

HOUSE

Tues, July 9-74

The House Judiciary Committee today released its own versions of eight Presidential tapes now in its possession. The new transcript - said to pin-point significant variations from earlier White House transcripts. ^{Of these} Many ~~of these~~ already leaked to the press. But the most damaging - or so we are told - a conversation in which the President was weighing two possible courses of action - with regard to the Senate Watergate Committee. The President at one point - supposedly telling key aides - to Stonewall it - plead the fifth amendment, cover up, or anything else. Later observing though: "The story they get through, leaks, charges and so forth - will be ~~much~~ worse than the story they're going to get by just ~~go~~ letting it out."

White House reaction - from Ron Ziegler:

"We knew they had the original tapes when we

prepared the transcripts," said he." We did the best we could and its a non-issue." Ziegler adding that the committee's action was "an effort on the part of certain members - to divert attention from the fact that there is no case against the President."

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court was asked today to disqualify Judge Sirica - from presiding at the Watergate cover-up trial due to begin in September. Former Attorney General John Mitchell and co-defendant Kenneth Parkinson - claiming the judge has shown a bias toward the prosecution. Adding: "The conduct of the trial judge himself is a subject of relevant evidence - which will be before the jury."

EHRlichman

Former White House aide ~~Enrlichman~~ John Enrlichman today completed his testimony - in the ~~Ellsberg~~ Ellsberg break-in trial. Under cross examination again denying that he ever condoned ~~the Ellsberg~~ ^{any} burglary - "on any grounds;" a contention later supported by the former attorney for White House "plumbers" Egil Krogh, and David Young.

Along the way, incidentally, defendant Ehrlichman ~~getting~~ ^{got} into a brief hassle with Prosecutor William Merrill. Ehrlichman saying he could not recall having the "plumbers" files in his office -- in late April of seventy-three. When pressed adding: "I don't recall their having been there - but anything is possible." ¹¹ "Was there an elephant in your office?" "I don't recall seeing an elephant in the office!"

Merrill's reaction, in effect "what elephant?"

The prosecutor noting that "no one - has testified about an elephant." Whereupon Ehrlichman saying:

"You see what I mean."

ANNAPOLIS

Seven mid-shipmen at the U S Naval

Academy - to day were expelled and thirteen others -

placed on probation; ^{This} the result of a cheating scandal

in connection with a recent navigation exam. The

instructor involved was also given a "non-judicial

punishment" - meaning a letter of admonition -

and re-assigned to non-teaching duties.

CHICAGO

Former Illinois Governor Otto Kerner who
was convicted last year of bribery - today lost his
last ^{attempt to avoid prison.} ~~shot at staying out of jail.~~ A Chicago federal
judge - rejecting his plea ~~for~~ that he's too sick;
^{and} ~~instead~~ ^{Gov.} Ordering Kerner to begin serving his three
year term ^{on} July twenty-ninth at the federal prison
in Lexington, Kentucky.

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Nixon ~~met~~
today with his top economic advisors ^{had} ~~was~~ discussing
various alternatives - for dealing with soaring
inflation. ~~But~~ The President's economic coordinator
Kenneth Rush, later warning that inflation - is
not something that's going to disappear over night,"
^{said he,}
~~Why not?~~ Because ["]the causes are fundamental"
^{Then} ~~said he,~~ Adding - "for the moment at least,
the administration will ~~not~~ simply continue its
policy of strict monetary and budget discipline.

SAN FRANCISCO FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Speaking of inflation - a report today that

San Francisco street sweepers will soon get a pay

~~increase~~^{raise up} to seventeen thousand fifty-nine dollars

a year - or nearly half again as much - as street

sweepers are now being paid in New York and Chicago

and other large cities, ^{due to} ~~The reason - we are told -~~

a clause in the San Francisco ~~city~~ charter - linking

~~the~~ pay of municipal street sweepers to that of

comparable workers in private industry.

HOT LINE

Starting August twelfth - a new nationwide
toll free hot line - under the auspices of the
Department of Health, Education and Welfare.
The announcement coming today - from H E W
Secretary Casper Weinberger; who said the new
system will allow Children who run away from home

to ^{put} ~~pass~~ messages ^{thru} ~~on~~ to their parents without
revealing their whereabouts. [^] This Hot Line phone 800; 621-4000.
~~The~~ number; ~~by the~~

~~way - eight hundred, six two one - four thousand~~

On now these Mess.

SPACE

Russia's two Soyuz Fourteen cosmonauts, *today* in their fifth day aloft ~~today~~ were given a ~~go~~ go-ahead for another week in space. Soviet officials reporting that all systems - are functioning perfectly. One problem though - the fact that the cosmonauts are now working thirteen hours a day and have to follow that - with two hours of exercise; after sleep, leaving only an hour when they're free of official duties. Colonel Pavel Popovich telling ground control: "Soon, we'll ~~select~~ elect a local trade ~~un~~ union committee here -- and limit our working day."

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