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On the legal front- a landmark verdict today at Meridian, Mississippi - as you may have heard by now. For the first time in history - an all-white jury convicting white men - of a major civil rights crime committed in that State.

Seven men, in all, found guilty of conspiracy - in the killing three years ago of three young Civil Rights workers. The verdict quickly and "heartily" endorsed - by Federal Judge Harold Cox; who then ordered two of the defendants - immediately committed to jail without bond. These - Alton Roberts, a one-time ~~night~~ night club bouncer - and Neshoba County Deputy Sheriff Cecil Price.

In a voice trembling with emotion - the Judge accusing both of trying to "intimidate the Jury" by threatening to blast members of the panel with dynamite -- if they were found guilty. The jurist adding: "I'm not going to let any wild man loose on civilized society."

Sentencing in the case - now set for next ~~Tu~~ Friday.

*Conviction for conspiracy carrying a maximum penalty -
of ten years in prison and a fine of five thousand dollars.*

*Of the remaining defendants in the mass trial - eight
others were acquitted. ~~But~~ The jury deadlocked on three
more - who presumably will be tried again.*

WASHINGTON

A full week of organized protest against the war in Vietnam ~~has been~~ ^{some sort of} building toward a peak tonight, with all roads -- leading toward Washington.

By tomorrow morning - protest leaders are expecting to ~~gather~~ ^{have} some seventy thousand demonstrators ^{on hand} for a giant rally at the Lincoln Memorial; to be ~~xxx~~ followed by a later mass march - on the Pentagon.

To meet the expected influx - the government simultaneously ^{bringing in a} ~~importing a corresponding~~ force ~~made up~~ of some ten thousand ~~men, primarily~~ principally - army paratroopers ^{as well as} federal law enforcement officials; Five ^{of these} thousand to be assigned to the Lincoln Memorial; the rest - to guard the Pentagon.

At the same time - a warning today from ~~Deputy~~ Deputy Attorney General Warren Christopher; a warning that government authorities -- "will not tolerate lawlessness or disorder" among the anti-war demonstrators.

Said Christopher: This nation "is strong enough
and sturdy enough - to permit this demonstration in these
times." ^{But then} He added; ~~though~~ "let no one be mistaken; - the
granting of a permit is not a license for unlawful conduct."

VIETNAM FOLLOW WASHINGTON

Meanwhile, in Vietnam itself - the grim business of war goes on. Today's major success - the work of a small ~~band~~ band of American engineers, ^{an unpleasant,} assigned ~~a dirt,~~ thankless task -- on the outskirts of Saigon.

The job -- that of crawling through dark tunnels - past booby-traps, poisonous spiders and snakes; to blow up a massive underground lair - designed to accommodate a full ~~to~~ regiment of Viet Cong.

This the same tunnel complex - where American G I's last week discovered one of the biggest arms caches of the war. Apparently intended as the base of operation's - for a ~~dark daring~~ ^{assault} commando ~~the role~~ on the South Vietnamese capital. Now - just a big hole in the ground.

S S CONSTITUTION (Independence)

With the handwriting already on the wall - time today for a strategic withdrawal by the White House.

Accordingly, President Johnson scrubbing a scheduled appearance - before that Governors conference aboard the

Independence
S.S. ~~Constitution~~ in the face of a Republican move -- to kill a resolution supporting U S policy in Vietnam.

Sure enough - the resolution was later killed.

Administration backers falling five votes short of the three-fourths majority necessary even to consider the measure.

SENATE FOLLOW S S CONSTITUTION

*Be that as it may - the President fared better ~~th~~
back in Washington, ^y where the Senate Appropriations
Committee today pigeon-holed a House bill ~~h~~ that would have
forced a billion dollar cut in federal spending this year.
Instead the Senate panel approving a simple extension
of spending authority - to cover fundless government
agencies at least through November Fifteen.*

TOKYO

The man who led Japan from the ashes of World War Two to a rebirth of ~~pxxp~~ prosperity - dead today in Tokjo. Former Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida - passing away at the age of ninety.

It was Shigeru Yoshida - more than any other man who made democracy work in post-war Japan. It was he who fashioned Japan's present alliance with the United States - who restored his country to the world community of nations. For which he will now ~~be~~ given the first state funeral - since the end of the War.

Yoshida's protege - Present Prime Minister Eisaku ~~sa~~ Sato - speaking for all Japan when he said - "This man made me. All I am today - I owe to him."

BRIGHTON

At Brighton, England -- a meeting today of Britain's Conservative Party, ~~from whence~~ ^{we get} a Brit~~ain~~^{ish}-eye view -- of the world Communist movement.

The Briton in question -- Conservative Party leader and former Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home; who said that Red Chinese hostility is driving the Soviet Union inevitably -- into "closer identity of interest" with the West.

Does ~~that~~ mean ~~that~~ Russia will eventually abandon her role -- as leader of the world Communist Revolution? According to Sir Alec -- not at all. It merely means -- said he -- that Communism is rapidly approaching a state of development -- roughly comparable to "Nineteenth Century Imperialism."

VATICAN

From the Vatican hierarchy in Rome - first official comment today on that recent Congress of Catholic laymen. In effect, a cold shoulder to demands from the laity - for relaxation of ~~whakam~~ church restrictions on birth control.

The laymen - you'll recall - urging a new Church stand on birth control; one that would leave "the choice of means - to the conscience of parents." But according to the Vatican newspaper Osservatore Romano - this was merely an expression of "confidence to the teaching authority of the church."

In another resolution submitted to the concurrent synod of Bishops - the laymen also demanded radical changes in church ~~xxx~~ restrictions on mixed marriages. But there, too - little support.

~~Indeed~~, ^{also} Cardinal Jaeger of West Germany - today virtually dismissed the possibility of any immediate change. Said he: "~~Any attempt to reach a definitive~~ solution to the

*problem of mixed marriages - would be like trying to draw
a square circle."*

ROME

From the streets of Rome comes a love story today

- a story of -

-- ~~it~~ about the Princess and the Pauper.

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Party of the first part -- Princess Maria Beatrice

of Savoy -- twenty-three-year-old daughter of exiled King

Umberto; announcing her engagement to Maurizion Arena -- a

struggling young actor from the slums of Garbatella.

"I'm willing to trade a thousand years of history --

for my happiness as a woman" -- said the Princess. Adding:

"For the first time in my life -- I feel supported." ~~And~~

- Warren -

Once again -- love conquers all.

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DETROIT

Latest on the Ford strike -- a report tonight
that it's just about over -- maybe. And then again -
may^{be}_A not.

Confusion starting with sources close to
negotiations in Detroit - reporting a seeming settlement
late this afternoon. Only to have both sides agree a
few minutes later -- to suspend further talks until
tomorrow morning.

For what it's worth - the original story telling
of a record wage ~~and~~ settlement -- totalling more than
a dollar an hour - over the next three years. But now -
~~wait~~ - we'll ~~just~~ have to wait and see.

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