

TAXES

Fri, June 28 - '68.

The White House -- ~~a very~~ <sup>an extra</sup> special bill-signing ceremony today <sup>with</sup> President Johnson enacting into law -- his long-awaited tax increase; ~~expected to~~ <sup>which will</sup> dip into the pay checks, eventually, ~~++~~ of an estimated eighty-two million Americans.

In signing the bill -- the President also accepting an order to cut Six Billion from Federal expenditures. But only -- said he -- because the tax increase is "so imperative to the health of the nation."

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Even so -- "I will do my best to fill our most urgent priorities" -- said the President. Adding: "We must not falter -- in our efforts to root out injustice and unrest from the land."

LOS ANGELES

Sirhan Sirhan -- accused slayer of Robert Kennedy --  
arraigned today for a second time in Los Angeles. This  
in a jail chapel turned courtroom -- with the defendant  
surrounded by a human shield of guards. Also appearing  
icy calm -- as opposing lawyers agreed to another three-  
week continuance.

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Sirhan himself -- uttering only six words. When  
asked whether he was the defendant -- replying: "Yes, sir."  
When asked whether he agreed to the new continuance --  
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responding: "Yes, sir, I do." And with that ~~the~~ man with  
the double name was back in his cell. The entire proceeding  
-- lasting barely nine minutes.

VIETNAM

On the other side of the globe -- a major victory in the making tonight in Vietnam. With U.S. Army troops and Navy gunners -- zeroing in on a force of about five hundred Viet Cong. These trapped -- with no place to turn -- on bloody beaches <sup>g</sup> just ten miles below the D.M.Z.

To the South -- the great city of Saigon is still expecting another attack at any time. ~~HOW~~. Authorities issuing blackout orders -- making bomb shelter preparations, ~~also~~ scheduling rocket-raid siren drills; <sup>ALSO</sup> ~~and~~ advising civilians, above all, to "keep calm and obey instructions" -- if and when.



VATICAN FOLLOW VIETNAM

A related item -- from the Vatican, ~~in Rome.~~ Where a high church official disclosed tonight -- that Pope Paul had initiated secret talks with Hanoi -- trying to arrange a Vietnam peace parley.

(This -- we are told -- at the urging of President Johnson, who visited the Vatican last December -- en route home from Vietnam.)

The Pope's efforts -- not directly responsible for ~~the~~ current Paris talks. Nevertheless, <sup>it is</sup> a revolutionary departure from past procedure -- said the church official, in that it shows "the Pope did not limit himself to public appeals for peace -- but took concrete actions."

SENATE

The President's two alleged "lame duck" Supreme Court appointments -- again the subject of heated debate ~~today~~ in the Senate. With Senator Tower of Texas joining a threatened filibuster movement -- while ~~Rep~~ <sup>9</sup> Senator Brewster of Maine was accusing Republicans of "the worst sort of hypocrisy."

Meantime, a warning from Senate Majority Mike Mansfield -- that he would move quickly to invoke cloture, if necessary. <sup>As he put it:-</sup> ~~Mansfield declaring:~~ "There is no such thing as a lame duck President." If there were -- said he -- "a President elected to a second term -- would be a lame duck the minute he took office."

FBI

J. Edgar Hoover strikes back; ~~This in an article~~  
~~today in the monthly~~ <sup>in the</sup> FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin -- in  
response to recent criticism from Senator McCarthy; including  
an assertion that one of his first acts as President --  
would be to fire the seventy-three-year-old FBI chief.

Said J. Edgar: "Charges that the FBI operates  
autonomously and without proper control -- are utterly  
ridiculous." (~~Such charges -- he went on -- denoting~~  
~~"either a contrived effort to mislead the public -- or a~~  
~~woeful lack of knowledge of our governmental system of~~  
~~inner checks and balances."~~)

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J. Edgar) adding: "If there are those who disagree  
with the FBI policy of vigorous enforcement of the law --  
protection of law abiding citizens -- preservation of the  
rights of all people -- proper punishment for quality  
lawbreakers -- and the protection of our ~~part~~ <sup>9</sup> country  
from subversive forces -- then let them admit this rather

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than make erroneous allegations which can not be supported  
by facts."



NEW YORK EYE AND EAR

ONE OF MY NEIGHBORS, GORDON BRAISLIN, HAS BEEN WORKING ON A VOLUNTEER PROJECT OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE HERE IN NEW YORK CITY. HE IT WAS WHO RAISED THE FUNDS FOR THE HANDSOME NEW EYE AND EAR HOSPITAL ON EAST FOURTEENTH STREET, SAID TO BE THE BEST EQUIPPED INSTITUTION OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD. I HAVE JUST BEEN TOURING IT AND AM MUCH IMPRESSED.



PARIS

DeGaulle's chickens -- ~~come home to roost.~~ This in  
the form of rumors ~~is~~ sweeping the world money markets  
today, ~~Telling~~ of impending devaluation -- of the once-  
proud French franc. Rumors, ~~however~~ <sup>still</sup> stoutly denied by  
the <sup>De Gaulle</sup> ~~French~~ government.

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Meanwhile, renewed violence today -- right across  
France; in the final forty-eight hours -- before crucial  
run-off elections. Gaullist headquarters in Paris and  
elsewhere -- racked by a series of bomb explosions. While  
DeGaulle himself was completing work on an election-eve  
speech -- to be broadcast nationwide ~~tom~~ <sup>9</sup> tomorrow night.

ATLANTA

Governor Maddox gets the last word. Story -- from Atlanta; where the Georgia Governor has been the target of a so-called "phooey" plot.

This -- ~~as you may have heard~~ -- a play on the strongest word in the Governor's vocabulary. Maddox <sup>often</sup> using "phooey" -- to express his opinion of Federal government, liquor, mini-skirts and so on. To the point where his critics are now urging one and all -- to send the Governor "phooeygrams." That is -- telegrams bearing the single word "phooey" -- to express their own <sup>9</sup> opinion of the Maddox administration.

Result -- a statement today from the Governor saying,

In effect: "Phooey to that whole crowd." *Here's your*

*50%*  
*Chance, Warren;*

*Anyone you want to say Phooey to?*  
*Warren.*

WHITE HOUSE

The coming "four-day week" we've been hearing so much about -- a step closer to reality today; with the President signing into law -- a bill establishing five three-day weekends yearly for government employees. The measure providing that Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day -- as well as Labor Day -- will all be observed on Monday's ~~start~~<sup>g</sup> starting in Nineteen-Seventy-One.

Among those present for the bill-signing ceremony -- President Clarence ~~ATA~~<sup>Prata</sup> of the National Association of Travel Organizations, who <sup>s</sup>~~predicted~~ that business and industry -- will gladly comply with the new government schedule. <sup>says:</sup> Adding: "In these days when we continually live on the ~~edge~~<sup>edge</sup> of our chairs -- holidays will give us badly-needed emotional seat belts." *And s-l-u-Mou*