

Good evening. At the White House - President Nixon made his choice. After deliberating more than five days - finally signing into law today a measure extending the vote to eighteen-year-olds. However, the President observed that "an early court test" of the new law "is essential;" and this - said he - because of its "doubtful Constitutionality."

SENATE

On Capitol Hill - a big boost for Administration war policy - especially with regard to Cambodia. The Senate today approved - Seventy-Nine-to-Five - an amendment to that disputed Cooper-Church proposa., an amendment reaffirming the President's "Constitutional power - to protect the lives of United States armed forces wherever deployed."

This - at the urging of Senator Byrd of West Virginia; in effect, nullifies the intent - of the original Cooper-Church backers. Indeed, Senator Fulbright called the Byrd amendment - "a political ~~maneuver~~ maneuver similar to the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution." Senator McGovern also attacked the measure - as a clear demonstration of "Congressional weakness and irresponsibility."

SAIGON

Some of the President's promised troop withdrawal from Cambodia - had already begun. Eight-Hundred came out today. The U. S. command in Saigon - insists the President's June Thirtieth deadline will be met. It adding, however, that U. S. warplanes are now flying support missions - as much as a hundred miles inside Cambodia. These in behalf of Cambodian troops - also, South Vietnamese forces. The U. S. served notice that it plans to keep this pressure on in Cambodia - for some time to come.

SUPREME COURT

Here at home again - the U. S. Supreme Court
today rejected - for the second week in a row - an attempt
to curb the disciplinary powers of U.S. colleges and
universities. The High Court also ruled that indigent
defendants must be provided with lawyers - even at the
preliminary hearing level. In a third case - the court
ruling that state laws allowing convictions by juries of less
than twelve members - are Constitutional; at the same time,
decreeing that a criminal defendant - can be required to
furnish in advance the names of alibi witnesses. The court
observing that an "adversary system of trial is not yet a
poker game - in which players enjoy an absolute right
always to conceal their cards until played."

CHICAGO

Here's one - the U.S. Savings and Loan League of Chicago - discussing the possible long-term affects of a steady six per cent inflation rate. Noting, for example, that a house priced at Twenty-Five Thousand or so now - would probably cost about a Hundred and Fifty Thousand in the year Two Thousand. Similarly, a man earning about Ten Thousand in the year Nineteen-Seventy - would have to earn nearly Sixty Thousand in the year Two Thousand; at least, he would - if he hoped to maintain a comparable standard of living.

The U.S. Savings and Loan League citing these figures - because, it explained, "the American people ought to understand the catastrophic effect of chronic and substantial inflation."

COOLEY FOLLOW CHICAGO

Elsewhere in Chicago - Dr. Denton Cooley was the main speaker today - at that continuing American Medical Association convention. The famed heart transplant surgeon discussing "gray areas" in determining death - insofar as potential donors are concerned. Coming to the conclusion that doctors, in the end - "will have to" act on "their own responsibility."

He admitted though - it's a difficult choice.

Dr. Cooley observing: "There have been instances where injured persons were considered potential heart donors - but were not used" for one reason or another - and later "made partial recovery."

SUGGESTED INTRO TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "KUWEIT"

We'll have a report from Lowell in a moment.

*And now - as Lowell Thomas continues his trek
across Siberia - it's time again for another special report
he left us. Lowell....*

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "KUWEIT"

Thank you, Lowell. And now - a final item.

LONDON

From London - a story today reporting a recent survey by British Leyland, the giant auto firm. A study of lady drivers in Britain - came to the conclusion that the girdle is one of the world's greatest road hazards. British Leyland explained that "girdles quickly become uncomfortable - and result in squirming by the wearer behind the wheel." We are also told that attached garters - only add to the danger; in that they tend to lift a woman's foot - away from the pedals. And thus - says British Leyland - "she often pushes against the pull of her garters - and consequently winds up going faster than she intends."

And that's the latest from Britain - where lady drivers' girdles seem to be letting them down.

This is Allen Jackson saying for Lowell Thomas - so long until tomorrow.