

The Major Events of the Day

Watergate Trial

A Washington jury convicted four of the most powerful men in the Nixon Administration — John N. Mitchell, H. R. Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman and Robert C. Maridian — on all counts in the Watergate cover-up trial. They acquitted Kenneth Wells Parkinson, a lawyer hired by the Nixon re-election committee after the break-in. The verdict was reached after 15 hours' deliberation over three days. The four men found guilty face prison terms ranging from five to 25 years. Each said personally or through counsel that he would appeal the verdict. Judge John J. Sirica polled and thanked the jurors. He said that the case would be referred to probation officers, leaving the date of sentencing uncertain. A Federal grand jury had named Mr. Nixon as an unindicted co-conspirator in the case. [Page 1, Columns 1-8.]

The verdict brought few tears and only one open display of anger in the courtroom when Mrs. Robert C. Maridian, wife of one defendant, stuck out her tongue and sounded a Bronx cheer. But all defendants and their wives were shocked. Former Attorney General John N. Mitchell flushed deeply as the clerk intoned "guilty" but leaned down to whisper words of comfort to his attorney. "Don't take it so hard." [1:6-7.]

International

Charlie Chaplin and P. G. Wodehouse were named knights by Queen Elizabeth in Britain's New Year's Honor List. Chaplin, now 85 and living in Switzerland, and Wodehouse, 93 and a resident of Long Island, are both of English birth. Chaplin and his films have always been popular in Britain; for Wodehouse, the honor came as a seeming act of forgiveness for the author's World War II broadcasts from Berlin after being taken into German custody when France fell in 1940. [1:2-4.]

Impatience is growing in the Arab world for a resolution of the confrontation with Israel, which is frustrating the Arabs' vision of an economic renaissance through their new oil wealth. Their leaders seem bent on recovering the lands lost to Israel in the 1967 war, whatever the cost to their societies. Moderate Arabs look to Secretary of State Kissinger to compel Israel to enter productive negotiations for withdrawal from these lands. The prevailing view was once expressed by Egypt's President Anwar el-Sadat: "The Russians can give you arms,

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