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The White House; ~~again~~ - an indication today that President Nixon is seeking a strict constructionist -- to fill the latest Supreme Court vacancy. White House Press Secretary Ron Ziegler adding that the President's ultimate ~~sole~~ choice - need not be a man with previous judicial experience; but could come from "students of the Constitution - law professors - or some other group. Ziegler observing: "There are many qualified people here in the U.S."

UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations in New York - Australia today became the first ~~major~~ major nation to join the U S in endorsing a new two China policy. This serving to brighten hopes ~~that~~ that the U S plan may yet win approval. In any event - the final vote is now expected in mid-October.

Another problem facing the world body - ~~the~~^{is} of naming a successor to retiring Secretary General U Thant; with the field, at last report - still wide open. And ~~the~~^a British source -- helping to explain why. Observing that it's axiomatic - that U[^]Thant's successor must be acceptable to Peking.

INDO CHINA

Meanwhile In the fighting in Indo China - a surprise

enemy attack today; catching unaware a South Vietnamese task force - attempting a sweep of that "fish-hook"

~~XXXXXX~~ region of Cambodia. The Communists ~~xxxx~~ killing at least twenty-one - and wounding scores more.

~~But~~ The Saigon Troops - quickly regrouping; giving as good as they got - and then some. Eventually driving off the attackers - with an estimated loss of some fifty of their ^{adversaries.} ~~own men.~~

SAIGON FOLLOW INDO CHINA

On the political front - Saigon - South Vietnam's President Thieu delivered - the second of three scheduled campaign addresses. Via nationwide radio and TV ^{he} reemphasiz^{ed}~~ed~~ his previously stated "four-noes" no territorial concessions to the Communists - no coalition government - no neutrality - and no Communist activity in South Vietnam. Thieu adding that he hopes for an early end to the war - but further telling his people: "The only guarantee for our future freedom - is to deal the Communists a positive defeat," on the battlefield.

FRANKFURT

On the west German money market at Frankfurt -
for the third time in a week - the U S dollar today
dropped to a new twenty-two year low; ending ~~up~~ at a
figure - about nine percent below the old official
exchange rate; which is still a long way ~~from~~ from the U S
-sought fifteen percent; but already ^{its} a lot more than
the Germans would like to see it.

BRUSSELS FOLLOW FRANKFORT

This coming simultaneous - with a meeting of the European Common Market's executive commission, at Brussels. Commission President Franco Mario Malfatti urging all member nations - to reaffirm their rights under Article Twenty Three of the General Agreement on ~~Customs~~ Tariffs and Trade; suggesting that a trade war with the U S may be in the offing - if the present U S ten percent import surcharge is not abolished soon.

LONDON FOLLOW BRUSSELS

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Reverse - London - a meeting of the European members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; with Britain's Prime Minister Edward Heath - urging ~~the~~^s member to assume a greater share of Europe's defense burden and thereby establish - "a more equal partnership" with the U S.

Heath adding: "Our interest will be ~~sk~~ closely associated with those of the U S - as before; but ~~a~~ greater sharing ^{of the} burdens ^{said he,} should lead to closer cooperation;" militarily, political, and economic.

ECONOMY FOLLOW LONDON

Here at home - the House Ways and Means Committee - making its first ~~major~~ modification of President Nixon's ~~new~~ new economic program. Endorsing instead of the President's proposed two stage investment tax credit - a single, flat tax break to cover the purchase of new equipment; *this* according to Congressman Byrnes of Wisconsin - something like seven percent. *s*

CAPITOL HILL

Elsewhere on Capitol Hill an administration spokesman today endorsed legislation - that would stiffen penalties for illegal killing of eagles. Up to a fine of five thousand ~~in~~ and a year in jail ~~or~~ for first ~~offen~~ offenders ; up to ten thousand and two years -- for second offenders. Assistant Interior Secretary Nathaniel Reed saying: "The events of recent weeks have made it abundantly clear ~~q~~ that stern measures are necessary to provide an adequate deterrent."

GENEVA

*From the World Health organization at Geneva -
an opinion today that it's now safe for advanced countries
-- to abolish mandatory smallpox vaccination. This
based on a study concluding that smallpox has been
eradicat~~ed~~ - in all but five major countries:*

India, Pakistan, ~~Aff~~ Afghanistan, Ethiopia and ^{the} Sudan.

*The report adding that in countries with modern health
systems - such as the U S - indeed, the risk of
vaccination is greater than the risk of smallpox itself;
vaccination against smallpox in this country - claiming
about six lives a year; whereas there hasn't been a
U S death from smallpox - in twenty-two years.*

SPACE

Back to Brussels - opening session of the
twenty second international astronomical congress.

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U S Astronaut David Scott telling ~~xxx~~ assembled
delegates - "we are standing now at the dawn of the
greatest period of exploration in the history of mankind."

Adding that the "single most important discovery made
by Apollo Fifteen - is that man's unique capabilities
of imagination - judgment and ability to ~~respond~~
respond to the unexpected are indispensable in
exploration." And Russian Cosmonaut Boris Yegorov -
who was next up - agreeing ~~wholeheartedly~~ wholeheartedly.

~~Said~~
Boris Yegorov: ~~saying~~: "The most important part in the
study and mastery of cosmic space - belong^s to man
who lifted himself up there."

TULA

Inside every fat person - so the saying goes - there's an inner thinner person just crying to get out. All of which comes to mind - in connection with this next.

At Tula, Mexico - an attempted mass jail break with a group of inmates -- breaking a ~~wall~~ hole through a wall of the local ~~Hoosegow~~; six of the convicts - slipping through to freedom; but number seven - a little too hefty. ~~pk~~ I take that back - a lot too hefty. He couldn't get through - no how! - no way! And soon he was stuck fast. Long enough for jail guards to arrive - and round up some sixty fellow prisoners; a whole bunch of ^{the} "skinnies" inside ^{who were waiting, hoping} ~~just carry crying~~ to get outside.

SEABORG

A new book ^{is} ~~that's~~ causing quite a stir these days - "Man and Atom"; by Glen Seaborg - the retiring chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission - also William Corliss; ~~the~~ ^{They} picture in man's near future - floating cities far ~~out~~ at sea. Cities beneath the sea; - cities in orbit; ^{also} colonies and mines and factories on the Moon; ^{these} ~~all~~ powered, of course - by the mighty and fantastically versatile atom.

Seaborg and Corliss adding that if that sounds like science fiction - well, ^{why not? Where science} ~~fiction goes~~ ^{fiction goes} - they ask - "can the atom be far behind?"

Bill Martin -

WHITE HOUSE

The new Treasurer of the United States Mrs. Romana Banuelos a successful Los Angeles business woman - also, a Mexican American; so announced today - by President Nixon; who called Mrs. Banuelos - "a person of truly outstanding credentials and ability." Incidentally, the President also producing - a pin and a piece of paper asking Mrs. Banuelos to sign her name - as she would like it to appear on all U S currency; which she did - "Romana A. Banuelos" in a big, flowery hand. Whereupon the President observed -- her writing is "much more neat than my writing!" ~~the~~ The only question - said he - have we "got room on the money?" *of s-l-u-t-m-*