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State Court Upholds Mitchell Disbarment



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Four of the Jefferson award winners in front of the Thomas Jefferson monument in Washington yesterday were, from left: Arthur Burns, Federal Reserve chairman;

Alan Greenspan, chairman, Council of Economic Advisers; William E. Simon, Secretary of the Treasury, and Felix G. Rohatyn, chairman of Municipal Assistance Corporation.

The State Court of Appeals in Albany denied yesterday the request of John N. Mitchell, the former Attorney General, to be reinstated as a lawyer while his Water-gate convictions are being appealed.

The state's highest tribunal let stand Mr. Mitchell's disbarment. Making him ineligible to practice law in New York, it followed his conviction on Federal charges of perjury and conspiracy to obstruct justice in the Water-gate scandal.

In a unanimous ruling, the seven judges of the Court of Appeals upheld the Appellate Division's earlier approval of his disbarment. And in an accompanying opinion, Judge Matthew Jason wrote:

"Mr. Mitchell has had his day in court, and has had every opportunity to refute the charges made against him. We are of the view that an attorney convicted of a felony has no constitutional right to practice law pending an appeal of his conviction."

About marriages: Tammy Wynette, the popular country music singer, says she will be married for the third time, on July 18, to John M. Tomlin, a real estate man. The 34-year-old entertainer, named female vocalist of the year four times by the Country Music Association, was last married to George Jones, also a country singer. . . . Bernie Cornfeld, head of a multimillion-dollar mutual fund empire until he was

ousted in 1970 and imprisoned in Switzerland for fraud, has married Lorraine Armbruster, a New York model. There were 200 guests for the wedding at the Beverly Hills, Calif., mansion in which Mr. Cornfeld lives. Tony Curtis, the actor, was his best man.

George Walker, a state district judge in Houston, just can't bring himself to send a decorated war veteran to jail, so it came as no surprise when James L. Marshall, convicted of burglary, was let off by Judge Walker with a 10-year probationary sentence. But the judge ordered Mr. Marshall to get out of town. "I've never sent a man to prison who earned a Silver Star in combat," said Judge Walker. Mr. Marshall, who is 23 years old, was decorated in Vietnam.

The house that Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. of California refuses to live in may go on the auction block. The State Senate has voted in favor of selling the \$1.3 million Governor's Mansion, built toward the close of Ronald Reagan's last term of office on a site in Sacramento bought by supporters. Still unfurnished, the mansion costs the taxpayers \$85,000 a year to maintain. The 38-year-old bachelor Governor says the mansion is wasteful. The State Assembly will have to approve the Senate bill before the mansion can be sold.

When Ben Foley, a resi-

dent of Marina Del Ray, Calif., and president of the Company Store, a national marketing company, gets angry, he stays angry, and his latest outburst has caused Gov. Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts to request the state police to investigate. It all started on May 8 with a \$2.75 misunderstanding at a toll gate on the Massachusetts Turnpike as Mr. Foley's wife Fran, upon refusing to pay what she considered an unjust toll fee, was arrested and had to pay \$5 in court costs and \$50 bail. Mr. Foley has written 14,000 letters to his customers, urging them never to visit Massachusetts. "I'll never set foot in Massachusetts again," Mr. Foley said, "and my company will never spend another dime there."

The Pentagon announced yesterday the appointment of Adm. Maurice F. Weisner as commander in chief of United States military forces in the Pacific. Now in command only of Navy forces in the Pacific, Admiral Weisner will succeed Adm. Noel Gayler, who is completing four years in the top spot and is approaching the statutory retirement age of 62. Admiral Weisner, a 58-year-old native of Knoxville, will be succeeded in the Navy command post in the Pacific by Vice Adm. Thomas B. Hayward, now commander of the Seventh Fleet in the Far East.

The American Institute for Public Service announced yesterday that six persons had been chosen to receive the institute's fourth annual

Thomas Jefferson Awards "for their contributions in the field of public service." The awards, announced by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and Senator Robert Taft Jr., co-chairmen of the institute, go to Arthur F. Burns, the Federal Reserve Board chairman; Alan Greenspan, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers; John D. Rockefeller 3d, honorary chairman of the Rockefeller Foundation; the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of The University of Notre Dame, Vilma Martinez, president of the Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund, and Felix Rohatyn, chairman of the Municipal Assistance Corporation of New York.

Back on his annual commencement-class day lecture tour of the colleges, Art Buchwald showed up at Class Day ceremonies for Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges Wednesday and unleashed a highly unconventional, strictly-from-Buchwald history lesson. "The Harvard Class of 1776 was composed of 43 students who, unlike the Class of 1976, all came from very respectable families," the humorist said. "Since Boston was the hotbed of Colonial radicalism, Harvard could not escape the talk of Revolution and reason. Records show that of the 43 members of the class, 24 supported the radicals, four supported the King, and 15 were F.B.I. informers planted in the class by J. Edgar Hoover."

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