

WATERGATE

Thurs, Dec. 5-74. ?

From Judge Sirica - a ruling today that Richard Nixon will not be required to testify - in the ~~current~~ current Watergate ~~cover-up~~ trial. The Judge's ruling based on notification that Mr. Nixon could not be questioned - till "well after January sixth." "The witness is simply unavailable" said he. Adding that indeed, the former President's testimony - "is not indispensable or necessary," to reaching a fair and just verdict. This - we are told - in that the bulk of his testimony - would merely duplicate that of other witnesses.

The Judge also noted that Mr. Nixon "has been accused" in effect - of being an accomplice of the accused; " and thus whatever he might have said would have had to have been "received with caution and scrutinized with care."

COLSON follow Watergate

Meanwhile, the trial goes on. Howard Colson today saying he never sought executive clemency - for convicted Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt. Colson explaining that ~~then~~ President Nixon had told him: "Don't worry about it"-I can't imagine him going to jail. It's not going to happen."

WHITE HOUSE

**The White House - President Ford met today
with Chancellor Schmidt of West Germany - the
chief topics they discussed ^{were} said to have included
the economy - the energy shortage - and the future
role of the Nato alliance in East West relations.**

TRUDEAU FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

For Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada who met with the President yesterday - a follow-up news conference today in Washington. Trudeau saying he does not foresee a trade war - between the U S and Canada. And the main reason - said he - the fact that Canada "certainly would lose hands down."

CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill - the House judiciary Committee
~~took its last best shot today~~ ^{and} Vice President
designate Nelson Rockefeller, A ~~later~~ ^{la} poll indicating
the committee ~~would~~ ^{will} approve his nomination - probably
some time next week.

BOTULISM

From the U S agriculture ~~dept~~ department -
a warning today about the possibility of deadly
botulism bacteria -in some cans of company brand
beef stew. This following the death of Mrs. Cleo
Harris, age seventy-nine, of Griffin, Georgia -
after eating some of ~~the Company~~ ^{said} Stew. The cans
in question ~~said to~~ ^{ing} bear the identification code -
" E S T - seven twelve - one nine two - S four."

TEHERAN

The death toll in the collapse of the ~~the~~² airport terminal in Teheran still in doubt. At last report though officials saying some "fifty to sixty persons" were trapped inside and apparently buried alive. 25 known dead

CYPRUS

The return of Arch-bishop Makarios to the island of Cyprus originally set for tomorrow, ~~but~~ suddenly postponed ~~today~~ for another twenty-four hours. An aide to Makarios - citing "technical reasons." But more to the point perhaps - an overnight threat from Greek Cypriot underground leaders. They warned: "If Makarios comes back to repeat the recent past our reaction will be swift and merciless against him."

TEL AVIV

In the Middle East - Israeli Premier ~~was~~ Yitzhak Rabin was making a speech today - to a group of high school students in Tel Aviv. Israel is now ready - said he - to make far-reaching territorial compromises with the Arab states - in return for a just and lasting peace. Rabin adding, however, ^{that} "under no circumstances" would ~~we~~ he consider "a return - to the lines that existed prior to the six day war."

MOSCOW

Those two Soviet cosmonauts have now passed the mid-point in their six day orbital mission. The announcement - coming from Soviet Space officials; first of its kind - since the timing of Russian space flights is usually held in strictest confidence. But this one, of course - a rehearsal for the coming U.S. and Russian joint mission, which U.S. tracking stations have monitored all the way.

PORT HUENEME

Which was me

At Port Hueneme, California - Comedian Soupy

Sales testified as a defense witness today - in the trial of a young Navy Sea-Bee. Nineteen year ~~old~~ old Leon Louie accused of assault - for throwing a pie into the face^s of a superior officer. But Soupy Sales saying that he himself has thrown pies - into the faces of entertainers such as Frank Sinatra, Bert Lancaster, Bob Hope, Jerry Lewis and many more - and not once - said he - has anyone ever charged him with assault *for hurling a custard pie in his bisser,*

and now -