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NEW EARTH ORBIT

(To be taped for possible later use)

On the space front - a new beginning - we hope.

The U.S. Sky Lab space station thundering off the pad at

Cape Kennedy; heading into earth orbit - perfect in every

way - or so it seemed - when suddenly - on its first pass

around the earth trouble. And here's Steve Young at Nasa

Headquarters in Houston - to tell you all about it - Steve -

SENATE

Today's Watergate development included a third appearance before the Senate Judiciary Committee - by Attorney General designate Elliot Richardson - who disclosed along the way the names of four men whom he is considering for appointment as special Watergate prosecutor. Richardson listing: One - former Deputy Attorney General Warren Christopher of Los Angeles. Two - Justice William Erickson of the Colorado State Supreme Court; three - Judge David Peck who retired recently from the New York State Court of Appeals; and four - Federal Judge Harold Tyler of New York. Richardson adding that -two or three names had also been suggested by the White House. He insisted however, that "no names suggested by the "White House - lasted as long as the final ten or twelve names."

Not because they came from the White House, "but" said he - because "I [REDACTED] didn't feel they met my criteria."

DEAN FOLLOW SENATE

Washington again - a twenty-five minute hearing on the so-called Dean papers. These - as you know a number of documents spirited away ~~by~~ by John Dean before he was fired from the White House. Dean testifying today ^{how} ~~λ~~ the papers in question were all classified as "top secret".

Adding that they came from "a combination of several agencies - including the F B I and other national security agencies."

Judge John Sirica later instructing a court clerk to take possession of the Dean papers - and then to provide certified copies - to federal prosecutors and Senate investigators. Judge Sirica ^{observing how} ~~observing~~ in this way - "everybody wins."

SUPREME COURT

From the U.S. Supreme Court - an order today, in effect, granting U.S. service women equal rights with men. The High Court ruling that dependence benefits for women - shall be the same, henceforth, as dependent's benefits for men. Said benefits to include housing allowances, medical care and so on. This by a vote of eight to one. The majority opinion - written by Justice William Brennan - states how for too long - the U.S. has had an unfortunate history of sex discrimination."

PARIS

King Faisal of Saudi Arabia - was a visitor today in Paris. He was met at the airport - by France's President Pompidou - there receiving a royal welcome - including full military honors and a one ~~xxx~~ hundred and one gun salute. This marking the first time that a Saudi Arabian ruler - has ever

visited France. Of course the other Faisal, of the Hedjaz dynasty that ruled much of Arabia before and during W.W.I, ^{the} Faisal who later was King of Syria and then of Iraq - he spent a great deal of time in Paris - 50 years ago!

THO FOLLOW PARIS

Hanoi's Le Duc Tho - was also arriving in Paris.

Where he's scheduled to meet with Henry Kissinger later

this week. However, Tho telling newsmen: If U.S.

aircraft again bomb the Viet Cong - the proposed meeting

will definitely not take place. Should such a meeting

already be in progress - he continued - "it will be

interrupted at once."

BANGKOK

Back at the tail end of the Vietnam War - you may recall - a section of Hanoi was virtually flattened. The Communist side repeatedly citing this - as evidence of U.S. bombing strikes against civilian targets. Ah, but now comes a report from U.S. military sources in Bangkok; a report claiming it was the crash of a fully loaded U.S. B 52 - that apparently caused all the devastation. How do they know? By means of aerial photographs - showing a few scattered craters. Officials saying if the damage had really been caused by falling bombs - the craters would have shown up in symmetrical rows.

BELFAST

In Northern Ireland - a Protestant backlash; with a man saying he represented an extreme loyalist group - calling a Catholic newspaper in Belfast - warning of strong and immediate action - unless! And then - a demonstration that he wasn't kidding. Protestant gunmen - shooting and killing two Catholic men - seriously wounding two more. The death toll in nearly four years of violence in northern Ireland - now approaching eight hundred.

STATE

From Libya's President Khadafy - a weekend charge that it was actually U.S. troops who carried out that raid last month on Beirut the one in which three Arab guerrilla leaders were shot and killed. Khadafy claiming the Israeli troops - only staged a smoke screen for the operation.

Now - the U.S. State Department firing back. A spokesman saying - "We are surprised and deeply concerned - by President Khadafy propagating what has come to be known as the 'big lie.'" Adding: "We find it incomprehensible - his lending credence to what is no more than an embellishment of previous canards."

WHITE HOUSE

*The White House - ~~the~~ President Nixon today named Kenneth Keating - to be the new U S Ambassador to Israel. Keating a former U S Senator; who later served for three years as U S Ambassador to India; then resign^{ed} last year * to assist in the President's re-election campaign. He succeeds the veteran Walworth Barbour - who retired last February.*

LONDON

On the big London bullion market - another first today. The price of gold - ~~cracking~~ ^{dollars} cracking through the mythical one hundred dollar barrier; ending up - at a hundred-and-two point-twenty-five ^{dollars} an ounce.

6 1/2 Gold dealer Dennis Selby saying: "We are getting buyers from just about everywhere - the continent, the Middle East and Asia. Adding that "Watergate has left the political situation shaky in the States - and this has put pressure on the dollar."

7 So maybe your Crisp Creek Last Dollar gold mine stock that you papered your den with Bill, maybe it'll soon be worth a million or two - or did you paper your bath room with it?

HOUSE

The U.S. Senate got its first girl page - more than two years ago. The U.S. Supreme Court shortly thereafter. Now the House - finally following suit. House Speaker Carl Albert naming as the House's first girl page - eighteen year old Felda Looper of Heaven- or is it - Heavener, Oklahoma. She to report for duty just as soon as she graduates from high school this Thursday. Speaker Albert justifying his action by saying - the practice of having only male pages in the House - is a form of discrimination that should be ended. Young Felda will thus find herself - the only girl amongst half a hundred boys. For a girl from Heavener - or anywhere else - simply heavenly? and so long until tomorrow.