

WATERGATE

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From the President's special Watergate Council -
James St. Clair ^{came} a blast today at former White House
aide John Dean; also ^{at} special Watergate prosecutor Leon
~~Jaworski~~ Jaworski - for stating publicly that "Dean's
veracity" is not "subject to question."

St. Clair asserting that "tapes and other evidence
furnished the special prosecutor do not support Dean's
statements" before the Senate ~~Watergate~~ committee;
do not support them "as to what the President knew about
~~Watergate~~ Watergate and especially when he knew it."

St. Clair adding that, indeed - "the evidence does support
what the President has said on this matter."

St. Clair further suggesting - that Dean may
in fact, be guilty of perjury. But, "the time and place
for discussing such matters" said he - "is in court, or
perhaps before the House Judiciary Committee, not
before the public media."

FUNERAL

The President today attended funeral services for his friend and former political mentor - Murray Chotiner. The eulogy called Chotiner a lawyer of uncommon knowledge - and a highly skilled political leader; a man who helped translate his vision of a better government into a reality. Observers noting that the President - was deeply moved.

EARTH ORBIT

In the flight of America's Sky Lab Three -
a last look today at the comet^{et} Kohoutek - and a few
final experiments. Astronauts Gerry Carr and Ed
Gibson and Bill Pogue were ~~in~~ then given time to
"regroup" in preparation for their return to ~~the~~ earth
this Friday.

Earlier, ~~Ed~~ Gibson viewing the earth - during
his final space ~~on~~ walk ~~saying~~^{remarked:-} "Beautiful, ~~country~~ -
I'm glad to be ~~coming~~^{going} back to it. "

TRUCKERS

Teamster President ~~Frank~~ Fitzsimmons
joined with government officials today - in condemning
~~announced~~ a nationwide strike by ~~the~~ independent
truckers. Fitzsimmons saying the strike is led by
a militant minority - that "thirsts for total victory
at the expense of everyone else." Adding that "state
governments must take whatever action is necessary -
to insure the free flow of truck transportation."

GOLAN HEIGHTS

In the Middle East - Syrian and Israeli gunners
were dueling today - ~~over~~ across the Golan Heights cease
fire line. ^{While} To the ~~South~~ South ~~through~~ Israeli ~~troops~~ troops
were completing their second phase withdrawal - from
the West Bank of the Suez. The Egyptians also thinning
out ~~some~~ more of their ~~own~~ units, - ~~back~~ on the East
bank.

I POH

*One of the major tourist attractions in
Malaysia - near the city of Ipoh; the famed Sam
Poh Thong Chinese temple - which is carved out
of solid rock inside a cave. Now the scene of a
terrible tragedy.*

*Heavy week-long tropical rains undermining
a nearby earthen dam, ~~the~~ leading to a massive
mud slide - all but burying the Sam ~~the~~ Poh Thong
temple and dozens of nearby homes. First reports
indicating ~~at~~ at least twenty dead more than ~~seventy~~
injured.*

STOCK

In a number of U.S. newspapers - a recent investment offer from a West German firm. Globus Anlage and its two proprietors, Hans Wolf Piper and Monika Knipple - urging U.S. investors to "double your dollar in the European market" pledging a one hundred percent return - "tax free" within ten months; a golden opportunity - except that it's now being challenged by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

An S E C spokesman noting that Herr Piper and Franlein Knipple - are planning to open a string of bordellos in Switzerland, Belgium, Italy and Holland, adding that such a venture may be legal in West Germany but U.S. investors should have been advised of the "risk involved in anything so unusual."

BOULDER

At the University of Colorado - over the past weekend - a monumental recitation. Twenty faculty members and graduate students - reading James Joyce's *Finnegans Wake* aloud - non-stop; six hundred and twenty eight pages, in all - a project taking ~~time~~ thirty two and a half hours.

The leader of the group - Ms Vivian Mercier, a specialist in Irish literature - who when the first reading was done - started all over again. She soon quit though. ~~That~~ Ms Vercier explaining that - "everybody yelled at me."

Now Bill, anything for you to sell about?

KROGH

Another former White House aide began serving today - a six month sentence in connection with the Ellsberg's psychiatrist break-in. Egil Krogh again stressing that - the President was in no way involved. Then telling his family and newsmen "I'll just say goodmorning - and goodbye for a while." As I say so long..

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EARTH ORBIT

The three Skylab astronauts were undergoing today - a series of extensive biomedical tests with doctors attempting - across the vast distances between them - to determine the precise state of their health - after nearly twelve weeks of zero gravity. Even in advance though the MD's are expressing confidence that the three space men will easily withstand their return to earth.