

May 28, 1969  
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Good evening everybody. Associate Justice William Douglas under fire again in Washington. Republican Senator Paul Fannin of Arizona complaining that Douglas wrote an article for a magazine whose publisher had been convicted of violating the Federal obscenity laws - and that conviction came before the Supreme Court. The magazine Avant Garde. The publisher - Ralph Ginsburg. Avant Garde was not involved in the obscenity conviction - which was upheld by the Supreme Court three years ago, with Douglas dissenting. Douglas was paid for the article - Ginsburg says the fee was "a pittance - three-hundred-and-fifty-dollars." Senator Fannin says "The question of whether Douglas received a fee for these and other writings is not nearly so important as his contemptuous scoffing at the canons of judicial ethics - and his scornful disdain of the respect Americans have a right to expect of their Supreme Court judges." Ginsburg calls ~~Robert~~ Fannin's attack on Douglas a National disgrace. Douglas declines to comment.

## **BRUSSELS**

**Concession at Brussels. Canada reportedly bowing - to Allied pressure; agreeing to continue - at least, till December - its full support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Thereby holding in abeyance - a "phased reduction" of its NATO forces.**

**This at a meeting of NATO Defense Ministers - including Defense Secretary Melvin Laird; who earlier told the conference that any reduction in troop strength - could seriously weaken the NATO alliance. Laird further warning that a Canadian pullout - could lead others to do the same.**

**Now - that threat apparently averted - for the moment, anyway. With Canada said to have postponed final decision - pending a year-end meeting of NATO foreign ministers.**

SEOUL

South Vietnam's President Thieu - on tour today <sup>in</sup> Seoul, South Korea. There asserting that a peace settlement at Paris - could well be a booby trap for Saigon; a device - simply to obtain the withdrawal of Allied forces.

"As they have done so often in the past" / said Thieu - / the Communists could then "violate ~~again~~ the agreement - reinfiltate their troops / renew and reactivate the war; while the machinery for Allied troops to intervene again - would be much more cumbersome."

Thieu adding, therefore / that a "just and lasting peace" can be won - only by "resolute determination, great patience and utmost vigilance."

VIETNAM FOLLOW SEOUL

Meanwhile, back in Vietnam - a Viet Cong cease-fire supposedly taking effect tonight. A promised forty-eight-hour truce / in honor of Buddha's birthday. <sup>Wick</sup> The Allies to observe a similar "stand-down" of twenty-four hours - beginning tomorrow night, U.S. - time.

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HOUSTON

At the U.S. manned space center - Houston - a preview

~~today~~ of the film artistry of the three Apollo-Ten astronauts.

Space officials releasing a hundred-and-five feet of color

movies / along with a number of stills. / Some of the shots -

taken less than ten miles from the moon. / Spectacular close-ups

of the lunar surface / said to show nothing that might

interfere with a manned landing. / NASA geologist John ~~W~~

Dietrich observing: / "It looks very good."

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AID

President Nixon's foreign aid request for the coming year - as presented today to Congress - Two-point Five-Eight Billion. Smallest request - since the start of the U.S. overseas assistance program from twenty-two years ago. Even at that/though - a big jump over last year's actual ~~appropriation~~ appropriation / One-and-Three-Quarters Billion\ Which means, no doubt - a tough fight ahead.

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*From the White House again - a post-script on the Johnson years. Disclosing that LBJ's penchant for turning off the lights - had little effect on the overall White House electric bill; which actually jumped Eight Thousand dollars a year - to a total of Fifty Thousand - by the time he left office.*

*This because of additional air conditioning - a new security lighting system - also, to supply the mounting needs of television and newsreel cameramen. Anyway, a friend of the ex-President saying his "lights out" policy - was never really intended to cut the White House bill.*

*LBJ quoted as saying: "I may get a reputation as a Scrooge - but if I can symbolize thrift to thousands of government employees - maybe they will save a dime here and there - and then it can all add up to something."*

NEW YORK FOLLOW PENNSYLVANIA

~~Reverse twist~~ - an underseas expedition; plans for which were announced today - by the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. The project one that calls for drilling and coring the Pacific floor - from Honolulu all the way Guam. Starting date - June Twenty.

Purpose - said the Scripps announcement - to study further the history of the earth's origins; concentrating especially on a number of so-called "guyots" - flat-topped mountains that closely resemble sunken islands.



**Thor Heyerdahl was called today - a great explorer but a poor historian. This according to Dr. Froelich Rainey - director of the University of Pennsylvania Museum; who says there is no need to prove - that Egyptians could have crossed the Atlantic three thousand years ago; and certainly no need to do it - by means of a reed raft. Which is what Heyerdahl is trying to do now.**

**Reason - we are told: The Egyptians could have sailed the Atlantic easily - using perfectly good wooden vessels; vessels which, in fact, they did use at that time - in sailing around the Mediterranean.**

**The only question then - says Dr. Rainey: Not could they, - but did they? And he believes, incidentally - they did**

**Warren - what do you believe?**

*Dr. Roger Wescott - chairman of the anthropology department at Drew University - is advancing a novel theory; a theory that visitors from outer space - have lived among humans and , in fact, are still here on earth.*

*Dr. Wescott's theory - in a book just out - "The Divine Animal"; wherein he asserts that these beings from other planets - may have "lived among men as teachers and guides;" may have done so perhaps - "until the Neolithic Period about ten thousand years ago;" whereupon man is said to have developed such foul traits as "monopolism, slavery and war" - and his cosmic tutors deserted him in disgust.*

*So where <sup>are</sup> ~~they~~ now? In the one place - says Dr.*

*Wescott - "where they would be least likely to encounter or even be seen by their erstwhile proteges; that is - under the sea."*

*Which does give us something to think about the next time we go snorkeling in the Bahama's. Dallas Townsend saying Good Night.*