

# Colson removal request granted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former presidential counsel Charles W. Colson has been dropped as a witness before the Senate Watergate committee after his lawyer said Colson expected to be indicted by a federal grand jury.

Once the Watergate figure most anxious to publicly defend the Nixon administration, Colson was removed from the committee witness list at his own request, Senate sources said yesterday.

The sources said Colson's lawyer, David I. Shapiro, told committee Chief Counsel Samuel Dash Tuesday his client expected to be indicted by a federal grand jury investigating the office burglary of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

Shapiro apparently was informed of Colson's status by the office of Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox, which also is probing the Ellsberg burglary conspiracy. A Los Angeles county grand jury returned four indictments in the case last week.

Documents in the possession of both the Senate committee and the special prosecutor indicate Colson was instrumental in having E. Howard Hunt hired by the White House to probe the Pentagon Papers case. Other memos show Hunt's supervisors wanted Colson to

decide how to use Daniel Ellsberg's medical records to smear Ellsberg should Hunt and his co-workers be successful in obtaining the records.

The 1971 burglary of Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office apparently did not get the desired materials.

Hunt, who has recently obtained a new lawyer to replace William O. Bittman, has been conferring this week with Senate investigators and federal prosecutors. It is not known what new information he has provided or whether it sheds new light on Colson's role in the Ellsberg affair.

Testimony before the Senate Watergate committee indicated Colson was Hunt's strongest defender in the White House, and fired White House counsel John W. Dean III testified Colson sought executive clemency for Hunt after his arrest in connection with the Watergate break-in.

## Calls revenue sharing main concern

# Phillips outlines coming issues

By JEFF DeBRAY  
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Democratic Borough Council candidate Dean Phillips last night outlined a series of nine campaign issues he intends to stress in the fall election.

Speaking before an organizational meeting of the New Democratic Coalition, University student Phillips said his "pet issue" is revenue sharing.

"This directly affects a number of us," Phillips said. "The existing social services in State College (On Drugs, Inc., Meals on Wheels, State College Youth Project and day care programs) have been struggling for funds."

Instead of funding these, though, Phillips said Council has put revenue sharing funds into curbs, sewers and new street signs.

"Their logic is you can see

sewers, curbs and street signs, but you can not see social services," he added.

Phillips also stressed the landlord-tenant issue.

He said a bill has been introduced in the state House, which he supports, which could solve "90 per cent of the consumer problems."

Phillips also proposed the creation of a consumer protection agency, where students and townspeople

could take their business complaints.

Another issue he emphasized was police priorities.

"They have to realize there are different values and standards on campus than there are in town, Phillips said.

He called for minimizing marijuana laws, which he labeled "victimless crimes," and their enforcement.

"I want the crime of usage of marijuana in your home to not be of primary importance to the State College Police Department," he said.

Phillips also said he would like to see established a Police Advisory Board, composed of townspeople and students.

Another issue Phillips said he intends to press is more openness in local government adding he is against closed meetings.

Student taxation is an issue

Phillips said he would "like to ignore," because it "should not be an issue at all." But he cannot ignore it because the Centre County commissioners are trying to scare students into not registering, for fear they will have to pay local taxes, he added.

Another issue of importance, Phillips said, is the environment, citing the controversy surrounding the middle section of the State College By-Pass, the Allen Street Mall proposal and the establishment of bike paths.

Phillips also called for more University commitment to the town.

"Transportation is the University's problem to some extent," he said. "I would like to see a prepaid mass transit system in State College."

He said it would cost State College \$70,000 for \$1 million worth of buses, with the state and federal government paying the rest.

# Nixon wins showdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon yesterday scored a tight five-vote victory in a showdown in the House on a vetoed medical services bill. It left Nixon unbeaten by Congress this year in five veto fights.

The vote was 273 favoring a veto override to put the bill into law over Nixon's objections, 144 supporting the President's rejection of the bill and one member voting "present." This was five votes short of the required two-thirds majority.

While the Senate voted 77 to 16 last month to override, or 15 more than the necessary two-thirds, the action by the House means the legislation is dead.

Nixon expressed pleasure at the House action. A White House statement said the President feels those who voted to sustain the veto "deserve the thanks of all Americans for their actions" and for joining in his efforts fighting inflation.

Six Democrats joined 138 Republicans in support of the President, while 227 Democrats and 46 Republicans voted to override the veto.

The bill would have authorized \$185 million for new federal aid programs designed to develop emergency medical service systems aimed at preventing needless deaths of heart attack and accident victims. Nixon vetoed it Aug. 1, saying it was too costly and infringed

on the role of state and local governments.

The legislation also would have required the Nixon administration to keep operating Public Health Service hospitals in Seattle, Boston, Baltimore, San Francisco, New Orleans, Galveston, Tex., Staten Island, N.Y., and Norfolk, Va.

The hospitals are being kept open under a federal court injunction.

Nixon objected to continued operation of in-patient facilities of the hospitals which he said have "outlived their usefulness."

Rep. Harley O. Staggers, D-W. Va., chairman of the House Commerce Committee and chief author of the vetoed bill, said the legislation was aimed at saving thousands of lives by providing fast emergency care by trained personnel.

# Transportation asks ICC veto of Penn Central reorganization

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Transportation Department urged the Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday not to approve a reorganization plan at this time for the Penn Central railroad.

John W. Ingram, administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, testified at an ICC hearing in opposition to proposed reorganization plans filed by Penn Central trustees, the New Haven trustee and the Penn Central Co.

"The bankruptcy problem in the Northeast is of such proportion and the causes of

complex that any attempt to deal with the problem on a carrier-by-carrier, piecemeal basis would cause more problems than would be solved," Ingram said.

"An approach covering all of the railroads operating in the area served by the bankrupt railroads is imperative," he said.

The ICC is under a federal court order to produce a reorganization for the Penn Central by Oct. 1.

"Consideration of the Penn Central in isolation would not be in the public interest," Ingram said, "as any

restructuring and revitalization of that railroad alone would hasten the liquidation of the smaller railroads without providing for service to the shippers of these lines."

# Pournelle speaks at Colloquy

By BILL SPANGLER  
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For the first time in history, we have the technology to maintain a high level of civilization, an engineer and science fiction writer said last night.

Jerry Pournelle presented his defense of science in Schwab, as the first speaker in this week's Colloquy program.

Pournelle admitted technology can not solve big, political problems, but maintained it would provide "the choice for a civilized society."

"What scares me," he said, "is that people do nothing about things we can change."

"People can insist on transportation systems that don't offend the nervous system," as people could have helped avoid the energy crisis by not blocking the construction of nuclear reactors, Pournelle added.

"Because some people didn't want hot water, a waste-product from reactors, a few places where it wasn't needed, and some places where it was, we'll have to be very polite to the Arabs for the next 10 years, if we're going to make it," he said.

He also defended the space program, saying, "few things have changed your life" as much as this program has, in practical areas such as fire fighting equipment and crop prediction.

"Before Sputnik, I was willing to believe that I was not going to see a man land on the moon. I was not willing to believe I'd see the last man land on the moon, which is an infinitely sadder event."

Pournelle was in charge of The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Human Factors Division from 1956 to 1966.

Pournelle, president of the Science Fiction Writers of America, came to the University to attend this week's sixth annual Science Fiction Research Association conference.

Asked by The Daily Collegian what he thinks of academic interest in science fiction, he said, "It's a marvelous thing" because it will help sell books.

"I make no pretense of being anything but a storyteller," he added.

Pournelle recently received the John W. Campbell Memorial Award for being the best new science fiction writer of 1973.

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