

SENATE FELLOWSHIP
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WHITE HOUSE

In the highest echelons of government - the shake-up continues. President Nixon naming today as his new Secretary of Defense. - CIA Director James Schlesinger; at the same time, naming as Schlesinger's successor at the CIA - his former chief deputy, William Colby.

The President also bringing back into government - two of his most trusted aides from earlier days: Former Texas Governor John Connally - and California industrialist David Packard. The former - Connally - to serve as a special White House consultant. Press Secretary Ron Ziegler saying: "He will be available when the President wants to call on him - and we assume it will be frequent." While Packard is to serve as a consultant to the Pentagon - where he was once Deputy Secretary of Defense - and could have been Number One there.

SENATE FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

For the President's new Attorney General-designate - another trip today to Capitol Hill. Elliot Richardson testifying for a second straight day - before the Senate Judiciary Committee; again pledging a free hand - to the man he names a special Watergate prosecutor; but insisting that he and he alone - must remain "ultimate authority."

"What is involved here" - said Richardson - "is a situation in which confidence in the conduct of government and the political processes - has reached a crisis stage." Under these circumstances - he continued - "if I thought the prosecutor was grievously wrong or doing things destructive to the public interest - there would be a parting of the ways; he might resign - or I might have to fire him."

Richardson flatly rejected a suggestion that President Nixon himself - might intervene. "Indeed, the President has told me - he does not want to be informed" - said Richardson. Adding that any contact with the White House - would be only - as he put it - "at arm's length."

NEW YORK

DEAN

Meanwhile, the release of a public statement - from one of the key Watergate figures. Former White House counsel John Dean saying: "There is a concerted effort to get me." Again stressing, however, that he will not be "a scapegoat" - that he intends to tell all.

NEW YORK

Here in New York - Federal indictments were returned today - against former Attorney General John Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans. Both accused of using "deceit, craft, trickery and means that are dishonest" - in an effort to obstruct a Federal investigation. This - it was said - in exchange for a Two Hundred Thousand-Dollar cash contribution - to the Nixon re-election campaign.

Also indicted - financier Robert Vesco - who made the contribution; and former New Jersey Republican leader Harry Sears - who allegedly served as a go-between. Both Mitchell and Stans ^{however} quickly denying ~~themselves~~ any guilt. Mitchell saying: "There has been no wrongdoing on my part - and insofar as I know on the part of any other person in this matter." Stans adding: "Not only was there no effort to obstruct" an investigation - "but the SEC did, in fact, proceed vigorously against Mr. Vesco."

GOVERNORS

*New York again - the start of the National
Republican Governors Conference. The subject of Watergate
- one of the chief topics of conversation, of course. But
the Governors' finally deciding - they would not issue a
special Watergate statement. Too controversial.*

*Nevertheless, a brief personal statement ^{was made by} ~~from~~
Governor Dunn of Tennessee; who said ~~that~~ the Watergate
conspiracy - was a case of "poor judgement by a group
of zealots;" an affair - he continued - that has "certainly
disheartened many Americans." Dunn stressing, however,
that he still has full confidence - in President Nixon.
Adding: "We had better start defending him instead of
castigating him - he's the only President we've got."*

CAPE KENNEDY

On the space front - as you may have heard - a launch pad lightning strike at Cape Kennedy. This forcing a piece-by-piece check - of the new Skylab space station and its rocket. Officials finally concluding - after nearly twenty-four hours of testing - ~~there was~~ no damage.

The simultaneous countdowns for the Skylab and its three-man ferry ship - are thus proceeding as scheduled.

~~So far - so good.~~ The Skylab - set for launching on Monday. Its ferry ship - a day later.

VATICAN

At the Vatican - the Pope of the Roman Catholic See bade a fond farewell today - to the Coptic Pope of Alexandria. Pope Paul addressing Pope Shenouda of the Coptic Church - as his "dear brother in Christ." Adding that Shenouda's week-long visit - was "a significant step in strengthening relations between the Church of Rome and the Church of Alexandria."

The two churchmen, then signing a joint declaration - calling for a study of possible reunion; after ~~reunion~~ a schism sixteen centuries old.

DHAULAGIRI

An American attempt to scale lofty Dhaulagiri in the Himalayas by a new route - has encountered some unexpected difficulties. Team leader Jim Morrissey telling about it - in a message sent back to Katmandu in Nepal.

The U.S. party reaching an altitude of twenty-five thousand feet - two thousand feet from the top - where they tackled "the unclimbed southeast ridge" an ice face - at an angle of "fifty to sixty-five degrees;" along the way, surmounting an overhanging ice fall - but discovering the ridge was "often double-corniced."

Far from giving up though - the U.S. team now plans to reach the top - via the northeast face. Not a first - but still a formidable challenge.

HONOLULU

**At Honolulu - a meeting of the American
Psychiatric Association; hearing today - from Dr. Stanley
Dean of the University of Florida; on the subject of sex -
and the senior citizen.**

**Dr. Dean contending that nothing - could be more
natural. Noting that American men and women past sixty-five
- may be the most sexually oppressed age group in the nation,
due he says to public prejudice. That it's what our culture
regards as virility at twenty-five becomes lechery at sixty-
five."**

**Dr. Dean adding that America's "Golden Agers" would
be a lot better off - if they would just adopt the attitude of
a chap who once told him: "I'm a sexy senior citizen!"**

BALTIMORE

Have you been following the rough-and-tumble U.S. Russian international basketball series? The Russians at Baltimore. in the sixth game literally pounding out - a seventy-two to sixty-four win. U.S. Coach Bob Cousy later saying: "They out-mayhemed us." As someone said - everything but karate!

The Russians winning the final battle - the U.S. winning the war. The U.S. cagers who had never played together before a couple of weeks ago - one a New York High School lad - winning four games, in all; while the big, bruising Russians - who have played together for years - winning only two.

Star of the series? Little Ernie Di Gregorio of Providence College. I was at Madison Square Garden - when he led the Americans to a brilliant overtime victory. One of the most thrilling five minutes in sports in all my years of watching Olympic competitions and other sports thrillers! To Ernie D. - and Bob Cousy - and all the rest; who proved

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**that Munich notwithstanding - in basketball, we are still
the greatest, Bill!**

MARSEILLES

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From a woman doctor in Marseilles, France - a warning to the parents of long-haired children; a warning above all - to keep it clean. Dr. Therese Holland explaining "The number of youngsters with lice in their hair - is increasing by leaps and bounds." And she adds unless care is taken - we could end up with a generation of "nit-wits."