

**COLSON**

**Friday, June 21, 1974**  
**Sub. John Hart**

**Former White House aide Charles Colson - was sentenced today to one-to-three years in prison; for attempting to obstruct justice - in the Daniel Ellsberg case.**

**Colson's sentence - following an impassioned plea for leniency; in which he attempted not to justify his conduct - but at least explain it. Colson saying: "The President on numerous occasions urged me to disseminate damaging information - about Daniel Ellsberg and others/with whom Ellsberg had been in close contact; I endeavored to do so - and willingly; I believed what I was doing - was right."**

**Colson going on to say that both he and the President - felt they were acting "in the public interest." First - said he - because Ellsberg's alleged act "was unforgivable - perhaps even treasonous;" and second - because Dr. Kissinger was then engaged in peace talks - with the North Vietnamese; the secrecy of which - "was absolutely vital to their success."**

"I suppose on reflection" - he added - "I would have done anything to end the war in Vietnam." But the past months have taught him - said he - "the erosion of one man's rights - is the erosion of democracy."

## **WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW COLSON**

**White House reaction - at first, a no comment.**

**But Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren - then changing his mind. Saying the crime for which Colson was being sent to jail - was "exactly the same felony that members of the Senate Watergate Committee committed for more than a year; and that some members of the House Judiciary Committee - are committing daily."**

## **BUCHANAN FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE**

*In the same vein, a letter from White House aide Patrick Buchanan - appearing today in the Washington Post.*

*Buchanan saying: "There are honorable individuals, who, having heard the evidence, have concluded that the resignation or impeachment of Mr. Nixon - is in the interest of the Republic." "But the impeachment charge is not led by such as these" - he continued. "It is led by others - Naderites, McGovernites, Nixon-haters in the press, ACLU zealots, the 'impeachment lobby' - which wanted the President beheaded before a shred of evidence was in;" those who are bent "in visiting revenge upon Mr. Nixon - for the humiliation" they "suffered at his hands in Nineteen-Seventy-Two."*

*Buchanan adding that the Post "is deceiving itself, and its constituency, if it cannot recognize that this interprise is shot through not simply with politics - but with demagoguery, vengeance and malice."*

## JUDICIARY

*The House Judiciary Committee today heard evidence - dealing with the President's tax troubles. As usual - its members then spilling the beans; again as usual - reflecting the differing opinions of Democrats and Republicans.*

*Democrat Charles Rangel, an ardent advocate of impeachment, saying: "It is clear - he signed a bunch of lies." Democrat Robert Drinan also challenging an IRS decision - to impose only a five per cent negligence penalty. "The question" - said he - "is whether, if he were some Joe from Peoria - would they decide the same way?"*

*Reverse side - from Republican Charles Wiggins, who said: "This whole thing - is a tempest in a teapot."*

## **MIDDLE EAST**

*In the Middle East - a showdown is apparently brewing - over repeated Israeli air strikes into Southern Lebanon. Israel complaining to the U.N. - that Palestinian guerillas have set up an "independent rule" in Lebanese territory. But Lebanon's Prime Minister Sohl - accusing Israel of "genocide;" while Egypt and Syria both saying - they will "not stand idly by."*

## **PRICES**

*The U. S. cost of living - up again last month:*

*One-point-one per cent - for a total increase of more than ten per cent over the past year; with food prices, mainly fresh fruits and vegetables - again leading the upswing.*

## **HOFFMAN**

*The White House again - President Nixon today awarded the Medal of Freedom; the nation's highest civilian honor - to Paul G. Hoffman. The recipient - eighty-three-year-old former head of the Studebaker-Packard Corporation, also, a top administrator in the Marshall Plan - and director of the U.N. special fund for helping poor nations. The President saying: "Industrialist, philanthropist, and towering international statesman - Paul Hoffman has always exemplified what's best for America."*

## **GANGTOK**

*The King of the Indian protectorate of Sikkim -  
was virtually a king without a country today. Palden  
Thondup Namgyal stripped of all his powers - by formal  
approval of a new constitution in the Sikkimese National  
Assembly. His wife is also gone. As you know, the former  
Hope Cooke - back in New York with the royal offspring.*

## **BATON ROUGE**

**At Baton Rouge - the Louisiana House today approved a new anti-obscenity bill; a substitute - for one that was recently declared unConstitutional. The new bill providing penalties of up to one year in jail and a fine of Thousand Dollars -for anyone appearing nude in public /'with the intent of arousing sexual desire." Its author stressing, however - streakers excluded.**

## TOKYO

*Hello Everybody: How's this for a book of more than passing interest - just published in Tokyo, called - "Record of the Emperor's Words". A compilation of quotes attributed to Emperor Hirohito - over the years.*

*Prior to Pearl Harbor - for example, the Emperor noted that Japan was unable to beat the United States even in war games played on maps. He also said that except for the atom bomb - Japan probably would have fought right on to the bitter end; observing that prior to Hiroshima - the peace faction in Japan "was not dominant."*

*And the book also tells of the Emperor's comment in the midst of political chaos following free elections in post-war Japan. "Well" - said the Emperor - "democracy is like that." And so long until tomorrow.*