

Notes on People

Ford Submits Silbert Nomination a 3d Time

For the third time the White House submitted to the Senate yesterday the nomination of Earl J. Silbert for confirmation as United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. The announcement was made aboard Air Force One as President Ford flew to the West Coast.

Mr. Silbert, who as principal Assistant United States Attorney was the chief prosecutor in the original Watergate case, has faced opposition—particularly from Senator John V. Tunney, Democrat of California—on the ground that he failed to pursue the investigation vigorously. The first nomination, submitted by President Nixon the day before he left office, and the second, submitted by President Ford in January, were both bottled up in the Judiciary Committee. Because of the Congressional recess, the nomination had to be re-submitted and there are indications that this time it might be approved.

Nelson Algren moved 75 cartons of books from his native Chicago to Paterson, N. J., last December. He settled into a five-room, \$275-a-month apartment to "get a feeling of the town" and write about Rubin [Hurricane Carter, the Paterson boxer who was convicted of a triple murder in 1967 and is seeking a new trial. Yesterday, Mr. Algren, author of "The Man With the Golden Arm," received an eviction notice filed by his landlord, Antonia Torres and her husband, Carlos, who are rarely

seen in their apartment in the two-family house and are believed to live in Florida. A court hearing is scheduled for Sept. 12.

"I don't know why she wants me out—I have very few vices," Mr. Algren said. His personal belief, however, is that it is because he is writing about the Carter case. "I'm just going to hang on here," Mr. Algren said. "I paid a lot of security and I feel perfectly secure." And, of course, all those books would have to be moved.

Twelve-year-old Cindy Waite arrived at Kennedy Airport from London yesterday to see the United States—including Niagara Falls and Disneyland—before she loses the rest of her sight. With her were her sister and mother, Ann, who said that measles during her pregnancy had caused her daughter's progressively worsening condition and that, according to doctors, "she has not much time left before she becomes totally blind." Cindy said that New York would be followed by New Orleans, Las Vegas and Los Angeles, all on the \$3,300 the family had saved up since February "for the best holiday possible."

Questions a television interviewer asked Betty Ford about her family's personal life were "rude and outrageous," Helen Jackson, wife of a Democratic Presidential aspirant, told another interviewer in her home state of Washington. The wife of Senator Henry M. Jackson said she would have told such a questioner, "Those

matters are my personal affairs, and to go on to the next question." Said Mrs. Jackson, "Can you imagine any reporter asking Bess Truman those questions? Nor would they ask such things of President Ford, so why subject his wife to them?"

The house that members of the Secret Service occupied in the Key Biscayne, Fla., compound that was used by President Nixon has been sold for \$200,000 to Melvin Jacobs, former Bloomingdale's vice president here and now board chairman of Burdine's department stores in Florida. The house was put on the market for \$400,000 a year ago by the former owner, Edward Campbell Jr. The house in the compound owned by Robert H. Abplanalp, the Westchester millionaire industrialist and Nixon confidant, is for sale at \$385,000. Houses owned by Mr. Nixon and by his friend, Charles G. Rebozo the banker, are not known to be on the market.

A spokesman for a San Francisco hospital said that Angelina Alioto was in "a state of nervous exhaustion" and "total collapse" when Mayor Joseph Alioto and his driver rushed her there Wednesday night. The Mayor said his wife had been unable to sleep since the night of Aug. 20, when a pipe-bomb exploded against the front door of their Presidio Heights home during the strike by San Francisco police and firemen.

Sandy Allen, who stands a

quarter-inch above 7'5" and is believed to be the world's tallest woman, came back this week from playing one of Casanova's lovers in a Federico Fellini movie to her job as a secretary in Shelbyville, Ind. Miss Allen went to Rome for the role of a gladiator giantess on a six-week leave from the Indiana state veterinary office. She said she would love to make another movie—if the part fits her.

Gloria Hurd, who is 29 inches tall and is billed on the carnival circuit as the world's smallest woman, plans to rejoin her troupe this week with her new son, who measured 18.5 inches at birth on Aug. 20 and whose father is 6 feet tall. She intends to take the baby—who doctors say is normal—with her "until he is about three years old." By then, according to growth charts, he could be expected to be 6 to 10 inches taller than his mother.

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