


SACRAMENTO

Wed. Dec. 17-57

Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme ⁱⁿ ~~of~~ Sacramento was sentenced today [—] to life in prison - for attempting to assassinate President Ford. Judge MacBride saying he had searched in vain for any mitigating circumstance ~~that~~ ^{to} ~~might have~~ permitted a lesser sentence. Also, taking note of a hundred-and-thirty-page document the defendant had sent him - dealing with environmental protection. The Judge telling Miss Fromme: "I am convinced you would murder or cause others to murder - because of your false and distorted belief that violence can save the environment." "Our most precious natural resource" - he added - "is human life."



ADD SACRAMENTO

The Judge's remarks ^{were} frequently interrupted
by hysterical outbursts from the defendant; who was finally
carried from the court by Federal marshals ^{- carried out} kicking and
screaming all the way.

And now -

CAPITOL HILL (TO BE TAPED FOR POSSIBLE LATER USE)

A new tax bill to extend present tax cuts for another six months--quickly approved today by the House and the Senate. It then went to the White House--where, as promised, it was vetoed "on sight." This to permit an override vote--before Congress adjourns on Friday. Whether the Democrats can muster a two-thirds majority though--remains to be seen.

ENERGY FOLLOW CAPITOL HILL

The Senate also completed passage today--of a new comprehensive energy bill. But another veto--could be in the cards here, too.

STEVENS

The President's appointment of John Paul Stevens to the Supreme Court - was approved unanimously today by the Senate. Judge Stevens to take his place on the High Bench - in a public ceremony set for Friday; thereby bringing the Court to full strength - for the first time in nearly a year.

SECRET

In one of the tightest secret sessions in memory -
the Senate today heard a report on U.S. involvement in
Angola. Senate liberals and ^{some others} ~~their allies~~ - later demanding
a cut of Thirty-Three Million in a pending weapons bill; ~~an~~
~~educated guess~~ ^{the possible} ~~we are told~~ ~~as to the~~ amount
earmarked for ~~special~~ Angolan ~~aid~~. ^{Says} ~~From~~ the White House,
~~meanwhile~~ ~~a statement saying~~ "We have no exploitive
interest in Angola - nor do we contemplate any form of U.S.
combat intervention there."

SAN DIEGO

A woman recently linked by Senate probers with JFK and two Mafia chieftains - finally met with newsmen today in San Diego. Judith Campbell Exner saying her relationship with the late President - "was of a close, personal nature" - and did not involve conspiratorial ~~shen~~ shenanigans of any kind." Adding that her relationship with the two Mafia men at the same time - was also "of a personal nature" but "in no way related."

CHARLESTON

At Charleston, South Carolina - the discovery today of more than a Half-Million in gold bullion - in a plane newly chartered by the Air Force. ~~But~~ How it came to be there and why - still a mystery. Officials saying ~~the~~ ^{may be} ~~bullion may have been~~ part of a shipment - en route from Switzerland to Saudi Arabia; ^{But} ~~except that~~ so far - ~~there~~ ~~hasn't been~~ ^{no} ~~any~~ ^{has} body reporting ~~any~~ any missing gold."

TEL AVIV

Tel Aviv - Israeli Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur

~~was~~ attempting to justify ~~today~~ Israeli air strikes into

Lebanon, ^{saying} ~~saying~~ Israeli jets were not aiming at civilian

targets - and ^{their} results were good. (General Gur adding that

"Israel will continue to fight and hit terrorists with

appropriate means - when conditions are right.")

WASHINGTON

Washington again - an attempt today to ease the travel crunch - caused by the United Airlines' strike. The Civil Aeronautics Board giving Pan Am permission to launch an emergency service - between San Francisco and New York.

MESMER

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~~A new book that might make a great~~ Christmas

gift - "The Wizard from Vienna" by Vincent Buranelli;

telling for the first time - the full story of Franz Anton

Mesmer; the so-called "father of hypnotism" - and one of the

most controversial figures in medical history. "The Wizard

from Vienna" ~~will~~ ~~guaranteed to~~ keep you mesmerized.

And now this

DES MOINES

*From the Iowa Supreme Court - an order today
that could compel a young mother - to relinquish custody
of her One-year-old child. The court ruling that so long as
Jane Bos of Des Moines remains a nude masseuse - she
will also remain an unfit mother. This on the grounds that
"no parent - can effectively play the role of Dr. Jekyll and
Mr. Hyde."*

And now for CB -