Post 9/20/66 **Capitol Punishment** The Resident Intellectual

THE RESIGNATION of Professor Eric Goldman as the White House intellectual-

in-residence produced series of

Princeton than the West Wing." "You people think of everything," Professor Apof

plebaum said in admiration. THEY WALKED into a spacious office. It was bare. except for a desk, a chair, a typewriter and two telephones, one black and one red.

"What are the phones for?" Applebaum asked.

"The black one is an outside line. If an intellectual calls, your job is to answer it."

"What do I say?" Applebaum wanted to know.

Just say that you're President Johnson's resident in-tellectual." "What should I - talk

about?"

"I don't know. Whatever intellectuals talk about-Spinoza, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Norman Mailer? Any-thing that strikes you."

"That doesn't seem like much to do," Applebaum said.

"That's only part of your duties. You have many other important responsibilities. For example, if a secretary in the White House can't spell a word, she will call you."

"That's a little more like it," Applebaum said.

"YOU ALSO will help Mrs. Johnson in her beautification program." "How?

"As you know, when you plant a tree, it's very hard to break ground, particularly in the winter. So your job is to loosen up the earth to make it easier for the First Lady."

"You need an intellectual for that?" "Everyone in the White

House has to double up." "Okay. By the way, what's

the red phone for?" "That's your direct line to the President."

"But the wire isn't con-nected."

"Nobody but you will know that."

"Is there anything else?" "Once in a while you'll be called on to help with Pat Nugent's homework, but it won't be too often."

"It sounds like a pretty good job," Applebaum said. wonder why Goldman ۴T quit."

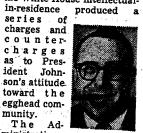
The Professor sat down at the desk and began typing. "What are you doing?"

the White House aide demanded. "I'm starting my book

about my life in the Johnson Administration."

The aide ripped the paper out of the typewriter. "Nobody said you had the job yet. There are several candidates in the running." Applebaum put another sheet in the typewriter. "It doesn't make any difference. I've got enough information already.'

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munity.

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tive to criticism in regard to intellectuals that an immediate Nation-wide search was ordered for Professor Goldman's replacement.

One of the candidates called in was Professor Heinrich Applebaum of Water Shortage Teachers College. The interview went something like this.

"Now Professor Apple-baum," a White House aide said, "this is probably the said, "this is probably the most important job in the entire Administration. President Johnson wants to keep a running dialogue going between himself and the country's intellectuals, and you will be the liaison between the Great Society and the educated masses."

"That's very interesting. What do I do?"

"Let me show you your office. It's located in the East Wing of the White House because that puts you closer to Yale, Harvard and