

Friday, November 8, 1974

CLEVELAND

*For those eight former national guardsmen accused in the Kent State shootings a directed acquittal today.*

*Federal Judge Frank Battisti observing that the killing of four students was the result of "a series of tragic blunders and mistakes." Adding that state officials - "may yet wish to pursue criminal prosecutions." But he ruled there was simply no proof - that the defendants had committed the crime of which they were accused; no proof that they fired on the students - "with the specific intent to deprive them of their constitutional rights."*

## **WATER**

**An immediate nationwide study of U S drinking water - was ordered today by the U S Environmental protection agency. This following the discovery of certain cancer causing chemicals - in the water supply of the city of New Orleans. E P A administrator Russell Train saying: Undoubtedly these compounds have been ~~present~~ present in drinking water - for many years. What we hope to learn now - he went on - is "how widespread and serious the situation is."**

*And now this M —*

MORGAN

~~Back in Washington~~ ~~the~~ former President *Nixon*

former tax lawyer - pleaded guilty today to tax fraud. Thirty-six year old Edward Morgan admitting he falsely back-dated a deed to Mr. Nixon's pre-Presidential papers. This in connection with a gift to the government later claimed as a half-million dollar tax deduction. Morgan to be sentenced later. He could get up to five years - and a fine of ten thousand.

## APPEAL

The bugging and burglary conviction of Watergate conspirator G Gordon Liddy - was upheld unanimously today by the U S court of appeals in Washington.

The court also praising the conduct of Judge Sirica - in pursuit of a full disclosure of all the facts in the case. Liddy <sup>probably</sup> ~~attorney indicating, however -~~ he will appeal to the Supreme Court.

**NEW ORLEANS FOLLOW LIDDY ( appeal )**

**Secretary of the Army Callaway has granted  
former Lt. William Calley, a parole from his ten years  
My Lai prison sentence - to be effective November 19, when  
Calley completes one third of his sentence.**

## WATERGATE

In the Watergate ~~cover up~~ case - Judge Sirica agreed to appoint a three man medical team - to determine if and when Richard Nixon will be able to testify. This at the request of John Ehrlichman - who claims the former President's testimony is - indispensable ~~and~~ in proving he's innocent.

## **LONG BEACH**

**Meanwhile, from Long Beach - a report that**

**Mr. Nixon's condition - is improving. He was well  
enough to receive a visit today - from the wife of the  
President of the Philippines; Mrs. Marcos enroute to  
Mexico.**

**TUNIS**

**Secretary of State Kissinger stopped off today in Tunis on the last leg of his current world tour.**

**Dr. Kissinger conferring with Tunisian President**

**Habib Bourguiba - on the search for peace in the**

**Middle East - also, <sup>re</sup> ~~the~~ oil prices. He flies ~~back~~  
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home tomorrow.**



## INTEREST

For the sixth week in a row - major banks across the nation ~~banks~~ were again reducing today their prime interest rates. The new figure set at ten-and-a-half percent, - ~~as compared with a previous all-time high of twelve percent in early October.~~

This said to be due to a dramatic down-turn - in applications for business loans. In New York alone - a drop of about half a billion in ~~just~~ the past week.

OKLAHOMA CITY

The case of the purloined pool, ~~actually, a~~

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fourteen by thirty ~~foot~~ above ground swimming pool

an Okla. City  
used for display purposes by a ~~local~~ pool dealer.

It was mounted on a big flat ~~bed~~ trailer, and someone  
just hitched it up and drove ~~it away~~ <sup>off with it.</sup> There goes  
our swimming pool Mamma!

And now this M —

## RAILROAD

After ~~just~~ eleven years - at last, a decision today in the longest and most complicated railroad merger case - in U S history. The interstate commerce commission - finally approving a merger between the Union Pacific and the Rock Island ~~and~~ - subject to ~~certain~~ conditions: ~~But these~~ so restrictive ~~we are told - it now appears~~ <sup>that</sup> the merger may never take place.

OTTAWA

Canadian

Another step in the direction of a "cashless

society" is reported from Ottawa, ~~up in Canada.~~

<sup>Q</sup>  
~~the~~ trial use of credit cards - in super markets

and even liquor stores; ~~a step approved today - at~~

~~least - in theory - by Canadian consumer affairs~~

~~minister Andre Guellet.~~

S-O-U-Monday.