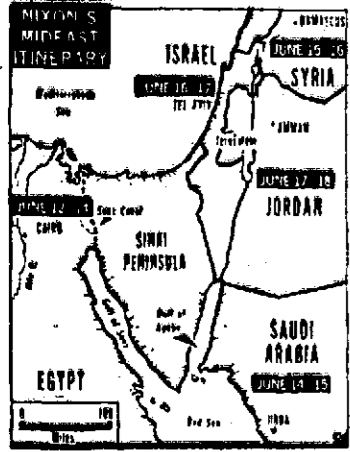


DETAILS OF NIXON TRIP TO MIDEAST

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — President Nixon named the official party for his Middle East journey Saturday as aides rushed arrangements for what they said "will be far more than a ceremonial or good will trip."

Mr. Nixon embarks Monday morning on the 10-day, 14,770-mile trip that will carry



him first to Austria for a rest stop, then to Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Israel and Jordan.

Before he departs, Mr. Nixon is expected to address a Sunday luncheon of the Committee for Fairness to the Presidency, a group supporting his effort to blunt Watergate-inspired impeachment moves.

As expected, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger headed the official Middle East party disclosed by White House officials.

Other members are Mr. Nixon's top two aides, Alexander M. Haig, Jr. and Ronald L. Ziegler; Maj. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, his deputy assistant for national security affairs; Alfred Atherton, assistant secretary of state for the Middle East; and the U.S. envoys to the countries he will be visiting.

Kissinger, who paved the way for Mr. Nixon's trip by negotiating Arab-Israeli troop disengagement agreements, signed a joint statement Saturday intended to strengthen U.S.-Saudi Arabian economic and military ties.

One objective of the agreement is to assure a steady oil flow from Saudi Arabia. Informed sources said the United States anticipates reaching similar accords with a number of Arab countries.

But White House officials downplayed the possibility that other such agreements would be forged during Mr. Nixon's trip.

Ziegler said Mr. Nixon will stress the building of personal relations with Arab and Israeli leaders to follow up on the U.S. role as a Middle East peace mediator.

Nixon risks \$60,000 pension by 'toughing it out'

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should rule that I should pay for my own defense. I shall, of course, do so."

"I should point out, however," Mr. Nixon said, "that I am not a defendant until the House passes a bill of impeachment. I would then be a defendant, and if the attorney general of the United States should rule that the president should pay for his defense, I will find somebody to loan me the money."

His borrowing

There was laughter at Mr. Nixon's comment that he, as president, might have to borrow money to pay for lawyers.

But it is doubtful if Mr. Nixon meant it as a facetious remark, for he was already on notice that he might have a bill from the Internal Revenue Service for back taxes and penalties amounting to more than \$450,000, and he had house mortgage payments of more than \$250,000 due in July, 1974.

What's more, the Internal Revenue Service and the General Accounting Office on might want to reimburse the taxpayers for more than \$100,000 in improvements on his San Clemente and Key Biscayne homes and in disallowed government travel costs.

So Mr. Nixon, who reported a net worth of approximately \$1 million only a year ago, probably is giving at least some thought to the economics of his predicament.

There would be no advantages to an early resignation — before the impeachment vote — unless it were accompanied by a congressional grant of total amnesty from criminal prosecution. Although Representative Wilbur Mills (Dem., Ark.) suggested congressional action to give the President immunity from prosecution if he would resign, it met with a cold shoulder from other congressional leaders and from the White House.

His gamble

But by toughing it out to a final vote in the Senate, Mr. Nixon would be gambling with his \$60,000-a-year pension and \$96,000-a-year allowances.

The White House and most congressional Republicans apparently feel that the House will probably vote for impeachment some time in the late summer or fall. It is recognized by friend and foe alike that Mr. Nixon's best hope of avoiding removal from office is to rally and

hold 34 senators against conviction. It would be impossible at this stage to predict the factors that could switch a few crucial votes for or against Mr. Nixon, and so there are no risks and every advantage in stalling for time while playing an all-out game of impeachment politics for a handful of crucial votes in the Senate.

If he holds that line of 34 senators, it will be worth the gamble on the \$60,000-a-year pension and other allowances.

The worst that can happen to him is conviction on the impeachment resolution, ouster

from office, criminal conviction and a federal prison term. His rights to the \$15,000-a-year pension for his prior federal service cannot be taken away from him under any circumstances.

While appearing determined to tough it out all the way, Mr. Nixon is always free to plea bargain within the congressional leadership for a guarantee of immunity from criminal prosecution.

Watch on Washington

Watch on Washington is a weekly commentary on people and events in the nation's capital by the chief of The Register's Washington Bureau.

GROUPS BACK HALL IN NEW TRIAL BID

By a STAFF WRITER
IOWA CITY, IA. — At least two local groups announced last week they have organized in support of James W. Hall's attempt to gain a new trial in the murder of Sarah Ann Ottens.



JAMES W. HALL

Hall was found guilty by a Johnson County District Court Jury May 23 of second-degree murder in the Mar. 13, 1973, strangulation death of Miss Ottens, a University of Iowa coed. Hall is a former U of I football player.

Both groups — the James Hall Defense Fund and Citizens Concerned for Justice — state in their literature that they believe racial attitudes may have entered in Hall's conviction by the all-white jury. Hall is black; Miss Ottens was white.

Hall remains in custody in the Johnson County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 bond. Motions for a new trial have been set for hearing in court here Tuesday.

In a leaflet distributed in downtown Iowa City Saturday, the James Hall Defense Fund group alleges that the

Hall conviction was "racist and vengeful." The group, which according to the leaflet, is composed of black Iowa citizens and black U of I students, charges that Hall "was convicted before the trial ever began."

"A white woman is maimed, a black man is suspected and somebody black has to pay," the leaflet stated.

Citizens for Concerned Justice, a bi-racial group of about 20 persons, says: "We do not say that James Hall is either innocent or guilty. We do ask whether he has been 'proved guilty beyond a reasonable shadow of doubt.'"

Both groups are accepting donations to be applied toward Hall's bail so that he can be released during the post-conviction process.

Reminder on filing campaign reports

Charles G. Rehling, chairman of the Campaign-Finance Disclosure Commission, Saturday reminded candidates whose campaigns terminated with Tuesday's primary election that the candidates or their committees, which received or spent \$100 or more, must file a notice of dissolution and a final financial report within 30 days.

TWO COEDS STRANGLE RAPIST

NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLA. (AP) — Two coeds were raped by a man armed with an ice pick but then turned on their assailant and strangled him to death with a scarf after he threatened to kill them, police said Saturday.

The man was identified as Lee Arthur Godwin, 26. Volusia County sheriff's officers said he lived in Vero Beach, Fla.

Police said the two women were Indiana University coeds, but under Florida law, names of rape victims cannot be published.

Police said the women were picked up Friday night near this Atlantic Coast community 10 miles south of Daytona Beach and were driven to a wooded area west of nearby Edgewater.

After subduing their attacker, the coeds went to a nearby farmhouse and called police. Police said the two rape victims believed they had only rendered their attacker unconscious.

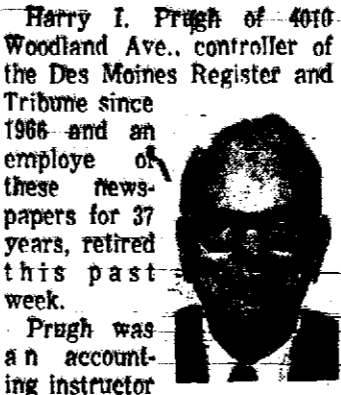
Canoe mishap fatal to Iowan

LEAVENWORTH, WASH. (AP) — A young Coast Guardman drowned in Fish Lake near here Friday when the canoe he and a companion were in capsized, the Coast Guard said Saturday.

Divers were still working Saturday to recover the body of P-16 David E. Moser, age 21 or 22, of Adel, Ia. Moser, a radioman, was stationed aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Monroe, which is based in Seattle.

Moser and another man took a canoe onto the lake Friday afternoon. The craft overturned as they neared the center. Both began swimming but Moser did not make it to shore, the Coast Guard said.

R. and T. controller Harry Prugh retires



HARRY PRUGH

Harry I. Prugh of 4010 Woodland Ave., controller of the Des Moines Register and Tribune since 1966 and an employee of these newspapers for 37 years, retired this past week.

Prugh was an accounting instructor at Iowa State University prior to joining the Register and Tribune in March, 1937, as an accountant. In 1939 he was named auditor, in 1948 assistant business manager and in 1961 became production director.

"Probably no one individual knew as much about the entire operation of these newspapers as Harry Prugh," said Louis Norris, vice-president and business manager. "Harry was involved in every aspect of the Register and Tribune at one time or another. He knows more people and has more friends than any person I have known. A list of his activities points this out."

Prugh is a director of the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery and past chairman of the college's board of trustees; twice he was a president of the Des Moines United Way; past president of the Des Moines Area Council of Churches; past member of the executive board of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA; former Protestant co-chairman of the Iowa Conference of Christians and Jews; an active member of Central Presbyterian Church; member of the board of directors of Junior Achievement; member of the board of the Polk-Des Moines Taxpayers Association; member of the Model Cities Senior Citizens Advisory Board; and former chairman of the committee on equal educational opportunity study of the Des Moines Independent School District.

He has also been active in scouting, the Council of So-

cial Agencies, Travelers Aid and other civic organizations. Prugh and his wife, Marjory, will remain in Des Moines and he plans to continue his active civic life. They are the parents of four grown children.

Truckers strike

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA (AP) — Truck drivers continued their strike across Ethiopia Saturday

Brazil supports Africa struggles

BRASILIA, BRAZIL (AP) — Brazil called Saturday for "a just solution" to the liberation struggles in Portugal's African colonies of Angola, Mozambique and Portuguese Guinea. The Brazilian foreign ministry issued a communique declaring for the first time its support for the liberation movements in the colonies as Gen. Carlos Galvao de Melo, a key member of the new Portuguese government, arrived here for high-level talks.

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