

Tues, Mar. 30 '71

At Fort Benning, Georgia - the ^{Calley} courtmartial of Lt. ~~Cot.~~ William Calley - part two -

~~the~~ penalty phase; including a ~~brief but moving~~ plea -
from the man whose fate hangs in the balance.

Lt. Calley telling the court: "I am not going
to stand here and plead for my life or freedom - but I
would like to ask you to consider that thousands more
lives are "at stake. ^{Calley} ~~The Lt.~~ adding: "I've never

known a soldier - nor did I myself, ever wantonly
kill a human being in my entire life." And then he
said: "If I've committed a crime - it was because I
valued my troops' lives more than enemy troops." ~~By~~

~~this time,~~ Tears streaming down his face - ^{Re} ~~Calley~~

concluding^{ed:-}; "Yesterday, you stripped me of all my
honor. Please, by your actions today, don't strip
future soldiers of their honor - I beg of you."

The army's chief prosecutor - quick ⁱⁿ ~~re~~ reply

~~though.~~ ^{told} ~~Telling~~ the court: "You did not strip Lt.

Calley of his honor. What he did - stripped him of his honor." And he added that the penalty - must be "commensurate" with the crime.

From Chittagong East Pakistan - by way of
New Delhi ~~in~~ India, - a report of fierce fighting today
between federal troops and ^{the East} Pakistan rebels. At the same
time, Indian press reports ^{are} telling of the slaughter of
innocent men, women and children in East Pakistan; also
suggesting the possibility of sending armed Indian
volunteers - to help the so-called liberation forces. ["]~~is~~

~~East Pakistan.~~

As a result of this - radio Pakistan ^{is now} accusing
India of meddling in Pakistan's internal affairs. Further
charging that India's interference - "has set a dangerous
precedent causing serious concern to the international
community." Radio Pakistan adding that, in any case -
federal troops in East Pakistan are bringing the situation
firmly under control.

~~And now this~~ ^{Later,} All-India Radio saying ~~that~~
Prime Minister Indira Gandhi will request from the
Indian Parliament - a resolution expressing solidarity

*with the people of East Pakistan. India's foreign
ministry also saying that any request for assistance
for East Pakistan - will be given "proper consideration."*

Here at home - the western White House -

an announcement that President Nixon will make a nationwide broadcast - a week from tomorrow night.

Subject: Vietnam - also Laos. The White House adding that the President will ^{have further word} ~~announce at that time - the next~~ ^{about} ~~level of~~ American troop withdrawals from South Vietnam.

GREENWOOD

For Seantor Strom Thurmond - age sixty-eight

- and his wife, Nancy - age twenty-four - it's a girl

today at Greenwood, South Carolina. The Senator's

and his wife's first born - weighing in at seven

pounds eleven ounces at last report, mother and child

doing fine - the father, too.

KREMLIN

At the Kremlin's Palace of Congresses - the first session of the Soviet Union's twenty-fourth Communist Party Congress. Keynote speaker: Party Chieftan Leonid Brezhnev - who promptly launched a new Soviet peace offensive; calling for a world disarmament conference - also, a series of meetings of the world's atomic powers, including Red China, to ban nuclear weapons.

But failing that - said Brezhnev "our glorious armed forces are prepared to repel an enemy attack - at any time of the day or night from any quarter." And he added that "any possible aggressor is fully aware that in the event of a nuclear attack - he will be dealt a devastating counter blow." So spoke the Kremlin boss.

Assassination in Kuwait. The victim -

Iraq's former vice president and one time air marshal

*- General Hardin Takriti; who was waylaid by five
gunmen - and shot at least seventeen times.*

The general ousted from office last September

- for failure to support Arab commandoes in their

clashes with Royal Jordanian army troops. At the time

*of his death, ^{he was} visiting friends in Kuwait - following a
pilgrimage to Mecca.*

NORTHERN JORDAN

In Northern Jordan - a fifth straight day of fighting - Arab versus Arab; with the repercussions - spreading throughout the Mid-East. Cairo charging that Jordan is attempting - an "extermination of the Palestinian people." Cairo also announcing ~~the~~ withdrawal - of all Egyptian members of Arab truce teams.

LONDON

A wholesale restructuring of the British tax system - was proposed today in the House of Commons. Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer - Anthony Barber - calling for an end to income surtax, sales tax and a host of miscellaneous taxes. Urging instead the adoption of a single graduated income tax - also, a "value added tax" such as now used by the common market countries. This last - a tax covering manufactured goods at every stage of production and distribution.

~~Barber contending that Britain's present tax system - is "absurd" in many respects; and one that must be changed - said he - to keep the British standard of living from falling behind that of the rest of Europe.~~

~~In a corollary measure - the British government is also urging a reform in its Social~~

~~Security program; ~~that~~ to cut in half ~~the~~ weekly benefits now paid striking workers.~~

SPACE

George M. Low - acting head of the U.S.

Space Agency - the chief witness today before the Senate space committee, where he charged that because of cut-backs in the U.S. space program - "there is ~~■~~ every indication" that America will soon lose its leadership in space. ~~and~~ "once that happens" - said he - "we may not again have the capacity to catch up." Low adding that the Russians "have already said - they expect to have a permanent space station long before we do."

Before I sign off, a salute to our CBS nomad, Charles Kerault who took my place yesterday. Like Charlie Kerault wherever I happen to be I invariably pick up some item or oddity that I want to pass along. The news is so heavy tonight there's hardly time. But I do also want to salute two of my aviation friends, Lt. Gen. Hunter Harris who you may recall as our recent Air Commander in the Pacific.

The other, Dick Beck with whom I used to ski occasionally at Lake Placid in the Adirondacks. Dick now is a veteran round-the-world TWA pilot who has rolled up twenty-two thousand hours in the air; over six million miles of flying. Sometime within the next few months, inshallah, he'll be making his one thousandth flight across the Atlantic. To me these are impressive, almost staggering figures.

A pair of shipboard arrivals today in New York - the Duke and Dutchess of Windsor, - ~~paying~~ ^{This} their ~~annual~~ annual visit. The Royal couple saying they plan to stay about two weeks - before heading south to Palm Beach, Florida.

Reporter: - "

~~Next question:~~ What do you think about hot

pants? ^{Replied} ~~To which~~ the Duke ~~replied~~ - in ^{one} a word: -

^{Said} "ridiculous." The Dutchess; ~~for her part, saying of~~

"Hot pants? "They're not so hot." Are you an expert on hot pants, Don?

Michigan's only surviving heart transplant patient - seriously injured in a one-car auto crash today at Ann Arbor. Forty-one year old Donald Kaminski - suffering three fractured ribs as well as facial cuts. Ending up under the care of the same doctor - who gave him his new heart more than two years ago. He was also charged with careless driving - police noting that "he had been drinking," a little". ^{quote} _{end quote}

All this - right in keeping with Kaminski's regular life style. Friends observing that he has never let his heart trouble - interfere with his fun.

Kaminski himself - in a recent interview - saying he leads "a perfectly normal, happy life;" which includes - said he - driving fast cars and airplanes - hiking ~~■~~ miles on fishing and hunting trips - also, competing in snowmobile races.