



Ex-POW Richard Hobson, crippled by six years of savage Communist torture, returned home today to the cheers of a festive crowd in Grosse Point, Michigan. "It was horrible," said Hobson of his captivity. "They made us eat rice, and we often went for weeks without receiving Red Cross Mission Paks." He said he would remember more of the tortures once he has recovered from his debriefing stint in a US. Navy hospital.

-AP Photofax

Food prices leap; 20 persons die

ORANGE COUNTY (UPI) — Twenty persons are dead as a result of malnutrition, health officials at Mt. Saint Vincent's Hospital reported today. All migrant farm workers, the twenty had gone on a fast following the recent 42% rise in food prices, according to hospital sources. "It just wasn't adequate to sustain human life as we know it," explained doctor Ralph Richardson.

Presidential economic aide Jim

\$268.7 BILLION BUDGET

Reagan tax relief

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Governor Reagan yesterday signed legislation abolishing California's property tax and shifting its tax burden to a variety of new areas, including a special "tenants' tax," a Mexican ancestry tax and a levy against homosexuals and liberals.

Yesterday's signing followed a tense closed-door meeting Monday night between Reagan and Assembly Speaker Bob Moretti, who had deadlocked on the inclusion of the tax on liberals. Reagan offered to let Moretti exempt 15% of his incipient campaign staff from the

McLane, who was recently quoted as saying "Eat a little bit less" as part of the Nixon Administration's "game plan" against inflation, issued a "clarification" today in response to the deaths of the transients:

"When I said to eat less, I didn't mean that anybody should eat that much less. I have been informed that autopsies conducted on these persons showed they had eaten virtually nothing for some time.

"Of course, if you eat nothing at all long enough, you'll die. Everybody knows that, and these people should have eaten more. Anyway, when I said people should eat less, I was referring to people who are grossly obese. And then, come to think of it, it should only be under a doctor's supervision."

The farm worker had been travelling to Lodi when their '56 Chevrolet pickup broke down.

EAST BERLIN

MAN SWIMS

TO FREEDOM

WEST BERLIN (UPI) — Ernst Frick, a 26-year-old East German guard patrolling the infamous "death zone" flanking the Berlin Wall, dived into a running sewer next to his guard outpost and swam past five miles of land mines to freedom yesterday, only to hear that his 74-year-old grandmother had recovered on her death bed at news of his escape.

Frick, pale, yet gaunt, said he decided to flee East Berlin when Communist authorities confiscated the entire national barley malt crop to make poultices for American POWs in North Vietnam.

Tanzania invasion of Uganda claimed

By AP and UPI

ROME — Giuseppe L. Duce, recording secretary and last living member of the Italian Advisory Board on African Invasions yesterday leaked reports of armed border violations involving Tanzania and Uganda, two emerging African nations.

The Italian Advisory Board, one of the last remnants of Italy's ill-fated invasion of Ethiopia in 1896, was given a special charter by the League of Nations in 1919 to supervise all invasions of or on the dark continent.

"IL PENSEROSO," official organ of the Italian Communist Party, Wednesday printed what are alleged to be secret re-dated acquisition forms for low-flying planes modified to outrance spears and javelins, plans for an automatic blowgun and photographs of a prototype heavy-water balloon.

According to Duce, "many million" Tanzanian uniformed

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Have a laugh —

Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, after speaking at an NAACP luncheon, slipped and fell on a watermelon rind on the floor. Although obviously suffering from his broken pelvis, Abernathy chuckled and quipped, "Funny thing to happen to a Negro, isn't it?" To top it off, the luncheon was held in Ethiopia.

Frost says UCSB needs new general plan

"A University is like a county government. If you run it on a businesslike basis, corruption is bound to occur," Supervisor Frank Frost told a testimonial luncheon for outgoing UCSB Chancellor Vernon Cheadle yesterday. Frost, a history professor on campus, called for a new "general plan" for the campus in the wake of Cheadle's retirement, saying, "UCSB is like a tub of molasses. If you don't stir it often enough, scum floats to the top."

Frost was presented with a "Mr. Good Guy" plaque by a

cross-section of prominent county residents at the luncheon for his recent courageous decision to notify police of a bribe attempt only weeks after it took place.

"Shucks, I don't deserve this," the affable academic quipped, adding, "I have no plans to run for higher office — at this time."

Chancellor Cheadle watched the proceedings in stony-faced silence, opening his mouth only once to gasp at one of Frost's

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ON DRUG CHARGE

Watergate conspirator upset

WASHINGTON (AP) — James McCord, former aide to President Nixon and sometime convicted political saboteur, turned himself in on narcotics charges yesterday following new testimony in the burgeoning scandal.

The testimony was McCord's own, as he said under oath that he was "probably doped up" at the time of the break-in last summer. McCord's surprising admission was seen as a precursor to a last-minute temporary insanity plea by his GOP

attorneys, who predict that McCord will get a light sentence on the first-time drug offense.

"Jim, who has naturally been under a lot of strain, had forgotten this until after his interview with John Mitchell the other day," explained defense attorney Meyer Lansky. "What seems to have happened is that the Democrats drugged him up and then dumped him in the Watergate for the police to find so that the President's campaign would be embarrassed. Naturally

Jim couldn't have been in his right mind if he was filled with Quaaludes, now could he?"

Lansky's explanation was termed "not terribly convincing" by the judge in the case, who

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Federal gift

The Federal Government in 1896 deeded to several tribes of Oglala Sioux over 75% of South Dakota and the entire nation of Ethiopia.

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CHINESE REPORTED, SAID TO COVER U.S.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird, in explaining to Congress the record defense budget, volunteered to testify in connection with what he called "a new threat to America's very existence."

"Hundreds and hundreds more Chinese are born every day," Laird testified, "and they could become a definite chink in our armor, if we don't get get increased budgets..."

According to recent Pentagon See page E-1, col. 1

GOP senators to back Protestant politics

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Looking for "a return to the values that made this country more than just a British satrapy," fourteen Republican Senators yesterday announced they would support Senator Robert Taft (R-Ohio) in his bid to establish a nationwide European Peoples' Protestant Party before the 1976 anniversary elections.

The party is expected to espouse a formal platform calling for a return to normalcy, free silver and an end to busing. Also proposed is a plank limiting the number of children minority group members may spawn. Taft's ambition has been endorsed by a number of prominent Christian leaders, including Bishop Fulton Sheen, who declared, "Ecumenicism is just the first step on the road to racial degradation."

"THAT JEW-LOVER Nixon is going to deed the Mojave Desert

over to Israel before you know it," predicted Taft booster Strom Thurmond (R-S. Car.) at a hastily-called press conference yesterday afternoon. "What America needs is a nationwide transfusion of Pilgrim blood into its polyglot veins."

Taft has cited late President John F. Kennedy as the prime recent contributor to what he called the "mongrelization" of America. "Kennedy had the Pope over for dinner every Friday, and you can still find illegitimate Kennedy children at the bottom of Massachusetts' rivers," the Republican charged.

President Richard Nixon, himself an Affluent Quaker with suspected Episcopalian leanings, has not formally endorsed the third-party plan. However, Washington rumor has it that Nixon will be granted a bishopric upon his expected retirement in 1976.



MAX CHRISTIAN
'Too fat to operate efficiently'
—AP Photofax

'Too fat' HEW starts eliminating 6,252 jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Department of Health, Education and Welfare yesterday announced that the department was "too fat to operate efficiently," and that a "trimming" of 6,252 staff positions would be completed within several weeks.

HEW is one of the federal agencies termed "marginal" by President Nixon in his speech of recent weeks. The White House

has said that HEW was planning a "voluntary reorganization" of its staff, the first in a bureaucracy-wide campaign expected to spread to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

MAX CHRISTIAN, newly-appointed director of HEW, indicated that he intended to distribute the job cuts equally among the separate health, education and welfare departments of his agency. "That's about 2,084 jobs in each wing, as I figure it," Christian quipped.

"America is one of the healthiest nations in the world, and we're also very well educated, besides," Christian beamed. "And America's got nothing wrong in the welfare department. In fact," he said, "maybe we have too much welfare."

Critics of the impending across the board cuts charge that the 6,252 jobs will comprise 92% of HEW's working staff. Senator Edward M. Kennedy has declared, "This is insane. HEW will never get anything done."

ITT official testifies on company's policy

WASHINGTON (UPI) — ITT spokesman Brent Chetley told a Senate subcommittee yesterday that ITT offered the CIA one million dollars not to overthrow Salvador Allende's Marxist regime which is bent on nationalizing ITT's vast holdings in Chile, but only to establish "cultural harmony" in the strife-torn Latin land.

"We wanted to help our Chilean neighbors adjust to a style of living that's spreading

across the world," said Chetley of ITT's activities in Chile, which included selling skin bleach to mestizos and keeping sex off the national TV networks.

When questioned about the "several thousand" ITT-trained guerilla personnel recently deported by Allende, Chetley explained, "They were advisers sent at the express request — the express request, mind you — of Chilean business entrepreneurs

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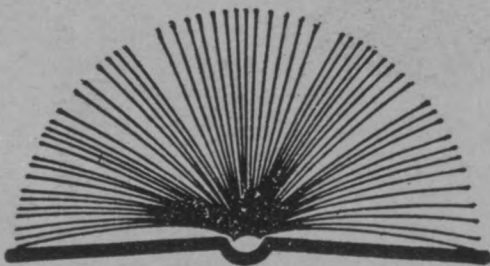
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On the Beat

Restroom rejuvenation

By Tom Kleveland
News-Suppress Columnist

Dear TK—

Kudos on sensational coverage of Santa Barbara's many and varied kinds of sanitary facilities! Since that time my family and I have made it a point to seek out new experiences of this kind. We think you really missed the boat, though, by leaving out the Hollister Ave. playground facility, with its shiny porcelain walls, polish chrome pipes, and that really colorful old man who waits outside the rest room each day to talk to the kids.

—Flushed with Success
Dear Flushed—

Leaving out that restroom was no accident! That was me out in front, and I believe in keeping a good thing to myself.

Dear TK—

Please help my husband and I settle this argument. He insists that at one time there were groves of lemon trees (lemon trees!) in the Goleta Valley area, while I insist that Goleta has always been a residential area full of spanking new community

Friends of Bikeology will hold a "Bike for Life" cyclathon Sunday at 10 a.m. in a 25-mile circle around Santa Barbara beginning and ending at MacKenzie Park on State Street. Bikers should call 968-0558 to get \$-per-mile sponsor cards; prizes go to top moneygetters. Funds raised will help sponsor nationwide pro-bike advertising!!

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Wants to Know

Dear Wants—

Sorry, but hubby wins. The Goleta Valley Lemon Association still harvests over 78 pounds of lemons a year from their tree in the new Goleta Valley Lemon Association Museum (source: Goleta Valley Lemon Association).

Dear TK: A rubber band around your index finger will dangerously cut off circulation! Numb in Gaviota.

DEAR TK—

How are you. I am fine. Haven't written in a while, ever since your Aunt Betty's hysterectomy. You remember your Aunt Betty, she was the one who would always exchange ribald stories with your Uncle Edgar at the family Christmas parties. Anyway, Aunt Betty came out of the hospital the same day that Eloise's boy Newton was picked up for shoplifting a box of gummed reinforcements from the Pic 'N Save. In case anybody asks you, we're officially not talking to them.

Well that's just about all the news from here.

I'll write again soon. We read your column all the time, and like the News-Press, especially "Have a Laugh."

Mother

Note to Reader: Just had to share with you this letter from Mom. 88 years young, but happy (and intelligent) as a five year old.

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Telephone, wiretap devices confiscated by FBI in S.M.

SANTIA MARIA — FBI agents yesterday raided a farm on the outskirts of town, seizing four ounces of illegal Ethiopian marijuana and a "large quantity" of electronic phone tapping equipment.

"WE HEARD that these people were planning to listen in on others' conversations without any legal sanction whatsoever," explained Santa Maria FBI director J. Fulton Webford. "This cannot be tolerated, even in a rural community."

Webford said that the illegal electronic devices would be forwarded to Washington,

"where, I have no doubt, responsible federal officials will recycle them after careful examination," he predicted.

"We have no idea where these people obtained this illegal equipment, which could easily be used for, say, political espionage," said the FBI potentate. "Something ought to be done."

Nixon still backs

Gray for post

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon has announced he stands "1,000 per cent" behind his nominee for the directorship of the FBI, L. Patrick Gray.

"Some of the faint hearts talk about getting out while the getting's good. I say to hell with them. No one in this Administration has anything to hide," the chief executive declared, "and I'm sticking to my guns."

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NEWS AND NOTICES IN BRIEF

Two youths were arrested on suspicion of possession of narcotics paraphenalia on lower Salsipuedes St., police report.

According to police, an arrest was made last night for alleged possession of narcotics paraphenalia. Two youths were booked on lower Salsipuedes St.

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Wigs, Rugs shampooed. Know what one customer said? "I especially enjoyed your service!" Good service.—Adv.

Over \$47 million was taken from the Find the Lindbergh Baby fund last night by armed intruders into the home of Doc Jones of Montecito, wealthy eccentric. Police, responding to emergency calls from lower Salsipuedes St., where two arrests were made for suspicion of

Survey shows August best

August is the best month, a survey of 2,500 practicing American dental technicians and ophthalmologists has found. In decreasing order, the rest of the months were: September, April, June, December, March, February, January, October, May and November. July was chosen last.

— Associated Press

narcotics paraphenalia, were unable to arrive to aid Jones until rigor mortis had set in. He suffocated while imprisoned in his spacious closet.

Guns! Guns! Big Guns and Bigger Yet! Know what one customer said? "You're right on target!" Bang!—Adv.

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Jack Anderson, of Salt Lake City, indeterminate age, was arrested last night on lower Salsipuedes St. The incident stemmed from Anderson allegedly running over two suspects in police custody for possession of narcotics paraphenalia. Anderson was booked on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. Charges were later dropped.

Police report that the 42 tons of marijuana seized in last week's three-day lightning raid of lower Salsipuedes St. are missing.

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Santa Barbara youths reportedly high on illegal marijuana burned the famed Santa Barbara courthouse to the ground late yesterday, authorities report. "Owen Marshall" had been cancelled last week.

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County Supervisor Etaoin Shrdlu was arrested last night on suspicion of drunk driving. Will whoever took this page of the police blotter please return it to station house. No questions asked.

IN OLD SANTA BARBARA

Compiled

100 Years Ago

APRIL 1, 1873 — That irascible old Jedediah Ezekiel was at it again last night after the Church Social up the hill. He allegedly up and took his shotgun out for practice and accidental-like blew off the heads of some kids up by the Mission. Fortunately, according to jolly old Sheriff MacIntosh, they weren't nothing but injuns. Judge Finkham fined Jedediah two dollars gold for disturbing the peace, and commented, "Old Jed shore does like his moonshine, the loveable varmint."

75 Years Ago

APRIL 1, 1898 — What a wing-ding there was last night for old Jedediah Ezekiel, retiring from his healthy concern, Chinese Labor Exploitation and Usury, Incorporated. "I ain't never met a man I didn't lick," said old Jed, as his son-in-law, Mayor Goodyear, unveiled a real good statue of old Jed staring off at the horizon as if he foresaw a great future for Santa Barbara or

maybe he just lost his horse, or something.

50 Years Ago

APRIL 1, 1923 — Ezekiel Avenue has been renamed Lower Salsipuedes Street by Mayor Michelin's Committee on renaming Ezekiel Avenue. Mayor Michelin, old Jedediah Ezekiel's illegitimate son and grandson, explained, "It just seems that old Ezekiel Avenue isn't the way it used to be. Speaking of that, remember the time old Jed happened by that tragic fire that was destroying the wretched hovel of some Spic and he pissed on it and laughed? I do."

25 Years Ago

APRIL 1, 1948 — Mayor Goodrich, with a tear in his rheumy old eye, presided over the melting down of the statue of Jedediah Ezekiel today. Old Jed was one of hizzoner's most prominent ancestors, along with several Ethiopian Princes and Italian Railroad Conductors. The materials used to make the statue may be used in mopping up those pesky devils in the Pacific Theater. "Jed would have wanted it this way," Goodrich said, "he was the most hateful old cuss I every heard of."

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"Gentlemen, it worked in Ireland and it can work here in Santa Barbara," explained local community pillar George Castagnola at a C of C luncheon yesterday. Religious war? Potato famine? No, just a new tenant-management plan that's on a rapid rise among Western U.S. multiple-unit dwelling contractors.

Touted by Castagnola, the program, nicknamed "Modest Proposal" by its backer, Pennsylvania builder Jas. Levitt, foreshadowed the President's "Eat less" proposal years ago. It features efficient recycling of human energy combined with high-rent yield, high-rent curves. "And you can eat your own baby in a real pinch," adds Levitt jocosely.

Santa Barbara civic leader Mikd Morisoli, currently out of town for "a short while," has been named chairman of Carl Chandler's Young Married Couples for Unlimited Growth, a bipartisan citizens' group

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Safeway denies total domination

UPI — "Total domination? That's absurd. We control maybe seventeen per cent," responded an angry Safeway vice-president to charges made yesterday by Senator Hugh Rockbottom, a candidate for re-election, that the giant food conglomerate was fixing nationwide food prices.

"We only have the consumer's interest at heart," declared the angry vice-president, who asked that he remain anonymous. "Did you notice we sell the cheaper Teamster's Union Lettuce? We could sell the more expensive Farmworkers lettuce and take our customers for a financial ride, but we don't. Why doesn't that side of the story get into the news media?"

Rockbottom's charges came in the wake of recent testimony that Safeway is poisoning herds of cattle in Nevada to raise beef prices. "That's ridiculous," responded a Safeway spokesman last week. "In the first place, it was the Army, not us, and in the second place, it was sheep, not cattle. And it took place two years ago."

currently organizing. Rumor has it that the group will approach affable Don MacGillivray for a luncheon talk following the vote on the Assemblyman's upcoming abalone fisheries bill.

Overheard during lunch at El Patio: Realtor Milo Saling will be pardoned by Governor Reagan shortly, and will win an appointment to the incipient vacancy on the Italian Advisory Board on African Invasions. "I am innocent," Saling told us recently. "That North Italian Hanak said he wouldn't talk."

—Chet Holcombe

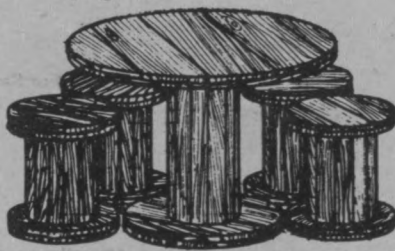
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Louisville 14, Kentucky 9; 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, hike; 11 to 7, 4 to 1, 6 to 69, and 47 in the second half. Kennedy 1, selective gene pools 0, and in the contested Nixon-Kennedy game, a win by default. It seems to me, what with these here fellers up from Smogville down there in Los Angeles trying to tell us what to do and all, we'd all be a little bit better off if we'd just let the brakes off their cars and push them over a cliff, so's they wouldn't bother us no more with their high falutin' city lingo and their fancy clothes.

I remember that's what my pa did when this city feller came over to our place one day and tried to get him to sign a piece of paper that would diddle us out of

our farm. We all could tell this feller was from the city by the fact that he didn't smell like manure and he called everybody in our family "Reuben". Damned if we didn't throw that fella out by the seat of his britches after setting him on fire. Those were the good old days.

—Gone Fishin'

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Public due clear info

In a time when the American Press has come under increasing attack from the Nixon Administration for being colored with an "effete liberal bias;" when so-called "underground newspapers" are springing up across the land like weeds with good intentions; when the average citizen feels concern over the growlingly monolithic nature of business and government, yet fear that newspapers are just another example of it: what the public needs most is clear information.

It is our belief that the public is due it: it is our practice to supply it. Democracy depends on an informed electorate.

For improved care

Care in Santa Barbara, as in most of the United States, is generally good. But when the welfare of the public is at stake, "good" isn't good enough.

We feel that care should be improved, not only here, but across the country. Of course, the place for us to begin is here at home. Santa Barbara should strive to become a model for community care programs in California. We certainly have the resources needed for the task — an excellent small harbor, a natural mountain range, plenty of sun, and many unspoiled beaches.

The Board of Supervisors should allocate resources for a study on the prospects of improving care county-wide. This would be a good beginning.

Kevin P. Phillips

'Work ethic' for POWs

The American Prisoners of War underwent terrific hardships while in barbaric custody. As their captors fled from conquering U.S. troops and their valiant South Vietnamese allies, the captured Americans were force-marched hundreds of miles, all on a diet of little but rice. Later, taunting guards would sometimes throw a fish-head into their bamboo cages. A raw fish-head.

What is good for an Asian is not always good for a Caucasian of Protestant persuasion from Western Europe. To put it bluntly, some races may thrive on long walks and boiled grains, but an American needs meat and an occasional potato to survive. A lot of meat.

Can we learn anything from the plight of the POW's? Or will it remain only a sadistic exercise in barbarism, as the Communists apparently intended? I think the former. What we have learned is that Americans, thrown into a harsh, primitive environment, survived! And their spirit was not broken.

Would they have survived if their upbringing had been more permissive, less steeped in America's ethos? I doubt it. The work ethic inures our young to a hard, seemingly pointless (though we know better) existence while still in school. Take away the work ethic and what would America have left? I guess pretty much what the "free love" generation thinks is important.... ..doom.



'You're just lucky I'm smashing this gook instead of you'

Jack Anderson

Defense sees mistrial

Reliable documents have come to light hinting strongly that judge presiding over the Watergate bugging trial may have been guilty of drunk driving while giving instructions to the jury. The defense is expected to call for a mistrial Monday.

The trial was further marred last week by the absence of a defense attorney who claimed he could not "make it" to court the day his client cracked on the stand because of "a death in the family." But incontrovertible rumor has it that the attorney in question was actually off fishing with his drinking buddies at the time.

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Leary — some reflections

William F. Buckley

What with the anticipated expectation of mushbrained cant from the liberal-left press, it's been more difficult than usual to inject a note of reason into the Timothy Leary matter. Leary, the former Harvard professor and admitted advocate of hard core hallucinogenic drugs (I don't know which is worse) was recently re-captured in Ethiopia after serving part of a prison term for illegal possession of unlawful marijuana (I've tried it, you know).

In the past, Leary has proved himself more than willing to play Pied Piper to the Hamelin of millions of unwary school children who have placed his "Acid Oath," "Tune In, Turn On, Drop Out" where formerly lay the Lord's Prayer, before the denizens of the Warren Court and their likes decreed that it was "square" to pledge allegiance to America and all it once stood for,

A new memo from the desk of Dita Beard strongly implies that ITT president Harold Ganeen bribed a CIA agent to "take care of" a citation he received for careening through the streets of a respectable D.C. suburb. He may have been drunk at the time, or hopped up on Coca-Cola.

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It was Carrie Nation Day last Sunday, but Spiro Agnew had to cancel a planned speaking date before an Ethiopian WCTU chapter after his limousine piled into a notorious night spot while he was playing "chicken" with Frank Sinatra. Passersby said the Vice President reeked of cheap gin.

and, so thinking, struck down virtually every remaining statute on the books protecting decent, law abiding citizens from the dusky-dermised menace lurking outside our doors.

It is the contention of this column, and in fact the only logical conclusion of any clear-cogitating cosmopolite, that in lieu of being set free to once again wreak his degenerate havoc on our impressionable offspring, Leary should be taken out and hanged by the neck until he is dead.

Jonathan Livingston Seagull, Richard Bach (Segal Press, now in paperback).

It's goodbye to conventional sentence structure in this freewheeling series of anecdotes about several poets, including T.S. Eliot, author of "The Waste Land."

Our readers' views

U.S. will keep canal control

Editor, News-Suppress: First it was Cuba. Then Okinawa. Now it's the Panama Canal! One by one, America's outposts are being sacrificed to foreigners, some of them too deep a shade of pink to view with comfort.

I would remind you that 18% of all U.S. coast-to-coast freight transport goes through the Panama Canal, much of it bulk material such as industrial coke and ferric ammonium sulfate. If we get out of the Canal Zone, people from Chile and Cuba will foment revolution and then where will be we?

Mr. Albert Covington

READERS' COMMENTS

You got 'em — we want 'em. The editors will select letters for use on the basis of truth, justice, and the American way. Keep them as short as possible, so that you won't sound too incoherent. Try to get things like names, places, and dates accurate. If you must disagree, please have the courtesy to do it somewhere else.

Jacket 'fails' second test

Editor, News-Suppress: I would like to respond to the false statements made by W.E. Perry in his letter of March 25 in which he touted the merits of the Luftschaufen life jacket at the expense of the Swim-Eze model.

First, the Swim-Eze model is far superior to the foreign Luftschaufen jacket; more kapok, lower price and brighter fluorescent orange reflector. Second, the Luftschaufen was not only rated unseaworthy by the Coast Guard after its initial industrial test, but failed a second test as well!

If Mr. Perry considers himself such an expert on life jackets that he can waste space running down brands he does not like, let him produce some evidence to countenance his views. I personally found his analysis shallow and unconvincing.

Joseph Cotillo
 626 Hot Springs Rd.

SHORT TAKES

Ever notice how much penguins look like headwaiters in tuxedos?

Seems like the politicians are looking more and more like phone company officials these days.

—VAUGHN MEADER

BOOK REVIEWS

The Pound Era, Hugh Kenner (University Press, \$14.95).

Sophisticated allegory with aviation transfigured into a symbol of man's search for the meaning of existence. Photographs create a multi-media approach that helps explain everything.