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Senator Thomas Dodd of Connecticut -- guilty as charged; according to reports today from the Senate Ethics Committee -- which recently heard his case.

Informed sources saying the committee is agreed -- that Dodd must be punished. The only question -- how much. The committee said to be agreed solely -- that he should not be expelled from Congress.

CRIME

The alleged existence of a vast underworld alliance -- bared today in Washington. A top official of the Justice Department -- charging "an amalgamation" -- as he put it -- between the International Longshoremen's Association -- the Teamsters Union -- and the Cosa Nostra.

This the claim of Henry Peterson -- chief of the Justice Department's Organized ^{ed} ~~Crime~~ Crime Division; during a panel discussion -- at the current National Crime Conference. Peterson saying he knew "to a moral certainty" -- that the so-called "amalgamation" had taken place; that it is functioning even now -- on a national scale.

Before he could amplify the charge, however -- Peterson was cut off by the panel moderator. And when asked later for details -- his only answer was "no comment."

RED CHINA

Crisis in Red China -- marked today by news today of a powerful anti-Maoist organization. An armed force -- known as the "August One Fighting Corps."

Reports reaching Hong Kong saying it was the "August One Fighting Corps" -- chiefly responsible for that recent uprising in the South China city of Canton. The force led by a so-called -- "Shark Knife Company;" that raided party and government offices -- attacked police stations -- kidnaped prominent officials -- and supplied information to a spy network based in Hong Kong.

The corps finally driven underground -- by a mass influx of Chinese Army troops -- we're told. As for its future role, if any, in the Red power struggle -- we can only wait and see.

VIETNAM

South Vietnamese Chief of State Nguyen Van Thieu -- a surprise visitor today aboard the U.S. aircraft carrier Enterprise -- in the Gulf of Tonkin. Taking the opportunity once again -- to encourage American air strikes against the Communist North.

Said He: If the United States stops bombing North Vietnam -- South Vietnam will be invaded "the following day." "And the following month" -- he went on -- "all of Southeast Asia will be invaded."

Premier Nguyen Cao Ky -- also aboard the ship. Adding that the Viet Cong -- "hope to win their war in Washington - not in Vietnam." The Communists supposedly counting on pressure here at home -- to put an end to the war.

Back on shore -- news today of one of the biggest U.S. air attacks in weeks -- against the Communist North. In all -- some four hundred American jets -- blasting key

industrial and communications targets; including at least three -- near the vital Communist port of Haiphong.

This is an article in the official Soviet government newspaper Izvestia. The Soviet's apparent answer to repeated charges from Red China -- that it is really Russia who is working with the United States. According to Peking -- trying to force an end to the war -- on American terms.

MOSCOW FOLLOW KREMLIN

A related item -- from Moscow. The Kremlin today accusing the United States and Red China -- of being silent partners in a conspiracy to destroy North Vietnam. The United States -- by open aggression; Red China -- by thwarting a cease-fire in Vietnam.

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LAND'S END

Off Land's End, England -- another searing attack today on the super-tanker Torrey Canyon. Half-a-Hundred British jets -- pounding the ship with bombs, rockets and napalm. Attempting to finish off once and for all -- the source of that sticky mess polluting British shores.

When the fire and the smoke had cleared -- reconnaissance planes reporting the unbelievable. -- "She is still on the reef -- she isn't dead yet" -- said the radio report.

The Torrey Canyon -- now a charred wreck -- destined inevitably for the deep six. But taking her own good time -- about getting there.

BONN

Vice President Hubert Humphrey -- on tour today in West Germany. Retracing the steps of the late President Kennedy -- on his triumphal visit to Germany back in Nineteen-Sixty-Three.

The Vice President arriving at Wahn Airport -- between Bonn and Cologne. Driving along the same route as President Kennedy -- to the great Gothic Cathedral of Cologne. Attending Mass there -- just as the late President did.

After services, Cathedral Canon Joseph Hoster -- recalling vividly the Kennedy visit. Asking Hubert Humphrey to -- "tell the President's widow we haven't forgotten him." The Vice President -- saying he would.

Later -- in Bonn -- a series of talks with thirty senior U.S. diplomats stationed in Europe; the eyes and ears of America -- on both sides of ~~the~~ the Iron Curtain.

WHITE HOUSE

At the White House -- a victory of sorts today for advocates of a "tight money" policy. President Johnson agreeing to appoint William McChesney Martin -- to another three-year term as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. Martin -- for his part -- agreeing to accept. Thereby laying to rest rumors that he would resign as a member of the board -- if he were not reappointed chairman.

The President and Martin -- in frequent disagreement over economic policy. Martin's opponents on Capitol Hill -- further urging the appointment of an "easy money" chairman. Martin nevertheless, extremely popular with bankers and businessmen -- and the President is reported anxious to retain their confidence.

The victory -- perhaps destined to be short-lived, however. With the White House also disclosing today -- that Charles ^JW. N. Shepardson will not be reappointed to the Federal Reserve Board. Rather that he will leave

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office -- in late April. The departure of Shepardson --
another "tight money" man -- giving the President an
additional opportunity -- to shape the board in his own
image.

CIA FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

On another front -- the President today accepted in toto -- the recommendations of a special report on the Central Intelligence Agency. Acting thereon -- with an executive order; barring any government agency from giving secret financial assistance -- to any educational or private voluntary organization.

In the alternative -- LBJ appointing Secretary of State Dean Rusk -- as chairman of a new special committee; with the job of setting up -- a, quote, "public-private mechanism." Its stated purpose: "To provide public funds openly -- for overseas activities of organizations adjudged deserving of public support."

TOKYO

The long arm of the law -- seems to be getting longer every day. As evidenced by this next -- from Osaka, Japan. Where Japanese police today arrested James Rober Ringrose -- a fugitive from American justice -- and one of the FBI's "ten most wanted men."

Ringrose -- a bad check artist -- originally from Iowa, City, Iowa. Who fled the country -- to escape a charge of forgery. The FBI tracking him to Japan -- and there ^{turning} ~~turning~~ the case over to local authorities.

True to form -- the fugitive tried to cash a bad check at an Osaka bank. The bank alerting police -- who quickly put a ring around Ringrose.