

Over the Coffee

At the Party

THERE I was, in the very jaws of the military-industrial complex, singing the "Marine's Hymn" and drinking toasts to Richard Nixon, our commander in chief.

The occasion was the annual "wallow" of the "Military Order of the Carabos," an organization of military men, mainly brass, who served at some time or other in the South Pacific.

It's a great event, that. The booze is free and unlimited, the United States Marine Corps Band plays marches for your entertainment, and the jangle of medals is deafening.

There were about 800 officers, present and past, in attendance, swapping lies and growing misty-eyed at recollections of wartime experiences. (It is a curious phenomenon that war, whose central experience is killing, most often generates remembrances of encounters with women.)

I HAD the best seat in the house for the affair — next to Gordon Rule.

Rule is the crusty cost-cutter whom the White House recently assigned to limbo for suggesting that Litton Industries — a chief recipient of the government's Aid to Dependent Corporations program — was less than a model defense contractor.

As evidence of his contention, Mr. Rule pointed out that Litton had contracted to build nine ships for the Navy at a cost of \$133 million each, but since had received a contract modification that called for five ships at \$237 million each.

For engineering this free-enterprise masterpiece, Roy Ash, the president of Litton, has been made head of the Office of Management and Budget by the President. "I think old General Eisenhower must be twitching in his grave," Rule said of the development.

For saying this, and other newsworthy things, Mr. Rule has been transferred from his cost-cutting job on Navy contracts to a job revising the curriculum at a Navy supply school. It was not a promotion.

HE'S AN interesting man to sit next to at a meeting of the MIC, as those of us in the know refer to the military-industrial you-know-what.

As he looked around the room at the military types, he said:

"You know, I could probably ruin a few careers right here if I went around giving a few of these guys the big hello." (In the defense establishment, a big hello from Gordon Rule is looked forward to with the anticipation General Motors executives reserve for Christmas cards from Ralph Nader.

I asked him why defense contracts all seem to be characterized by these huge cost overruns. Why does something start out costing \$200 million and wind up costing \$900 million or more?

"It's creative accounting," he said.

"There's a test all big defense contractors give accountants whom they're interviewing for a job. They ask the accountant, 'how much is two and two?'"

"If the man says 'four,' they'll never hire him. The accountant they're looking for is the one who says:

"Did you have a figure in mind?"

This country would be a lot better off if we made our Gordon Rules the heads of budgets, and let our Roy Ashes handle the curricula for our Navy supply schools.

It'll never happen.

ONE OF the salient features of the carabos' bash (and carabos is a Philippine carabou, by the way) is the skit which, in collegiate fashion, pokes good-natured fun at Washington figures. If you're there and drinking, it's fun.

One of the best shots, however, revolved around the fact that William Clements, the new deputy secretary of defense; George Bush, the new Republican Party chairman; and Robert Strauss, the new Democratic Party chairman, all made their money in Texas oil.

Between them, they'll find a solution to the energy crisis. You can bet on it.

—Donald Kaul

CARBON MONOXIDE

RENO, NEV. (AP) — Twenty-two persons were treated at local hospitals and some 80 guests were evacuated from the Riverside Hotel here after carbon monoxide leaked from the hotel's heating system, authorities reported Tuesday.



WIREFOTO (AP)

For Hobbyists Only

Model airplane builders bent on making a bigger, better model might be interested in this full-size, one-place airplane that actually flies. It is available in kit form for \$2,600 from Bede Aircraft, Inc., of Newton, Kan. The model is being shown at the Hobby Industry of America Show in Chicago,

Ill. Waving from the cockpit is Nancy Hanson, who is not included with the kit. In foreground is a miniature-scale flying model of the bigger craft. The pusher-type plane is designed to fly at over 200 miles an hour and has a cruising range of 1,000 miles.

SEARCH FOR BOY CONTINUES

By a Staff Writer
TODDVILLE, IA. — The search for Guy Heckle, 11, of Cedar Rapids, continued Tuesday in the area near a Boy Scout campsite where he disappeared Saturday night.

Large-scale searches, which drew some 500 searchers Sunday and 250 Monday, were called off. A small group of searchers using a bloodhound combed the area Tuesday while others prodded the Cedar River, which runs near the campsite.

Linn County Sheriff Walter Grant said the river search was hampered by ice. He said use of a boat, tried for a time Monday, was considered dangerous.

Grant said his office was following up on an Illinois lead concerning a boy, who reportedly asked for food and said he hadn't eaten for 24 hours.

Officers have generally discounted the possibility that the Heckle boy ran off. Grant said Tuesday that the failure to find him in the massive searches makes the runaway possibility the most hopeful chance now of finding him alive.

The missing boy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Heckle of Cedar Rapids.

U.N. Visit Canceled By Moscow Mayor

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP) — Mayor Vladimir Promyslov of Moscow canceled a visit to the United Nations Tuesday after about 300 persons demonstrated there against what they said was Soviet mistreatment of Jews. Promyslov, who is touring the country, sent word that his schedule was too tight to permit the planned visit.

Police Just Inflamm School Violence: Security Expert

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. (AP) — Educators don't know how to deal with violence in the schools and often resort to calling in armed police who only inflame the situation, a former FBI agent who now heads the International Association of School Security Directors said Tuesday.

Joe Grealy, who is compiling a report based on the experiences of 200 association members in 165 cities, said in an interview that "guns and uniforms" are not the solution.

"Too Late"

"Calling the police in is too late," said Grealy, who also is security director for the Fort Lauderdale public school system.

"That's like locking the barn door after the horse is already stolen. Our feeling is that it is better to avoid a problem than to inherit it."

He said large schools need a security director to provide a line of communication between the students and administrators.

"The purpose is to provide understanding and keep the student out of detention homes and help him get back into the classroom where he belongs," Grealy added.

Grealy said trained security directors can help prevent large-scale racial incidents similar to the ones that erupted in three Florida schools this past week — Escambia in Pensacola in the Florida panhandle, Boca Raton on the east coast and Boca Ciega on the Gulf coast.

"Administrators need to face

Cite Insurance Firms' Pact To Head Off No-Fault Bid

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — An agreement by eight major insurance companies to head off national no-fault car insurance legislation was described in the Senate Tuesday as aimed at preserving industry profits and banning competition.

That's what Senator Frank Moss (Dem., Utah), a backer of national no-fault, told representatives of five major insurance companies called before the Senate Commerce Committee to explain the ingredients of a plan of action they adopted in a December meeting at the Camelback Inn in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Dominant Business

The eight companies dominate auto insurance, writing 36 per cent of all policies and collecting \$6 billion a year in premiums.

As explained in minutes of the meeting, the companies adopted a minimum type of plan, watered down in comparison to the proposed federal standards, and similar to one drawn for Florida.

The companies decided to lobby for state, rather than federal, implementation, and targeted 10 states for a maximum effort. They are: Washington, West Virginia, California, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Hawaii, Colorado, Ohio, New York and Texas.

"It is interesting to note," said Moss, who chaired the hearing, that the chairman of the House and Senate Commerce committees, Representative Harley Staggers (Dem., W.Va.) and Senator Warren

Magnuson (Dem., Wash.), a federal no-fault architect, were from two of the states targeted for action.

Magnuson introduced a no-fault national car insurance bill in the Senate Jan. 12. Basically, it would automatically reimburse a driver for his medical and rehabilitation expenses and lost wages, within limits.

List Firms

Included at the Camelback meeting were representatives of Allstate, Fireman's Fund, Nationwide, the Hartford Insurance Companies, Insurance Companies of North America — which testified Tuesday — and State Farm, Kemper and Liberty Mutual, set to testify today.

Of the top five auto insurers, only Aetna, a strong federal no-fault supporter, did not attend.

The industry spokesmen said generally that their meeting was not secret, as some have charged, and that the intent was to unify behind an effective compromise plan which would, in their opinion, reform auto insurance.

Three on Health Board Resign

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA. (AP) — The three remaining charter members of the Linn County Health Center Board submitted their resignations to the county board of supervisors Tuesday.

The supervisors accepted the resignations.

One of the three, Winfield White, said he was opposed to the manner in which the nine-member Health Center Board sought and obtained the resignation of its executive director, Edward Hanlon, jr., last month.

On Jan. 22, the board announced after a closed meeting that Hanlon had submitted his resignation after being asked to do so by the board. The other resignations Tuesday were by Richard Nazzette and A. L. Smulekoff.

Peron in Informal Visit to Bucharest

BUCHAREST, ROMANIA (AP) — Juan D. Peron, the former president of Argentina, arrived here Tuesday for what was described as an informal cultural visit. The official news agency Agerpress said Peron is visiting at the invitation of the Romanian Institute for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries.

BEGIN PROBE OF EXPLOSION

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — The Navy opened an investigation Tuesday into a boiler room explosion aboard a destroyer that left three sailors dead and four others seriously burned.

The 390-foot U.S.S. Basilone steamed into its home port of Newport Tuesday, carrying the bodies of the three men killed when one of four boilers exploded Monday during maneuvers the ship was conducting 150 miles southeast of Newport.

Cmdr. John L. Townley, the ship's captain, said there was no immediate explanation for the explosion. He said the boiler had been thoroughly overhauled last fall and had been given regular maintenance only two weeks ago.

Within two hours after the arrival of the ship, a two-man team from the Naval Safety Center in Norfolk, Va., launched an investigation into the explosion.

The three victims were identified as David A. Thimmer, 24, of Ipswich, Mass.; Charles R. Kelly, 22, of Broussard, La., and David J. Rogers, 19, of Troy, N.Y. They were off duty at the time of the explosion.

The four burned seamen were in the boiler room at the time of the explosion. They were airlifted from the ship to St. Albans Naval Hospital in New York City Monday night and were transferred to the National Burn Center at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Tex., Tuesday.

Those men, all listed in "very serious" condition with burns over 50 per cent of their bodies, were identified as Charles R. Hearold, 37, from Raynham, Mass.; Michael J. Zajackowski, 20, of Wausau, Wis.; James D. Raun, 20, Erie, Pa., and Gordon A. Hardin, 19, Detroit.

Seek to Link Eight Murders

BOSTON, MASS. (AP) — Investigators probing the deaths of eight Boston-area women since last summer, agreed in a Tuesday meeting there is enough similarity in the murders to warrant an effort to tie the slayings to one killer.

Atty. Gen. Robert H. Quinn said after a meeting with more than 20 area lawmen and prosecutors that the slain girls have "common denominators" which are prompting further investigation by authorities.

Quinn said all eight women were in their 20s, were killed by strangulation and were reported by friends to be habitual hitchhikers.

THE DAY IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, D.C. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1973

President

Nominated Dr. Dixy Lee Ray as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Met with King Hussein of Jordan.

White House

Announced the designation of John Kyl, a former Republican congressman from Iowa, as assistant secretary of the interior for congressional and public affairs.

Senate

Passed and sent to the House a resolution to name the government's manned spacecraft control center in Houston, Tex., in honor of the late President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Paid formal tribute to the late President Harry Truman with a round of eulogies.

Agriculture Committee heard Senator Dick Clark (Dem., Ia.) urge restoration of the Farmers Home Administration's sub-

sided loan program for rural housing.

House

Laid aside its legislative business to spend more than an hour eulogizing Lyndon B. Johnson.

Rules Committee cleared the way for the first battle between the new House and President Nixon over spending priorities by approving a bill to resurrect the Rural Environmental Assistance Program.

In second day of attacks on the President's impoundment of appropriations, Chairman George Mahon (Dem., Tex.) of the Appropriations Committee, accused the White House of usurping "authority which no president has or ever has had."

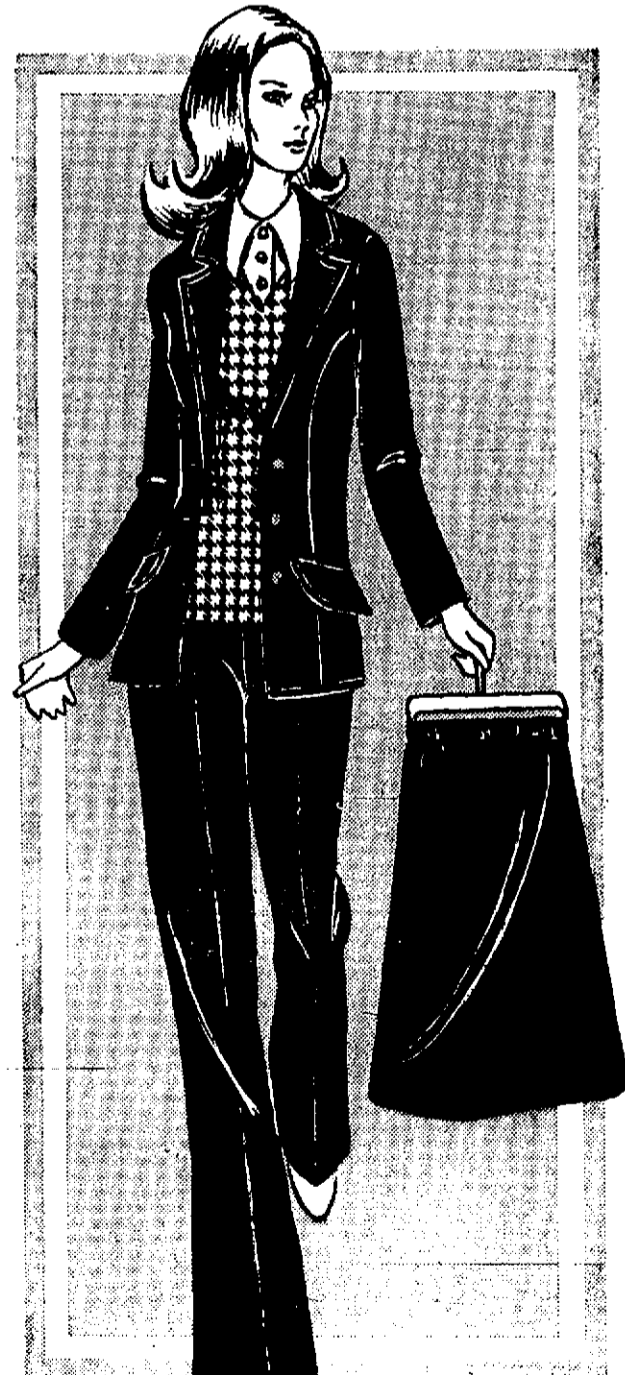
34 Nations Begin Talks on Contacts

HELINSKI, FINLAND (AP) — Discussion on the development of contacts between Eastern and Western European nations began Tuesday as 34 nations met here to consult on a European security conference.



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