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Fiddlin' around

J.T. Perkins demonstrates the winning form he used in the Fiddlers Contest at Renfro Valley last weekend. In the picture at right two young boys dream of the day when they can perform on stage. (Kernel photos by Dave Cronin.)



Nixon 'bugged' own office

By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON—A former presidential aide testified today that President Nixon had listening devices installed in his offices and on his telephones to record conversations.

A White House lawyer confirmed the account.

Alexander P. Butterfield, now administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, appeared as a surprise witness at the Senate's televised Watergate hearings and told of the recording devices.

IN A LETTER read to the committee, J. Fred Buzhardt, special counsel to the President, confirmed that presidential meetings and conversations in the White House have been recorded since the spring of 1971.

Butterfield had testified that the equipment was installed about three years ago. He said he stood corrected by the Buzhardt letter as to the date the recording procedure started.

Buzhardt also wrote that the recording was a system that had been used during the presidency of the late Lyndon B. Johnson.

BUTTERFIELD was followed to the witness stand by Herbert W. Kalmbach, Nixon's former personal lawyer, who said he raised funds to pay the seven original Watergate defendants, but denied any prior knowledge of the wiretapping break-in or the later cover-up.

Butterfield, who said the conversations were taped for the historical record, wound up his brief, unexpected appearance by declaring he believes the President "innocent of any crime or wrong-doing" in the Watergate affair.

He said he hoped his openness about the recording system had not given away information the President had planned to use later in support of his position.

HE SAID THE devices were installed in Nixon's offices at the White House and the Executive Office Building, and on telephones there, in the Lincoln sitting

room, and in the presidential cabin at Camp David, Md.

Butterfield said as far as he knows, the recordings still exist. That could provide a record of conversations involving the Watergate affair which now are the subject of conflicting testimony.

Samuel Dash, counsel to the Senate committee, said Butterfield's disclosure could pave the way for a demand that recordings of conversations between the President and John W. Dean III be produced to either corroborate or contradict the testimony of the fired White House counsel that Nixon knew of the Watergate cover-up.

BUTTERFIELD told Dash that the way to reconstruct any presidential conversations is obvious: "obtain the tape and play it."

And Dash said in an interview later that having waived objections to Senate testimony by Dean, he doesn't see how the White House could object to providing the tape recordings to the committee.

SG Senate seeks end to suit...

By CHARLES WOLFE
Kernel Staff Writer

A resolution calling for "president Singletary and the University administration to terminate their civil suit and to immediately and unconditionally recognize the Gay Liberation Front (GLF) as a registered campus organization," was adopted by the Student Senate in their July 5 meeting.

GLF applied for registration as a student organization on Nov. 30, 1971. At that time, UK sought an opinion by state Attorney General Ed. W. Hancock on the advisability of recognition.

IN REPLY, Hancock said, "It is my opinion that the governing officials of the University of Kentucky should reject the application to be registered as a student organization by the Gay Liberation Front unless and until there is a clearcut decision of a court of last resort directing otherwise."

John C. Darsie, UK legal counsel, explained that Hancock's opinion is not legally binding, but since he is the state's highest legal officer, and UK is a state institution, the opinion "can not be taken lightly."

ALSO COMPLICATING the matter, according to Darsie, is the lack of agreement among medical authorities on homosexuality. In fact, many authorities are unconvinced that the problem is medical in nature, he said.

The suit was filed by the University in December, 1972 to define GLF's role as a campus organization.

Concerning the proposal to withdraw the suit, Darsie said, "The suit was filed attempting to clarify certain complicated

legal issues. That being the state of affairs, I would not see any reason, at this point, to terminate the suit."

...and member absenteeism

Last night's scheduled meeting of the Student Senate was cancelled for lack of a quorum.

Five senators are needed to constitute a quorum, but only four were on hand at 6:30 p.m., the scheduled time of the meeting.

Student Government president Jim Flegle cancelled the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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Administration tightens narcotics raid controls

By MARGARET GENTRY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON—The Nixon administration tightened controls over federal no-knock narcotics raids Monday and pledged “a shift in emphasis” toward protecting individual rights.

John R. Bartels Jr., acting head of the Drug Enforcement Administration, laid down stricter rules for the use of no-knock searches and forceable entry in the pursuit of illegal narcotics.

HE ACTED IN response to growing complaints that agents have abused the constitutional right to privacy in raids on innocent citizens.

“Any recurrence of such abuses cannot and will not be tolerated,” Bartels told a news conference. “I cannot find words to express my contempt for any agent who misuses the badge on a federal officer for any illegal purpose.”

In addition, he said “the misuse of that badge, the misuse of that

gun will be dealt with as sternly as possible, as quickly as possible.”

THE AGENCY ISSUED to its 2,200 officers a 10-page statement of search and arrest policy which states that:

—Narcotics agents may proceed with a no-knock raid only with specific authority of Bartels or his deputy.

—Agents must obtain an arrest warrant or their supervisor's approval “whenever humanly practical” before forcing their way into the home of a suspect and must knock and identify themselves as narcotics agents before making a forced entry.

—The agents must wear some identifying emblem and should try to take a uniformed police officer on raids.

—On joint raids with state and local officers, the federal rules will govern.

—No federal agent may fire a gun except to protect himself or some other person or for official target practice.

BARTELS CONCEDED that most aspects of the guidelines

were in effect at the time of two Collinsville, Ill., raids last April and other previous raids in which agents are accused of terrorizing families after forcing their way into the wrong home.

He said key differences are the new requirements that he or his deputy approve all no-knock searches, the requirement that arrest warrants be obtained when practical prior to raids, and the more stringent identification mandate.

“I don't know how many raids were conducted without warrants,” he said, adding that policy had varied from state to state and often allowed raids under only the verbal authorization of a local prosecutor.

The rules do not specifically touch on the problem of agents conducting raids at wrong addresses. But Bartels said the new policy is designed to insure better planning and stronger lines of control so that agents will read addresses more carefully.

Consultant advises against community college expansion

A consultant has advised UK not to activate community colleges in Carrollton and

Glasgow, and has urged instead further development of educational facilities which already serve those areas.

Professor Gerald W. Smith of Illinois State University made his recommendations upon completion of a four-month study.

Kentucky's 1968 General Assembly authorized these two additions to the UK system, although funds have not been provided.

Smith cited lack of population in the two areas, and added anticipated growth would not reach acceptable minimums set for establishment of a college.

Glasgow, according to Smith's report, is a “borderline” population area, with 49,000 residents in the three counties (Barren, Metcalfe and Monroe) most likely to produce students for a Glasgow facility.

“The impact of Western Kentucky University on most of the counties within the Glasgow orbit,” the study said, “significantly affects potential enrollments in a two-year college at Glasgow.”

The study further recommends “that Northern Kentucky State College be encouraged to retain and perhaps strengthen its commitment to its community college operation” in order to handle the educational needs of the area.

The study also said the Carrollton Area Vocational Technical School should be “commended for its emphasis on post-high school offerings within its several departments and ...encouraged to work toward further development.”

Smith admitted both areas show strong support and interest in community colleges. He added, however, trends and forecasts regarding college enrollments “mandate the most careful and cautious approach to further expansion.”

Black girl receives state crown

Lyda Lewis, Kentucky's first black Miss Kentucky in the 26 year history of the pageant, says she intends to begin her preparations for the Miss America pageant immediately.

The 24-year-old is a 1970 graduate of Morehead State University where she was the school's first black homecoming queen in 1967. She is an elementary and special education teacher with plans to work towards a master degree at the University of Louisville.

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Energy shortage here to stay; fuel consumption must reduce

New York Times
By STEWART L. UDALL

WASHINGTON— Various experts recently proposed assorted remedies for the oil-auto energy crisis. Dr. Arthur Burns of the Federal Reserve has suggested a horsepower tax; Secretary Morton has urged the states to lower their speed limits, and Secretary Shultz has proposed voluntary car pools. My quarrel with such proposals is that they assume the petroleum crunch will diminish if we merely exercise a little self-restraint and make some modest adjustments in our automobile etiquette. All the available facts deny the validity of such assumptions.

Petroleum consumption is increasing 7 per cent each year, and we are manufacturing and buying a record number of new autos this year. The official statistics show that the U.S. oil shortage is worsening daily—and it will grow until we take drastic action to reverse our voracious consumption of petroleum products. It is urgent to deter wasteful travel now; but it is ten times more important to initiate



sweeping changes in our whole petroleum-based transportation system.

What might be the first part of such a two-step program has been proposed by Dr. Paul W. McCracken, President Nixon's first chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers. McCracken called for an immediate increase of ten cents per gallon in the Federal tax on gasoline—and an additional ten-cent tax in 1974. He reasoned that such a stiff increase in the gas tax would dampen demand by penetrating the consumer's "threshold of awareness" of the energy shortage. In all likelihood, McCracken's plan would curtail unnecessary travel and help us cut oil consumption in the near term. However, his stopgap measure does nothing to bring about the structural changes in our transportation system that can save us from a far worse crisis a few years from now.

Bold action is imperative. I propose that we convert McCracken's short-term deterrent into a dynamo for long-run reform. The McCracken tax (a ten-cent Federal gas tax will produce over \$10 billion in annual revenues) should be enacted and allocated to an emergency transportation fund. This fund should be expended on a crash program to rebuild our public

transportation systems, reduce our consumption of oil, and avoid our impending economic bondage to a few nations in the Middle East.

How would the money be spent?

As a starter, we should subsidize current intracity mass transit systems to the point that fares are free—or at least dirt cheap. (This would be a temporary act of equity to low-income people who would be hurt by the regressive nature of the McCracken tax.)

The cities (most of which are ready for action and begging for funds) should be given billions to build and subsidize versatile mass transit systems—everything from bikeways to modern bus systems to monorails. The construction of cheap, pleasant and convenient public transportation would make our one-man, one-car transportation system obsolete. Indeed, "second cars" would soon become an intolerable expense. (We have the technology—and the nearby example of Toronto—so let no one argue that this is an impractical plan.)

The railroads should be subsidized and encouraged to produce a new generation of fast trains that would shift much of our intercity passenger and freight traffic from highways and aircraft to fuel-saving railways.

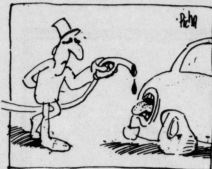
The automakers should be encouraged (to the extreme of a partial subsidy if necessary) to bring about a swift transition to small, lower-horsepower, 25-miles-per-gallon automobiles. (And Congress could do its part by mandatory laws regulating the weight of autos and the size of their engines.)

The environmental and energy-

economy dividends to the nation from such a program would be enormous.

—We would cut back the air pollution which is choking our cities.

—We would save precious land by slowing down urban sprawl.



(In fact, we should spend 10 to 15 per cent of the fund on emergency grants to cities to enable them to purchase open space and greenbelts that would check sprawl and guide urban growth.)

—We would probably save at least 15,000 lives annually by reducing and decelerating auto travel.

—We would avoid the periodic dollar devaluations that will inevitable plague us if we become economic satraps of the oil-producing countries.

A program of this magnitude would get at the roots of the oil-auto energy crisis and force us to come to terms with our own gluttony and waste. Last year, for example, we burned nearly 55 per cent of the world's gasoline. The behemoth "American car" is now an economic hemorrhage and an energy disaster. Drastic reforms are needed now. Unless the President's new "energy czar" produces a program of the scope I have suggested, hardships and dislocations will impinge on the lives of millions before this decade has run its course.

Stewart L. Udall was Secretary of the Interior in the Kennedy Administration.

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Sports
Go-Round
by Mike Clark

Early retirement for Olga?

It is unfortunate the International Gymnastics Federation has chosen to penalize originality.

Because of a ruling announced Monday, Russia's mighty mite, Olga Korbut, may choose early retirement rather than restructure her revolutionary athletic techniques.

Little Olga, the darling of the 1972 Olympics, was told by the IGF that certain portions of her balance beam and uneven parallel bar routines were "dangerous" and were therefore to be omitted from future competition.

Though the ruling won't be official until November, at which time the Federation's Assembly must ratify the decision, the handwriting is plainly on the wall. Olga's earth-shattering routines will soon be a memory.

Olga's crime, it seems, is her ability. She was the first gymnast in the world to use a double backward somersault on the balance beam, and was also the first to put together a back somersault dismount from the top of the uneven bars. That Olga executed these revolutionary exercises is fact; that other gymnasts are capable of the same is also fact.

New moves are always dangerous. A novice can break her neck attempting a simple rollover; the more advanced pupil would have trouble with Olga's routine.

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Gymnastics rises from mediocrity

Valery Brumel of Russia would still hold the world high jump record if Dick Fosbury and his Flop hadn't unveiled a more effective jumping technique. Polevaulters would still be struggling to clear 16 feet had not John Pennell unveiled the fiberglass pole.

Gymnastics had begun to settle into a rut of familiarity when Olga burst refreshingly on the scene. Her dramatic domination at Munich (she won three gold medals) not only thrilled the world but established new limits to which other female gymnasts could aspire. A certain danger is, of course, prevalent when a new routine is constructed, but careful coaching and spotting can minimize these dangers.

Olga has stated she will retire if the decision is allowed to stand. It is hoped the Federation Assembly will overturn the foolish IGF ruling in the interest of moving gymnastics further into the world's athletic spotlight.

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