



Singer tells it like it is

Entertainer at White House dinner tells Nixon to "stop bombing, bless the Berrigans and Daniel Ellsberg"

by Helen Thomas

President Nixon's guests, mostly old friends and wealthy Republicans, erupted in boos and shouts of "throw the bum out" when a raven-haired singer interrupted an after-dinner show at the White House Friday night to lecture the President on the Vietnam war.

"I think she ought to be torn limb from limb," fumed a red-faced Martha Mitchell as she left on the arm of her husband, the attorney general. "Shameful," said comedian Bob Hope. Evangelist Billy Graham was described by another guest as "purple."

The president and his 165 guests at a white-tie Medal of Freedom Awards dinner had just settled down in the East Room after dining on squab and wild rice, topped by a grand marnier soufflé, to listen to a program of old-time songs by Ray Conniff and his singers.

Suddenly one of the singers, Carol Feraci, 30, a registered alien from Toronto, pulled a hand-written cloth sign reading "stop the killing" from the bosom of her peacock-blue, floor-length gown and stepped calmly to the stage microphone.

"President Nixon," she said, looking down at the front row in the darkened hall, "stop bombing human beings, animals and vegetation.

"You go to church on Sunday and pray to Jesus Christ. If Jesus Christ was in this room tonight you would not dare to drop another bomb.

"Bless the Berrigans and Daniel Ellsberg."

The President, she said later, "looked a little shocked, like he didn't believe what was happening, but he tried to keep his smile."

A stunned Conniff quickly raised his baton and swung into the first number, "Ma, He's Making Eyes At Me." When it was over, he told his audience, "The opening was as much of a surprise to me as it was to you."

The guests burst into applause, then boos. "Throw the bum out," shouted one man, whom the Washington Evening Star identified yesterday as John A. Mulcahy, a New York realtor whose castle in Ireland the Nixons have visited. "No, no, don't

throw her out," some other guests yelled.

At Conniff's quiet suggestion, Miss Feraci left the room, trailed by photographers, reporters and Herbert G. Klein, the President's communications director, as the singers struck up with "It's the Talk of the Town."

Miss Feraci, a professional singer who has been living in Los Angeles for 10 years, said she was hired by Conniff only last week and "decided at that moment that I would make this speech. I made the sign myself and stuffed it down the bosom of my dress. I wrote the speech myself and memorized it."

She added: "I thought I would get national publicity because I think it's time someone had the courage to say these things."

Meanwhile upstairs, when the program ended with the singing of "God Bless

America," the President stepped onto the platform, congratulated the singers and got heavy, prolonged applause when he raised his voice and expressed thanks to "those Marines of the Marine Band, many of whom have fought in Vietnam."

Nixon was reported to have reassured the still-shaken Conniff, saying, "Oh forget it, those things will happen."

The guests of honor Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Wallace, co-founders 50 years ago of Reader's Digest magazine. "I was disgusted," said Wallace, as tears fell down the cheeks of his wife.

Graham told reporters he thought "she was very rude - no matter how strongly she felt." Said former actress June Haver, accompanied by her husband, Fred MacMurray: "I'm glad she didn't have a gun."

One of Miss Feraci's fellow singers, Carol Turnbow of

Arcadia, Calif., said "it was an extremely emotional thing - it was a s j u s t unforgivable." Nixon had a similar but less dramatic brush with a Vietnam dissenter at the White House on Dec. 3, 1970, when 19-year-old Debra Jean Sweet of Madison, Wis., one of four young American medal winners, murmured in accepting her award from the President, "I'd like to say I find it hard to believe in you until you get out of this war."

The President managed to smile and said, "Well, we're doing our very best." At a White House luncheon in early 1968, singer Eartha Kitt criticized the war before Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson and her guests. Mrs. Johnson responded in a quiet defense of her husband's policies.

(Read Mel Mundie's page two editorial, "The Blue-eyed Boogey Man," concerning this incident.)

18 from Highacres are listed in Who's Who

Eighteen students from the Hazleton Campus of the Pennsylvania State University have been selected for inclusion in the 1971-72 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. They were chosen on the basis of academic and extracurricular activities, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership.

Those chosen are, in alphabetical order: Robert H. Allison, Frank X. Campbell, Armine Cumsky, Lynn B. Farmer, William P. Gentile, Robyn L. Heckman, Gary G. Labanoski, Frances C. Lester and Paul A. Pianovich.

Also, Mary Polascik, Richard J. Rockman, John P.

Roslevich, Barbara Ann M. Sheerin, Judy A. Trisko, Stephen T. Wilson, Thomas E. Winters, Paul J. Yanoshik and Jean C. Yeselski.

The nominations were made by a committee consisting of Joseph McCallus, Dean of Student Affairs, Jeffrey H. Fogelson, Assistant to the Dean of Student Affairs, Mrs. Mary R. Ferry, librarian, and Dr. James J. Staudenmeier, counseling psychologist.

The students will receive a certificate of recognition and their names and biographies will be published in the book, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, published by the Randall Publishing Company.

Election tomorrow to fill empty SGA seats

Rate-a-prof survey is set by SGA

by Paul J. Yanoshik SGA President

The teacher evaluation committee has been working on survey forms which can be considered a "fair representation" of teacher abilities in the areas of relating subject matter to students.

The teacher evaluation committee met on Tuesday, Jan. 25 to discuss with faculty representatives the survey and the procedures of the survey.

We came to the conclusion that these forms and the survey itself have one primary purpose i.e. to benefit the students in making class schedules. These evaluations may be considered course evaluations to the extent that some of the data contain pertinent information regarding course material, structure and difficulty.

We believe that these forms will be a service to the students and a possible benefit to the faculty in giving a consensus of student feelings toward the course and the instructor. Anyone interested in participating in this endeavor please contact me. Help is sincerely appreciated. P. T. T. S.

An election to fill the vacant vice-presidential seat and two representative spots in the Hazleton Student Government Association will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, in the Student Union Building, according to Paul J. Yanoshik, SGA president.

The seat of vice-president was left empty with the resignation of Alan Ritz.

Steve Wilson, chairman of the SGA election committee, announced the candidates for this election. Ron Steber and Larry Falatko will vie for Ritz's vacant position, while Tom Belekianich, Dennis DeMara, Bob Henry, Bob Stanzione, and Ed Yanack will be running for the two remaining seats.

Members of Wilson's committee are Charles Andrews, Lynn Farmer, Bill Gentile, Gary Labanoski, Barb Sheerin, John Tighe, and Judy Trisko.

All students are urged to cast their ballots tomorrow.

IT'S YOUR DUTY TO



Available for other groups

State supplies sound for Harrisburg 7 supporters

by William E. Hawkins

If you're planning a large demonstration in Harrisburg anytime soon and need a good public address system, the state will probably provide it.

Last week, when supporters of the Harrisburg Seven sought a sound system for a rally outside the Dauphin County Arena, the state not only gave them the equipment, but a three man crew to set it up and run it.

The microphone, speakers and crew came from the state's Dept. of Property and Supplies. They were requested by the Harrisburg Defense Committee through the Attorney General's office.

Ultimately, sources said, authority for approving the request came from the Governor's office.

The handling of last week's rally, for which the state also provided parking and a speaker's platform, is in line with the Shapp administration's policy of responding to demonstrations and protests.

The state's role was coordinated through John F. Hagele, a deputy attorney general who heads the Justice Dept.'s Community Advocate Unit in Philadelphia. Hagele said his office is charged with helping groups express their First Amendment rights.

"For some time," Hagele explained, "the attorney general has been discussing with the governor appropriate

procedures the state should follow in response to large, peaceful demonstrations.

"When people do come (to Harrisburg)," he continued, "for the purpose of exercising First Amendment freedoms, it's important for the government to respond. One way is with supporting services."

Hagele said his office and the state will "assist demonstrators in achieving their orderly purposes." That does not mean, he emphasized, that the state has to "necessarily" agree with ideas expressed by the demonstrators.

The young attorney said he expects more requests for



Joan Baez in concert for Harrisburg 7

Joan Baez will be presented Thursday, Feb. 10 at 8:00 p.m. by the Harrisburg Defense Committee and Color Productions. To be held at the Farm Show Arena in Harrisburg, the concert will benefit the Harrisburg Seven.

All tickets will be \$2.00, as is the Baez tradition. For mail orders, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Color, Box 336, Harrisburg, Pa. 17108.

sound equipment from the Defense Committee this spring, mentioning a "pilgrimage" being planned for this city during Holy Week.

Noting that last week the equipment was requested for a "prayer vigil" outside the prison (where Father Philip Berrigan is detained), he said the rally actually dealt with the "expression of dissent against the war."

Hagele said he expects other protest groups will ask for similar services from the state in the future.

"It's difficult to get large public address systems; as people become aware...they will ask us to respond."

Hagele said the requests will be handled by his office.

"We will decide," he said, "if the request is legitimate and related to First Amendment freedoms. If it is, we'll do our best to respond...and help them meet their Constitutional rights."

"We're not out to judge what they're doing. If we can help them, we're going to try."

He said of the state's position that he doesn't know of anything like it being done anywhere else. It came about, he related, after studies of the federal government's problems with demonstrations in Washington.

In an Executive Order Dec. 28, 1971, Gov. Shapp made it clear to all state officials what the state's position would be.

"It is the policy of this administration," the governor wrote, "...to preserve rights of peaceful assembly and expression, and to exhaust all reasonable means to reduce tensions before employing law enforcement elements."

He further ordered: "All agencies...will use such resources at their command as may be needed to establish and maintain lines of communication to the aggrieved community when called upon to do so."

Econ Club elects

At a recent organizational meeting of the Business and Economics Club the following officers were elected:

President: Bruce Karchner Vice-President: Joseph Rodnar Secretary-Treasurer: Mary Beth Herring

All meetings of the club are to be held during the fourth period common hour on a specific Tuesday or Thursday of each month in room C-101 of the new Class Room Building. At the first regularly scheduled club meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 23rd, the guest speaker was Mr. Frederick Schwarz, C.P.A.,

who is a recognized authority in the field of public accounting.

Mr. Schwarz presented an excellent discussion on 'Career Opportunities in Public Accounting' as well as the importance of public accounting in our business economy today.

Future club meetings will include guest speakers in the fields of Finance, Management, Internal Revenue, and Stock Market Investments, among many others. All students at this University are invited to participate and attend all club meetings.



Our campus holds membership in the National Student Lobby, an organization which lobbies the Congress of the United States with respect to student interests and priorities. Following is the third of a number of NSL Legislative Reports to member campuses.

The first session of the 92nd Congress saw the implementation of a major procedural reform—the record teller rule which permits recording of votes on amendments for the first time in House history.

This historic reform has resulted in an 80% increase in the number of record votes, a 150% increase in the number of members voting, and record votes for the first time on major issues such as the war in Vietnam, SST funding, and appropriations of health and other domestic priorities.

As of the close of business December 10, the House had taken a total of 312 record votes during 1971-108 record teller votes and 204 roll call votes. By comparison, there were only 177 record votes—all roll calls—during the first session of the 91st Congress.

The number of Members participating in votes on amendments has increased from about 150 previously when such votes were unrecorded to an average of 375 on the 108 record teller votes taken this year.

Just before the Christmas break Senator R. Taft (R-Ohio) introduced into the Senate a bill (S'3011) which would offer amnesty under certain conditions to persons who have avoided the draft.

Anyone who left the country or went to jail to avoid the draft after August 4, 1964

would, under the provisions of the bill, be allowed to:

- a) return to the country or be released from jail only if b) he agrees to enlist and serve for a 3 year period in VISTA, a Veterans Hospital, or other federal service.

This bill has been read on the Senate floor and was referred to Senator McClellan's Judiciary sub-committee and is not expected to be reported out. That is, this bill will die if Senator McClellan decides not to report it to the full committee, and then to the Senate.

Mr. King, a staff aid to Senator Taft said recently to a NSL worker, "We don't have high expectations for this bill being reported out of McClellan's sub-committee. However, we may have a chance to introduce it as an amendment to another bill." When he was asked which bill this Amnesty Act might be attached to as an amendment he responded, "It's difficult to say...the chances don't look very good right now."

The issue of amnesty was not on the NSL referendum, so the NSL will not take an official position unless there is a demand from the member schools. (The membership is now 76 schools with a total of over 435,000 students.) If you feel particularly strong for one position on this issue please let us know. We will keep you informed concerning the status of the bill in the coming weeks.

The House and the Senate returned to business on January 18. Two top items on the agenda for 1972 are 1) S.659, the Higher Education Act of 1971 to be considered in the Senate late in January and then will go to conference in February or March, At this

point the differences between the House and Senate version of the Higher Education bill are large and numerous. For this reason, delays are expected in the process of getting the House and Senate conferees to the conference table. Even after the President signs the bill (if he does), we will have to follow a whole new congressional go-round over appropriations before the government could distribute a n y n e w m o n e y .

Appropriations Senator Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) warned back on August 6, 1971 that funding for the Higher Education Act of 1971 would be "another story." Magnuson, as chairman of the Senate subcommittee which handles education spending, could have gone on for hours about how far appropriations have fallen short of authorizations in dozens of federal programs. Higher Education, he implied would be no exception.

Second, the Senate and House will consider the War Powers Bill. This is a new bill which has just been reported by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (that means it will be coming up for consideration before the full Senate) and is sponsored by Sens. Stennis, Javits, Eagleton and Spong. This bill would impose rather stiff limitations on the President's powers to wage war and would have great significance in regard to our military commit

This report summarizes the major activities of the first session of the 92nd Congress. It is designed to provide a quick overview of legislative action in various areas. CIVIL LIBERTIES: The contempt citation of CBS and its president, Dr. Frank Stanton, was killed by the House on

July 13 on a motion to recommit. Congress passed legislation to repeal the Emergency Detention Act (HR 234/ Sept. 13) with an amendment prohibiting detention of persons by the U.S. unless pursuant to an Act of Congress.

DEFENSE SPENDING AND DRAFT: The House approved virtually all military spending requests, and twice rejected Aspin amendments to set ceilings on the budget (June 16, Nov. 17). The House also rejected Leggett and Bingham amendments directed at the ABM and F-14 fighter (June 16 and Nov. 17). The Congress extended the draft for two years (HR 6531/ April 1, 1971) after rejecting the Harrington amendment to repeal the President's induction authority and the Whalen amendment.

EDUCATION: The House passed the Higher Education Act of 1971 (HR 7248/Nov. 4) after accepting numerous anti-busing amendments, attaching the school desegregation bill to the act, limiting the impact of the sex-discrimination provisions, and rejecting amendments to other parts of the bill. Because of a procedural snarl caused by some of these amendments, the House must await further Senate action before going to Conference. Nixon vetoed the Comprehensive Child Development Act (S'227/Sept.8 and Dec. 7) which Congress has added to a bill extending the poverty program for another two years and creating independent legal services corporation. The bill would have provided a wide range of educational, nutritional and health services for children of working parents.

Yearbook meeting tomorrow

An important meeting of the yearbook staff will be held Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building lounge. Paul D. Jobson, field representative of the American Yearbook Company Paul D. Jobson, field representative of the American Yearbook Company, will be on hand to discuss layout procedures, as well as other topics of importance.

All staff members are urged to attend. New members are invited.

The 1972 Reverie: A Statement, is being sold by staff members at \$5.00 per book. A \$3.00 deposit is needed now, with the balance payable any time before or during Spring Term registration.

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