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The Carswell controversy - Part Three: ~~The~~ ~~strong~~

Senate reaction today - to President Nixon's ~~equally~~ ~~strong~~ reaction of yesterday over the rejection of his latest Supreme Court nominee. Senator Gore of Tennessee - who voted against Judge Carswell - ~~flatly~~ rejecting the President's charge of a bias against Southern conservatives. Even going so far as to introduce a resolution - calling the President's remarks "an assault on the integrity of the Senate."

White House response to this - a statement that the President definitely did not intend to impugn the integrity of the Senate; adding, in effect - he was merely stating facts. Senator Griffin of Michigan later saying he agreed with the President - that the Senate would more readily confirm a Northerner. Griffin observing: "Of course, the President's statement carried political clout - but it was also realistic."

ROCK ISLAND FOLLOW SENATE

Now this: House Minority Leader Gerald Ford -
in a speech at Rock Island, Illinois - announcing that a
decision will be made next week; a decision on whether to
begin impeachment proceedings - against Supreme Court
Justice William O. Douglas. You'll recall, Ford ~~having~~
warned earlier that he would seriously consider such a
move - if Carswell were rejected the same as Clement
Haynsworth; and now - he's ^{about to} apparently ~~carry~~ through
on that pledge.

CAPE KENNEDY

At Cape Kennedy - a green light today for back-up astronaut John Swigert; who now replaces measles-prone Tom Mattingly - as the third man in the crew of that moon-bound Apollo-Thirteen; thus clearing the way for blast-off as originally scheduled - hopefully, tomorrow afternoon.

For Tom Mattingly - a bitter blow, of course. However, John Swigert apparently proving to everyone's satisfaction - that he can step in. Leaving Space Agency chief Thomas Paine - who made the final decision - with no other choice. Paine explaining: "The bird" - meaning the spacecraft - "is in a better state of readiness and we have a better degree of assurance - if we fly now" instead of waiting a month.

VIETNAM

In the war news from Southeast Asia - a report today that more than a thousand South Vietnamese - have just invaded a border area in neighboring Cambodia; there killing more than two hundred Viet Cong - in a running battle that lasted four days.

To the North - an enemy siege at that Green Beret border outpost at Dak Seang - was finally lifted today. Help arriving in the form of a relief column - said to be made up of Cambodian mercenaries led by expert jungle fighters from Australia. It's further reported they have now set up their own camp - right next door.

PRASAUT FOLLOW VIETNAM

Meanwhile, another alleged ~~murder~~ ^{grain affair.}

This one - reported from the village of Prasaut in Cambodia, which is located on the main highway between Phnom Penh and Saigon - about twenty miles from the Vietnamese border.

Cambodian soldiers said to have killed an estimated ninety Vietnamese civilians - whom they had recently captured in a round-up of suspected Viet Cong. This apparently in retaliation for an earlier raid by Communist insurgents - who tried - but failed - to free their comrades.

At the same time - Phnom Penh reported that Viet Cong troops seeking sanctuary in Chipou Province - have now been driven back all the way to the Vietnamese border.

WHITE HOUSE

West German Chancellor Willy Brandt - a welcome guest today at the White House. Conferring with President Nixon - who said ~~that~~ he hoped their talks would contribute to both peace and freedom in Europe. The Chancellor alone - later addressing the National Press Club. There asserting that Germans consider continued U.S. support - their Number One concern. Brandt saying: "The effectiveness of the Atlantic ~~Area~~ Alliance - is still dependent basically upon U.S. military presence on the European Continent."

VATICAN

At the Vatican in Rome - Pope Paul today

addressed a final session of the Pontifical Commission on Liturgical Reform; a group whose recommendations on modernizing church rites - have just been put into effect. The Pontiff used the occasion though - to warn priests around the world not to go too far. "A sacrifice that is offered - disregarding the rules of the church - is not welcome to God"- said he.

BOCA RATON

Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Robert Finch - the guest speaker at a meeting of drug-makers today at Boca Raton, Florida. There announcing plans to seek an easing of the law - which presently prohibits the use of any food additive that causes cancer in animals or man.

Why so? Because - says Finch - there are cancer-causing agents in so many foods - it would be impossible to eliminate them all and still have an adequate food supply. The Secretary noting, for instance, the presence of selenium in wheat - arsenic in shrimp - and benzopyrene in certain smoked and broiled foods; all of them - said to be carcino-genic. He added, what's more, that "some unavoidable carcinogens - in the right amount and concentration - may even be essential to human health."

Question: Which freezes faster - a bucket of cold water - or a bucket of warm water? Answer - well, it seems obvious, doesn't it. Except that the great English philosopher - Francis Bacon - once asked himself the same question; after a few experiments - deciding that warm water freezes faster, strangely enough - except that nobody believed him; his theory was promptly laughed at - and forever consigned to oblivion.

Forever, in this case - lasting some three hundred and fifty years. Enter Dr. George Kell of the Canadian Research Council - who recently chanced across Bacon's theory and finally decided to test it. Lo and behold -

Dr. Kell proving beyond a shadow of a doubt - that a warm bucket of water does freeze faster than a cold bucket.

And the reason - he explains - in the fact that warm water evaporates faster in the cold; in the end - simply leaving less water to freeze.

What with Sir Francis now vindicated, Warren - ~~what~~ would you call that - bringing home the Bacon?

PRINCETON JUNCTION

The village of Princeton Junction, New Jersey - like many a suburban community - one that depends mainly on a volunteer fire department. Only trouble - the menfolk of Princeton Junction are mostly commuters; which means - there's often a daytime shortage of available firefighters. Ah, but Chief Wendell Smith has finally hit on a solution - urging today the acceptance of full-fledged lady firemen.

~~With~~ It might work. ~~At~~ But think of all the old firemen jokes - they'll have to rewrite. For example: "Why do lady firemen wear red suspenders - why, to hold up their stockings, what else."

SPACE

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First

in the flight of Apollo-Thirteen; - another flawless performance today - as you no doubt have heard by now. The moon-bound spacecraft ^{has been} soaring through the heavens - ~~right on the money.~~ ^{it's} Its path so accurate - there was no need for a scheduled mid-course correction.

Indeed, Astronauts Jim Lovell, Fred Haise and Jack Swigert - taking advantage of the situation; picking up nearly three hours - on their exacting timetable; thereby getting an early start - in checking out their lunar-lander, the Aquarius.

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~~still to come~~ a television broadcast from space - ^{is} set for later tonight. And ^{after that -} ~~then -~~ a few hours later - the Apollo-Thirteen will feel its first tug of lunar gravity. The big event - our third ^{is} manned landing on the moon - ^{is} set for Nine-Fifty-Five Wednesday night.