

June 25, 1973 Monday

WATERGATE

On Capitol Hill - John Dean was telling all today - and then some. The first installment - in the form of a two hundred and forty-five page statement; which he read aloud - to the Senate Watergate Committee.

The former White House aide starting out by saying: "It is my honest belief that while the President was involved - he did not realize or appreciate the implications of his involvement." Adding: "When the facts come out - I hope the President will be forgiven." And then - a massive indictment of the Nixon Administration.

"Watergate matter" - said Dean - "was an inevitable outgrowth of a climate of excessive concern over leaks - an insatiable appetite for political intelligence - all coupled with a do-it-yourself White House staff regardless of the law."

Dean also telling of a meeting with the President -

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the day the original Watergate indictments were handed down. Saying he told the President - of his efforts to keep the scandal "out of the White House." Whereupon the President complimented him - said Dean.

*Later on, Dean telling of a meeting with the President - last March. "I told the President" - said he - "about the fact that there were money demands - being made by the seven convicted defendants; that there ~~was~~^{was} no money -10
1 pay these individuals to meet those demands."*

"He asked me how much it could cost" - Dean went on "I told him it might be as high as a Million Dollars" - he continued. The President he said replied: "That would be no problem." Dean conceding, however, the President later said - he was "only kidding."

At the Western White House, the reaction to all this - a determined silence. Press Secretary Ron Ziegler saying: "We do not plan to have a comment - as the Ervin Committee proceeds."

ANDREWS

At Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland - hail and farewell today to Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev. Since President Nixon was still in San Clemente - Vice President Spiro Agnew was on hand for the official honors.

"We have made great progress during your visit" - he told Brezhnev - "in developing good working relations. It has been an honor to welcome you" - he continued - "and we wish you a safe journey home."

Brezhnev responding by saying: "I wish the American people peace and prosperity - all the best and goodbye - until we meet again." And later - en route to Paris - he also sent back a special message to President Nixon. Expressing "sincere gratitude for the warm welcome" he received - "and for the constructive spirit of our fruitful negotiations."

While Brezhnev was still in the air there was official publication of the joint communique he signed yesterday along with President Nixon. The two leaders hailing their

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summit talks - as a milestone in promoting U.S. and
Russian relations ^{and} Agreeing that prospects are now
favorable - for reaching a permanent treaty limiting the use
of nuclear weapons. Further setting a goal of Two-to-Three
Billion in Soviet-American trade - over the next three years.

SUPREME COURT

From the U.S. Supreme Court - a pair of verdicts today striking down newly-enacted laws - in New York and Pennsylvania; thereby banning indirect aid to ~~par~~ochial schools ~~by~~ by means of tax credits or tuition payments. Associate Justice Lewis Powell noting that such laws - have a "primary effect that advances religion;" and therefore violate the Constitutional provision - calling for separation of church and state.

GAS

Washington again - the first results of a nationwide check - to determine the effectiveness of President Nixon's new price freeze. The President's Cost of Living Council reporting that more than eleven hundred gas stations - were found to be overcharging their customers ~~on the average~~ about two cents a gallon.

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Special Freeze Director James McLane adds, however, that all the stations in question - agreed immediately to roll back their prices. In the case of at least one big wholesaler - a big refund is also in order. McLane saying: "The necessity of all businesses complying with freeze regulations - cannot be overstressed."

DUBLIN

At Dublin Castle - a changing of the guard today; with an English-born Protestant - becoming the fourth President of the Irish Republic. Sixty-eight-year-old Erskine Childers - succeeding the legendary Eamon DeValera.

The new President - an Irish resident for more than fifty years; but he took his first lesson in Gaelic - only three weeks ago. This so he could take his oath today - in the native Irish tongue.

OMAGH

A case of grim retribution - is reported today *from*
Northern Ireland: ~~with~~ *a* car bound for Omagh in County
Tyrone, - ~~with~~ Suddenly a tremendous explosion. The three
men inside - killed instantly. Police saying they were
apparently members - of a terrorist bomb squad; ~~with~~ *One*
of their home-made bombs *↙* going off prematurely, and
thus - victims of their own hate.

CANBERRA

From Canberra - an announcement today suggesting that the new government of Australia - has finally patched things up with Washington. Australian Prime Minister Gough Whitlam - saying he plans to meet with President ^{Nixon} July Thirtieth in Washington. This en route to a meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers - in Ottawa.

TORONTO

Britain's Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip - arrived today in Toronto; the first stop on an eleven-day "Meet the People" tour - that will take them to twenty Canadian cities.

LONDON

For India's touring Indira Gandhi - a brief stop-off today in London en route home. ~~It may have been a mistake in any event,~~ The Lady Prime Minister ~~is~~ conferring with British Prime Edward Heath; then getting into her car to leave - whereupon she was mobbed by demonstrators.

These - mainly Pakistani immigrants; hurling eggs at Madame Gandhi's car - and generally trying to embarrass her. All in protest against India's continued detention - of more than ninety thousand Pakistani prisoners of war.

JACKSON

Jackson, Mississippi - the largest Presbyterian Church in all of Mississippi - decides to go it alone. The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson - voting overwhelmingly to withdraw from the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

This in protest against a number of recent positions - taken by the Church's General Assembly. The Reverend Doctor Donald Patterson noting, for example - a tolerant stance on abortion, opposition to capital punishment, and non-support of official U.S. policy in Vietnam.

Dr. Patterson adding that the Jackson group will now form ^a "continuing church" - somewhat more conservative in nature; one that more closely reflects their own views - said he - on a number of basic issues.

BUENOS AIRES

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Just five days back in Argentina - seventy-seven-year-old Juan Peron was back in business today. The former dictator setting up an office - in the Argentine Ministry of Social Welfare; the same agency he first used as his springboard to power - more than a quarter-of-a-century ago.

Once settled - Peron saying he felt like Alexander the Great, when the latter finally "installed himself in a palace - that had cost him three years of hard battle." ^{Bill,} Peron saying ^{using} ~~the same as~~ Alexander ^{words:-} "This is what I call - being a king."

WHALES

Starting today in London - the twenty-fifth annual conference ^{of} ~~at~~ the International Whaling Commission.

Keynote speaker - Anthony Stodart, British Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, ~~is~~ urging stricter conservation measures - in hopes of saving the whale from extinction.

"It is not enough ~~is~~ that depleted stocks of whales are recovering" - said he. Adding that "everything must be done that can be done " - to preserve and protect the whale.

Next - American delegate Robert White - who was even more blunt; noting that recent whale studies - have shown "a large and unknown measure of uncertainty;" therefore, urging "a complete moratorium - on the commercial taking of all whales." "These views" - said he - "stem from a deep-rooted feeling in the people of my country - that the time has come when the killing of whales must stop."