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TRENTON

In the so-called "right to die" case in New Jersey - a landmark decision today. The New Jersey Supreme Court granting the family of comatose Karen Ann Quinlan - permission to try again to persuade doctors to remove her respirator. Adding it would agree to such an action - if a team of doctors, with hospital approval, concluded there was no hope of recovery.

The court also appointing Karen's father, Joseph, her personal guardian - with power to chose the doctors who will make the final decision. The panel noting that Karen's present doctors, who earlier refused to remove her respirator - might feel differently now. This in view of the fact that Karen "is now even more fragile and nearer to death - than she was then." The court stressing, ^{that} ~~however~~, if necessary - her father may consult other doctors "who may take a different view."

And now —

WHITE HOUSE
BEIRUT

U.S. diplomatic troubleshooter Dean Brown -
~~arrived today~~ ^{today} in Beirut; ~~immediately~~ ^{was} scheduling ~~ing~~ ^{ed} meetings -
with Lebanon's President Suleiman Franjiek and House
Speaker Kamal Assad. His arrival ^{was} also welcomed - by
rebel Moslem leader Kamal Jumblatt. Brown saying he had
come to Lebanon - not as a mediator but "more ^{as} an analyst,
an assessor and a proposer of possible options."

The fighting in Beirut, meanwhile, ^{has} ~~is~~ ^{ed} ~~ing~~ off
~~today~~ to occasional bursts of machine gun and mortar
fire. ~~But~~ ^{is} The U.S. Sixth Fleet standing by ^{is} in case it
becomes necessary to evacuate the more than fourteen hundred
Americans still in Lebanon. Dean Brown, ^{we know as} ~~as you perhaps~~
~~know~~ ^{he is} an evacuation expert as well as a diplomat; the man
who organized the final U.S. withdrawal last year - from
Vietnam.

WHITE HOUSE

President Ford today announced the creation of a
Cabinet-level task force - to investigate foreign payoffs
by American corporations. ^{This} ~~The new panel~~ to be headed by
Commerce Secretary ~~■~~ Elliot Richardson. The President
saying inasmuch as "corrupt practices on the part of American
corporations" are involved - "the U.S. bears a clear
responsibility to the entire international community - to
bring them to a halt."

POLITICS

On the political front - ~~Ronald~~ Reagan takes to
the air ~~waves~~ tonight; ~~by means of a nationwide TV address~~^{via}
- hoping to win friends and influence donors. The Reagan
campaign ^{is} said to be about a Half-Million in debt.

On the Democratic side ^{is} - Fred Harris, attacking
Scoop Jackson - for having said he might have sent U.S.
Marines into Lebanon. Harris saying Jackson should
"either withdraw his statement - or withdraw as a candidate
for President."

CALLAWAY

Former Ford campaign manager ~~Edward~~ "Bo"

Callaway - was at least partially cleared today of alleged
conflict of interest. The Civil Aeronautics Board saying

there was nothing illegal - in the granting of approval for

^{the} special charter flights ^{involved,} to ~~Callaway's Colorado ski lodge.~~

SYDNEY

At Sydney, Australia - a wild rock-throwing, club-swinging melee today - following the arrival of Nelson Rockefeller at a local hotel. ~~The fighting broke out~~ ^{It was} when riot police attempted to clear the streets - of an estimated five hundred leftist demonstrators.

A few hours later though - at a banquet in honor of the U.S. Bicentennial - Rockefeller received a standing ovation. He ~~then~~ told his Australian hosts - the U.S. is "emerging once again as a strong and united nation" - following the traumas of Vietnam and Watergate. He also said the U.S. - will soon return to a single foreign policy. Adding: "Let no adversary or potential enemy - misjudge the capacity or resolve of the United States."

MONTRÉAL
SINGAPORE

More than a century-and-a-half of British military
tradition - came to an end today in Singapore. ^{At sundown} Britain
withdrawing ~~us of sundown~~ - the last of its troops still
stationed there.

~~With the close-out of Singapore~~ ^{Now} the only British
troops left in the Far East ^{are} in the Sultanate of Brunei
in North Borneo - and, ~~of course,~~ Hong Kong.

MONTREAL

The "take" in that Brinks robbery yesterday in Montreal - was placed today at nearly Three Million, an increase of more than a Million over the original estimate. The new tally - following a round-the-clock accounting by Brinks officials.

and now this

DUBLIN FOLLOW MONTREAL

Overseas - in Ireland - a band of alleged IRA
gunman - today staged another "great train robbery;"
holding up the Cork-to-Dublin mail train - and escaping
with perhaps as much as Two Million. Officials saying the
money will probably end up - in the IRA war chest in
Northern Ireland.

And now this W —

BONN

The wife of Egypt's touring President Sadat ~~was~~ the
~~main~~ ^{today} speaker at a women's rights rally in Bonn. Jehan

Sadat saying one of her main goals - is to ~~change the right~~

~~of men under~~ ^{change} Islamic law ^{no longer} to have up to four wives, ^{at a time.} "We

want to have a law which will let a man ^{to have two wives} ~~marry a second time~~

only with the permission of ^{naI!} ~~his~~ wife" - said she. ^{She} ~~Added:~~

"What wife - would give permission?"

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