

12/15/72 When I got too tired for other things I resumed going over the more recent clips. I'm not up to seeking old files, which are not filed as neatly (?), but I thin at least one of those in the long NYT heroin~~arrests~~ story pf 11/18 is a figure in the Ben Barka case. Many thanks...Pearl, by the way, is now convinced her stuff on sources was wrong. I've asked her again to question herself on why Striso pumped this stuff into her. No answer yet. I think she may be here this month. This or next, it wasn't clear...Too bad some much time and energy get wasted. She can be delightful, by the way, and if she could get over her hangups could do a great Kaplan/Vidal story by telling it as it is, leaving the mysteries as mysteries, and not censoring the commercially-acceptable stuff out. It is authentic, so it should not be regarded as a concession to commercialism and against literary principle. What the hell, Kaplan's second "wife" was a whore, a legitimat~~e~~, practising whore. He married her because he was being discriminated against, couldn't have a whore any other way. If it falls short of what most of us consider love (or at least I hope so), it is the way it was. Pearl knows the woman, has interviewed her at length and in depth, and could treat her with some sympathy. That and the mysteries and the international underworld of the wealthy could make a good book. I digress.