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PRICES

For a change - some good news today on the price front. The U S cost of living index -- increasing only six tenths of a percent last month; the lowest rate of increase - since last ~~Sept~~ ^{This} April, ^{due} mainly to lower prices ~ on new cars, clothing, beef and home mortgages. Officials adding that the picture would have been even better - except for sharp price hikes in medical care, utilities and new houses.

And the latest: General Motors today ordering cuts in the base prices ~ of nine of its small model cars, ^{cuts} from a hundred-and-four - to three-hundred-and-thirteen bucks. This ~ in an effort to keep its cars moving ~ when the G M price rebate program ends next week.

And now -

WATERGATE

In ~~the~~ Watergate ~~cover-up case~~ - the final denouement,

The three ~~men~~ who were once Richard Nixon's chief lieutenants - *today*

were given ~~today the~~ stiffest sentences, ~~of \$11, save those of the~~

~~original watergate seven~~ John Mitchell, H. R. Haldeman and

John Ehrlichman -- each getting two-and-a-half to eight years

in prison. While a fourth defendant - Robert Mardian ~~was~~ *was* getting

ten months to three years

However, the defendants ~~are~~ *are* remaining free in their own

recognizance. -- ~~This~~ *This* pending ~~the~~ outcome of appeals. For that reason

~~person~~ *were* - none *were* displaying any apparent emotion. On the way out -

John Mitchell merely saying: " Well, it could have been

worse - they could have sentenced ~~me~~ me to life - with Martha

Mitchell."

WHITE HOUSE

From the White House there's a report that the President will delay till next week -- his expected veto of the bill dealing with oil import fees. The President said to be "hopeful" he can build enough support in the meantime so Congress will not vote to over-ride.

JUDGE FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Elsewhere in Washington - a federal judge today rejected a legal attempt - to block the oil tariff increase.

Judge Pratt saying: "We must ~~now~~ accept the President's determination of national security - upon which the action was predicated."

AID

Top officials of the A F L - C I O ^{today} voted near unanimously -- to support a continuation of U S aid to South Vietnam and Cambodia. George Meany later saying: "We've invested sixteen years out there. The question is" - are we now "going to walk away from our allies?" Meany adding that it was his sole wish - that the people of South Vietnam - "have the right ~~at~~ of self determination."

DALLAS

At Dallas, Texas - an indictment today naming a secretary to House Speaker Carl Albert - and a Lewisville, Texas attorney, Pauline Gervin and Joe Ben Champion - both accused of trying to ~~defraud~~ defraud the families of ~~vast~~ convicts and criminal defendants.

BELFAST

The latest truce in northern Ireland - more bloody than ~~any~~ what was once called open war. ~~But~~ much of the bloodshed of the past few days ^{is} blamed on Protestant militants. ~~And~~ The leader of the I R A's political wing ^{Today was saying that} ~~stressing~~ today the truce still stands. "The I R A's war" - said he - "is with the British army and ~~and~~ British institutions."

ROSARIO

The river port city of Rosario in Argentina - suddenly today was the center today of a new wave of guerrilla terrorism. This ~~includes~~ included ten bombings of businesses operated by U S and other foreign firms; also, one assassination - a right wing Argentine labor leader.

CAPETOWN

The new President of South Africa - selected by the Capetown Parliament. Seventy one year old Dr. Nicholaas Diedrichs is the new President. A former finance minister he is popularly known as "Mr. Gold", Gold of course is ~~W~~hat they have so much of in South Africa.

And now.

ROSE ISLAND

Have you ever thought you might like to own your own island - maybe live in a ~~new~~ converted light house? If so, here's your chance. An abandoned light house and the land that surrounds it on Rose Island - near Newport, Rhode Island, was put up for sale today by the ~~speculators~~ speculators who recently bought it.

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Their idea had been to turn the island into a gambling center. But the Rhode Island legislature put the jinx on that; so now there it is - with one small catch. Water, water everywhere - but not a drop to drink. You'll have to bring it in. But that should be easy.

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