest possible rates.

~~This according to Deputy Attorney General, Richard Kleindienst in testimony before a Senate sub-committee. Kleindienst adding that the administration~~

Also ~~favors~~ an over-all limitation - on the amount of money that a candidate can ~~spend~~ spend on advertising; but how much - ~~that~~ he didn't say.

KAMPALA

At Kampala in Uganda - the return of King Freddie; marked by the roll of muffled drums - flags flying at half-staff - and tens of thousands of mourners.

King Freddie - you may recall - the first kabaka, or king, of Uganda. Sir Edward Mutesa, by name - but everyone called him King Freddie; 'til he was ousted by former President Milton Obote - back in Nineteen Sixty-Six. King Freddie finally dying a pauper's death - two years ago in a shabby East London flat.

The former monarch was not forgotten though. And when Obote himself was overthrown two months ago - the new strong man - General Idi Amin - pledging to bring the kabaka home once again; and this - he has now done.

The body of King Freddie - to be borne eventually to a conical tomb at Kasubi; ~~and~~ there ^{to} ~~he will~~ join his royal ancestors - for all eternity.

VATICAN

At the Vatican ~~in Rome~~ - Pope Paul ^{today} extended
a special greeting ~~today~~ to thirty visiting representatives
of The American Jewish Committee. The Pontiff observing
that "a special link exists between Catholics and Jews"
- for "God himself has bound us together in his
revelation."

At the same general audience - the Pope also
called attention to the current emphasis on sexual
licentiousness - in books, magazines, movies and so on.
The Pope ~~therefore~~ urging a new "moral ecology" -
to purify the physical man even as we now seek to
purify the physical atmosphere.

BOSTON FOLLOW VATICAN

*In the same vein - this next from Boston;
where a local judge has just upheld the closing of a
movie theater - for showing adult only films.*

*Explaining that he was doing so - perhaps in contravention
of recent Supreme Court rulings. But adding: "everyone
knows these movies are obscene - the patrons know it -
the producers know it; and the only ones who don't -
are the Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court."*

By the way, the Judge's name, ^{Don-ita} appropriately

~~enough~~ - Judge Francis J. Good.

~~Here's one~~ ^{In} San Francisco - the Bank of

America announcing ^{ed} ~~ing~~ a new policy - with regard to the
commission it charges on Traveler's Checks; a

percentage of which will now go to the U.S. Olympic
Committee. This to help finance U.S. participation

- in the Nineteen Seventy-Two Olympic games; to be

~~Hansen -~~
held, as you know - in Montreal, Can. and Sapore, Japan.

LONDON

A rather remarkable court case - is reported from London; where a construction worker by the name of Bill Murphy - was awarded today more than a thousand pounds, British sterling.

This in compensation for the loss of the tip of his middle finger, right hand - in a building site accident. Bill Murphy telling the court - that said mishap had practically ruined his social life; inasmuch as he ^{is now} ~~was~~ having great difficulty - said he - throwing darts ~~now down~~ ^{local} at the pub.