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**FORT BENNING**

*For the first time - Lieutenant William Calley and Captain Ernest Medina - face-to-face today at a hushed court martial at Fort Benning, Georgia. Two central figures in that My Lai massacre - suddenly locked in a grim court room struggle.*

*Question: Did your troops ask for any special instructions? Captain Medina: "Yes, sir, I was asked - 'do we kill women and children?" Question: What was your answer? Captain Medina: "My reply to that was no. I told them, 'you do not kill women and children - you must use common sense - if they have a weapons and try to engage you, you may shoot back - but you must use common sense.'" Question: Did you at any time order or direct Lieutenant Calley - to kill or waste any Vietnamese people? Captain Medina: "No, sir."*

*The Captain thus contradicting the main thrust of defendant Calley's previous testimony. Calley is accused of murder in the death of a hundred civilians at My Lai; the*

**same charge that Medina said it dawned on him only later that innocent persons had died by the score at My Lai. Before the tragedy, he declared, he felt the men of Charlie Company were good soldiers.**

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**head - and a British Army spokesman says "They were**

**deliberately murdered - it was an ambush." He calls it**

**the worst crime in two years in Northern Ireland.**

## **BELFAST**

**Three British soldiers in civilian clothes were shot and killed today in Northern Ireland, on the outskirts of Belfast. Their bodies were discovered in Ligoniel, which up to now has been a neutral area in feuding between Protestants and Roman Catholics. All had been shot in the head - and a British Army spokesman says "They were deliberately murdered - it was an ambush." He calls it the worst crime in two years in Northern Ireland.**

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**all the carriers in a national basis - any strike must also**

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## **TRANSPORTATION UNION**

**Federal Judge John Pratt - late this afternoon in Washington issued a temporary order against the United Transportation Union, which is threatening to strike two railroads tomorrow as a means of bringing pressure on the entire railroad industry in a wage dispute. Judge Pratt ruling in effect that it must be all or nothing - if the union orders its men off the job tomorrow, it must strike all American railroads, not just some of them. Thus upholding the industry's argument that - once the union bargained with all the carriers on a national basis - any strike must also be on a national basis.**

## SENATE

The Senate today approved unanimously - a proposed Constitutional Amendment giving eighteen-year-olds the right to vote. The measure now goes to the House of Representatives. If it is approved there, as expected, it must be ratified by thirty-eight of the fifty state legislatures before it can become part of the Constitution.

**NEW DELHI**

***In the tenth and final day of India's Parliamentary election - an apparent landslide in the making Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's ruling Congress Party - taking a runaway lead against the combined opposition from right and left. Assured of an absolute majority in the new Parliament. Indeed, the seven Congress Party candidates in Communist-dominated Kerala State - all winning their races. The jubilant Mrs. Gandhi telling newsmen - "You did not believe - now you will discover." And to jubilant party workers, as they decked her with garlands, Mrs. Gandhi said "Our work has now begun - we have to think of new programs to help solve the many problems facing India."***



## HOUSE

Admiral Thomas Moorer - the Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff - <sup>was</sup> chief witness today at a hearing of the House Armed Services Committee; ~~where~~ He said that the nuclear balance of power - "has shifted drastically" in the past five or six years years in the direction of the Soviet Union; to the point - he continued - where the U.S. now maintains - only a slim strategic lead.

Admiral Moorer adding that "Soviet achievement of a clear-cut strategic superiority - must be avoided at all <sup>otherwise</sup> costs;" ~~the~~ the U.S. will find itself - perhaps in another five or six years - only a second-rate power; in which case - said he - "we will pay a very high price - in the effectiveness of our diplomacy."

**MOSCOW**

**In a waiting room at the Soviet Parliament in Moscow  
- a Western-style sit-in today. More than a hundred Russian  
Jews from six different cities - demanding permission to  
emigrate to Israel.**

**demonstration**

**But the ~~protest~~ ended shortly after dark - when  
scores of police arrived at the scene. One of the demonstrators  
later saying: "They surrounded us - they started pushing us -  
- and what could we do, we had to leave." We are also told,  
though - ~~strangely, for Russia,~~ there were no arrests.**

**unusual in Soviet Russia**



MEDIA

AT Media Pennsylvania

~~Handle one~~ - a case of insult added to injury.

Media, Pennsylvania ~~person~~ person or persons unknown breaking into a private building; there invading a second-floor office - ransacking desks and filing cabinets.

But what makes it so embarrassing - the fact that this was a branch office of the FBI. Media's agent-in-charge - Joe Jamieson - admitting that "government property was taken." And he added: "We are investigating." ~~For better~~

Warren, ~~the~~ which could be +  
under statement of day

~~More to a man.~~

~~The White House~~

President Nixon today proposed a One-point-One Billion Dollar revenue sharing plan - for rural America; with its main goal - ~~said he~~ <sup>he said</sup> - that of developing rural areas in an orderly fashion; in the process, <sup>he hopes,</sup> ~~helping~~, helping to keep rural Americans "down on the farm" - instead of crowding into our big cities.

The President observing that "rural Americans deserve a full share in the nation's prosperity and growth - just as urban Americans deserve cities that are livable and alive." And he added that rural and urban communities can <sup>thereby</sup> ~~the~~ "progress together in a dynamic balance - as partners in the best sense."

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