

*Monday, November 25, 1974*

**WHITE HOUSE PEKING**

*President Ford's trip to Vladivostok, as you may have heard, an outstanding success; apparently leading to a break through in strategic arms limitation talks. Back home again - the President turning his attention to domestic affairs in an attempt~~ing~~ to find ways of cutting the Federal budget - without adding to the current recession.*

*Meanwhile, Secretary of State Kissinger flew to Peking - where he and his family met today with ailing Chou En Lai. Dr. Kissinger later as a guest of honor at a State Banquet pledged the U.S. to continuing, and growing friendship with Mainland China.*

NEW YORK

<sup>Mrs.</sup>~~Happy~~ Rockefeller's second operation in five weeks for breast cancer - apparently a complete success. The good news - relayed by <sup>her husband</sup>~~Nelson Rockefeller~~ who said: "This ought to be the end of it -- this time they got everything." Mrs. Rockefeller's doctor adding that ~~so~~ she now has about a ninety percent chance for full ~~and~~ recovery.

# WATERGATE

After eight weeks of testimony - the prosecution today rested its case in the watergate ~~cover-up~~ trial.

Judge Sirica ~~has~~ dismissing two of the lesser charges -- against Defendants John Mitchell and John Ehrlichman.

Now the defense will have its turn,  
~~But the rest - still in tact. And now - it's up to the~~  
~~defense.~~

COMMONS

*From*  
~~to~~ the British House of Commons - an  
announcement today telling of government plans to outlaw  
the Irish Republican Party; ~~whereupon - a tremendous~~  
~~ovation.~~ This in response to the pub bombings in  
Birmingham - that killed nineteen last week.

The British also ordering a step-up in security  
measures - in fear of I R A Reprisals. *Then -*  
a few  
hours later - a series of explosions in London mail  
boxes, ~~the first in northwest London; the second,~~  
~~in Piccadilly Circus; and the third near Victoria~~  
~~Station~~ } injuring at least twelve.

# VATICAN

*At the Vatican in Rome - Pope Paul charged today that abortion is murder - and cannot be justified by poverty, illegitimacy or the world population problem. The Pope's statement <sup>came</sup> on the eve of a French parliamentary debate on a free abortion bill.*

## THANT

Former U N Secretary General U Thant - dead today in New York - a victim of cancer. U Thant first coming to the U N - as an ambassador from his native Burma. Later becoming a leading spokesman - for the so-called "Third World," nations. Finally succeeding ~~Dag Hammarskjold~~ Dag Hammarskjold as head of the U N - and serving in that post for ten years.

U Thant - age sixty-five.

## CAPETOWN

*At Capetown, South Africa - famed Heart*

*transplant pioneer Dr. Christiaan Barnard -- has*

*achieved another medical first; placing a second heart*

*-- in the body of a man critically ill with heart disease.*

*The second heart now beating in time with the man's*

*original and the patient - at last report - in "excellent*

*condition" - already walking.*

## **PERSIAN GULF**

*The U S Aircraft Carrier Constellation - on patrol today in the Persian Gulf; the first U S carrier to cruise that body of water - in more than a quarter of a century. The Pentagon calling it - a "familiarization visit".*

## **JUSTICE**

**Twenty one of the biggest and best publishing houses in the U S - were charged today with violating anti-trust laws. This by allegedly ~~an~~ scheming with British publishers - to control the world market in English language books.**

# SPANKING

London again - "the case of the spanking squire;" namely, John Brooks - a prominent lawyer and <sup>a</sup> former ~~Lord Mayor~~ <sup>city official</sup>, also, <sup>in</sup> the target of a recent newspaper expose. Brooks accused of hiring pretty young girls - to let him spank their bare bottoms; <sup>which</sup> ~~and this~~ he freely admitted. <sup>When</sup> ~~But~~ the newspaper ~~further~~ <sup>ed</sup> calling him - a menace to young girls: ~~Whereupon~~ he filed a libel suit. - and now the verdict.

<sup>the ex-Lord Mayor</sup>  
The jury ruling that, ~~Brooks~~ was, indeed, libeled; apparently agreeing with his contention that "every healthy, normal, vigorous male - is a bottom slapper in mind if not indeed." <sup>Damages awarded</sup> ~~But the amount of~~ <sup>to him?</sup> ~~damages~~ ~~left to~~ The judge <sup>said:</sup> ~~and these he~~ <sup>set</sup> ~~at~~ one half pence - or about one cent American. A penny <sup>and the</sup> ~~for his thoughts~~ <sup>rather</sup> ~~spanking.~~  
Now this is -

## A T & T COST

*The new anti-trust suit against A T & T we are told will run up legal costs - for both sides to about seventy million over the next ten years; this to be borne by all of us in taxes or telephone bills.*

*What a windfall for anti-trust lawyers!*