

Monday, December 15, 1975

**SAN FRANCISCO**

*A San Francisco judge ruled today that Sara Jane Moore is competent to plead guilty to a charge that she attempted to assassinate the President. Judge Conti basing his decision on testimony from a government psychiatrist - and a statement from the defendant herself. Miss Moore telling the court: "I am at peace with myself - there is nothing I would change."*

*The judge then ordering a hearing tomorrow at which, on the basis of today's ruling he presumably will accept her new plea. Miss Moore facing a possible sentence - of life in prison.*

*And now this...*

DETROIT

U S new car sales - up again - in the first  
ten days of December - ~~exceeded~~<sup>up</sup> a whopping forty-  
three percent increase over last year; the auto  
industry's best early December showing - in six  
years.

The price of new cars - is ~~also~~ going up; -  
at Ford, a two percent increase - to take effect  
in January. At ~~Chrysler~~ Chrysler - an average of  
~~three~~ three bucks a car. ~~But considerably~~ more ~~on~~ <sup>some</sup> ~~certain~~  
models. This partly to off-set the cost -- of new  
safety equipment.

SENATE

The President's choice as new director of the  
C I A - ~~was a~~ <sup>was a</sup> witness today in <sup>the</sup> confirmation hearings  
before the Senate Armed Services Committee. George  
Bush saying his background in politics and his friendship  
with the President - should prove an asset at the  
C I A. Nevertheless, pledging to put politics behind  
him -- "the minute" he's confirmed.

Bush refused, however, to rule himself  
out as a Vice Presidential candidate next year - if  
asked by the President to run. "To my knowledge"  
said he - "no one in the history of this republic  
has ever been asked - or should be asked - to renounce  
his ~~own~~ political birthright - as the price of confirmation  
for any office."

## PICKETING

On Capitol Hill - the Senate today completed congressional action - on a bill expanding union picketing powers at construction sites. It now goes to the White House - where it may face a veto. The bill's backers insisting, however, it does ~~not~~ meet "the basic conditions - set down by the President\* and labor secretary Dunlop.

## JERUSALEM

*In the Middle East - Jerusalem - a report today the U S has asked Israel to consult with Washington - before launching any more anti-guerrilla raids ~~into~~ into Lebanon. This - we are told - in a message from the President following the U S veto of a U N resolution condemning the latest Israeli air strikes. The President quoted as saying he does not wish to be confronted again - by such an "accomplished fact."*

# BEIRUT

Lebanese security forces in Beirut began to move into key buildings today - along ~~to~~ the city's embattled sea front. The fighting there between Moslem and Christian gunmen - reduced <sup>now</sup> for the most part to isolated sniper fire; ~~and~~ <sup>with</sup> observers saying a cease fire negotiated Sunday - may be <sup>effective.</sup> ~~working.~~ ~~if~~ ~~so, the first that has - in more than a dozen tries.~~

## CONCORD

*From the British government - a challenge today to the U S report of last week - on the amount of noise produced by the Concord ~~supersonic~~ supersonic jet liner. This in letter of protest - hand delivered to the environmental protection agency. The British calling the U S report - "grossly inaccurate - astonishingly misleading - unprofessional" - and due "either to incompetence or something else."*

*A spokesman adding the British are fighting back - because they know if the Concord is banned from lucrative U S routes - it "would be the end of the S S T project."*

*And now —*

WHITE HOUSE

The White House again - first Lady Betty Ford was discussing today - her Christmas gift list. Mrs. Ford saying the President told her jokingly - he wants "a new pulsar wristwatch that costs three thousand dollars." Mrs. Ford adding laughingly ~~that~~ - he won't get it - it's "out of the question."

The First lady was then asked - what does she want for Christmas. She replied: "Happiness - and the family all together." ~~And that's~~ <sup>And that's</sup> ~~small but it's~~ really everything, wouldn't you say?"

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