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*From the U.S. Supreme Court - a six-to-three verdict today; setting aside the latest conviction of a Wyoming burglar - who had already served six terms in prison thereby freeing the defendant - from a life sentence as an habitual criminal. And this - we are told - on the grounds of illegal search and seizure.*

*The court's majority explaining that a search of the man's car - which produced evidence later used at his trial - was conducted illegally. Why so? Because a warrant obtained by police - was based on nothing more than, quote, "a conclusionary allegation." All of which - prompted a rare and heated dissent.*

*Justice Hugo Black - speaking for the minority - calling the verdict "a gross and wholly indefensive miscarriage of justice." And he added: "It may well be classified as one of those calculated to make many good people believe - that our court actually enjoys frustrating justice by unnecessarily turning professional criminals loose."*

DETROIT

Detroit - the Ford Motor Company issued a safety recall today - covering its entire production of Pinto mini-cars up to March Nineteen; in all - an estimated two hundred and four thousand vehicles. This to permit a modification of the car's air cleaner - to prevent the possible ignition of fuel vapors.

A company spokesman explaining that "a few" cars - had been destroyed by fire in their engine compartments; but he stressed that there had been, as yet, no case - where the flames had actually penetrated the passenger compartment.

*On the Vietnam war front - a post-mortem today on that weekend attack against a U.S. artillery base south of Dan Nang. As you no doubt have heard by now - the U.S. toll coming to thirty-nine dead, seventy-six injured. For U.S. troops - the costliest single setback in more than two years. This causing at least one American officer - to observe that "security must have been pretty bad;" probably in part - said he - "because some of the guys thought they were going home soon - and the war was almost over." And he added: "For some of them - the war is now over."*

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*The Western White House - San Clemente - a much-advertised executive order today - but not exactly as predicted. President Nixon ordering the establishment of eighteen special review boards - one for each of the building crafts - to examine, henceforth, each new labor contract; to do so for the purpose of determining whether ~~such~~ <sup>these</sup> contracts - are in accord with a new six per cent wage-price Federal guideline.*

*The President noting that "wage increases negotiated last year in the construction industry - were more than twice those of factory wage increases in the same period." And he added that "unless this trend is countered - disaster lies ahead." But he also stressed that this is a self-regulation system - and not mandatory, as many thought it would be.*

WASHINGTON

What with tax-time fast approaching - again - this next is perhaps worthy of special note. Congressman Reuss of Wisconsin - quoting Treasury figures for the year Nineteen-Sixty-Nine - the latest available. These said to show that some twelve hundred Americans - took in more than One Million each in adjusted gross income; of whom a total of fifty-six - paid no income taxes at all.

Reuss adding that this is the highest percentage of non-taxpayers - in any income group except those earning less than Five Thousand. Additional proof, if any were needed - said he - that various "gimmicks and loopholes" must be <sup>eliminated</sup> ~~removed~~. The Congressman observing: "It's just not fair."



VATICAN

*at the tail end*  
For President Tito of Yugoslavia - ~~in the light of~~  
a state visit to Italy - a brief side-trip today to the Vatican;  
where he became the first Communist chief of state - ever  
to pay a call on Pope Paul; or for that matter - any Pope.

Tito paying tribute to the Pontiff - for the support  
he "gives to people under colonial domination - in their just  
fight for independence and the end of all forms of racial  
discrimination." The Pope, in turn, calling for a joint  
effort between the Vatican and Yugoslavia - to help advance  
the cause of international peace. Tito later observing that  
his and the Pope's views - were extremely "close" if not  
"identical."

## CHARLESTON

*At Charleston, West Virginia - a former governor of that state pleaded guilty today - to charges of conspiring to bribe a juror. W.W. Barron - promptly sentenced to twenty-five years in prison. This in connection with an earlier bribery-conspiracy case - in which Barron was acquitted three years ago. The juror in question - who also pleaded guilty last month - now himself serving twenty years.*

Egypt's Foreign Minister - Mahmoud Riad - a visitor today to Paris; where he conferred with U.N. Mideast peace envoy Gunnar Yarring - also, French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann. Egyptian sources later saying that Yarring has been forced to suspend his peace mission - pending an Israeli response to his latest peace proposal.

And now this: Britain's prestigious Institute for Strategic Studies - reporting that Russia has sent to Egypt, in the last year alone, more than Two-and-a-Half Billion in military aid. With the result - we are told - that Egypt now has the most powerful air defense system - outside Europe.



*One of those who first advocated the legalization of marijuana just a few years ago - Dr. D. Harvey Powelson, director of the Student Psychiatric Clinic at the University of California at Berkeley. Now - the same doctor warning that marijuana - can have harmful long-range effects. Adding that, indeed, prolonged use of marijuana - can result in chronic changes "similar to those seen in organic brain diseases;" changes characterized by "islands of lucidity - intermixed with areas of loss of function."*

*Why the switch? Dr. Powelson explaining that his original stance - was predicated on a limited sampling of students; but his present views - he continues - the result of professional observations - covering thousands of students - over the past five years.*

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There was also a

~~At the top of the news tonight~~ judgment at Fort

Ga today -

Benning; ~~with~~ a verdict at last - in the court martial of

Army Lieutenant William Calley. After thirteen days of

deliberation - a military jury ruling that Calley ~~was~~<sup>is</sup> guilty~~on~~<sup>in</sup> to varying degrees - on all four of the counts

he faced. In sum, guilty of premeditated murder - in the My

Lai massacre of at least twenty-two unarmed and unresisting

Vietnamese - old men,  women and children.

The penalty can only be

~~The verdict carrying with it~~ - a mandatory lifesentence or ~~possibly~~ death; depending on the outcome - of the

upcoming penalty phase of the court martial. In the

meantime - Calley to remain confined to the fort stockade.  
His attorney will appeal the verdict.

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MEXICO CITY FOLLOW BERKELEY

A related item - from Mexico City; where the U.S. Embassy issued a warning today - directed mainly at visiting students and young people. An Embassy official saying: "Just a few years ago, the belief was that you could get drugs easily and cheaply here - without any difficulty from the Mexican government; but that is not true now - the Mexican government is cracking down."

And the proof - we are further told - in the fact that a hundred and ninety Americans - mostly young people - are currently serving drug sentences in Mexican jails. The U.S. spokesman adding that many of these Americans - have made futile complaints about alleged prison brutality, especially in rural areas. "But that is the way of life here" - says the U.S. Embassy, ~~it just seems brutal.~~

*Off News.*  
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