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Peking Man - Janus is intv'd in Los Angeles. He will lead a search party 26^{Jun} in an attempt to find the cabin described by Donald Githens. (See entry 8 Jun, same heading.) The cabin is "some 30 miles south" of Camp Pendleton. ~~AMP-A~~

Githens' name is not mentioned in story. "Janus said he didn't want to use the soldier's name because of 'fear' - 'You know both Taiwan and Peking want these bones and view them as a national treasure.'"

Of the bones Githens says he took from the footlocker, story says they were "brought back only to be lost about the house, perhaps buried by the dog or thrown into the garbage [Today] the soldier's mother rented a Geiger counter to search around her house for the misplaced bone, Janus reported." As to the photos, Janus says, "I've seen the pictures that the soldier says he found in the trunk [footlocker?], and they're from China of the early '40s (judging by) the cars and people." (UPI, paraphrasing statements by Janus 8 Jun, uses the same date, the 1940s, but on the same day CBS - the only source which has used Githens' name - broadcast a tape of Janus saying ~~that Githens~~ "He [Githens] remembers the dates on them, and some of them were as way back as 1926, but they were pictures of excavations in 1926.")

Dr. Harry L. Shapiro ("a Peking Man specialist and chairman emeritus of the anthropology department at the American Museum of Natural History") is skeptical. Story quotes him as saying, in intv today, "There were very few long skeletal bones in the fossils. It was mostly fragments of the skull and teeth. I would be very suspicious of a footlocker full of bones."

WXP 24 Jun 75, Jean M. White

Nixon (resignation from Supreme Court bar) - Supreme Court accepts Nixon's resignation as lawyer entitled to practice before the Court. See entry 10 Jun 75, same heading.

Nixon ("national security" wiretapping) - See entry, Wiretaps.

Halperin (also wiretapping of newsmen) - " "

Dr. Harry L. Shapiro - See entry, Peking Man.

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Nixon testifies under oath before "Watergate prosecutors" and two members of Watergate grand jury for about five hours; second session 24 Jun. See entry 27 Jun 75.

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Hunt (Mrs. Hunt) - United Airlines agrees to pay \$300,000 in damages to Mrs. Hunt's estate. Suit had been filed by William F. Buckley Jr., as executor, Hunt having been prohibited from becoming executor because of his conviction in Watergate break-in.

"When the suit was filed in 1973, it asked \$2 million in damages. But their lawyer said Buckley and Hunt agreed to the lesser amount because they feared 'Watergate fallout' would prejudice the outcome of a jury trial.... Buckley charged in the suit that United improperly operated the airplane. The National Transportation Safety Board later determined that the crash was caused by pilot error."

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Wiretaps ("national security") - U.S. Court of Appeals, WX, rules that a President does not have the authority, without court approval, to order wiretapping of a domestic organization, even if this is done on the basis of foreign intelligence gathering for national security purposes. Ruling says such warrantless wiretaps are unconstitutional and illegal.

"The four judges^{*} also agreed that such national security wiretaps are controlled by federal statutes passed in 1968, and that subjects of such wiretaps can thus sue for damages under the civil penalties against illegal wiretapping included in those statutes. Yesterday's ruling also appears to apply directly to the so-called 'national security' wiretaps placed on government officials and newsmen during the Nixon administration's attempts to find persons who were allegedly leaking classified information to the press."

The Supreme Court ruled "three years ago" that court approval must be obtained for wiretapping of a domestic group or individuals under a President's power to protect domestic security, but specifically left open the question of whether judicial approval is necessary in "foreign security" cases.

WXP 24 Jun 75, Timothy S. Robinson, filed Surv.

*(of eight-member court)

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(A) - See entry 28 Jun, Peking Man.