

Tuesday, June 26, 1973

PENTAGON

From the Pentagon comes an announcement telling of the filing of official charges - against two high ranking returned P O W's. Marine Lieutenant Colonel Edison Miller of Tustin, California; and Navy Captain Walter Wilber - of Columbia Cross roads Pennsylvania - both accused of mutiny, aiding the enemy, misconduct as a prisoner and failing to obey orders. Said charges - filed by Rear Admiral James Stockdale who was once the deputy commander - of all U.S. captives held in North Vietnam.

CAPITOL HILL

Elsewhere on Capitol Hill - the Senate

judiciary committee today approved the ~~nom~~ nomination
of Clarence Kelly - to head the F B I. Committee
sources saying - there was no opposition, - Committee
Chairman James Eastland later adding that he hopes
to secure full senate approval perhaps as early as
tomorrow.

HOUSE

In a report released today by the House Crime Committee - the U S penal system was branded today "a dismal failure." "The American tax payer has been deluded into believing that our penal system provides treatment and rehabilitation - for criminal offenders ^{says} the report, ~~goes on~~, when, in truth, about two thirds of all ex-convicts - are re-arrested within four years.

The ~~addition~~ ^{of} the cost of maintaining the U S prison system set at roughly a billion and a half a year. "And in return for their money" - the report continues - "the tax payers are the victims of more and more felonies." Eighty percent of which - are committed by former offenders."

The House Committee, nevertheless, ^{says} ~~stressing~~ - there is still hope, ^{and} ~~for the future~~ ^{is} urging the appointment of state and federal ombudsmen, - unified

~~the~~ state correction departments, - special job training program in all prisons; and just in ~~the~~ case that doesn't work - " an up to date riot and disorder control plan for every prison and correctional facility.

WATERGATE

In the Senate Watergate hearings - it was John Dean ^{again} "~~once over lightly~~" today. The former Council to the President again telling of his role in the Watergate cover-up. Under questioning that was generally polite, almost gentle - ^{he} elaborating ^{ed} on a point here and there - but still ~~sticking mutely to the~~ ^{stuck to what he had} ~~same story~~ ^{said} as that ~~he told~~ yesterday in his prepared statement. Along the way, Dean also supplying the committee with a list of fifteen names he ~~compiled~~ compiled last spring. These - said he - the names of key Watergate figures - whom he felt could be indicted for conspiracy - or obstruction of justice. H R Haldeman - John Erlichman - Maurice Stans, John Mitchell and so on, ^{also himself.} including ~~John Dean.~~ The witness noting that ten of the fifteen are ~~attorneys~~ attorneys. Further recalling: "I said to myself" - at the time - "how in God's name could so many lawyers get involved in something like this?"

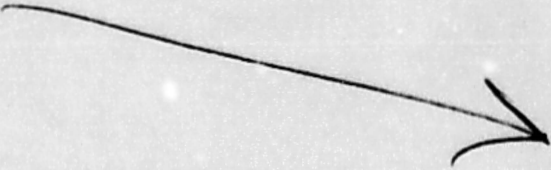
KIDNEY

For ~~an estimated thirteen thousand~~^{Some} ~~kidney~~^{of} patients nationwide the ~~best possible~~^{good} news, ~~today~~.

The Department of Health Education and Welfare announcing that said patients will be eligible for medicare payments - starting Sunday. This marking the first extension of the nation's health insurance program, to persons under age sixty-five. H E W Secretary Caspar Weinberger further stressing that the new ruling applies to all kidney treatment - including payments for artificial kidneys and transplants. "In the past" said he - "the high cost of these life-saving procedures - had prevented many persons from benefiting from them; and brought tremendous hardship - to others." But now - he continued - it's a whole new ball game.

LONDON

The fate of the world's few remaining
whales - was ^{again} the subject of heated debate today in
London. This at a meeting of the technical committee -
of the fourteen member international whaling
commission. American delegate Robert White - attempting
to ram through a complete ban on the ~~the~~ killing of
whales for commercial purposes. ^{This} Drawing strong
support from Britain and Australia. ^{with} ~~White~~ the
chief opposition coming from Japan and the Soviet
Union.



ADD LONDON

**In the end - the committee finally approving
the U S proposal - by a vote of eight to five, a
straight majority. But the matter was then submitted
to the full whaling commission - where a three fourths
majority was required; again drawing a vote of eight
to five - ~~and~~ which was ~~still~~ not enough. The U S
drive to save the whale - failing again for at least
another year.**

BELFAST

At Belfast in northern Ireland - a Roman catholic councilman and his young Protestant woman companion - were both found stabbed to death today. An anonymous phone caller saying they were killed by Protestant extremists - in retaliation for the weekend killing of a mentally retarded protestant youth.

Meanwhile, a pair of young men ^{were} flagging down a truck in Londonderry's bogside district - then shooting the driver - a Pakistani immigrant - in cold blood. This - we are told - for selling goods to British army camps.

HOUSTON

At Houston - the debriefing of the three sky lab astronauts was continuing today. Pete Conrad Paul Weitz, and Dr. Joe Kerwin - telling how they raised a giant sun shade to cool off their orbiting space station. The three astronauts - also undergoing another battery of medical tests. Dr. Royce Hawkins later saying: "They are not quite back to normal." ~~Adding,~~ ^{adding that} However, they have shown - "marked improvement since splashdown."

DACCA

Here in the East - and, indeed, over

— it has been rain, rain and more
much of the nation - ~~an abundance of rain the past~~
rain for the past
three months. In the new state of Bangladesh - the

same only moreso. A report from Dacca today -

telling of three months of heavy rains leading to

massive flooding. ~~Dacca adding that~~ The death toll

~~from these floods~~ has already ~~hit~~ more than four

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RETAKE

The new superintendent of schools at Atlanta, Georgia - Dr. Alonzo Crim of Compton, California, the first black - ever to head the Atlanta school system. Dr. Crim's selection - in keeping with a court-ordered compromise desegregation agreement, ~~one~~ that also calls for the appointment of additional blacks - to a number of other administrative posts.

Today's stop for touring Russian leader

Leonid Brezhnev - the Fourteenth Century Rambouillet

chateau just west of Paris. There - in a room that

was once the boudoir of Marie Antoinette - he met

for more than three hours with ^{French} President Pompidou.

The main topic of conversation - apparently

Brezhnev's just completed talks with President Nixon.

~~At any rate,~~ Q French spokesman later saying: "Mr.

Brezhnev emphasized that at no time" - was any

decision taken by the U S and Russia / "involving

third powers." The same spokesman adding that

Brezhnev also emphasized in his talks with Pompidou -

"the dominant role played by ~~from~~ France in western

Europe."

MENU

Remember how the French criticized some of the food and wine served to Brezhnev at the White House banquet last week? Of course they are showing how it should be done. The Menu? Too much for me! And Bill, no less than four of their best wines!

CHICAGO

Starting today at the McCormick Inn in Chicago - you pay as you weigh. This a part of the hotel's summertime promotion stressing that - it pays to be thin. The new rate schedule - "For adults - seven cents a pound; for children over fourteen - one cent a pound; for couples weighing not more than a hundred and fifty pounds - no charge. The only exceptions - we are told, obviously pregnant women - who get an automatic twenty pound discount and couples weighing more than five hundred pounds - who get fifty percent off.

At McCormick Inn - it pays to be thin - or else
very very fat.