

# Posthumous General

Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger announced yesterday that President Nixon had taken the rare action of moving to give a general's star posthumously to an Air Force officer who was said by the North Vietnamese to have died while a prisoner of war. The officer was Col. Edward B. Burdett, who was shot down in 1967. The Pentagon said that "remains purported to be those of Colonel Burdett" were handed over to United States officials in Hanoi on March 6. This is the first case in the war in Vietnam of promotion to general after death, although there have been many instances of posthumous promotion to other ranks.

The Directors Guild of America has given its top annual award to **George Roy Hill**, director of the current hit movie "The Sting." In Hollywood, the choice for top honors by his fellow directors was interpreted as giving him the inside chance of winning the directorial award of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. That's twice in the history of the Oscars has the Academy failed to give its award for best director to someone who wasn't also chosen by the Directors Guild.

Although he almost certainly did not ask for it, President Nixon has been sent some advice by President **Idi Amin** of Uganda. According to Uganda radio, Mr. Amin sent Mr. Nixon a cable, saying: "It now appears clearly from all the latest developments that the leadership of your Government will not recover from the scandal of the Watergate affair. The best chance, therefore, for the U. S. A. to restore its dignity in the world is to have a new leadership, which should have a majority of black Americans in it."

Four-year-old **Rachel Gunn** will be flown by the Air Force from Atlanta to Houston for medical treatment tomorrow, thanks to some red-tape-slashing by Senator **Herman E. Talmadge**, Democrat of Georgia. The child was paralyzed from the waist down last August in a traffic accident that killed her mother.

While physicians and machines have worked to keep Rachel alive, her medical bills have risen to more than \$75,000. She is living in a bulky respirator, which cannot be transported in small planes because of a lack of sufficient generator power to run it. The Air Force was asked to supply a DC-9 Air-Evac plane, a flying intensive-care unit.

After the Air Force turned down the request, Senator Talmadge made a telephone call to the Pentagon and obtained a special waiver on the Air Force rule forbidding it to "compete" with civilian aviation. Rachel will be treated at the Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Before returning home to the problems of the Middle East, **King Hussein** of Jordan is in Palm Beach, Fla., resting and getting in a little fishing. The King landed a 180-pound grouper in the Atlantic off St. Lucie Inlet. This weekend he leaves for London on the way to Amman, his capital.

**Richard Dougherty**, the newsman and novelist who served as press secretary to Senator George McGovern in the 1972 Presidential campaign, has joined the Metropolitan Museum of Art as special assistant to the director. On July 1, Mr. Dougherty will become vice director for public affairs. In that post he will succeed **Edward M. M. Warburg**, who is retiring. Mr. Dougherty worked for The New York Herald Tribune and The Los Angeles Times, at one time served as deputy commissioner for community relations in the Police Department of New York and is the author of a novel on which the movie and television series "Madigan" was based.

Although Mayor **Gerald Wisnoski**, of Bridgewater, N.Y., was unopposed on the ballot when he ran for reelection this week in that tiny village in the central part of the state, he finished third in the race. **Everett Holmes**, polling 69 write-in votes, became the first black Mayor of the village, **Charles Brown** came in second with noski ran last with 17 votes. 23 write-ins, and Mr. Wis-

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