

WATERGATE

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The long awaited Watergate cover-up trial - is *finally*,
due to begin ~~finally~~ tomorrow. But first, - some last
minute legal maneuvers. Judge Sirica today severing
the case of former White House aide Gordon ^{Strawn} Strachan
- from that of five co-defendants. This in the face
of Strachan's claim ~~gib~~ that the charges against him -
were tainted by a previous ~~granted~~ grant of immunity.

LONG BEACH

From Long Beach, California ^{called} a report ~~today~~ that

Richard Nixon should not make a ~~long~~ trip for at least

a month. Dr. John Lungren saying the former ~~President~~

~~President~~ President's condition is such [^] that a ~~long~~

^{of any length} journey [^] could prove extremely dangerous. This

apparently ruling him out as a witness - in the opening
stage of the ~~Watergate~~ Watergate trial. Dr. Lungren adding,

however; "If he wants to do it, I can't stop him - that's
up to him."

PARDON

The White House confirmed today a published report that former President Nixon had offered last week to turn back his pardon. This - in a telephone conversation with President Ford. But ~~the~~ President ~~for~~ ^{it} said to have replied: "No, that's not necessary."

A spokesman adding that the ^{man now in the White House is} President ~~was~~ still convinced ^{that} his granting of the pardon "was the right course."

BETHESDA

The latest on ~~the condition of~~ ^{the} First Lady ~~Betty~~

~~born~~ - from a team of doctors at Bethesda, Naval

Hospital, ^{report 2} ~~one~~ of the thirty lymph nodes removed from

Mrs. Ford over the weekend - ^{did include} ~~found to contain~~ xxx

~~contain~~ "microscopic traces of cancer." But, ~~there~~

~~were~~ no cancer cells in her blood vessels, - ~~we are told,~~

nor any ~~clinical~~ evidence ^{of it} ~~that the cancer had~~ spreading.

~~to other areas.~~ ^{So,} The doctors ^{are} ~~saying that they remain~~

"optimistic" -- ~~for prolonged survival.~~

WASHINGTON

Washington again - a meeting of the world bank and the international monetary fund; ~~with~~ President Ford ^{as} ~~the~~ keynote speaker, pledg^{ed}~~ing~~ an all-out U S effort ~~to~~ to help solve ~~the~~ current money problems right around the globe.

The President stressed, however, a need for solutions ~~of~~ "which serve broad interests ~~as~~ rather than narrow self-serving ones." "We want more cooperation - not more isolation" - said he; "we want trade - not protectionism, we want price ~~stability~~ stability, not inflation, we want a better life for ourselves and our children."

GASOLINE

The spectre of a possible new ten cent a gallon tax on gasoline - was again rearing its head today.

White House spokesman Ron Nessen - saying such a tax is under consideration. But the President ^{is} ~~himself~~ - said to be opposed. A number of congressmen also saying ~~ing~~ they'll fight such a tax - right down the line.

BUTZ

From Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz - a warning today that ~~the~~ food prices will probably climb an additional eight to ten percent by the end of next year.

blames
Butz ~~claiming~~ the inflationary outlook - "primarily on weather conditions." ~~The nation's~~ wet spring, - dry summer and early frost, ~~have all combined - said he -~~
~~to put a "triple whammy" on prices.~~

WEATHER FOLLOW BUTZ

Meanwhile
~~Speaking of weather problems -~~ another cold

snap in the ~~northern plains~~ *prairie states*. The mercury hitting

a record low of twenty-two - at north Platte, Nebraska;

~~but colder than that -~~ *down to* ~~only~~ twelve degrees at

Bismarck, North Dakota. *And -* ~~it was also snowing today -~~

at International Falls and Duluth, ~~Minnesota~~ Minnesota.

BUENOS AIRES

A former Commander in Chief of the Chilean army and his wife - were both assassinated today in Buenos Aires. General Carlos Prats and his wife, Carmen, ~~the~~ victims of a bomb ~~said to have been~~ hurled from a passing ~~auto~~ truck.

LISBON

After five months of trying to bring ~~some~~ order out of chaos - Antonio de Spínola resigned today as President of Portugal. He was immediately succeeded by General Francisco Costa Gomes - ~~the~~ ~~former~~ former chairman of Portugal's joint chiefs of staff.

PEKING

~~Behind the Bamboo curtain - Red China was marking~~

~~Red China today celebrated~~
~~today~~ its twenty-fifth anniversary ~~in the~~ ~~The celebration~~

~~including a series of galas in~~ major cities. - Also, a

temporary end to the shelling of the off-shore island

of Quemoy - and a renewed pledge to "liberate" Taiwan.

VATICAN

Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia was one of the first speakers today - at the start of debate in the world synod of Bishops at the Vatican. The Cardinal observing that many young people today - are critical of government, of society, of family and even of the Church. But, far from being "turned off" by Jesus Christ - said he - "modern youth is ~~pe~~ groping for the elusive, the mysterious, the transcendant." The Cardinal adding that young people - thus have "a genuine receptivity for Christ" -- which the church - cannot ignore."

GOLDEN HIND

A reproduction of Sir Francis Drake's ship,

The Golden Hind, manned by British sailors, set

out for San Francisco. ~~It~~ Just as Sir Francis himself

did, ~~yesterday~~ ^{set forth} from Plymouth they ~~left~~ ^{set forth} on the first

leg of a thirteen thousand mile journey. But a storm

off the coast of Englan^d ^{has} forced them to seek shelter

~~today~~ at Falmouth after less than twenty-four hours

at sea. Shades of Sir Francis Drake! Wonder

what he'd say.

DETROIT

The new chairman of giant General Motors - ~~was~~
~~hard nosed~~ financial expert ~~by the name of~~ Thomas
Murphy; elected today in Detroit, to succeed the
retiring Richard Gerstenberg. G M directors also
selecting a new President. E. M. "Pete" Estes, ~~to~~
~~succeeding~~ ^{Ed Cole,} ~~newly retired Ed Cole.~~

CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill - the Senate joined the House today in voting to repeal year round daylight saving time. The new bill calling for a ~~return~~ return to Standard time - during the ~~four so-called~~ "dark months, from November through February.