

**The White House today confirmed reports that the Pentagon has supplied Lebanon with what was termed "a small" number of anti-tank missiles and launchers. News Secretary Ron Nessen - in confirming this - explained that "we have a long standing military supply relationship with Lebanon." His statement came as Israeli and Lebanese forces exchanged border artillery fire for the sixth straight day. Also, Beirut newspapers reported that P-L-O leader Yasser Arafat is now in personal command of Palestinian resistance operations in the south.**

**MAYDAY**

*The long distance wires to Washington were kept busy today - with hundreds of Americans trying to find out whether they are entitled to receive court-awarded damages that could go as high as seven-thousand-six-hundred dollars, A Federal court jury yesterday awarded a total of twelve-MILLION dollars to twelve-hundred anti-war demonstrators arrested on the Capitol steps on May Fifth, Nineteen-Seventy-One. Although some twelve-thousand were arrested and detained during the week-long rally, the American Civil Liberties Union pressed court action only in behalf of those arrested on the Capitol steps. The Justice Department says it is considering an appeal.*

CIA

*Senate Democrats are reported to be considering creation of a special committee to investigate the C-I-A and other American intelligence agencies. But Democratic leader Mike Mansfield refused to speculate on the outcome of a vote on the matter - expected Monday at a party caucus.*

*The newspaper - Seattle Post-Intelligencer - today quoted a former Kennedy Administration official as saying President Kennedy authorized the C-I-A to wiretap the phones of two newsmen. The taps, says the newspaper, were part of an attempt to stop security news leaks from Congress in Nineteen-<sup>Sixty</sup>~~Twenty~~-Three. No leaks were ~~detected~~ detected and neither the former official nor the newsmen were identified.*

## SKITCH

**In New York, Band-leader Skitch Henderson today was sentenced to six months in jail and fined ten thousand dollars for filing false income tax returns. The years involved were Nineteen -Sixty-Nine and Seventy.**



**Senator Henry Jackson of Washington - virtually a certain contender for next year's Democratic presidential nomination - says he will lead a Senate fight against President Ford's program for solving our energy problems. Mainly, says Jackson, he will try to prevent the imposition of a tariff on imported oil - or allow a sharp rise in the price of domestic oil. He describes the President's energy plans as "inflationary, recessionary, ineffective, inequitable and ruinous."**

**Even as Jackson was stating his opposition, the President announced that - later this month - he will travel around the nation to seek public backing for his economic and energy proposals. This clearly indicates he expects stiff congressional resistance.**

## **ECONOMY**

*Something of a back-to-work movement is coming next week in the car industry - with some Fifty-Three-Thousand laid off workers returning to their jobs. Twenty assembly plants will open again. Even so, more than forty-four-thousand workers will stay on temporary layoffs - with another one-hundred-seventy-five thousand or so still out of work by so-called "open-ended layoffs."*

*The country's second biggest bank - First National City of New York - today lowered its prime interest rate for business loans to nine-and-three-fourths percent. Several other big banks did the same with one in Detroit dropping to nine percent.*

*Ralph Nader says telephone bills may soon be more than seven-hundred-MILLION dollars higher, without F-C-C approval, unless Congress changes the law. Otherwise the average phone user, says Nader, will pay seven percent more.*

## AVIATION

*The National Transportation Safety Board reports that four-hundred-sixty-seven persons died in airline accidents last year - highest total in fourteen years. There were nine fatal airline accidents during the year - all but one involving crashes. The board says a big influence in the higher fatality rate is the fact that planes are carrying more passengers. The number of crashes remained the same - but the fatalities doubled.*

*An independent panel investigating air safety, resigned today - saying their efforts were checked by Transportation Secretary Claude Brinegar. Panel Chairman Richard Shoup says Brinegar NOT only limited the investigation - he also announced he would appoint his own panel to investigate the same thing.*