

SENATE

Thurs. June 22-71

The Senate ^{has just voted} ~~again~~ ~~a vote today~~ approving
an amendment to ~~that~~^{the} pending draft bill. This
imploring President Nixon to order a complete
withdrawal from Indo China - within nine months of
the bill's enactment; but ~~rather~~ - quote - "subject
to the release of all American prisoners of war -
held by the government of North Vietnam."

BOSTON

Those so-called "top secret" Pentagon papers
- are becoming less and less a secret every day. The
Boston Globe becoming today - the third to print
excerpts. Also the third such newspaper - to face
a federal lawsuit.

NEW YORK FOLLOW BOSTON

In New York and Washington - the government was still pressing its previous charges against The New York Times - and The Washington Post. Attempting to obtain from the U S Appeals Court - that which has already been denied in lower courts; meaning a permanent ban - on any continued publication of the Pentagon study.

Along the way - government attorneys suggesting a possible compromise; offering to set up a task force - "to attempt exhaustive declassification of the documents" - within forty-five days; which The Post calls "unacceptable."

CAPITOL HILL

Another development - from Capitol Hill;
where Defense Secretary ~~Melvin~~ Laird told Senate
probers ^{how} ~~he~~ he has ~~just~~ ordered a re-appraisal of
all Pentagon ~~and~~ papers relating to the origins of
the Vietnam war. This - said he - with a view to
declassifying as much as possible - as soon as possible.

See, Laird making it plain though - he still
considers ^s ~~and~~ the prior publication of ~~the~~ such documents
~~as~~ a breach of ~~the~~ national security. Adding that his
new order - will not affect pending criminal actions.

CHICAGO

~~In the same vein~~ ^{In} a Chicago speech, ~~by~~

White House communications director Herb Klein

~~who said~~ ^{says} the government ~~was~~ ^{is} carrying its case to the

courts - "not to have less freedom of the press" -

not "to support secrecy for secrecy's sake"- nor even

to "cover up possible mistakes in past administrations;"

but rather - to uphold the law.

Herb Klein adding - there may be "a case

for both sides;" but the courtroom is still the "proper

~~place~~ place - to find out who is right and who is wrong."

ATLANTIC CITY

For President Nixon - enroute ~~home~~ from Key Biscayne a ~~for~~ brief stop over at Atlantic City; where he addressed today - a meeting of the American Medical Association; urging the nation's doctors to join in a massive educational program - aimed at spotlighting the dangers of drug abuse. The President adding that one of the main problems - is the fact that ~~that many~~ too many doctors are "prescribing drugs too often and too easily."

On another front - the President also defending his own health care program - as ~~he~~ opposed to/a new compulsory nationalized health insurance program - put forward by Senator ^{Ted}_A Kennedy of Massachusetts. The President saying: "It is very easy to think that the plan that costs the most will help the most - but often the situation is quite the opposite."

VETERANS FOLLOW MEKONG DELTA

Here at home - the Veterans Administration today announced plans - to open twenty-seven new drug treatment centers. This in keeping with President Nixon's campaign - to rehabilitate returning G I's with drug problems.

LAIRD FOLLOW VETERANS

Defense Secretary Melvin Laird discloses that the U S offered Turkey five million this year - if Turkey would only kill its opium poppy crop - a crop valued at three million.

But Turkey's Prime Minister - Suleyman Demirel turned us down said Secretary Laird. Why? Because he didn't want to be considered - "an American lackey."

MEKONG DELTA

In Vietnam - more enemy activity in the Mekong Delta; with Communist troops over-running a Delta village -- and ambushing a relief column, killing, in all, seventeen South Vietnamese militiamen - as well as one civilian.

To the North - a report that enemy infiltrators are swarming across the D M Z: This may indicate another offensive coming.

MOSCOW

The winner of this year's State prize for literature, Russia's highest literary award - veteran poet and editor Alexander Tvardovsky. So announced today - by the Soviet News Agency Tass.

This ~~news~~ coming as something of a surprise - in as much as Tvardovsky had helped ^{to} advance the careers of a number of liberal writers; among them, the exiled Alexander Solzhenitsyn - also, Ilya Ehrinburg, Yevgeny Yevtu'shenko and Alexander Voznesensky. Also, he himself ~~was~~ was ousted just last year - as the editor of Novy Mir the Soviet's leading literary gazette.

Observers noting, however, ^{that} Tvardovsky is ~~now~~ gravely ill, possibly near death. Hence, a final reward - for a loyal old Bolshevik.

NOISE

In Washington - a meeting of the House sub-committee on Health and Environment. Subject - today, noise pollution. With the chief witness - Professor David Lipscomb of the University of Tennessee - who said that recent studies indicate as many as fourteen percent of all our young people today may be suffering from hearing loss; because of frequent and prolonged exposure to live rock music, sports shooting, motorcycling and so on.

ROME

The Eternal City - Rome - the leader of a movement to kill Italy's new divorce law today suggested a possible substitute for same; namely - legalized "concubinage."

Professor Gabric Lombardi explaining - "beauty fades;" so "if you want to live with a girl only for as long as she pleases you, go ahead and do it" but do it - said he - by means of a "registered union." And thus - preserve the sanctity of holy matrimony.

The Professor adding, in short, Warren, "If you don't want a lifetime link - don't marry."

STONEHENGE

Here's one from those eerie columns, those big monoliths of Stonehenge; where some fifty modern members of the Most Ancient Order of Druids today celebrated the coming of summer; doing it with a rite whose origins are lost in antiquity - the fabled ceremony of the Golden Dawn.

The ceremony this year - a day late. And instead of "a Golden Dawn" all these rather hippie Druids were enveloped by a typically British foggy, grey dawn. Also, high winds, with the temperature - a chilling fifty-two. The coming of summer at mysterious Stonehenge where our ancestors perhaps went through their ritual over a thousand years ago.