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WATERGATE

In a crowded courtroom in Washington - the beginning of the end of Watergate. Judge Sirica beginning the selection of a jury to consider the fate of five former Nixon aides. All accused of taking part in the coverup - and all but one accused of obstruction of justice.

The Judge saying he hopes to wind up the case by Christmas. But, adding, the trial could last - possibly "three or four months." So far the selection of a jury is proceeding "very slowly."

One of the problems perhaps best illustrated by an incident - when John Ehrlichman arrived at the court house. He was jeered by a small band of young people - one of whom then spat on him. Judge Sirica later warning that the defendants should be "presumed to be innocent" - unless and until proven otherwise.

WHITE HOUSE

At the White House - President Ford was forced today to yield to Congressional authority; ■ ordering an immediate five-and-a-half percent pay increase - for some three-and-a-half million Federal workers.

The President did refuse to yield on pending legislation - aimed at cutting off U.S. military aid to Turkey. The President saying he plans to veto such a measure - should it be approved by Congress. Why?

Because - says he - it "would destroy any hope," for our success - in negotiating "a just settlement of the Cypress dispute."

SENATE FOLLOW WHITEHOUSE

The President's argument - apparently falling on deaf ears. The Senate later approving by a vote of fifty-nine to twenty-nine. It now goes to a House-Senate Conference Committee.

PARDON

The White House again - an explanation for the President's decision to testify before a House panel - regarding his pardon of President Nixon. Spokesman Ron Nessen saying - it's not "any great mystery." Adding "the President is a great believer in the direct approach, feels he is the one who has the best information; has nothing to hide - and wants to tell the truth."

BETHESDA

The First Lady was reported today to be making an "excellent recovery" - from her weekend surgery. A spokesman saying she expects to go skiing with her family - in Colorado - during the Christmas holiday. The White House adding that, as of now, the President's planned trip next month - to Japan and South Korea - is still on.

SIMON

Treasury Secretary Simon - the main speaker today at the Washington meeting of the world bank and the International Monetary Fund, pledged an all out U.S. effort - to stem the tide of world ^{wide} trade inflation. Stressing, however, the U.S. will not attempt to freeze foreign funds here in the U.S. - nor will it slash exports of precious grain and other materials.

Simon adding that he does "not believe the world is in imminent danger - of a drift into cumulative resession; but "we must be alert" - said he - "to act quickly should the situation change unexpectedly."

GASOLINE

*Two large oil companies and a major ~~independent~~
independent distributor today ordered a slight reduction in
gasoline prices. But Gulf ordered a slight increase. An
industry spokesman saying another round of price increase
- maybe in the offing, because oil producing nations - are,
QUOTE, "thumbing their nose" at the President.*

CORDOBA

At Cordoba, Argentina - three leftist guerilla today attacked a routine police patrol - wounding two officers. But police reinforcements arrived and killed all three guerillas - one of them a woman.

MADRID

Generalissimo Franco today hosted a celebration in Madrid - marking the Thirty-Eighth anniversary of his rise to power. The Eighty-One year old Caudillo - apparently fully recovered - from his recent bout with phlebitis.

FORT LAUDERDALE

For the Romeo and Juliet of American tennis - a slight detour today on the road to romance. Chris Evert and Jimmy Connors - postponing their wedding originally set for next month. Chrissie's father saying their engagement - "is still definitely ^{on} and they are "still very much in love." But the couple have had so many "demands on their time" -he added - "they thought postponement wise.

EXCERPT FROM LOWELL THOMAS BROADCAST

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I wonder if there is anyone who hasn't heard of Boys Town, Nebraska, the home and school for boys started nearly sixty years ago by Father Flanagan? For years I had looked forward to visiting this famous Town, and finally I made it.

Had you thought of it as a strictly Catholic institution? I had. Instead it's actually a model of what we call ecumenical. Two of Father Robert Hupp's associates are protestant clergymen, Methodist and a Lutheran also, more than half of the five hundred boys are non-Catholics.

As you no doubt have heard the boys have their own town government. Last year's Mayor, Dave Reyna, from Albuquerque, New Mexico, won a scholarship to Notre Dame, and many of them go on to college with scholarships.

With its fifteen hundred acre campus, and more than fifty buildings, Boys Town is unique; and it's an ideal place for boys who are homeless, abandoned, neglected or otherwise underprivileged - regardless of color creed. Yes, it's more impressive than I had dreamed it was!