



PRIZE CATCH - "I've been fishing muskies for the past eight years and this is the biggest one I've ever seen," says Robert Tunison of Chipewa Bay. Bob caught the 36 and three-quarter pound muskalunge Sunday afternoon at the Bay. The fish is 21 inches in girth and 52 inches long. Before landing the big one, he caught a nine-pound muskie and five northern pike. (Como Photo)

### Consumer Protection Agency Bill Heads For House Fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a decade of planning and months of infighting over how to put it together, a bill to build a new governmental loudspeaker for the consumer's voice is headed for its toughest test on the House floor. Following stage-setting debate today, decisions are due Wednesday on the consumer protection proposal that has generated intense and often bitter personal friction between Ralph Nader, the nation's best-known consumer advocate, and Chairman Chet Holifield, D-Calif., of the Government Operations Committee.

Democrats in creating what Nader calls "a consumer fraud" by gutting stronger original legislation. Holifield insists his committee produced a good bill full of legal strength. A key amendment is being recommended by 15 of the 23 Democrats and two of the 16 Republicans on the committee. They seek to broaden the proposed consumer protection agency's authority to represent consumers in proceedings of other federal agencies. Other proposed amendments would limit the consumer agency's powers. "The art of legislation," says Holifield in defense of his committee's work, "is the art of obtaining the possible. I think this is a good bill, a strong bill in many ways."

But Nader, saying he has the support of Ways and Means Committee Chairman Wilbur D. Mills, D-Ark., is urging the House to strengthen the measure and create "a bill for the vast number of millions of unrepresented American consumers who need representation before federal regulatory agencies. In an eleventh-hour appeal for support for "a single strengthening amendment" backed by the 17 committee members, Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal, D-N.Y., told colleagues: "Despite all the rhetoric that the committee-reported bill is adequate, the fact remains that the leading experts on administrative law have concluded that the CPA, under the language of the committee bill, will be excluded from most agency matters of importance to consumers." Their amendment would let the new agency intervene in more so-called adjudicatory proceedings—the agency process for formulating orders—and conduct reviews of informal proceedings. The committee-approved bill's major feature would be creation of a consumer-protection agency.

### Garbage Hunting Anyone?

NEW YORK (AP) — "Let's go on a garbage hunt tonight—at David Rockefeller's. Maybe we'll find some used money," suggested Alan J. Weberman, 26-year-old self-styled garbage analyst.

and a half-finished jar of pickled beets. "Garbage hunting is an unobtrusive method of sociological research. People have done worse things for science," he says.

"You can tell a lot about a person from this garbage their politics, their standard of living," says Weberman. A Yippee with a Groucho Marx sense of humor, he is best known for his study and criticism of poet-singer Bob Dylan. Weberman prepares for the garbage raid with the dignity of a surgeon, as he paces around his immaculate Bowery apartment. He puts on a clean white shirt. He pulls his halo of red curls back into the semblance of a Paul Revere pony tail and adjusts his gold-rimmed glasses. He folds a fresh plastic garbage bag and pockets a scribbled address and \$50 in cash for emergencies.

Weberman does it for curiosity—and money. He says he received \$900 for a recent magazine story about garbage. His interest in garbage sprang from his obsession with Bob Dylan. Calling himself a Dylanologist, he spent several years organizing a two-volume companion book to Dylan's poetry and collecting rare Dylan tapes. Still hungry for more scraps of information, Weberman strolled past the Dylan house last fall. "I reached in the garbage can and pulled out a half-finished letter to Johnny Cash. I said, 'This is no garbage can, it's a gold mine!'" "After two weeks, Dylan got wise. He began to censor his garbage."

Uptown, the street is dark and deserted. It is 1 a.m. Weberman calmly approaches the home of David Rockefeller, president of the Chase Manhattan Bank and brother of Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller. No lights are on. He looks around for a policeman. "Keep watch," he says, slipping past the iron fence and lifting the lid of the garbage bin. He extracts a small brown paper bag, spotted with grease, and holds it up, grinning. Once away from the scene, he paws through the remains, spread on the plastic sheet. But the Rockefeller take is disappointing—a few gnawed chicken bones

Weberman has worked his way into the garbage pails—if not always the hearts—of boxer Muhammad Ali, playwright Neil Simon and Yippee leader Abbie Hoffman. Now, Weberman is gunning for powerful, establishment types. He plans a book called "You Are What You Throw Away," describing garbage contents belonging to famous people. Among those on the 10 most wanted garbage list are Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell, former jockey Eddie Arcaro—"to see if he has small garbage"—feminist Kate Millet and Tricia Nixon Cox, daughter of the President.

### Plea To Halt Interrogation Of Attica Prisoners Denied

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over a strong dissent by Justice William O. Douglas, the Supreme Court refused today to halt the interrogation of prisoners at Attica about last month's rebellion. Douglas said public interest in the case runs high and the court should have cleared the way for an early ruling. Lawyers for a group of inmates contended last week that prisoners at Attica in New York State are being beaten with clubs in a "continuing pattern of assaults and threats." They asked Justice Thurgood Marshall to end

the questioning of inmates by state officials until lower courts decided whether the legal rights of prisoners were being violated. Marshall and all other members of the court with the exception of Douglas rejected the application for a temporary restraining order. They did not express an opinion on the questions raised. Douglas, dissenting from the 6-1 decision, said the court should have issued the injunction and granted a hearing to the prisoners.

## Supreme Court Refuses Vietnam Legality Ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court declined 5 to 2 today to rule on the legality of U.S. military action in Vietnam. The court made no comment in refusing to hear an appeal brought for two soldiers by the American Civil Liberties Union and the New York Civil Liberties Union. One of the soldiers, Salvatore Orlando, is on duty in Vietnam. The other, Douglas Kaplan, is at Ft. Dix, N.J., under orders for Vietnam but seeking a hardship discharge. They challenged the government's right to send them to war. The high court has never agreed to hear a case that questions the constitutionality of American military action in Southeast Asia without an explicit declaration of war by Congress. Justices William O. Douglas and William J. Brennan voted to bear the ACLU's attorneys dispute the legality of

the war. Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and Justices Potter Stewart, Byron R. White, Thurgood Marshall and Harry A. Blackmun were against a hearing. Normally, the votes of at least four justices are required to take on a case. Two seats are vacant. The court did not indicate whether it is retaining the four-vote minimum or whether three votes are now needed. From the very start, Douglas has favored hearing Vietnam war cases. Last year he was supported by Stewart and John M. Harlan, who retired last month with illness. This was the first time Brennan was in favor of considering a test of the war. Lower federal courts, ruling against Orlando and Kaplan, held Congress has given implicit authorization, particularly with its military appropriations. The appeal argued this "amounts to a complete shifting of a vital constitutional power from one branch of the

government to another." A brief supporting the appeal was filed by 11 House members, District of Columbia delegate Walter Fauntroy, Gov. Patrick Lucey of Wisconsin, Atty. Gen. Robert Quinn of Massachusetts and several state officials and prominent citizens. Another was filed by Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska. The appeal said "the framers of the Constitution intended that this nation would not go to war unless the Congress first decided that we should." It added: "If the President can take the nation into war without a Congressional authorization, and if the war is legal merely if Congress appropriates money, then the President, not the Congress, will have the power to make the initial decision on war, and the Congress will be reduced to merely having a veto power to stop what the executive has done."

### Agnew In Ankara

## Turkey Reassured Of U.S. Aid

ANKARA (AP) — Vice President Spiro T. Agnew has assured Turkey's leaders that the United States is committed to aid their nation and to maintain the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. He dismissed suggestions of unilateral U.S. troops withdrawals from Europe as "very careless talk." Agnew, midway through two days of talks in the Turkish capital, said he hopes U.S. negotiations with the Soviet Union will lead to balanced reductions in the Communist and Western forces in Europe. But without agreement for such reciprocal reductions, he said, there can be no American cutback. Agnew was conferring today with President Ceydet Sunay and, for the second time, with Premier Nihat Erim. The vice president spent 90 minutes with Erim and other government officials Monday and reportedly told them

that U.S. negotiations with the Soviet Union on strategic arms and manpower are a product of diplomatic realism. But a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Agnew also assured Erim that the United States is committed to the support of Turkey through military aid and alliance. For his part Erim said Turkey believes close ties to the West and the support of NATO are essential to the interests of his nation and the cause of peace in Europe. Agnew arrived in Ankara Monday from Washington and goes to Iran Wednesday for the celebration at Persepolis of the 2,500th anniversary of the Persian monarchy. On Oct. 16 he will begin a six-day visit to Greece, his father's native land. Discussing his mission, Agnew said he would not be talking with foreign leaders

about any upgrading of American military commitments because President Nixon's policy is to reduce them when that is compatible with U.S. security interests. "We're engaged in balanced force reduction conversations with the Soviets," he said, "and as soon as they prove fruitful—which I hope they will—I think we would be in a position to further reduce our military presence in the Mediterranean." "But one thing is certain, until we can be certain that the forces of NATO that stand ready against the Warsaw Pact nations are able to meet that threat, we cannot move affirmatively in that area." "And all the talk in the Congress that relates to unilateral force reductions is, in my judgment, very careless talk because it is important that we maintain that readiness."

### Concern Over Mercury Levels Unwarranted Say Researchers

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (AP) — Recent concern over mercury levels in fish and lakes may be unwarranted because mercury levels in human tissues have declined, researchers say. Reporting findings of their study to the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, the researchers Tuesday blamed part of the mercury scare on "emotionalism and ignorance." Their study was done at Saratoga General Hospital in Detroit, Mich., and involved analysis of tissues taken from human organs at autopsy between 1913 and 1970 and preserved at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The tissue was taken from the bodies of 59 Michigan residents who had died of causes unrelated to mercury. The authors said that concern over mercury contamination "had profound social reverberations in the form of mass anxiety leading to... action—often with little or no scientific basis—

resulting in chaos, fear, and the economic pain of damaged or killed sectors of industry and commerce." While research has been conducted on mercury levels in fish, little has been done on mercury content of human tissues, they said. It is presumed that high mercury levels result in damage to the central nervous system of human beings. At the news conference, Dr. Jack Kevorkian, one of the researchers, criticized the Food and Drug Administration for setting a standard of .5 parts per million of mercury in fish as the maximum permissible level. There are no data to support such a standard, he said, and added that it is based on "emotionalism and ignorance." Sweden permits a level twice as high, he noted. The study found that the level of mercury in human tissue, which ranged upward to 34 parts per million, does not remain constant but reaches peaks in early childhood and again in middle age, indicating that it does not accumulate in the body. Tissues were studied from persons ranging in age from the newborn to 81 years. The researchers also found that there was "an extraordinary degree" in mercury content in almost all organs studied, sharper in the early decades of this century, leveling off recently."

### Women Rescue British Troops

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Their fists and umbrellas flying, two middle-aged women beat back a mob Monday night and rescued the besieged crew of a British armored car. "These were courageous women and we would like to say thank you," military headquarters announced early today, "but we don't even know their names." Three soldiers were stranded in the middle of a rock-throwing mob when their armored personnel carrier developed fuel trouble in Londonderry's Roman Catholic Bogside district. The rioters threw barbed wire around the vehicle's wheels, poured paint over it and tried to set it afire. "Suddenly two women pushed their way to the front of the crowd and physically beat them back with their fists," an army spokesman said. One of the women, flailing about her umbrella, yelled: "You are not Christians! You will kill them!" The crowd fell back. One of the soldiers ran for help, and reinforcements extricated the vehicle. The women disappeared into the night. In Belfast during the night a soldier was wounded in the shoulder by a sniper in the Catholic Lower Falls district.

### WEATHER

Mostly clear tonight, lows in the mid to upper 30s. Tomorrow sunny with highs in the upper 50s to near 60. Winds west to northwesterly today eight to 15 miles an hour, becoming light and variable tonight.

### 'Chesty' Puller Dies, Marine Hero General

HAMPTON, Va. (AP) — The fighting spirit that made Lt. Gen. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller the most decorated man in Marine Corps history was best demonstrated in Korea when, with his troops surrounded by Chinese Communists, he told subordinates: "Those poor bastards. They've got us just where we want them. We can shoot in every direction now." When Puller died of pneumonia Monday night at the age of 73 and after a lengthy illness, he left behind a string of medals and honors as long as his military record. Puller's fighting spirit was demonstrated even in his later years. In 1965, when at the age of 65 Puller requested, and was denied, reactivation for service in Vietnam, he said it was "in the knowledge that I am physically fit, young enough in years and qualified by experience for further service to the U.S. Marine Corps and my country." But a series of strokes which began when he retired from the Marines in 1955—with 56 decorations from three wars and the only man ever to win five Navy Crosses—sapped his strength. He was hospitalized several times in recent years, was partially paralyzed by another stroke in June and entered the Kocoungtan Veterans Administration Hospital here in July. Among those at his bedside when he died was his son, Lewis B. Puller Jr., who as a Marine lost both legs in a land mine explosion in Vietnam in 1968. Besides his widow and son, Puller is survived by two daughters, Mrs. William Howard Dabney of Fairfax and Mrs. Michael Patrick Downs of Alexandria; and a sister, Emily P. Fishburn of San Diego, Calif.

### Small Gains Made In Early Trading On Stock Market

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock market prices registered small gains in today's slow trading. The 10:30 a.m. Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose 1.97 to 893.91. Advances held a narrow lead over declines on the New York Stock Exchange. Analysts noted investors still were waiting for labor's verdict on Phase 2 of President Nixon's economic package. Labor officials are expected to meet today to discuss the issue and reportedly decide whether to participate in the pay board set up to control wages in Phase 2. Big Board prices included Braniff, off 1/4 at 15; GAC, up 3/4 at 15 1/2; American Standard, off 1/4 at 23 1/2; Equity Funding, up 3/4 at 39 1/2; Winnebago, up 3/4 at 44 1/2; and Armco Steel, up 1/4 at 19.

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