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After months and months of turmoil and confusion bordering on national hysteria - President Nixon ~~has finally~~ <sup>today</sup> given in. ~~The President~~ <sup>agreed today</sup> to submit his disputed tapes - to the scrutiny of Federal Judge John Sirica.

The President's <sup>decision on this</sup> ~~concession~~ relayed to the court - by his Constitutional lawyer, Charles Alan Wright; who attempted to explain <sup>why</sup> ~~the President's decision at long last~~ <sup>to</sup> switch rather than fight? "There would have been those" - said he - "who would have said the President was defying <sup>the</sup> law - but this President does not defy the law."

<sup>Atty.</sup> Wright also referred briefly - to the President's so-called "Stennis Proposal;" the one that led to the <sup>removal</sup> ~~firings~~ - of Special Watergate Prosecutor Archibald Cox. "We <sup>had</sup> ~~hoped~~ hoped" - said he - "that this kind of solution would end the Constitutional crisis; but events over the we kend made it very apparent - it would not."

We hear now - the President will go on the air Wed. Nite at 9:00 PM to explain all <sup>to</sup> the nation - the Cox matter and 207 his top associates.

# HOUSE FOLLOW WATERGATE

The President's <sup>surprise</sup> action - following <sup>ed</sup> a meeting of House Democratic leaders; where the subject of impeachment - was <sup>of course,</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>1</sup>

~~talked over~~  
~~paramount~~

~~However,~~ The House leadership ~~finally~~ ordering a preliminary inquiry - by the House Judiciary Committee. That body to determine whether there were ~~sufficient~~ grounds - to warrant the start of official impeachment hearings. For the moment, at least - removing the threat of any immediate action.

The Democratic decision - later explained by House Speaker Carl Albert, who said that the <sup>ousting of</sup> ~~status of~~ ~~prosecutor~~ ~~Watergate Prosecutor~~ Archibald Cox - was unfortunate, but added "for Congress to act in a reckless or hasty manner - would further engender national disunity."

~~Speaker~~ Albert also urged that there be no delay - in the confirmation of Gerald Ford as Vice President. Suggesting, in fact, that this should take precedence - over any impeachment action. <sup>Speaker</sup> Albert remaining the next-in-line. In the meantime - as you know - <sup>and he has insisted he doesn't</sup>

JUSTICE FOLLOW HOUSE

Meanwhile,

~~Richardson said~~ at the Justice Department  
- a farewell press conference for former Attorney General  
Elliot Richardson, starting out with a standing ovation -  
from his ex-colleagues. And then - a brief statement.

Richardson saying, in effect, the President's original  
Watergate tape proposal - was one on which reasonable men  
could disagree. <sup>(Claiming)</sup> ~~Richardson~~ however, the President's  
decision to dismiss Archibald Cox - had made his own  
position untenable. This inasmuch as Richardson's  
confirmation <sup>had been</sup> ~~was~~ predicated on Cox's appointment.

Later on though - Richardson stressed that the  
President had not defied the courts. Adding that, indeed,  
he was confident the President would never do so - as  
subsequent events have since born out.

On the subject of impeachment - Richardson saying  
it was not for him to decide - but rather <sup>upto</sup> the American  
people. He noted, however, that he remains a firm believer  
- "in the objectives and priorities of the Administration."

**And he added that he regarded "as particularly important -  
the role of President Nixon in dealing with international  
problems;" as witness - said he - "the skill and firmness"  
- with which the President has dealt with the current Mideast  
crisis.**

MIDDLE EAST

*As far that part (the)*  
~~Elsewhere in the~~ world

*there was*  
a breakdown today in the

Middle East cease-fire; ~~Only temporary we hope~~ But  
*and some*  
~~still~~ ~~the cause of~~ growing alarm.

Egypt saying only - it was Israel that resumed the firing. Israeli Premier Golda Meir claiming, however - it was Egypt that precipitated the new fighting. "With premeditation" - said she.

Madame Meir also reminding the Arabs - that Israeli spearheads are now just thirty-seven miles from Cairo. Further demanding face-to-face talks with the Arabs - in accordance with an understanding she said she had earlier received from the U. S. "Israel demands negotiations immediately" - said she - "on the start of a cease-fire."

## MOSCOW FOLLOW MIDDLE EAST

Soviet reaction to all of this - swift and straight  
to the point. The Kremlin demanding that Israel cease "all  
military actions - against the troops of <sup>the</sup> Arab states; and  
withdraw <sup>its</sup> ~~its~~ troops ~~to~~ to the cease-fire lines" agreed to as  
of yesterday. The Kremlin further warning that a  
"continuation of Israel's aggressive action" - could lead to,  
quote, "most grave consequences."

UNITED NATIONS

Here in New York--a meeting of the U.N. Security Council--for the purpose of hearing a new Soviet-

American resolution--aimed at restoring the Mideast

truce. <sup>But</sup> The meeting had barely begun ~~however~~ --when

it was broken up by a shouting match between Russian and Chinese delegates. <sup>Later it was passed</sup>

diplomatic effort underway - to secure the cease-fire in the Middle East. Adding that Dr. Kissinger's part - has included continued contacts with the Soviet Union.

STATE

~~A related item~~ - From the State Department; ~~where~~  
it was announced today that Henry Kissinger & has again  
been forced to cancel his scheduled trip to Mainland China.

~~The exact~~ Reason - not disclosed. A State Department  
spokesman noting, however, "there is now an intensive  
diplomatic effort underway - to secure the cease-fire in the  
Middle East." Adding that Dr. Kissinger's part - has  
included continued contacts with the Soviet Union.



## BETHLEHEM

*At Lehigh University - an address today by famed economist Eliot Janeway; who said that food - is the ultimate weapon in the modern world.*

*Janeway adding that the U.S. - is the only nation with a large food surplus; arguing that we ought to make the rest of the world - pay a surcharge for American farm products. But no - said he - we practically give it away; "thus cutting the muscle - that foreigners respect."*

*That from Eliot Janeway - as you may have guessed, a tough cookie.*

**HANOI FOLLOW STOCKHOLM**

*Also*  
~~Reverse side~~ - an announcement today that North

**Vietnam's Le Duc Tho - is turning down his Nobel Peace Prize; the one he was supposed to share - with Henry Kissinger.**

**Hanoi saying that Tho's rejection was based on the fact - that the Vietnam cease-fire has not been fully implemented. Adding, however, he would consider such an award - "when peace is really restored."**

## SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

When the swallows come back to Capistrano every Spring - everybody notices. When they leave - not many care. Ah, but now it's happened. The swallows returning South of the Border - taking off from Capistrano three weeks ahead of schedule.

- Bill -

Veteran swallow-watchers adding that this means just one thing: A long, hard winter. Are you a swallow-watcher, Bill?

## SUPREME COURT

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SUEZ

Wars come and go - but some things never seem to change. Case in point: A brief vignette from the Mideast cease-fire - before it was broken. The place <sup>as sweltering</sup> ~~an~~ Israeli command post inside Egypt. A trio of Israeli officers - producing a bottle of excellent scotch; pouring the precious liquid - into plastic tumblers filled with ice. Raising a toast - "to no more war."

Whereupon an Israeli dogface was heard to remark:

"I wonder where they got that ice."