

WATERGATE

Thurs. Oct. 4 - '73,

For the first time since the start of the Senate Watergate hearings - there was no live TV today. The effects - readily apparent. The hearings getting under way twenty-four minutes late - with only three of the six committee members present. The press tables - also half empty. Participants and spectators alike - appearing much more relaxed.

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The main witness - Martin Kelly, age twenty-four, of Miami; who told of some of the ^{things} ~~dirty tricks~~ he did ~~played~~ last year - in an attempt to rile Democratic candidates for President. One of these: The hiring of a girl to run naked in front of Senator Muskie's hotel - while shouting, "I love Muskie." He also released two white mice - at a Muskie press conference attached to the mice's tails little signs saying - "Muskie's a rat fink." Senator Ervin taking especial umbrage at this - charging that Kelly's pranks "virtually destroyed"

**Muskie. ~~Walter~~ Kelly replying that "some voters might
have been influenced" but the purpose really was to
"upset the candidates."**

CAPITOL HILL FOLLOW WATERGATE

Elsewhere on Capitol Hill - perhaps the strongest ~~signature~~ bid ever made by Congress to assert ~~its~~ its control over war-making ~~decisions~~ decisions. House and Senate conferees approving a bill setting a ninety-day limit - on U S involment in any war not authorized by Congress. Observers noting, however, - the ~~big~~ bill faces an almost vertain veto.

WHITE HOUSE

At the White House - a cabinet meeting today; with Vice President ~~Spivey~~ Agnew and Attorney General Elliott Richardson - both taking part.

The subjects discussed - said to have followed an "open agenda". But one of them - doubtless a special message which the President later sent to Congress.

The President urging restoration of "most favored nation" status for the Soviet union - ^{this} in trade legislation expected to reach the House next week. The President saying: "This is clearly in the best interests of both our countries. Adding that anything less - would be "clearly inadequate." "Indeed, the U S has made a formal commitment to the Soviet Union" said he - "to seek such treatment."

The President then flying to Key Biscayne; ~~for~~ ~~long weekend~~; his first departure from the Washington area in five weeks.

PRICES

Another month ~~passed~~ - another wholesale price index. The figures from September announced today - showing a remarkable drop of one-point-eight percent in the over-all index; the biggest monthly decrease - in more than a quarter of a century.

This sudden decline - as you know - following ~~a~~ ^{a major} increase in wholesale prices in August. This quickly drawing an ~~out~~ expression of ~~high~~ gratification from Chairman Herbert Stein of the President's council of Economic Advisors. ~~He~~ "a welcome sign" - said he "that the worst of the Nineteen Seventy Three big surge of inflation - is behind us."

WASHINGTON

Washington again - a recent appearance by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger - before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; a closed session - immediately following the coup down in Chile. A censored transcript now made public. Doctor Kissinger saying that rumors of a coup had been circulating for several days - before it actually took place. Adding that the U.S. Embassy in Santiago - had been told not to have anything to do with it "directly or indirectly."

The result - said Dr. Kissinger - was a state of "total confusion" on the morning after.

The U.S. really had no idea - said he - "as to what was really going on down there - and who was doing what to whom." "Our decision, frankly, he went on - "was sort of a holding decision until we could see more clearly."

CALLEY

The case of Lt. William Calley - who was convicted of mass murder in Vietnam four years ago - has finally reached the ~~state~~ nation's highest military court; a three judge panel which held a brief hearing today on Calley's appeal.

Defense Council claiming that the defendant - was a victim of "undue publicity." Adding, in any event - he was only following orders, ~~at my Lt.~~ While government lawyers ^{were} spending little time on the question of publicity. Also, saying if Calley was ordered to kill - those orders were given in the belief that ^{the area} ~~the area~~ was ^{jammed} ~~filled~~ with Viet Cong troops.

The case - then taken under advisement.

Observers saying a ruling is not expected for week s- possibly months.

MIAMI

A murder case with a novel twist is reported today from Miami. Larry Clark, age nineteen, pleading guilty to second degree murder - in the recent shooting ~~death~~ of Rudolph Smith, age thirty-six. But Smith's widow - apparently feeling it should have been first degree. At any rate, saying the court seemed more concerned with the defendant's rights - than those of her and her five children.

All of this called to the attention of Judge Dan Satin - prior to sentencing. The Judge asking Mrs. Smith - if ~~he~~ she would prefer that Clark somehow make amends instead of being sent to ^{prison.} ~~prison.~~ If ~~he~~ Clark was ordered to make support payments - he observed - Mrs. Smith - would never have to see him - and she would have some help with the children. The judge then ~~was~~ delaying sentence till next month to give her time to think it over.

Judge Satin's suggestion later endorsed by
defense council. But not so ^{by} the prosecutor. ^{Att.} James
Woodward calling it - "disgusting, abhorrent and
abominable." "I cannot abide a system" - said he -
"which would, in ~~one~~ essence put a price tag on a man's
life. ~~And how it will all turn out - well, we'll just
have to wait and see."~~

CHICAGO

For Labor Secretary Peter Brennan - the ~~only~~
Democrat in the President's cabinet - a trip to Chicago
where he ~~could~~ addressed a group of business executives.
Brennan's prepared text - saying the U S economy is
now in excellent shape. When he delivered his speech
though - Brennan ~~deleted~~^{ed} that ~~line~~^s - and reporters
later asked ~~why~~ why. Brennan replying: "The economy
is in good shape - but it's not perfect." Adding: "I don't
read things I don't believe."

STONED TO DEATH

At Boston an elderly white man was stoned to death today - by forty- to fifty young blacks. Police say the man was fishing from shore when attacked - for no apparent reason.

The site only two miles from where a young woman was fatally burned just two days - also by blacks.

STRATFORD ON AVON

Under the bust of William Shakespeare - which guards his tomb at Holy Trinity Church - Stratford on Avon - an inscription which has long intrigued scholars - an inscription - supposedly decoded last week by a British journalist. It suggested - we are told - that the bust itself - concealed Shakespeare's only hand-written texts of his plays. If true - a momentous discovery.

The same thought apparently - leading to a breakin reported today by British police. Person or more likely persons unknown - removing the heavy marble bust of Shakespeare from its traditional resting place; then chipping away at its base - to see if it was really hollow. It wasn't. Solid rock. The question of who really wrote all those great plays - still the literary mystery of all time.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

From the Pacific Northwest ^{comes} a report ~~that~~

that loggers and foresters have recently recorded some tremendous Douglas firs; ~~these - said to have been~~ more than fourteen hundred years old. ~~The~~ The biggest measuring up to three hundred and thirty feet tall - and forty-five feet around at the base. Each containing enough lumber - to build five five bedroom frame houses.

~~Big~~ ^{not a big tree} but ~~from~~ record. The world's

biggest, ~~the~~ according to the Guinness book of records -

the ^{one called} ~~one called~~ "general Sherman" - a giant Sequoia in

California's national park. The General Sherman - only

two hundred and seventy two feet tall - but more than

a hundred feet around; ~~the~~ containing enough lumber to

build forty-five-room houses. Not only the biggest living

tree but the biggest living anything anywhere on earth.