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For President Nixon - vindication on Capitol Hill. The House today ~~is~~ sustaining his veto of that multi-billion dollar health and education bill ^{— and doing it} by a whopping fifty-one votes. Thereby upholding the President's contention - that the spending plan was ill-conceived, ill-advised, and above all, inflationary.

Now begins the job - of formulating a substitute bill, ^{to} which end - the House appropriations committee has already called a meeting for tomorrow. House leaders predicting an eventual compromise - along the lines suggested earlier by the President; one that will give the Executive ~~branch~~ branch discretionary powers - ^{with some} ~~to~~ control ^{over} the grants in question.

It's either that - said Congressman Flood of Pennsylvania - or "we'll have to go back and do it item by item, line by line." In which case, said he - the bill would "run on forever - like Tennyson's Brook.

SENATE

For Supreme Court nominee G. Harrold
Carswell ^{this was} a second day of testimony ~~today~~ before the
Senate judiciary committee. Judge Carswell stoutly
denying that he tried to preserve the segregated status
of a Tallahassee country club during a brief association
with the club some fourteen years ago. Telling Senator
Kennedy of Massachusetts - who asked about it - that
"the question never came up!"

Senator Scott of Pennsylvania later observing
that Carswell contributed one hundred dollars to help
set up the club - but got back seventy-six bucks shortly
~~thereafter.~~ ^{Sen.} Scott ^{also saying} ~~asserting that~~ the Democrats
were ~~the~~ "raising the biggest fuss over a twenty-four
dollar transaction - since the Indians sold Manhattan."

SUPREME COURT

Meanwhile, the present eight member Supreme Court was ~~itself~~ rejecting ~~today~~ a law suit filed last week by Governor Kirk of Florida; an attempt to set equal standards for school desegregation - all over the country. The court ruling that Kirk's plea was, in effect - way "off base."

SOUTH POLE

The latest from Max Conrad at the South Pole - a report tonight that he's tossing in the towel. The famed "Flying Grandfather" calling off, now and forever more - his daring attempt to fly solo around the world via both the North and South Poles.

This - as you know - in the wake of his crash last week - shortly after take-off from the U S Amundsen-Scott Polar Base. Luckily Max escaping the accident with only a pulled muscle or two; however, his light plane - a total wreck. And that - coupled with financial considerations - has finally done him in, he admits.

Max Conrad laying aside at last - the dream of a lifetime. Lest there be any tears though - he adds: "I'm so thankful to be alive - that everything else is just secondary."

And it happened right at The Pole.

CAIRO TEL AVIV

In the Middle East - for the first time since the end of open hostilities in Nineteen Sixty-Seven - Egyptian anti-aircraft batteries in Cairo were forced into action today. Blasting away at Israeli jets attacking military targets barely six miles from the Egyptian capital.

However, the Israelis went unchallenged by Egyptian aircraft and indeed, they carried out their mission apparently unscathed. While in Tel Aviv - Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan was ~~explaining the raids and purpose,~~ saying: "We want to tell the people of Egypt - 'look here, you people of Egypt, your leaders are not doing you any good.'" Dayan suggesting, in short - "get rid of ~~them~~ 'em." Get a new group who will sit down and talk things over,

WHITE HOUSE

When President Nixon visited London last year - Britain's Prime Minister Harold Wilson paid him an unprecedented tribute; inviting the President to sit in on a British cabinet meeting - which he did.

Today - with ^{Mr.} Wilson in Washington - President Nixon return^{ed}~~ing~~ the compliment, ~~Inviting~~^{ed} the Briton to sit in on a meeting of the U S National Security Council - which he did. The first time in memory - that a foreign chief of state was ever so honored.

Later on - the two men continu^{ed}~~ing~~ their private talks in the President's office; ^{trying to} ~~Nailing~~ down the loose ends - on British and American cooperation.

WASHINGTON

Washington again - a report today that President Nixon has finally found a successor - to outgoing Selective Service Director ^{Gen.} Lewis Hershey. His name - Charles J. Dibona. The lucky man - or unlucky man, depending on your point of view - a graduate of the U S Naval Academy at Annapolis; later a Rhodes scholar; and presently - a civilian weapons and systems analyst for the Pentagon. At age thirty-seven - less than half as old as the man he is now expected to replace.

For what's it's worth - Dibona is also said to support the President's goal, of an all voluntary army.

MILAN

From Milan, Italy comes ~~today~~^a ~~the~~ story behind a famous story. In a magazine interview - the widow of Dr. Philip Blaiberg telling of the last days of the world's longest lived heart transplant patient. ~~Disc~~ Disclosing that her husband lived a double life for nearly two years, feigning 'recovery in public while agonizing in ~~public~~ private.

Most days - he was unable even to get out of bed said Mrs. Blaiberg. At other times - it would take him all day to take a bath, shave and ~~and~~ dress, she went on. Adding that he would then take a short drive to the beach - and show people how well he was.

50 1/2 And why is she telling all this now? Because - said Mrs. Blaiberg - "Phil told me to."

INDIANAPOLIS

Here's one - date line, Indianapolis. A ~~chap~~ ^{chap} by the name of Robert Goines - dropping a coin into a vending machine in the gas station he manages; getting in return - absolutely nothing; whereupon he decided that he and his customers - had been taken long enough.

As Robert Goines later explained it - ~~it's~~ "I walked over to a desk drawer - got my twenty-two revolver and shot that machine dead." And then - said he "I looked at it and I said, that's the last time you're going to cheat anybody." Whereupon the Judge said - "ten days and a hundred and ~~six~~ sixty dollars."

Warren, do you think ~~it's possible for a~~ ^{ever has} machine ~~to have~~ the last laugh?

BRIVE

Next up - a brief item from Brive, France.

Telling today of the death of Madame Marie Louise Bassaler - aged sixty-nine. Madame Bassaler perhaps better known to the French - as "Zizi" the fattest woman in the world. A billing she used - while travelling with a French circus for most of her life. At the time, Zizi - not to be confused with Zsa Zsa - ~~tip~~ tipping the scales at five-hundred-and-fifty-one pounds.

As so often happens though - Zizi^{just} was unable to keep up the pace. In middle age - falling off to a mere four hundred and eighteen pounds. ^{Then} Changing her act ^{and} becoming Zizi the bearded lady. ~~and~~ Now - the final curtain ^{for Zizi!}