

Notes on People

Virginia Court Disbars Colson

The Virginia Supreme Court has disbarred **Charles W. Colson**, former White House special counsel, who has been a lawyer in Virginia since 1958. The court agreed with the state bar association, which asked for disbarment on the ground that Mr. Colson, who is 42 years old, had demonstrated "a reckless disregard" of the "integrity of the legal profession and the judicial system."

Mr. Colson, who was indicted in both the Watergate coverup and White House plumbers' cases, pleaded guilty in June to one count of obstructing justice by attempting to damage Dr. Daniel J. Ellsberg's defense against a conspiracy charge in the disclosure of the Pentagon papers. In September he began serving a one-to-three-year sentence.

In his plea that he not be disbarred, Mr. Colson cited his "heartfelt remorse" and asked for "the opportunity to redeem myself." **James R. Wrenn**, special counsel for the Virginia State Bar Association, told the court that Mr. Colson's felony went "to the very heart of his responsibility as an attorney."

Did **Duncan**, a French poodle belonging to **Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr.**, get an illegal ride at Government expense in an Army staff car assigned to the general as supreme commander of NATO? Representative **Les Aspin**, Democrat of Wisconsin, said in Washington that he had asked the Secretary of the Army to look into reports that Mr. Aspin had received from servicemen stationed in Germany. The story was that **General Haig**, the former White House chief of staff, had ordered a driver to go from his Stuttgart headquarters to a Frankfurt airport, about 80 miles away, to pick up Duncan.

In a show of indignation, Mr. Aspin said that he would like to know who had paid for the dog's transportation from Washington. He also said that "when French poodles are carted around in Army limousines at taxpayer expense," the Army should get reimbursement.