

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - White House

Communications Chief Herb Klein discussing the Calley court martial said President Nixon felt compelled to take a hand in the case because it had attracted such "great national attention". Klein adding that the President had shown - "a great deal of compassion;" but he stressed that the President's final decision would not "be swayed by public opinion polls."

Klein also saying history would adjudge

/ the recent Laos offensive a thorough going success, as evidenced by the destruction of some four thousand enemy trucks - along with the fact that enemy suffered five times as many losses as Allied forces. Klein further observing that the acceptance of contradictory views expressed by "helicopter pilots "just back from Laos - would be the same as "talking to a boatswain's mate just back from the beachhead in Normandy "in World

War II! Trying to judge what was taking place on the entire beachhead."

Meanwhile, enemy today was shelling South Vietnam Firebase Six near the Laotian border; and in return were hit by a heavy helicopter assault.

This the sixth day of a so-called "localized offensive" - on the part of Communist troops. According to at least one U.S. officer - a North Vietnam attempt to "tell the world the operation in Laos - did not hurt them that much." We also hear that casualties are mounting rapidly - on both sides.

*At the handsome Kremlin Palace of Congresses
- another session of that twenty-fourth Soviet Communist
2/ Party Congress; marked today by formal approval of
Russias future foreign and domestic policies - as set
forward by party chieftain Leonid Brezhnev.*

*This - following a final summation by
Brezhnev, who then returned to his seat - amid a
standing ovation. The delegates also chanting over and
over - "Glory, glory,!" According to Western
observers - an indication that Brezhnev is clearly the
"first among equals" in the present Russian Troika. Some
adding that, indeed, this seemed to indicate the re-birth
of a new "personality cult" = "the first since Krushchev."*

PAKISTAN

More than a hundred Americans and scores of other foreigners - made their getaway today from East Pakistan - via Karachi one thousand miles away in West Pakistan - in the face of that divided country's burgeoning civil war.

Radio Pakistan later charging that armed Indian volunteers - dressed in civilian clothes - are now infiltrating rebellious East Pakistan. While New Delhi, for its part, was reporting Pakistani rebels now control

3 - large rural areas of the breakaway province.

CAPE KENNEDY

The first test of America's Apollo Fifteen Commandship - scheduled today at Cape Kennedy - but it never came off. The test quickly scrubbed when an oil leak developed in a vacuum chamber light fixture. Space officials thereupon ordering another complete check.

A team of Space Agency engineers suggests a possible use for surplus Apollo Moonships and Saturn rockets; use them for future experiments - in earth orbit: perhaps for a link up between U.S. and Soviet spacecraft.

SUPREME COURT

From the U.S. Supreme Court - a unanimous verdict today - something of a rarity; upholding the constitutionality - of that bitterly contested Nineteen Sixty-Eight firearms registration law. The Court ruling that said law - does not violate constitutional guarantees against self incrimination; thereby confirming the conviction of two Californians - found guilty of possessing unregistered hand grenades. The Court saying the claim they didn't know the grenades were unregistered - was simply no defense.

RICHMOND

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Police at Richmond, California, disclose today - a raid on the headquarters of a radical Leftist group. Materials seized including arms, explosives and communications equipment - and - a typewriter - reported stolen from the office of Defense Secretary Laird. This the result of an extensive police investigation - aimed at tracking down a hundred-and-fifty-two sticks of stolen dynamite; a hundred-and-thirty-five of which, are still missing.

GENEVA

From the World Health Organization - with headquarters at Geneva - a report today that world-wide diabetes has now reached alarming proportions; with the death rate in some countries - we are told - fully two to three times what it was just a decade ago.

Main reason - says World Health, a sharp increase in living standards - (right around the globe) - with the people of various lands - consuming more and more sugar. (In the U.S. alone - about a hundred pounds per person each and every year.)

"W.H.O." stresses, however, that this is one serious disease - for which remedies are readily available. (Therefore urging victims to seek such help - in order to lead "a full life despite diabetes.")

TOKYO

*From Tokyo - the story of a young mandolin
(Eeso)
player - twenty one year old Michiji Iso; who played
at a Japanese wedding tonight, Tokyo time - and then
visited a bar or two along the way - consuming consider-
able saki; whereupon he ascended to the top of a nearby
nine story building - "to get some air" - and promptly
fell off.*

5/2 *Under ordinary circumstances - that would
have been the end of it. Except that young Iso crashed
through a tin roof - at the rear of a restaurant at
ground level; finally landing smack in the middle of a
bed - occupied by two sleeping women. Police later
reporting that Iso was alright - but the two women
passed out and had to be treated for shock.*

6 *Ah - So - Iso - one lucky mandolin player.*

PORTLAND

Portland, Oregon - a seventy year old bride-groom-to-be - fellow by the name of Guy Stout - stricken with a heart attack. Ending up in the "heart ward" of a local hospital - practically on his wedding eve. But he insisted that the nuptials should take place - right on schedule - right there in the hospital.

Said he: "I am strong enough to say - I do;" and so - he did. Stout fellow Guy Stout.