CAPITOL HILL
Max. $\operatorname{Van} 19-67$.
The second session of
the Ninety First Congress off and running today.
If not exactly running - at least, getting on th
 first that
 point-seven-billion-dollar health and education bill. The House already passed it, with the Senate expected to do likewise; and the President has promised to veto it.
 sex

The White House announced the has
today that President finally "wrapped up" a new budget for fiscal Nineteen Seventy One. White House Press secretary Ron Ziegler - saying it will show a surplus. Therefore - the President will ask for no new excise taxes.

WHITE HOUSE

## After months of pandering

President Nixon finally comes up
with ehrieforthe
another, Supreme court, auden
Federal Appeals Judge G.

Harold Carswell of Tallahassee, Florida, a moderate all
conservative - age fifty; said to meet $\wedge^{\text {the criteria for }}$ the nation's no highest tribunal - in that "he has a good judicial record, an outstanding background, and is young."

Meanwhile, the present eight member Supreme Court was handing down a number of decisions, Including one barring local Selective Service Boards from speeding up the induction of so-called draft delinquents. The court ruling - six to one - that
any action against such registrants - must be taken through the courts. In other words - they cannot arbitrarily reclassified one $A$.
In another case - the Supreme Court held
that Alabama and Georgia have been practicing
racial discrimination in the selection of juries. However,
it refused to strike down the general in those stater which
jury laws specify me that jurors must be a certain age - "of good character" "well-informed" and so on.
encouraged" about America's image in the Far East; and
adding that he found allied
morale in Vietnam "exceptionally good."

DANANG

$$
\text { On the war front - Danang - a } U S \text { Marine }
$$ captain was tried by a court marshal today. Captain Robert Poolaw of Anadarko, Oklahoma -- a full blooded Indian - accused of murder in the alleged slaying of a North Vietnamese prisoner of war.

 thereythere not guilty!

Elsewhere in the Danang area - a young
terrorist today hurled a hand grenade into a crowded school yard killing four Vietnamese youngsters who were playing volley ball with a group of $U S$ Marines. Eleven other children and six Marines were also wounded.

## LAGOS

$$
U N \text { Secretary General } U \text {. Thant completed }
$$

a brief visit to Nigeria. At Lagos - conferring with

Nigeria's victorious General Yakubu Gowan; also, Hendrick

Beer - head of the Red Cross League. Later saying he
was well satisfied - that defeated Ibo tribesmen were
not being deliberately mistreated. U. Thant adding
that he $\mathcal{L}_{1}$ convinced the process of
reconciliation has started well."

on his way


RUSSELL

> Capitol Hill again - Richard Russell of

Georgia began today his thirty-eighth year as a $U S$

Senator. A record second only to that of Carl

Hayden of Arizona - who retired last year after fortytwo years of Senate service.

Coinc dentally, Senator Russell offered
a comment today on his observations as member of the Warren Commission. Asserting: "If there was any one
thing that was conclusive"- it was the fact that Lee Harvey Oswald fired the fatal shot. He suggested however,
that oswald had consulted with others - and had received encouragement prior to the assassination. Russell noting that oswald had spent some time in Minsk - where the Russians trained and schooled large numbers of Cubans.

EAST BERLIN

## On=tive owen side of that Bextin-wath -

East German President Ulbricht at his first news conference in nine years, call y again for a treaty recognizing East and West Germany

- as equal, sovereign states. But added,

however that one thing he would not talk about - was the Berlin Wall. Htbrtcht asserting "them ene working "Mot a matter for negotiations!' and he.

MAX CONRAD

Have you been wondering about the Flying Grandfather, Max Conrad, where he is? I'm sure at least a few million Americans have been asking that question. Well, I've talked to him twice in the past forty-eight ax hours by shortwave over the weekend.

In case you have not been following this dramatic adventure, Max Conrad, the sixty-fold year old airman is it
who has twenty-eight or, twenty-nine grandchildren, is
trying to be the first to fly around the world, solo, over both poles.

Over the weekend he phoned me from McMurdo, our largest Antarctic base, on the edge of the Ross Sea.

With a fire volcano smoking just across the way, and the historic Scott and Shackleton bases nearby.
 had gone smoothly on his flight over the stormiest stretch of ocean in all the world.

MAX CONRAD -2

Then, today, I had him on short wave again
from the south Pole. He had flown theréand is now under the ice with the thirty-five scientists and naval maintenance people who are stationed at the Pole living under the ice.
 heat wave, the thermometer at twenty -six below, which of course is indeed warm weather at the South Pole.

He says he plans to stay there under the ice for several days and then if weather conditions
permit he'll take off on the two-thousand-five hundred mile nonstop flight across over the le le icecap,
to the tip of South America. His friends will breathe a little more easily when they know he has reached Pinta Arenas. $\mathbb{T}_{\text {Incidentally Max says he hopes to }}$
fly right over the mountains Explorer Captain Finn Ronne named for me many years ago, mountains I failed to see on my two visits to the Ultimate south. Wed, Var val,

