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# A REPORTER IN WASHINGTON D.C.

## III—SUMMER NOTES

**M**ONDAY morning. A bright, clear day—not too warm. This is the week that will have been. By the end of the week, according to the House Judiciary Committee's predictions, it will have voted on articles of impeachment. Over the weekend, members of the committee have been considering the articles offered by the staff last Friday, and studying the three-hundred-and-six-page summary of the case presented that same day by John Doar, the special counsel to the committee. Doar recommended that President Nixon be impeached. Albert Jenner, the minority counsel, joined Doar in this recommendation. Since Jenner, on the ground of his own belief, had refused to present the case against impeachment, the committee Republicans asked Jenner's deputy, Sam Garrison, a thirty-two-year-old Virginia attorney and former member of Vice-President Agnew's staff, to prepare an anti-impeachment argument. He will present it to the committee this morning. The Pres-

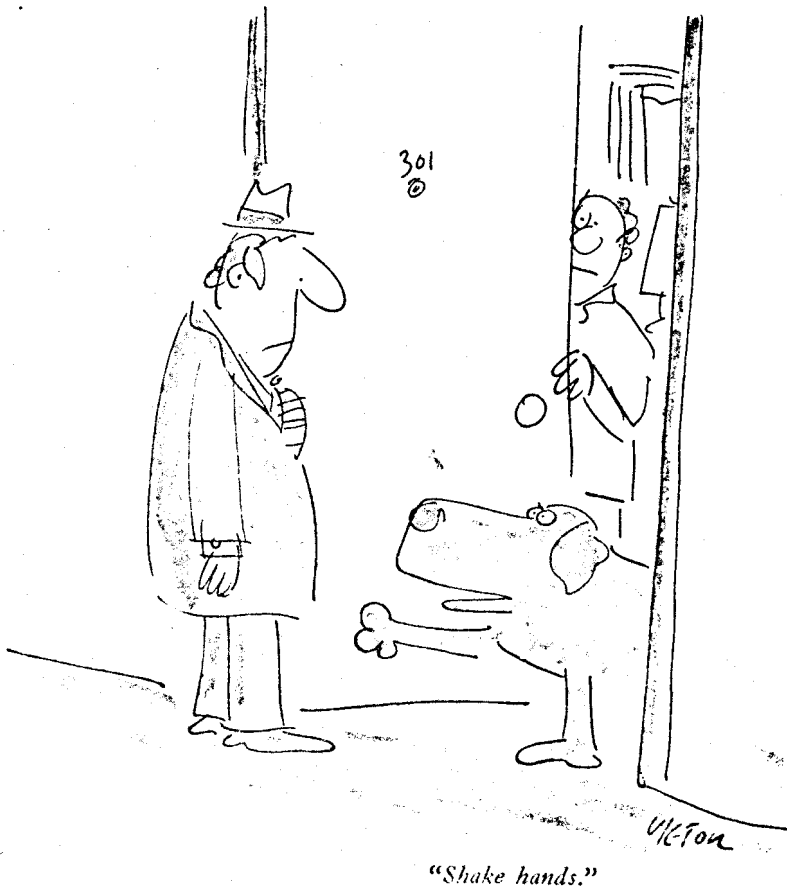
ident has now been in San Clemente for ten days, on a "working vacation." According to his aides, he has been taking long walks on the beach, swimming, and working on the economy. His aides, meanwhile, have been continuing their attacks on the committee. Following up the accusation by Ron Ziegler, his press secretary, that Doar had conducted a "kangaroo court," Dean Burch, a Presidential counsellor, called the committee's proceedings "a black spot on jurisprudence." Burch added that the President himself thought the committee had acted unfairly. Within the next few days, the Supreme Court is expected to rule on the question of whether the President must surrender the tapes subpoenaed by Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski. During the noon recess today, the committee Democrats will caucus to plan the debate on the articles. Nobody seems to have a clear idea of just what form the debate will take. The process is still being invented as it goes along.

This morning, on the steps of the Capitol, Neil Salonen, president of the

National Prayer and Fast Committee, is holding a press conference. He is wearing a red button that says "NATIONAL PRAYER AND FAST," and an American-flag pin is in his lapel. A few dozen people are with him, and he says that six hundred are expected. The committee was founded in late 1973 by the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, the evangelist from Korea whose followers have been turning up for the President at crucial moments since then. At twelve-fifteen, Mr. Salonen says, Rabbi Baruch Korff will arrive and express solidarity with this group. The White House has worked closely with Rabbi Korff, helping him organize his National Citizens Committee for Fairness to the Presidency. Most of the people standing on the Capitol steps with Mr. Salonen are young, wearing heavy suits with flags in their lapels. Most of them stand very quietly, looking intent. This group has an ascetic look—a look of religiosity and apartness. They look neither like the anti-war demonstrators nor like the clean-cut young Nixonians who turned up at the 1972 Republican Convention shouting "Four more years!" Members of the Prayer and Fast Committee will maintain a three-day prayer vigil this week for individual members of Congress, hoping, Mr. Salonen says, that "God's will will be revealed" to them. Under questioning, one of several public-relations representatives of the Prayer and Fast Committee says, "Many people feel that it is God's will that the President should not be impeached."

The striking thing is how little demonstrating over this issue—this issue that was to inflame public passions—there has been. Aside from the people on the Capitol steps, hardly anyone is here, and Rabbi Korff and Reverend Moon do not, to put it politely, seem to represent great masses of Americans. And no one is marching on the Capitol for impeachment. There seems to be some unspoken understanding that marching is not in order. And many Americans seem not to care, or figure that the politicians will or will not handle it. Many are on vacation, or are home worrying about inflation. And so the country is not being, as so many predicted, "torn apart" by the question of impeachment.

**S**HORTLY after noon, the members of the House Judiciary Committee come out of the meeting room—



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