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Colson disbarred

RICHMOND, Va.—The Virginia Supreme Court disbarred former White House Special Counsel Charles Colson Monday for his role in the burglary of the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist. The court stripped Colson of his license to practice law as a result of a hearing last Dec. 2 at which the Virginia State Bar argued he should be expelled from the profession. Colson, 42, had pleaded guilty June 21, 1974 to a felony charge of disseminating confidential information damaging to Daniel Ellsberg's defense in the Pentagon Papers Case. "This has to be viewed as one of the most serious felonies because it goes to the very heart of his responsibility as an attorney," said James Wrenn, special counsel for bar at the hearing. Colson, in a statement submitted at the hearing, said he was "following the orders of the President of United States."

Chou predicts war

HONG KONG—The United States and the Soviet Union are drifting inevitably into war, Chinese Premier Chou En-lai warned in a major speech released by Peking Monday. Calling the two super powers "the biggest international oppressors and exploiters today," Chou said China would "always stand with the oppressed people and oppressed nations throughout the world." The 76-year-old leader's 3,300-word address was delivered at the first day of China's fourth National People's Congress Jan. 13 but released only Monday by the official New China News Agency. Summing up the present world situation, he said the "contention for world hegemony" was becoming more and more intense. "The two superpowers," he said, "are the biggest international oppressors and exploiters today, and they are the source of a new world war. Their fierce competition is bound to lead to world war some day." Chou also took note of improving relations between China and the United States and said they would continue to develop "so long as the principles of the Sino-American Shanghai Communique signed during former President Richard Nixon's visit to China in 1972 are carried out in earnest."

Drugs questioned

WASHINGTON—Ralph Nader researchers said recently two drugs being distributed at the rate of 12 million prescriptions a year have killed 15 persons and caused hundreds of thousands more who suffer unnecessary illnesses. The Health Research Group told the Food and Drug Administration it should restrict use of the drugs clindamycin and lincomycin so doctors will not routinely prescribe them for such things as acne and the common cold. "The overprescribing of clindamycin and lincomycin is probably costing the American public more than \$100 million a year, causing colitis in hundreds of thousands, and killing unknown numbers of patients," said Dr. Sidney Wolfe, director of the group which is associated with Nader. The Upjohn Co. said it continues to believe the drugs are an "effective agent for treating a variety of infections," and it feels it has adequately and conscientiously kept doctors and the government informed about possible side effects.

Senate votes to investigate allegations of domestic spying

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Senate Democrats voted Monday to set up a Watergate-style Senate committee to investigate allegations the CIA, FBI and perhaps other government agencies have engaged in illegal intelligence-gathering on Americans.

Despite an impassioned plea from Sen. John Stennis not to subject the CIA to possibly destructive exposure, the Democratic caucus voted 45 to 7 to create a select committee for an "in-depth" investigation "to correct abuse" and set a tentative reporting deadline of Sept. 1.

Meantime, Vice President Nelson Rockefeller, chairman of an eight-member commission named by President Ford to examine CIA activities, said that allegations of "massive" spying on Americans by the CIA had not

been borne out in his panel's initial investigation.

"I do not want to make any conclusions but that's not the impression left so far," Rockefeller said.

Former CIA Director Richard Helms, commenting to reporters after testifying in the commission's second day of closed hearings, acknowledged a public report that Presidents Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon each expressed to him their extreme concern about dissident antiwar demonstrations in the late 1960's.

But Helms did not answer when asked if that concern led to domestic spying operations by the CIA.

Johnson first spoke to him about his worry in 1967, Helms said.

"He expressed concern about dissident organizations and their foreign connections," Helms said.

Women Ph.D.-holders discriminated against

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WASHINGTON—Women with doctorates fall increasingly behind male counterparts in income and faculty rank during the course of their professional careers, according to a recently released major study.

"Women have not reaped the rewards many of their male colleagues enjoy," said John Centra, a research psychologist who conducted the study for the educational testing service, a Princeton-based organization specializing in educational analysis.

"The situation is improving somewhat," Centra added, "Probably due to the women's rights movement and federally mandated affirmative-action programs. But whether recent changes are the start of a trend or, as some claim, merely tokenism, remains to be seen."

After five to six years of experience, the study found, women holding doctorates had incomes from salary and other sources averaging \$16,400. For men, the figure was \$18,700.

But after 22 to 23 years of experience, the women's average income was \$21,800 while men were earning an average of \$27,100.

One reason for this, according to the study, was that men were more likely to move into higher-paid faculty ranks or administrative posts. They were also more likely to get job offers from institutions with higher salary potentials and were freer than married women to move from one campus to another to accept such offers.

Even where faculty rank as well as experience were equal, the study found, men earned significantly more. A partial reason for this was that men were more likely than women to supplement their salaries with consulting, writing or second jobs. More men than women left the campus entirely for private industry jobs.

Nonetheless, the study concluded, there was evidence that women have been victims of sex discrimination in salary as well as promotion practices.

The study said women are employed enough of the time after getting their doctorates to justify the effort and expense invested in their training.

Nearly two-thirds have worked full-time without interruption since earning their degrees. Only about one-third had interrupted their professional careers because of family responsibilities, lack of available jobs or simply lack of interest.

"I was only concerned about their foreign connections."

Helms said that Nixon later expressed the same concerns to him.

"It was something he expressed to me in person—I don't know if there was any written direction," Helms said.

Rockefeller said for the first time that he felt certain the eight-member commission would make recommendations to strengthen the prohibition in the CIA charter against domestic spying.

Former CIA Director John McCone, who testified before the commission for 2½ hours Monday, told reporters that to his knowledge there were no domestic spying activities when he headed the agency between 1961 and 1965.

"There were none that I knew about," he said. "You will note of all the accusations that have been made none were in the time frame that I was director. If any instance arises that was taken during my regime I'd be very glad to discuss that with the commission—but there are none that I know of."

McCone said he believed the CIA probe was necessary because "a mere denial by the agency will not satisfy public opinion. When all the information is developed and the facts known, it will be constructive and beneficial instead of a destructive backlash."

FBI files contain info on personal lives

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The FBI disclosed Monday its files contain information on the personal lives of congressmen, including reports on their "loyalty, character and reputation."

A spokesman said the FBI does not compile such information into actual dossiers on individual members of Congress. But he said the bureau maintains a cross-reference index card file showing each time a congressman is mentioned in any investigatory file.

If the FBI ever wants to find information about a particular member of Congress, the spokesman said, it would use the index card system to locate the various files containing references to that individual.

The bureau's disclosure followed a Washington Post report Sunday that the FBI under the late director J. Edgar Hoover compiled files on congressmen, including reports on their drinking habits and illicit sexual activities. The newspaper quoted former Hoover aides as saying the information was neither obtained by direct surveillance nor kept for blackmail purposes.

Reports of the files triggered a sharp reaction on Capitol Hill.

Rep. Robert Kastenmeier, (D-Wis.) one of several congressmen who called for an investigation of the FBI, said the bureau had lied to Congress in the past when asked if such files existed. He called it a cover-up "as insidious as Watergate."

But Attorney General William Saxbe, acknowledging in a televised interview the bureau sometimes obtained material on congressmen but denying there were any secret files, said: "If they're looking for another Watergate, they're going to be disappointed."

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