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WASHINGTON (AP) — Sens. Henry M. Jackson and Hubert H. Humphrey have called for a congressional investigation of the Defense Department's contract with a private corporation to train Saudi Arabian troops to protect oil wells in the Persian Gulf.

Jackson, D-Wash., said he would ask Sen. John C. Stennis, D-Miss., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, to conduct hearings.

Jackson, who last Thursday announced his candidacy for the 1976 Democratic presidential nomination, said he was "com-

19,000 Production Men Strike Aircraft Plants

By The Associated Press

About 19,000 production workers have struck McDonnell Douglas Corp. facilities in Missouri and California, including a St. Louis plant which builds F-4 Phantom jets and the new F15 fighters.

About 12,000 workers represented by Machinists Union District 837 walked out at midnight Sunday in St. Louis, saying their demands for increased wages and benefits were not met.

Company officials said a strike would force production to slow and then cease. A few planes ready for final assembly and flight testing would be completed but the rest would remain unfinished, said George Graf, president of the subsidiary McDonnell Aircraft Co.

About 7,000 workers walked out in California. Picketing was reported at facilities in Santa Monica, Huntington Beach, Torrance, Vandenberg Air Force Base and Palmdale.

Company spokesman Charles Chappell said production of the A4 fighter would be affected. But he said most work would continue because a majority of the 11,000 workers at the Long

Beach production facility were members of the nonstriking United Auto Workers.

It was not immediately known if workers at the company's Cape Canaveral Fla., facility had joined the walkout.

Negotiations broke off Friday after union negotiators rejected the company's latest offer. It called for a wage increase in addition to changes in a cost-of-living formula and in medical benefits.

District 837 members now average \$5.82 per hour in wages, plus \$1.61 in hourly benefits. Under the company proposal, they would receive \$6.34 per hour plus benefits in the third year.

Congress May Junk Ford Energy Plans

By JIM LUTHER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is moving on a course that could result in junking President Ford's energy program within the next two weeks.

Democratic leaders say they are developing an alternative to the Ford program, which is based on conserving energy by making it more costly.

At least two dozen Democratic members of both houses have offered their own substitutes for the Ford plan, but it's unclear whether they will reach agreement on an alternative.

The House, which now is in the middle of a 10-day recess, already has passed by a wide

margin a bill blocking for 90 days Ford's \$3-a-barrel special tax on imported oil. The Senate Finance Committee, which was continuing hearings on the measure today, aims to approve the bill this week and send it to the full Senate for final action next week.

Republicans who support the Ford program — and many of them admit their support is based partly on the lack of any Democratic alternative — apparently have discarded plans to wage an all-out filibuster against the 90-day delay.

"We've got to have adequate debate (on the delay bill) without a filibuster," said Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott, forecasting a debate lasting three or four days.

"We believe we can sustain a veto in the Senate," he added.

The imported-oil tax is the heart of Ford's program to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign energy. The project is aimed at cutting oil imports by two million barrels a day over the next three years.

A number of Democrats are expressing fear that such a move would worsen inflation by sharply raising fuel costs and the prices of other goods, and slow economic recovery by denying industries essential fuel.

Ford's \$3-a-barrel tax on imported oil is designed as a stop-gap until Congress approves the higher permanent taxes he has proposed on oil and natural gas.

Democrats are basing their opposition on studies indicating the Ford program would drain consumer buying power by \$20 billion a year and would have the sharpest effects on families earning under \$10,000 a year.

Visitor Center Bill Introduced

AUSTIN — Rep. James Kaster of El Paso wants a visitor center located at the McDonald Observatory on Mt. Locke.

He has introduced House Bill 522, which would give The University of Texas regents the authority to negotiate with the highway department, which runs the state's visitor centers to set up a visitor center at the observatory.

The measure was referred to the House Intergovernmental Affairs Committee.

Flight Safety Clinic Slated

ANDREWS — A flight safety clinic will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Andrews County Airport.

The three-hour clinic, sponsored by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), will include safety programs on aircraft electrical systems, FAA regulations for pilots, flight service station facilities and mountain flying.

The clinic will be offered at no cost to participants.

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WTCC 'Workshop' Training Seminar Slated At Lamesa

LAMESA — A large number of officers, leaders, committee chairmen and members of local chambers of commerce in this area will attend a one-day "workshop" training seminar here Tuesday.

The workshop is sponsored by the Local Action Committee of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Lamesa Chamber of Commerce.

Harry W. Clark, senior vice president of The First National Bank of Midland, is chairman of WTCC's Local Action Committee. He will be in charge of the workshop program, which will feature lectures on program building and committee operation and membership sales and retention during the morning session, followed in the afternoon by four discussion sessions, including: (1) The establishment of the room occupancy tax for tourist and convention promotion; (2) presidents and board members; (3) the chamber executive, and (4) business-government relations as affecting the chamber organization.

The topic of the luncheon address will be "Teaching Free Enterprise Concepts in the Public Schools."

The roster of program participants includes: Dr. C. Gwin Morris, associate professor of history and chairman of the Social Sciences Division, Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, who will give the luncheon address; Brac Biggers, immediate past president and Don Hileman, executive vice president of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce; Roy Faubion, president and Bill Albright, executive vice president of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce, Hereford; Clark Carpenter, executive vice president of the Fort Stockton Chamber of Commerce, and J. Fike Godfrey, WTCC executive vice president.

Bicentennial Events Outside U.S. Scheduled

WASHINGTON — The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration has begun a program to recognize activities outside the United States as official Bicentennial projects.

An overseas project planned by the Australian-American Association has already received recognition. The program calls for an Australian-American Festival from March 27 through April 24, 1976, which will include local performances of American plays, publication of a book on American history, exhibits of American Indian crafts, parades and even square dancing.

More than 40 countries are planning to take part in the Bicentennial within the U.S. Participation includes performing arts groups, exhibits, expansions of existing cultural and educational exchange programs and people-to-people programs.

Twenty-two nations have established official Bicentennial committees. They include Australia, Austria, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, the Philippines, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand and Lebanon.

Blaze Damages Rooms In House

Fire of undetermined origin heavily damaged two rooms of a one-story frame apartment adjoining the main house at 904 George St. late Saturday night, Midland firemen reported.

The blaze, reported at 10:10 p.m., was in the apartment unit rented by Bill Mason, firemen said. Mrs. Beatrice Holt, the landlady, resides in the main unit, which was not damaged, firemen said.

Nixon Said Lonely, Tormented Man

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. (AP) — Former President Richard M. Nixon, his transition to private citizen now officially completed, is a lonely man tormented by the scandal that led him to resign, a friend says.

"This man is so drained, so emasculated that I dare say it will not be months, it will be years, if indeed he recovers," Rabbi Baruch Korff told reporters here Sunday.

Sunday marked six months since Nixon stepped down because of the Watergate scandal, and with it came the loss of most of his staff, his fleet of 11 cars and his office complex.

On Saturday night Nixon and his wife, Pat, hosted a party at

his seaside villa for the departing staff, and some of those present said the former president looked more tan and fit than he had in recent months. Korff suggested, however, that Nixon's mood was less cheerful than it might have appeared.

"He made a serious effort to convey an impression of gregariousness, hope, and even humor because he felt so strongly that he did not want the staff to leave in sadness," Korff said.

Korff said he did not attend the private party because he had visited the former chief executive earlier Saturday and didn't want to be pained by "the extreme effort that I knew he would undertake to shield from his employees his frustra-

tion and unhappiness." Korff said Nixon has "profound regrets" about the Watergate scandal and has acknowledged it was because of the scandal that he resigned on Aug. 9. But the rabbi was not more specific about Nixon's "regrets."

"President Nixon is a lonely and troubled man," said Korff, who heads the President Nixon Justice Fund, which is trying to raise money to pay the former chief executive's bills.

He said Nixon still owes a balance of \$175,000 on his total legal expenses of \$275,000, and about \$23,000 on a \$34,000 medical bill. Korff said the Justice Fund, which already paid \$100,000 of the legal tab, has only about \$10,700 left.

Only four persons remain on the Nixon payroll now, compared with the transition staff of about 20 aides and federal employees who accompanied him when he returned to California.

Meanwhile, literary agent Irving Lazar said Nixon has received a \$175,000 advance for his as yet untitled book, the Los Angeles Times said in its Sunday edition.

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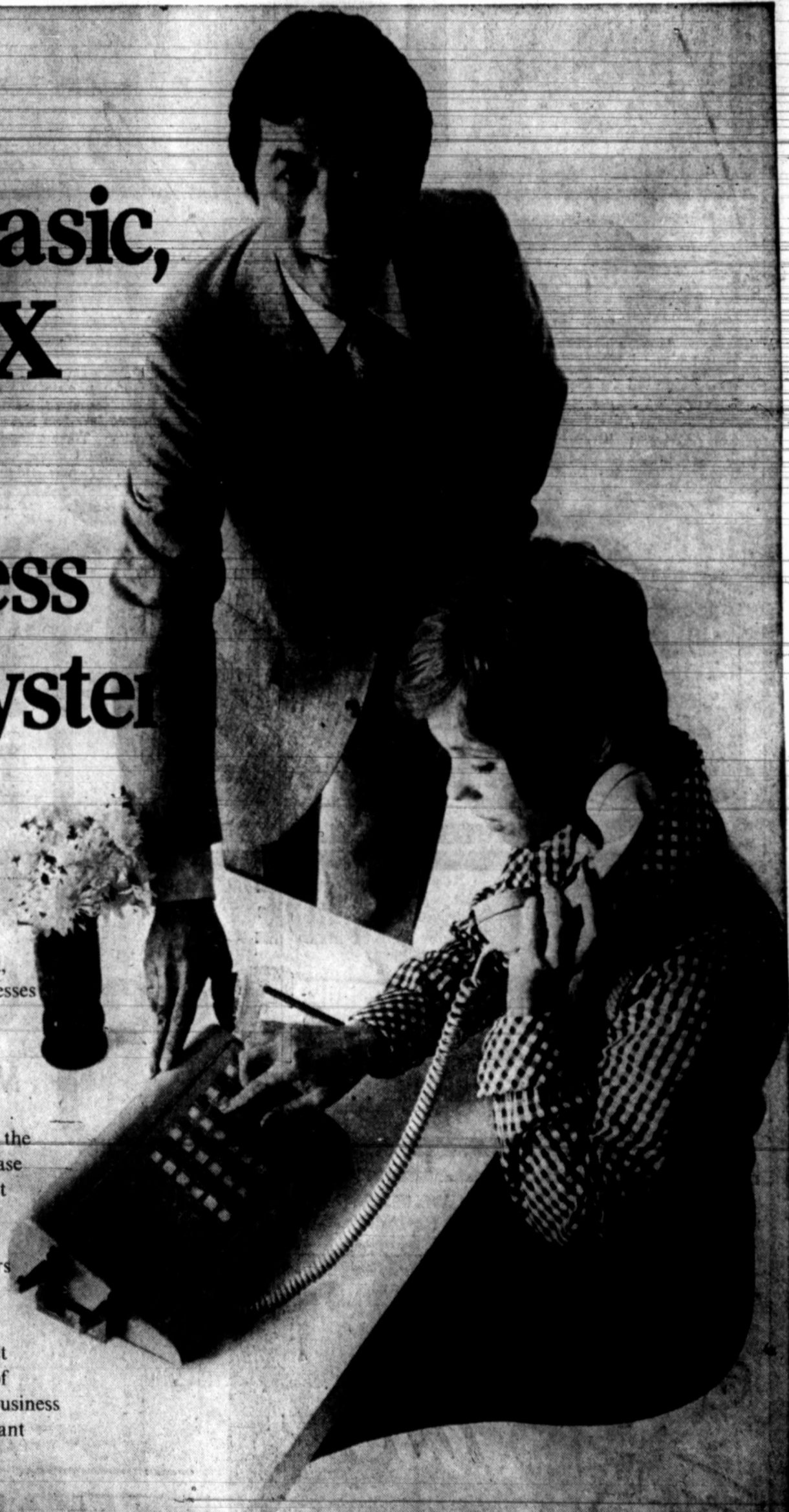
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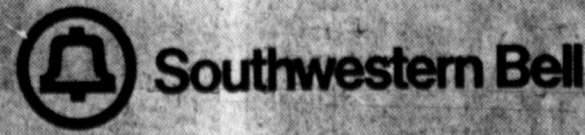
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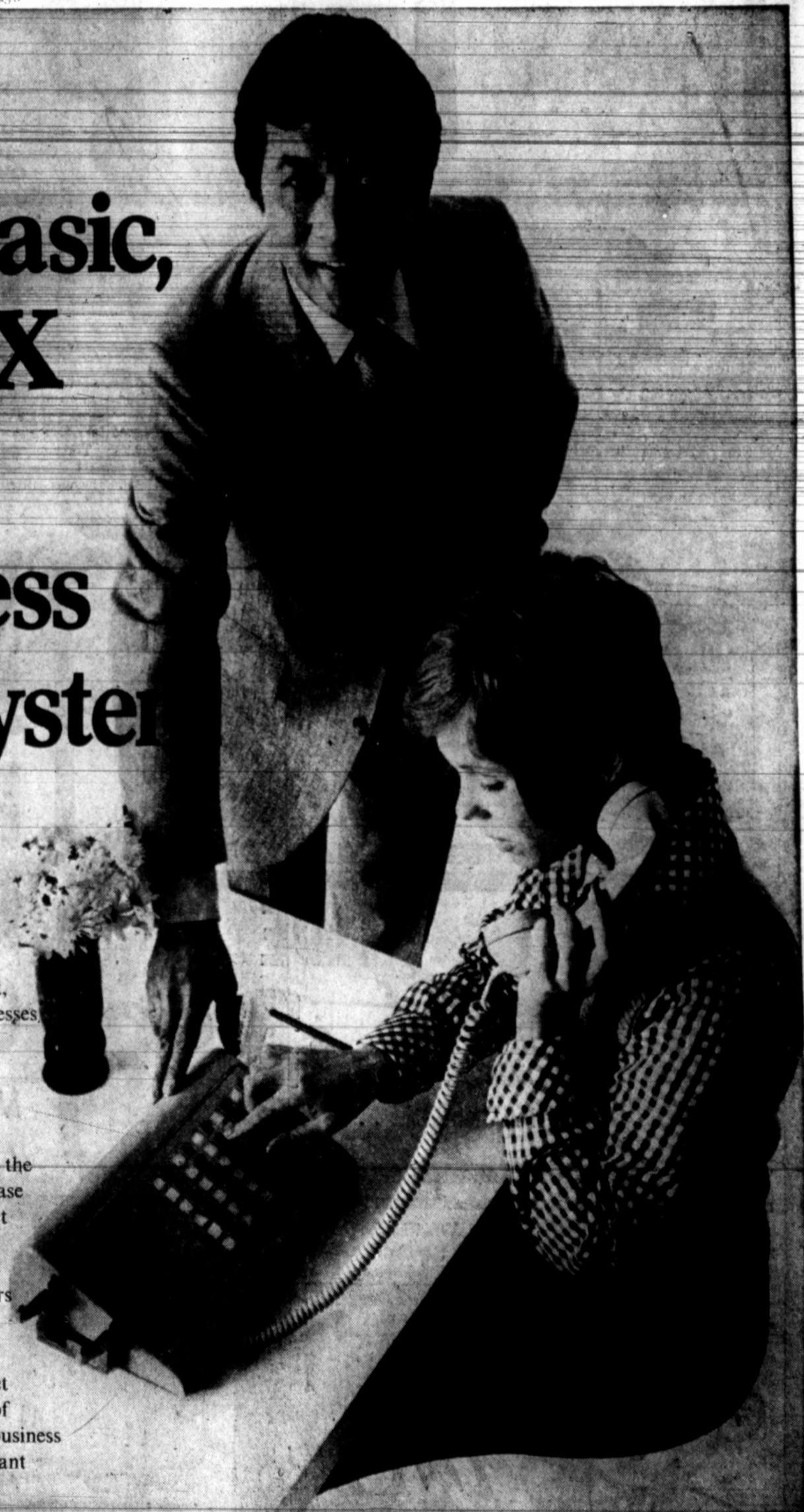
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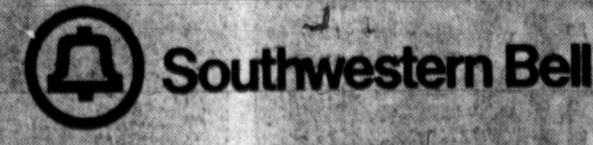
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communities, both in numbers of Scouts and in Scouting activities. Scout Week is a bit more meaningful in Midland perhaps, due to the location here of the headquarters...



Bible Verse

Incline your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your mind to my knowledge; for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you...

NICK THIMMESCH

Establishment Folk Hold Helm's Hand

WASHINGTON — Some establishment folk here, especially those afflicted with "Locust Valley Lockjaw" (a speech affliction endemic to old Ivy Leaguers), are worried sick that one of their own, Richard Helms, may get zonked in the investigations of the CIA, which he once headed.

NBC's Today show shed a tear. Nor did Israeli ambassador Simcha Diniz (a good man who represents a courageous, spartan country), who should know better than to get mixed up with this establishment bunch.

Nick Thimmesch



The Only Thing That's Getting Cheaper



The Washington Merry-Go-Round

By JACK ANDERSON
WASHINGTON — It was seven years ago this month that America's military planners lost their stomach for the Vietnam War.

The story is told, in part, in secret cables which Pentagon Papers-leader Daniel Ellsberg held back from the public.

A few months ago, the cables were stolen from Ellsberg's home, were recovered by police and wound up in the locked safe of a House subcommittee.

We have obtained copies from non-congressional sources and now can reveal the contents, including some fascinating Washington-Saigon dialogue that has been suppressed for seven years.

During the closing months of 1967, our Vietnam War strategists persuaded themselves that they had the Viet Cong on the run.

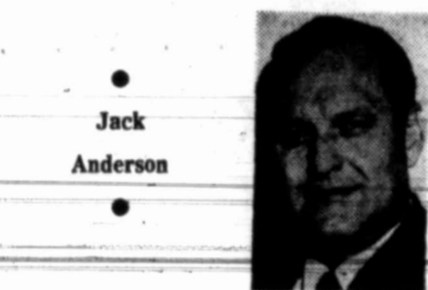
On the eve of the Tet offensive, the secret cables, show, the planners in Washington and Saigon prepared a massive snow job "to demonstrate to the press and public that we are making solid progress."

To prove the United States was winning the Vietnam War, the American embassy began a "review of captured documents" for "statements made by the enemy himself."

And in the White House, the late President Lyndon Johnson assured visitors that victory was at hand.

Suddenly three months later, Communist cadres struck a stunning, simultaneous blow at 30 provincial capitals and several other towns in South Vietnam, including Saigon itself.

The Tet offensive, as it was called, raged throughout the month of February 1968. The allied forces, caught off guard, eventually put down the outbreak.



The earlier false optimism, it now develops, had been based upon deception. The Ellsberg cables contain the story of this deception.

The military strategists, first of all, deceived themselves. Then they set out methodically to deceive the press and public. This deception caused U.S. forces to let down their guard and cost more than 2,000 American lives.

WASHINGTON — "We see ample evidence that the enemy is fast losing control of the people for his side."

WASHINGTON: "Our feeling is that we are making steady progress in chipping away at Viet Cong-controlled population rather than that the enemy is 'fast' losing control."

WASHINGTON: "We estimated that 7,000 VC (Viet Cong) a month were being recruited in early 1966, but this has declined to 3,000-4,000 now."

WASHINGTON: "The intelligence analysis showing a decline in recruitment from 7,000 to 3,500 per month should be well hedged as only an estimate."

WASHINGTON: "That an enemy can be suffering more than we know is illustrated by the fact that when the Japanese surrendered in World War II, we had no idea that their capability had become as low as it had."

WASHINGTON: "Analogy to Japan subject to too many exceptions to be useful."

WASHINGTON: "There has been a marked increase in the time necessary to effect repairs of bridges, marshalling yards, bypasses, etc."

WASHINGTON: "We are puzzled as to evidence on this point. North Vietnam still seems to be able rapidly to rebuild or circumvent any key facilities."

In the end, Saigon and Washington reached a consensus that the Tet offensive, still several weeks away, could never happen.

The Country Parson

By Frank A. Clark

What we have here are establishment folk showing that they are just as human and fallible as the Nixon gang, and no better. If it's bad for Nixon's men to claim they were only following orders in an apparent violation of the law, it has to be just as bad for Helms to make the same claim.

As for Kissinger, he should be worried, too. He didn't offer the truth when asked, under oath, to tell what he knew about the White House plumbers. He appears not to have told the truth on the question of CIA involvement with Chile — again when he was under oath, Kissinger and Helms are really in the same leaky boat, only the establishment searchlight now only plays on Helms in this career saving effort.

INSIDE REPORT

Rockefeller Versus Gromyko In Baghdad

By ROWLAND EVANS and ROBERT NOVAK

BAGHDAD — The astonishing failure of Soviet foreign minister Andrei Gromyko to stop here on his suddenly scheduled swing through the Middle East this week marks a new low point in Iraq's unfulfilled dreams for the Moscow connection.

Vice President Saddam Hussein, now more entrenched than ever as the unchallenged strongman of this oil-rich state, gave us the short answer when we asked in an exclusive interview why Gromyko was not going to stop off here after showing the Soviet flag in Damascus and Cairo.

"Iraq has not invited Mr. Gromyko to visit Baghdad," the 37-year-old leader replied. "It is not an old Iraqi tradition to ask everybody to come and visit."

Yet, by a coincidence of timing stupefying in its contrast to Gromyko's non-invasion, Saddam Hussein rolled out the red carpet only a few days earlier to none other than David Rockefeller, brother of the American Vice President and chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank.



American capitalism (despite official propaganda here that describes the U.S. as "a land where the world's most voracious and most savage capitalist insatiable rule").

In our interview, the handsome and toughly elegant Saddam Hussein made no effort to downplay difficulties other Arab states have had in guiding their relations with Moscow down the right path. It was "self-evident," he said, that such Arab states as Egypt have had grave problems with the Soviet Union.

Perhaps, but diplomatic experts here have large doubts.

Baghdad-Moscow problems started when the Soviets bought a large tonnage of Iraqi oil and then sold it at a handsome profit to third countries, including West Germany. Iraq was further aroused when the Russians turned the other way as Iran, Iraq's No. 1 enemy, occupied two strategic islets in the Persian Gulf, the vital outlet for most Middle East oil.

The nasty problem of Kurdish separatism has now come close to traumatizing Iraqi foreign policy. It dominates everything else.

But when the Iraqi Kurds rejected a plan for semi-autonomy offered by Baghdad last year, and the fighting started, the first targets of the Iraqi army were local Kurdish leaders with Communist connections.

Saddam Hussein told us that the U.S. was responsible for providing arms to the Shah of Iran which are then turned against the Iraqis along the border area to help the Iraqi Kurds. It is unthinkable, he said, that the Shah would employ his U.S.-provided arms against the Iraqis without Washington's consent.

But with the super powers, it is to the U.S., not Moscow, that Baghdad now looks for real help in ending the costly and politically dangerous war against the Kurds.

THE BIBLE

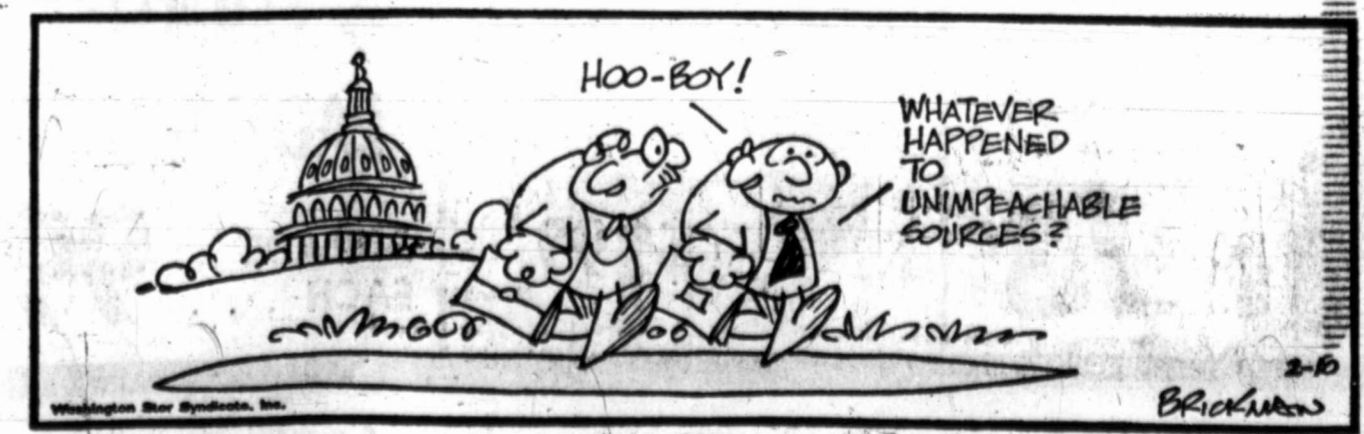
Can you quote it? By LAVINA ROSS FOWLER

- 1. In the line of Caesars, Claudius was followed by Nero, who began persecuting Christians. He is not mentioned in the Bible except as "the household of Caesar." It is said that he "fiddled while Rome burned" and strangely decreed after the fire that all structures should be fireproof. How was he involved in Paul's trial? Acts 25:11-12

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Musk Lure
By CARL P. WASHINGTON
Edmund S. Muskie in "a state of mation" about the presidency plans to run for the Senate next year. In an hour-long interview the lanky Maine legislator plans to spend full-time ahead to the 11 in Maine. But he conceals the presidency his 1972 bid, no long been reason once, there's a about the who keeps you draw "I can think"

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Muskie Concedes Presidential Lure Remains In Spite Of '72

By CARL P. LEUBSDORF
WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Edmund S. Muskie says he is in "a state of suspended animation" about a 1976 race for the presidency and is laying plans to run for re-election to the Senate next year while leaving open "the possibility that might change."

personal and political and other reasons why my life would be complete without it," the 60-year-old senator said. "Life isn't going to begin and end by whether I become a candidate for president or get the nomination or become president. It simply isn't."

made no effort at all could come in and get it," he said, though he conceded that perhaps Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., could.

Dear Abby

—By Abigail van Buren

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By ALFRED SHEINWOLD

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Yale Chaplain Coffin Resigns

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Magazine Says Douglas May Not Walk Again

NEW YORK (AP) — Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas has not recovered the use of his left leg following a stroke and his doctors fear he may never be able to walk again, Time magazine says.

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Edited by CLAY R. FOLLAN

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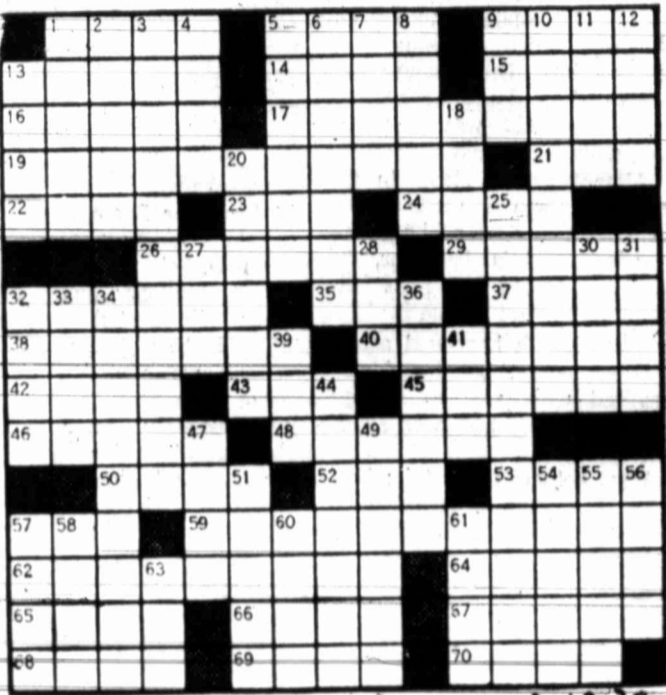
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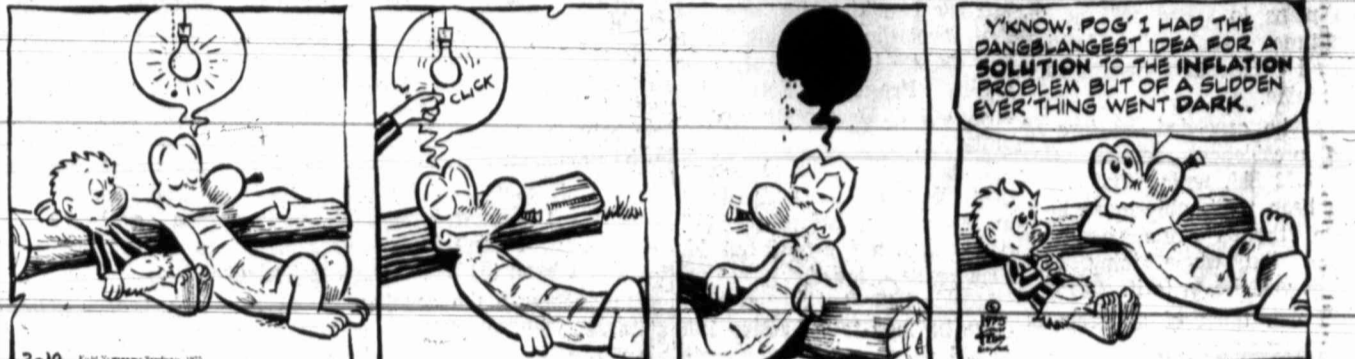
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 - 19 Become visible
 - 21 Hamelin undecidable
 - 22 Arabian principality
 - 23 Get — of
 - 24 Other
 - 26 Showered
 - 29 Orchestra leader's concern
 - 2 Periods of boredom
 - 35 Excavate
 - 37 Require
 - 38 Paired
 - 40 Peanut —
 - 42 Harm
 - 43 Debs was one: Abbr.
 - 45 Awn
 - 46 Attack
 - 48 Bicycle of a sort
 - 50 Prepare for publication
- DOWN**
- 1 Assumed name
 - 2 Tropical American mammal
 - 3 Stopped temporarily
 - 4 Darling
 - 5 Achieve
 - 6 Shaped
 - 7 Everywhere: Prefix
 - 8 Grasp
 - 9 By way of
 - 10 Side dish, from the French
 - 11 Plan for action
 - 12 Missing
 - 13 First word of Virgil's Aeneid
 - 18 Primitive chisel
 - 20 Spring flowers in logic
 - 25 Romantic
 - 27 Trouble
 - 28 Bob the bait
 - 30 Hurl, throw, as stones
 - 31 Theaters of antiquities
 - 32 Reverberate
 - 33 Part of speech
 - 34 Nanny
 - 36 Machine for leveling earth
 - 39 Dowry
 - 41 Anger
 - 44 Alkaloid in coffee tea, etc.
 - 47 Help along (with "over")
 - 49 Stitching device
 - 51 Worn out
 - 54 Coral island
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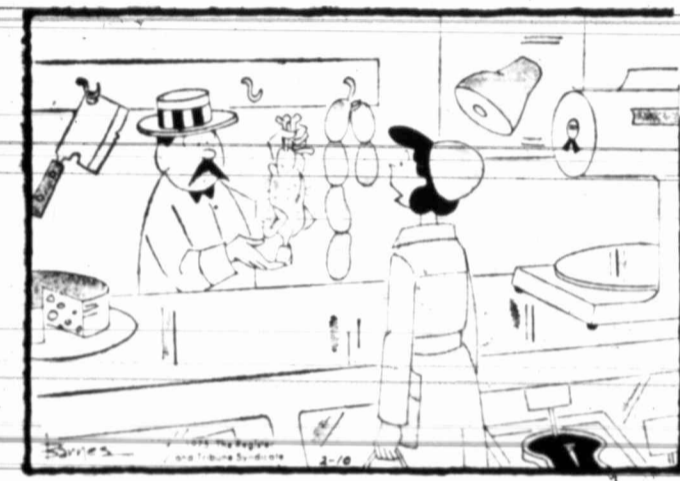


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School Pilot Program Draws Mixed Reaction

By LUANNA CROW
 "It's like a free circus."
 "I think it's extremely creative."
 "Too much confusion and not enough individual attention."
 "I believe that if you have a real strong staff, your program will go real well."
 "The system doesn't lend itself to discipline, but they tout it as being self-disciplined."
 And so goes the parental feed-

back on the open area multi-aged grouping concept which Midland public school administrators Tuesday will recommend be implemented throughout the district.
 The pilot program now in effect at Rusk, Long, West and Burnett elementary schools has met with widely varied reactions which run the gamut from antipathy to esteem.
 Many parents are undecided

on the program's value — they approve of some features and disapprove of others.
 Among the strengths in the program which parents name are increased participation, flexibility, independence on the part of the student, the pupil's progressing at his own rate and enthusiasm for school.
 Criticisms most often heard include too many children for too few adults, too little ad-



K-1 CLASSROOM — Teacher aide Betty Gilmer assists Paige Ming at the writing table in West Elementary School's multi-aged class for 5- and 6-year olds. In the background, children are involved with projects at other learning centers.

ministration experience with the program, too little training for the teachers and, too much freedom for a small child.
 Many parents concede multi-aged grouping may be an advantage to some children, but declare it is disastrous for others.
 In addition, the manner in which the school administration is "attempting to sell" the program is under fire by several parents. They charge that the slide presentation compiled by administrators on multi-aged grouping depicts the concept as perfect and that the parent attitude survey sent home by K-1 and 2-3 children has "loaded, leading questions."

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 One father of a K-1 student who asked that he not be identified said, "All the feedback you get when you talk to the school people is that it (the program) is good and parents say it's good. This is just not the case."
 "It might even be a better system — we don't know. But I don't think they do either."
 Of the questionnaire, he said: "It's a joke."
 Mrs. Charles Thomas is another parent disenchanted with the concept. She said her family transferred into Midland in the middle of her daughter's first grade year. K-1 left the child "totally confused, very frustrated. In our case, it did not work."
 Mrs. Thomas said when she and her husband decided to buy a home in Midland, they purposely chose one not in a multi-aged school district. Her daughter is now in the third grade and "doing beautifully," she said.
 "We are going to the board meeting, and we will do everything to stop it because we have another child entering in a few years."

Mother Pleased
 Mrs. George Lunsford is one of the Midland mothers pleased with the program's results. "We think it's giving Craig self-confidence," she said. "If he'd been in a (self-contained) classroom, he wouldn't have participated as well. He's not the type to raise his hand in class. Since he's been on his own, he's built up a lot more self-confidence."

Opposition Organized
 Opposition to the program has organized in some areas of the city where parents are petitioning the school board to "give the K-1 project further review."
 Mrs. Ernest Angelo Jr., Mrs. Tom Craddick and Mrs. Bobby Page, among the petitioners, declined to detail their objections, saying they wish to save them for the school board.
 The three attended a K-1 presentation program where "several parents asked questions concerning the pitfalls and fallacies of the program. After receiving ambiguous answers, many concerned parents left the meeting quite disturbed," according to a joint statement issued by the women.
 "We felt that inadequate study had been made by those implementing the program. Since that time we have conferred with members of our own administration, area educators and the Texas Education Agency, and we are even more convinced that additional study needs to be done."
 Mrs. Frances Stapp voiced a concern echoed by many parents interviewed: "A lot of children are not cut out for the K-1 program. I feel kindergarten children shouldn't be thrown in with first graders. Some benefit from it, but others will feel like little lost sheep."
 Her child, she said, was one of the lost sheep.
 Mrs. Parker Humes, who has no children in the program but one in pre-kindergarten, worries that teachers are not fully prepared by a "two- or three-week crash planning session and they're on their own."
 "I think they need to know more about getting it started so that these first few years students will not suffer from it," she said.

Teachers Objects
 A substitute teacher in the Midland schools, Mrs. Barbara Graham objects to the report cards which are the same as those issued for kindergarten students. She said it does not tell her whether her child is working at ability or grade level.
 One woman who formerly taught full-time in the Midland schools and now substitutes in K-1 classes and others, fears that the structure of the program would prevent a teacher

from ascertaining possible learning disabilities because "there is not enough time to observe one child."
 The woman, who asked to remain unidentified, suggested approaching the multi-aged concept in the fourth through sixth grades rather than the younger children.
 "Doing It Backwards"
 "It seems to me, we're doing it backwards. Why not let them learn the rudiments, then turn them loose to reach their full potential?"
 She also made an observation prevalent in numerous other interviews: "It takes a very special teacher to work in that kind of classroom."
 Mrs. Hampton Hodges, who will have a child in the program if it is enacted throughout the school district, concurred. "It would take a very dedicated staff," she said.
 Although still in the process of "making up my mind," Mrs. Hodges appears to favor the multi-aged grouping concept. "I think it has many, many good possibilities. It takes into account differences in children and may be what we've been looking for."
 Noting the program features "a lot of flexibility," she added, "I think parents should go see the program in action."

At Least Nine Die In Texas Traffic

By The Associated Press
 A flaming collision of two cars Sunday night near Denton claimed three lives and proved one of the worst accidents contributing to the weekend violent death toll in Texas.
 The number of fatalities reported between 6 p.m. Friday and midnight Sunday reached 15, including nine on streets and highways, four

homicides and two in fires.
 Highway patrolmen reported the crash six miles west of Denton on U.S. 380 killed John M. Daffron, 19, of Duncanville, Tex., and Willie Hunter, 25, and Bobby E. O'Neal, both of Ft. Sill, Okla. Three other Ft. Sill men were injured.
 These were among other victims:
 Homer Garrett, 77, burned to death Sunday night in his home at Greenville. Firemen found the place enveloped in flames and were unable to reach him.
 Maggie M. Shelton, 81, died Sunday of burns suffered the night before when her dress ignited while she sat near a gas heater in her home at Beaumont.
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