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Confrontation in Washington. The U.S. Supreme Court -
colliding head-on today with Congress. By virtue of its
powers under the U.S. system of checks and balances -
declaring null and void a House action of two years ago; an
action barring Adam Clayton Powell - from the Ninety-First
Congress.

In so doing - the High Court concurring completely
in Powell's argument, ~~asserting~~ that the House and Senate
can refuse to admit a duly-elected member - only if he fails
to meet the three qualifications spelled out in the
Constitution; namely - age, residency and citizenship. Chief
Justice Earl Warren going on to say - the court meant no
"lack of respect due a coordinate branch of government."
Adding, however: "It is the responsibility of this court -
to act as the ultimate interpreter of the Constitution."

Reaction on Capitol Hill - perhaps best described as
a "slow boil." For the most part - Congressional leaders
preferring to reserve comment - until they had read

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the full decision. One exception though - House Minority

Leader Gerald Ford, ^{who said -} ~~Declaring~~, in effect: "They can't tell us what to do - they won't get away with it!"

receipt campus violence. lead-off witness - Senate prodigy
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CAPITOL HILL FOLLOW SUPREME COURT

Elsewhere on Capitol Hill - the Senate's Permanent Investigations Subcommittee - in session today. After a year of secret study ~~is~~ holding its first public hearing on recent campus violence. Lead-off witness - Senate prober Philip Manuel, ^{who says} ~~asserting~~ that so-called "black power" groups have joined with white militants - to spearhead riots in big cities as well as on-campus. A bid ~~said he~~ to spark "a general revolution throughout the country." Although as yet, ^{said he -} of course - it has failed to "take."

SAIGON

War news from Vietnam tells today of a battle near
Saigon - biggest of the war for Thailand's Black Panther
Division. The Thai ^{this time} troops - with headquarters at Camp Bearcat
- beating back an assault by an estimated one thousand Viet
Cong. In five hours of virtual hand-to-hand combat - killing
more than two hundred of the enemy; as against Thai losses -
set at six dead, six wounded.

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~~On the political front - back in Saigon proper - a
protest vote today in the South Vietnamese House of
Representatives, calling for the ouster of Premier Tran Van
Huong and his Cabinet - for enacting a number of tax increases
to help fight inflation. However, these ^{taxes were} U.S.-inspired -
and so almost certain to survive the protest - even as Huong
himself.~~

MANILA

The Pacific Theater again - Manila - a bid today for peaceful coexistence with Red China. This in the form of an invitation to Peking - to become a full-fledged partner in ASPAC - which stands for Asian and Pacific Council. Philippine Foreign Secretary Carlos Romulo saying "the doors are open - and we'll welcome anybody who's willing to join."

~~ASPAC - as you perhaps know - a non-military alliance. Indeed, an organization pledged "to seek security and peace through the establishment of a moral community of nations - to work together by means of economic cooperation." Present members including - besides the Philippines - Australia, South Korea, Thailand, New Zealand, South Vietnam, Japan, Malaysia; also, Nationalist China, - at last report, anyway.~~

SLOUGH

At Windsor Castle - a suddenly empty stall today - at a gathering of Britain's fabled Order of the Garter. The vacant ~~place~~ ^{place} ~~chair~~ ^{that} of Field Marshal Earl Alexander of Tunis ~~is~~ sealed with red and gold cord - adorned with a single laurel wreath; ~~commemorating~~ commemorating the weekend death - of one of Britain's ~~greatest~~ ^{and top leaders} heroes of World War Two.

Field Marshal Alexander - the man who was given the job of evacuating the British Expeditionary Force from Dunkirk - last man to leave the beach. Less than two years ^{later} - mounting a successful campaign against the Japanese in Burma. Returning to the Middle East in Nineteen-Forty-Two - to lead that victorious drive against ~~Erwin~~ Rommel's Afrika Korps. Later ~~fighting through~~ ⁱⁿ Italy - ~~in a final assault on the Nazi Empire.~~ ^{in command there, where} ~~our~~ ^{Gen. Mark Clark worked with him,} His motto all the way: "Attack - attack - and attack

again - even when you're defending." A creed that earned him the friendship and lasting admiration of the late General Eisenhower - who called him the "ace card in the British

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Empire's hand." Now - at Slough, England - victim of a heart attack.

Field Marshal Earl Montgomery of Tunis - ~~he was~~^{age} seventy-seven.

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Less than nine months ago - a new business was born in Washington. The Federal National Mortgage Association - commonly know as Fannie Mae - converting from a government agency into a privately-owned corporation. This - in many ways - a pilot project for planned conversion of the U.S. postal service.

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WHITE HOUSE

A new ten-year, Five billion-dollar plan for improving and expanding U.S. airport facilities - unveiled today by President Nixon. This - in another special message to Congress. The President calling his program a necessity - if we are to meet ^{what he terms} the present "crisis situation" in U.S. air travel.

As for the money needed - that would come from increased taxes on airline tickets, air cargo and aviation fuel. The President asserting that those "who will benefit from the program - should assume the responsibility for its cost." A sort of "pay-as-we-grow" plan - said he.

PHOENIX

From Phoenix, Arizona - the story today of an American-style "Rudy ~~the Red~~" - red-faced, that is.

The Rudy in question - none other than Rudy Vallee.

Floating down the Salt River - on a raft made of inner tubes; when suddenly - an unexpected detour into a series of rapids.

Rudy Vallee tumbling head over heels - until he was finally

pulled out by a fellow raftsman. Apparently none the worse

for wear - except for one thing - he lost ^{Warren} ~~his swim trunks~~ ^(whatever garment he had)

an. ^{1/4} He was ~~so much for~~ Rudy the Nudey when they pulled him out.

HAMBURG

Hamburg, West Germany - a local construction firm today claimed a new world record. Putting up a prefabricated seven-story office building - from foundation to final bolt - in two days, seventeen hours, forty-one minutes and twenty-three seconds.

By the way - the old record? - well, it seems there never actually was one. For the next contestant though - now, at least, something to shoot at,