

WHITE HOUSE

Mon. June 12-72,

The White House - President Nixon

presided today at the swearing in - of three new cabinet level officials; Treasury Secretary George Shultz; - Director Casper Weinberger of the office of Management and Budget; - and Attorney General Richard Kleindienst, for whom the President saved his kindest words. His new Attorney General said the President "one of my very close friends over many many years;" and the "long ordeal" of Kleindienst's confirmation - he went on - only serving to increase his confidence in Kleindienst's ability. "A great ship is not tested by smooth sailing - but by rough seas" said the President; Adding: "There is no question - this is a man at his best when the going gets rough."

RAPID CITY

In the flood toll at Rapid City, South Dakota a slight reduction today; from an estimated two hundred dead - down to a hundred and seventy-five; at last report. Officials blaming the mis-count -- on a ~~duplex~~ duplication of body checks. Still it remains - one of the worst ~~dis~~ disasters in South Dakota history; with the search for ~~admit~~ additional bodies now spreading some sixty miles into the surrounding ~~to~~ Black Hills.

White House Aide Robert Finch - arriving today as a personal emissary from the President. After touring the area by airplane - saying the damage ~~to~~ ~~how~~ he saw boggles the mind." Adding that relief and rescue efforts must concentrate right now - on "short term house keeping and shelter needs."

NEW YORK FOLLOW RAPID CITY

South Dakotan George McGovern who flew to Rapid City yesterday, ^{was} _λ back on the campaign trail today. In New York - touring a Harlem narcotics addition center; later charging that President's Nixon's policies - especially on the war - "are robbing us of funds we need to fight drug addiction." McGovern also saying he does not believe Senator Kennedy will become a candidate - "under any circumstances."

HANOI FOLLOW NEW YORK

Incidentally, McGovern receiving today -
an endorsement he probably could have done without.
It comes from ~~the~~ Nhan Dan - the official Communist
party newspaper of North Vietnam; which calls the
~~Democratic~~ Democratic front runner - a man ~~and~~ with
lots of ~~ability~~ ability." Adding that McGovern's
campaign is "exposing the nature and the dangerous
effects" of U S involvement in ~~North~~ Vietnam.

VIETNAM

On the war front - a South Vietnamese armored column managed to break through today to An Loc; thereby ending an enemy siege on that provincial capital - just ~~but~~ sixty miles north of Saigon. An Loc becoming the fourth city so liberated - as North Vietnam's ~~country~~ vaunted "Blitzkrieg" continues to come apart at the seams.

Indeed, officials report that most of the ~~the~~ attackers at An Loc - have now withdrawn into neighboring Cambodia; but not ~~as~~ near so many as there were before. These said to include - North Vietnam's Seventh and Ninth Divisions; either "decimated" or so badly cut up - we are told ^{that} - they have now lost their combat effectiveness.

PEKING

*From Peking - an official protest today
against the U S air and naval blockade of North Vietnam.
Peking calling this - a "grave provocation;" adding that
U S "acts of aggression" - are now ~~threatening~~ "threatening
the security" of the Chinese people. But what, if anything
they intend to do about it - that they didn't say.*

PARIS

Meanwhile, Chief U S Peace negotiator,
William Porter ^{has} returned ^{ed today} to Paris, After an
absence of four weeks. ^{There} announcing plans to resume
his quest for a negotiated end to the war. Porter
saying: "We are going to keep trying. Adding: "That
is the essential message, I bring back."

Here at home - General John Lavelle

*was testifying today - before a House armed services
sub-committee. The former commander of the Seventh
U S Air Force ~~is~~ admitting that last ~~six~~ winter he
ordered the bombing of ~~unlike~~ military targets in North
Vietnam; further admitting his actions - probably went
beyond the rules laid down by the Pentagon. The General
~~is~~ adding: "I can sit here now" -- and see it; "but
that
at ~~the~~ same time, as the commander on the spot
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concerned with the safety of his crews and trying to
stop the build-up that was going on - I felt that ~~always~~
these were justifiable actions."*

SUPREME COURT

Elsewhere in Washington - a flurry of decision^S from the U S Supreme Court - which ruled:

~~One~~ -- that private clubs may refuse to serve negro guests - even if they hold a state liquor license; ~~Two~~, that an indigent is ~~entitled~~ entitled to a free trial lawyer - wherever the possibility of a jail sentence is involved; three - that a policeman may "stop and frisk" a suspect -- on the basis of personal observation or a ~~tip~~ tip; ^{four} and, [^] that a major street on a military base open to public use - is also open to distribution of leaflets.

WORCESTER

Worcester, Mass. Police today recovered those four paintings stolen last month from the Worcester Museum. How they did it - not immediately disclosed. But all the paintings ^{are} ~~is~~ said to be ~~is~~ in reasonably good shape. Total ~~value~~ value still about two million. And so a happy ending - to one of the world's biggest art ~~thefts~~ thefts. Happy that is, for all but three men and a woman - ~~now~~ now facing charges.

HEART

New York again - a heart rending decision

The American heart association announcing plans to move its national headquarters to Dallas, come September.

A spokesmen explaining that this is expected to yield - substantial financial savings, about a hundred thousand a year. Also noting that Dallas - is "highly accessible" from any point in the nation. And thus the "big D " ~~becoming~~ becoming the new heart-land of America.

SENATE

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This next - from Washington by way of
Oklahoma. Pretty seventeen year old Julie Price of
Oklahoma City, the first girl Senate Page; also becoming
this weekend - the youngest member of Oklahoma's
delegation to the Democratic national convention; and
now - the first girl ever to graduate from Capitol
Page High School.

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Jubilant Julie from the Sooner State -
- Warren - Don -
proving again - the sooner the better would you say?

ATLANTA

At Georgia's Fulton County jail, Atlanta -
a rumor that one of the inmates had somehow gotten
a gun. As a result - Sheriff's deputies undertaking
an intensive cell check. For all their efforts finding
no gun but the contraband they did turn up - including
knives, razor blades, clubs, also, two thousand ~~pins~~
pin-ups from Playboy magazine. And each - we are
told - a real peach.