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For the first time, a solid sign today that the end of the current recession may be just around the corner. The U S commerce Department reporting a whopping increase in January consumer sales; and thus the sharpest drop in inventories - in fourteen years.

White House reaction from spokesman Ron Nessen; who said this and a slight drop in inflation - indicate "that the bottoming out" ~~at~~ of the recession "is on schedule." ~~THE~~ New York economist Irwin Kellner for one <sup>is</sup> calling the <sup>present</sup> sales figures "magnificent" news; "the beginning" said he - "of a long awaited period of inventory liquidation - which is necessary to lay the ground work for an expected summer recovery."

## LEAD SENATE

The Senate Finance Committee finally completed today -- its efforts at forging a new tax cut bill. For the President though - the congressional pace is still too slow. Mr Ford saying ~~today~~ - "the deadline for action cannot be pushed back indefinitely;" ~~saying that~~ the tax cut must be passed ~~certainly~~ by the end of the month.

JERUSALEM

Secretary of State Kissinger - was back in  
Jerusalem today, ~~there~~ relaying to Israeli officials -  
some "concrete" new ideas from Egypt; ~~but~~ whether  
they'll work <sup>is reported to be</sup> ~~now seems~~ doubtful. An Israeli spokesman  
saying the latest Egyptian <sup>(proposals - are "insufficient")</sup> ~~proposals are~~  
~~insufficient~~ and perhaps "even unsatisfactory."

**OKLAHOMA CITY**

**At Oklahoma City - a verdict of guilty today**

**- in the ~~the~~ bribery extortion trial of former Oklahoma**

**Governor David Hall. ~~And~~ His co-defendant Dallas**

**financier Doc Taylor also <sup>found</sup> guilty. ~~no charged.~~**

SIRICA

Former Nixon political aid Fred LaRue was finally arraigned for sentencing today - for his part in ~~the~~ Watergate, ~~cover-up~~. LaRue reminding Judge Sirica that he had voluntarily pleaded guilty - ~~that~~ and ~~he~~ had turned "state's evidence; ~~but~~ The judge replied ~~that~~ ~~that~~ that he was forced to "keep in mind - ~~those~~ the sentences of others in ~~this~~<sup>the</sup> case;" ~~thereupon~~ <sup>— and they</sup> sentenced ~~the~~ the defendant - to six months. ~~in prison~~.

McCord

Convicted Watergate burglar James McCord -

was ~~also~~ in court today; ~~again~~ attempting to get a

new trial on the basis of what he <sup>calls</sup> ~~claims to~~ new

evidence. ~~But here, too,~~ <sup>Again</sup> the judge <sup>was</sup> ~~proving adamant~~

adamant, <sup>the</sup> refusing McCord's motion and <sup>ordering</sup> ~~thereby~~

~~condemning~~ <sup>- next Friday -</sup> him to start serving his long delayed

one-to-five year ~~minimum~~ sentence. - starting

~~next~~ ~~the~~ Friday.

SAN FRANCISCO

From San Francisco - the results of the latest California poll. -- ~~all about Richard Nixon.~~ More than sixty percent of those queried - saying they felt the former President should have ~~not~~ been brought to trial. An overwhelming number also saying they would oppose his appointment - as Ambassador to Red China; they would oppose any effort on his part - to serve as a ~~spokesman~~ spokesman for the Republican Party and if he ran again for public office - they would vote against him.

~~At, but the quality of mercy - is apparently still an American ~~inherent~~ institution.~~ More than half of those ~~pk~~ polled ~~saying they~~ now feel the former President has suffered enough.

WASHINGTON

Washington again - a federal judge today ordered  
the government ~~to~~ to proceed forthwith - with the  
enforcement of school ~~desegregation~~ desegregation laws  
in sixteen states. <sup>With a</sup> ~~The judge also ruled that all~~  
"voluntary" school desegregation efforts in the  
future ~~must~~ <sup>to</sup> be carried out within seven months.



MOSCOW

Moscow - a report today that a Soviet doctor has just placed an atomic powered pace-maker -- inside the heart of a thirty-three year old man. This apparently a first - and it seems to have worked.

At any rate, ~~the Soviets saying~~ <sup>says he</sup> the patient "feels ~~so~~ fine and will resume work. <sup>"An atomic-powered</sup> ~~some time later.~~  
Russian!

GAINESVILLE

From the University of Florida at Gainesville -  
come two stories; ~~that seem to have at least a~~  
~~passing relationship.~~ The first - telling of a streaking  
party in the heart of the campus. More than fifty  
young men and a few co-eds - cavorting nude for  
five hours before an estimated two thousand on-lookers.  
The second - telling of an attempted rape - on the  
edge of the campus at Gainesville's busiest intersection.

~~But this last - at least - has a happy ending.~~

The girl ~~was~~ rescued and her attacker captured <sup>✓</sup>  
by an ~~angry~~ crowd of about twenty-five male students.  
A police spokesman ~~furthor~~ saying  
~~As police spokesman~~ it was the first  
time in recent memory that anyone there had tried  
to help the victim of such an attack.

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