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The State of the nation's economy - still  
topic A. ~~today~~ With the White House ~~starting to~~  
~~get tough~~, ordering a ban on all government purchases -  
from ~~firms~~ firms that raised their prices in violation  
of the President's economic freeze. Administration  
officials adding that such purchases - ~~amount~~ amount  
to ~~be~~ about one hundred <sup>8</sup>/<sub>10</sub> billion a year; if it ever  
comes to a test of strength - <sup>that could be a bit</sup> ~~is~~ of muscle.

# AUSTIN FOLLOW ECONOMY

~~Reverse side~~ = Governor Smith of Texas -  
~~carrying through~~ today <sup>went ahead</sup> with his threat to defy the  
wage price freeze; ordering the payment of long  
scheduled pay raises -- to more than a hundred  
and thirty thousand Texas teachers and other state  
employees. This - said he - is accordance with  
his oath to uphold State law.

Smith adding: "I am in sympathy with the  
President's effort to curb inflation. But I don't  
believe he has the authority - to just void a law  
~~passed~~ passed by this state."



AUSTIN

All of which ~~has now~~ raised<sup>s</sup> the threat  
of ~~federal~~ federal legal ~~as~~ action- "to insure  
compliance" with the President's directives."

WASHINGTON FOLLOW AUSTIN

Meanwhile, Administration officials were suggesting a possible speedy end - to the new ten percent surtax on foreign goods; but not before a satisfactory revaluation - ~~is a possibility~~ of all free world currency; ~~which~~ which could take - a little time.

Indeed, the European Common market <sup>today</sup> ~~failed~~ to agree ~~today~~ on a common exchange rate. It's six members deciding that each will go it alone - when the continent's major money markets again open on Monday.

*Washington again - another parole hearing  
for ex-teamster President Jimmy Hoffa - but  
again -- the verdict was no -- the parole board  
further ruling that Hoffa's case cannot be heard  
again -- at least until June of next year.*

SAIGON

~~Half a world away~~ In South Vietnam there's  
a state of political confusion tonight; caused by  
the withdrawal of <sup>"Big Min,"</sup> retired general Duong Van Minh  
<sup>"Big Min"</sup>  
-- from that <sup>e</sup>~~country's~~ forthcoming Presidential  
election. ~~The famed~~ "Big Min" - charging the race  
had <sup>S</sup> been rigged. <sup>This</sup> Leaving <sup>so</sup> incumbent President  
Thieu -- the sole candidate.

As for U S reaction -- a statement <sup>camp</sup> from the  
U S Embassy in Saigon - saying: "We regret that  
General Minh - has ~~withdrew~~ withdrawn as a candidate  
for the Presidency." But adding: "Beyond that -  
we have no further comment."

## FIGHTING FOLLOW SAIGON

In the meantime - ~~a continuation of the~~  
~~resurgent~~ <sup>more</sup> fighting ~~up~~ near the D M Z; with enemy  
gunners - ~~and~~ shelling five South Vietnamese border  
outposts; also, shooting down - three U S helicopters.  
This in spite of a series of saturation raids - by  
big U S B-52s.

FORT MCPHERSON

Here at home - at Fort McPherson, Georgia  
the life sentence of Army Lieutenant William Calley  
- was reduced<sup>4</sup> today to ~~a term of~~ twenty years  
in prison. This by order of Lieutenant General  
Albert Connor -- commander of the third Army;  
who said he based his action - on a "consideration"  
of all the evidence" - the recommendation of his  
legal staff" - also, defense rebuttal.

Lieutenant  
~~Lieutenant~~ Calley - who was convicted - as you  
know in that ~~Ma~~ My Lai incident - would thus be  
eligible for parole in six years. Observers not<sup>2</sup>~~ing~~  
however, that ~~Calley's case~~ Calley's case is still  
subject to <sup>Further</sup>~~additional~~ review. ~~by higher bodies~~. Indeed,  
President Nixon ha<sup>S</sup>~~s~~ already said - it will be he  
who renders the final statement. ~~So what's to come~~  
~~we'll just have to wait and see.~~



## DAMASCUS

In the Middle ~~East~~ East - Damascus - the leaders of Egypt, Syria and Lybia ~~and~~ signed a joint constitution today; thereby forming - on paper at least - a new federation of Arab Republics.

In the words of its chief spokesman - Syrian Vice President Mahmoud Ayyoubi: <sup>This is</sup> "Our answer to Israeli aggression."

At the same time, Arab sources in Cairo ~~were~~ reacting strongly to a statement yesterday by Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan. The latter you may recall - urging Israel to annex for all time, captured Arab territories - if there is no peace; ~~The word from Cairo is that any~~ ~~but the Arabs saying~~ - such <sup>^</sup> a move would lead to an immediate renewal of hostilities.

~~In any event,~~ Israeli Premier Golda Meir ~~was~~ attempting today to disassociate herself from the Dayan statement. In effect, observing that Moshe Dayan was speaking solely for Moshe Dayan.

## CRANWELL

At Britain's Cranwell flying base -- the golden ~~one~~ eagle gets his wings. Golden Eagle - the British code name for Prince Charles - heir apparent to the British Throne, ~~who was~~ graduated <sup>ing</sup> today -- from the Cranwell training program. Prince Charles receiving the wings - of a qualified royal Air Force pilot - ~~success~~ becoming automatically the R A F's foremost airman; succeeding in that role - his father, Prince Philip, who was looking on proudly. Invidentially it was Prince Philip - who flew the royal plane down to Cranwell today; but flying back - ~~yet~~, Prince Charles!

PORTLAND

Portland, Oregon - a case of alleged  
inter-state transportation of stolen goods. Defendants  
Kenneth White and ~~James~~ Jamie Alexander -  
found guilty as charged. The stolen goods they  
transported across state lines - <sup>seventeen</sup> ~~seventeen~~ thousand  
eight hundred and fifty sets of false teeth.

Which <sup>Warren</sup> ~~was~~ netted them each - a sentence of four  
years in prison. That for a truck load of  
false teeth

~~Now if we could just get the tooth done~~

~~Warren, said then we'd really be in shape.~~

## SISTINE CHAPEL

From the Vatican ~~in Rome~~<sup>comes</sup> a story of  
young love. Pretty Erna Bergan and handsome  
Urbano Escelmans - ~~a pair of~~ visiting Belgians --  
~~but~~ touring the Sistine chapel in separate groups;  
~~when~~<sup>but</sup> they spotted each other - and fell <sup>in love</sup> instantly.

~~Edna's~~ That was last year. This year -  
after a courtship back home - Erna and Urbano  
returning to the Sistine Chapel; where they  
~~reconsecrated~~ reconsecrated their love -- and then  
were married <sup>in a nearby</sup> ~~near~~ parish church. The couple  
vowing - they'll be coming back again; maybe next  
time - to look at the <sup>Sistine</sup> chapel. Aug. 21 - Monday.