

SENATE

Fri. Sept. 17-71.

For President Nixon - a major victory today in his efforts to obtain a new draft bill. The Senate rejecting by a vote of forty-seven to thirty-six - a motion to table the measure; thereby thwarting an attempt to tag the bill - with an April deadline for withdrawal from Vietnam.

This following an impassioned plea - from Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield; who urged passage of the tabling motion -- as he put it - in behalf of all the American dead and wounded in Vietnam; also, "the amputees; - ~~those who have been fragged to death~~ - those who have been drugged to death - those who have ~~been~~ been demoralized - those who are the living dead."

In the end ~~though~~ - the Senate ~~adding~~ siding with the bill's floor manager, Senator Stennis of Missouri; who urged a renewal of the ~~da~~ draft "in the name of

everything that pertains to the ~~sax~~ security of our

people." <sup>Sen.</sup> Stennis later adding that he would now

push for final approval - perhaps as early as next

Tuesday.

WHITE HOUSE

~~Over an~~ <sup>From</sup> the White House <sup>came an</sup> ~~an~~ announcement

~~today~~ that Associate Justice Hugo Black - is resigning from the Supreme Court. In a letter to the President - the eighty-five year old <sup>Justice</sup> Black <sup>gives</sup> ~~gives~~ reasons of health.

He has been confined, ~~as you know,~~ to Bethesda Naval Hospital - since <sup>late</sup> ~~last~~ last month.

The President ~~for his part~~ <sup>in</sup> accepting with "deep regret" ~~adds~~ <sup>states</sup> that he will begin at once ~~to seek~~ <sup>as he put it,</sup> ~~seeking~~ "the best qualified person to fill this post."

GEORGETOWN

Chief Justice Warren Burger - the chief speaker today at the dedication of a new Georgetown University law center <sup>— told his audience</sup> ~~There asserting~~ that the nation's law enforcement agencies and judicial system - have long been "society's step-children;" and <sup>that</sup> prisoner rehabilitation <sup>is</sup> a real tragedy, <sup>to</sup> the point - he went on - where even he is ~~sometimes~~ sometimes possessed - with "a feeling of frustration and an urge for ~~some~~ changes." ~~But~~ <sup>they</sup> The Chief Justice <sup>adding:</sup> "What we must be careful about - is that in our urge for change we foolishly grasp what seems the swift and easy way - rather than the slower and more difficult."

VIETNAM

In Vietnam - the heaviest fighting ~~xxx~~ in weeks;  
with a big force of enemy troops - attempting to  
reclaim the U Minh Forest - the fabled "Forest of  
Darkness" in the Mekong Delta. This involving a  
series of concerted attacks - against three main  
government positions; with the Communists killing  
nearly fifty - before they were driven off. U S  
air and artillery support <sup>again</sup> helping ~~to~~ turn the tide.  
~~And~~ The enemy leaving behind more than ninety <sup>dead.</sup> ~~of~~  
~~his own dead.~~

FORT MCPHERSON

At Fort McPherson, Georgia Captain Ernest

Medina achieved at least ~~of~~ partial exoneration today -

in connection with his role at My Lai. Military

Judge Kenneth Howard - dismissing a charge that

Medina ordered the slaying of a little boy. Also,

wiping out a charge - that Medina knowingly permitted

his troops to slaughter ~~over~~<sup>a</sup> hundred others. This

- reduced<sup>s</sup> to a count of involuntary manslaughter<sup>^</sup> *which would mean*

<sup>a</sup> maximum sentence<sup>a</sup> eight years. But the Judge let

stand ~~with~~ a third murder charge; ~~the~~ the shooting

of a ~~an~~ Vietnamese woman whom Medina said he thought

was going to hurl a hand grenade. ~~and~~ The case then

adjourned <sup>until</sup> ~~to~~ Tuesday. - *Then will come the* ~~for the close of~~ final arguments,

after which - *it will be* ~~it's all~~ up to the jury.

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## CAIRO

For the first time since the mid-east cease  
fire went into effect -- Egypt ~~is~~ claims the downing  
of an Israeli jet. According to Cairo - a U S  
made F-Four Phantom fighter bomber; said to have  
been blasted from the skies - when it crossed the  
~~Suez Canal, penetrating a distant air space~~

This ~~coming~~ in the wake of a speech by Egypt's  
President Sadat - who <sup>said:-</sup> ~~told his nation:~~ "I am ready  
to sacrifice a million people -- for the independence  
of our country and its liberation." <sup>ff</sup> ~~ff~~ In Tel Aviv -  
Israeli Premier Golda Meir, taking note of the worsening  
situation, <sup>s the Israelis are</sup> ~~saying her nation is~~ ready and waiting -  
should there be any break down in the present cease  
fire."

TEL AVIV FOLLOW CAIRO

~~And now the latest~~ <sup>st</sup>: Israel <sup>saying the</sup> ~~charging that~~

downed-plane was ~~really~~ an unarmed, propeller-driven  
aerial tanker, ~~Adding that it was~~ shot from the skies -

not on the Egyptian side of the Suez but <sup>on the Sinai</sup> ~~rather the~~

<sup>Desert</sup> ~~occupied Israeli~~ side; ~~an act that was also thus~~ -

~~"pre-initiated" - or pre-meditated.~~ ~~No~~ An Israeli

military spokesman <sup>terming it</sup> ~~further said in a radio call~~ ~~calling this~~

the most serious crisis since the start of the cease

fire.



ARCHIVES

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Today's date - an historic anniversary ~~mark~~  
marking the passage of one-hundred-and-eighty-four  
years - since the adoption of the U S Constitution;  
in honor of which the National Archives in Washington  
placed on display today - all four pages of the original  
Constitution; also, the desk of James Madison - its  
principal drafter. Remember how it goes?

"We the people of the United States - in order  
to form a more perfect union, establish justice,  
insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common  
defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the  
blessings of liberty to our ourselves and our posterity -  
do ordain and establish this constitution for the United  
States of America." So it read, and so it stands -  
one of the greatest documents ~~in~~ <sup>of</sup> all history.

DENVER

This next - ~~perhaps~~ rushing the season a bit.

Nevertheless, it snowed today in Colorado. Not just

a little - ~~but~~ a lot. Up to a foot-and-a half - in

<sup>the</sup> ~~certain~~ mountain<sup>s</sup> ~~areas, as well as~~ <sup>and</sup> a good six inches

- ~~in and around the~~ <sup>in</sup> Denver, ~~area~~. With <sup>more</sup> heavy snow

warnings again <sup>for</sup> ~~posted~~ tonight <sup>^</sup> on the eastern slopes

of the Rockies <sup>for Colorado and</sup> ~~all the way to~~ Wyoming. ~~All this~~ -

~~and it isn't even fall yet.~~

~~Here's one -~~ a study of women's behavioral ~~pattern~~ <sup>made by</sup> ~~under the auspices~~ of the National Institute of Mental Health <sup>ed</sup> ~~coming~~ to the conclusion ~~that~~ ~~it is~~ generally ~~true that~~ women are more helpless,

more nervous, more anxious than men. <sup>Would you</sup> ~~All of which~~

<sup>say this was</sup> ~~was perhaps~~ predictable <sup>since the</sup> ~~in as much as the two~~ <sup>experts say so</sup> ~~researchers who compiled the study~~ are both men.

~~Oddly enough though~~ The findings <sup>are</sup> quickly endorsed by Bernice Sandler, one of the nation's

leading campaigners for women's rights. ~~Dr Miss Sandler~~

<sup>Says she:-</sup> ~~asserting~~ Sure, ~~if~~ it's true, men expect it, they've made us that way. <sup>adds</sup> But she ~~is also~~ says: "Times - they <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ a-changin'."

**HARRIMAN**

Washington again - Averell Harriman confirms  
its true - he is planning to take a new bride; namely -  
Pamela Digby Churchill Hayward. The former U S  
diplomat - age seventy-nine; ~~is~~ Mrs. Hayward ~~is~~ fifty  
one. - <sup>He added</sup> ~~saying~~ emphatically: "We are getting married  
some time before the end of the year - probably next  
month." Ah, mad impetuous youth.

PARIS

From the Paris headquarters of the Council  
of Europe <sup>comes</sup> an announcement today, ~~perhaps of special~~  
~~interest to music lovers.~~ The Council selecting as  
Europe's new international anthem - the Prelude to the  
Fourth Movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony;  
otherwise known as Beethoven's - "Ode to Joy." Which  
is only fitting, I guess - in that Beethoven's Fifth  
helped to make it all possible. Remember? <sup>fast</sup> Da-da-  
da-dum. *Yes do it, Warren!*

**BUDAPEST**

*For Britain's Prince Philip - a tour ~~today~~ of  
the world's hunting exhibition at Budapest ~~in Hungary~~.  
The Prince - as you know - first member of the British  
Royal family - ever to visit a Communist country.  
His appearance causing ~~quite~~ a reaction - ~~but~~  
not exactly as planned.*

*Observers noting that most of the Hungarians  
present - just stood and stared; a fact perhaps best  
explained by the remark of one youngster - who,  
when told there was a Prince said "Why, it can't be -  
Prince<sup>s</sup><sub>^</sub> only exist in fairy tales." *Eng. J. - Monday**