

Schorr says Nixon administration ruining image of newsmen

WASHINGTON (AP) — CBS newsman Daniel Schorr, subject of a White House-ordered FBI investigation, testified Tuesday the Nixon administration has made a great many people believe "it is no longer an honorable thing to be a newsmen."

White House officials refused

Engineering College given contract

A&M's College of Engineering has been awarded a contract of \$108,077 from the U. S. Naval Engineering Facilities Command (NAVFAC) to study the mechanics of cable docking systems, Dr. Richard F. Dominguez announced.

Dr. Dominguez, director of the project and a member of the coastal and ocean engineering facility, said the contract is the first to be awarded to an academic institution by the NAVFAC.

"The broad objectives of this project are to develop an information base and an improved analytic ability needed to predict the static and dynamic behavior of extremely large, deep ocean docking systems," he continued. "Part of this study will involve the development of a design reference dealing with the three dimensional effects of hydrodynamic loads on cables."

TPI's Young wins award

Ronald D. Young of A&M's Texas Transportation Institute is co-winner of the Fred Burggraf Award for the outstanding technical paper presented at the 50th annual meeting of the Highway Research Board.

Young, an engineering research associate, presented a paper entitled "A Three-Dimensional Mathematical Model to Predict the Dynamic Response of an Automobile Occupant."

The mathematical model provides the highway safety engineer a means of applying available biomechanics data on human tolerance limits to the problem of modifying roadside structures so that injuries experienced during single-vehicle accidents can be reduced. Additionally, the model provides the automotive safety engineer with a tool for designing safer vehicle interiors and restraint systems.

Young's portion of the award, which honors the late HRB director, included a \$300 cash prize.

A native of Church Point, La., Young earned his B.S. degree at the University of Southern Louisiana and master's and Ph.D. at A&M.

Peirce story one of best in 1972

A Frank Peirce short story, "The Total Portrait," has been selected one of the best mystery stories of the year.

The A&M English professor's story will be anthologized in "The Best Detective Stories of 1972," to be published by E. P. Dutton and Co. Inc. in June.

"The Total Portrait" by Peirce appeared in the April, 1971, "Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine."

It is his third mystery story to be anthologized. "The Man Who Was A Station Wagon" appeared in the 19th "Ellery Queen Anniversary Annual." Peirce and Fred Rodewald co-authored it.

Selected as one of the best mystery stories of the year by the late Anthony Boucher was Peirce's "The Lonely Ones." It was listed in the honor roll of best stories in "The Best Detective Stories of 1965."

Peirce, a 26-year TAMU faculty member and assistant professor of English, was recently invited to active membership of the Mystery Writers of America. The organization is open by invitation only to published mystery writers.

He instructs English 325, a creative writing course that covers short stories, poetry, plays and feature articles.

to appear before the constitutional rights subcommittee of Sen. Sam D. Ervin, D-N.C., but repeated in a letter disputed statements that Schorr was being considered for a government job when the FBI investigation began last Aug. 20.

Remarking that letters "can conceal more than they reveal," Ervin said that although the administration has invoked executive privilege in declining to testify, he does not believe an appearance "would cause the White

House to fall in ruins."

Schorr said the investigation was ordered after his reporting brought a series of complaints from President Nixon; Sen. Robert Dole, the Republican national chairman, and White House staff members.

If the White House actually had been considering him for a job under those circumstances, Schorr said, "it would have been an extraordinary open-minded thing for them to have done."

He said reports printed in The Washington Post that he was being considered for an executive position on the Council on Environmental Quality were "news to me," and that no one in the government has ever told him directly he was being considered for a job.

In a letter to Ervin, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said his agents, acting on White House orders, made a routine check on Schorr, interviewing 25 persons in

6½ hours before being called off. "The incomplete investigation of Mr. Schorr was entirely favorable concerning him, and the results were furnished to the White House," Hoover said.

"Job or no job, the launching of such an investigation without consent demonstrates an insensitivity to personal rights," Schorr said.

"Most of my colleagues believe that I was subjected to harassment," he said.

He expressed belief most Americans would be more comfortable if legal safeguards existed to bar what he called "an arbitrary intrusion into their lives."

Schorr said he found himself in a "no-win" situation, because to publicize his own problems with the administration could only tarnish his neutrality as a journalist.

He said he had to avoid becoming emotional because "If the

administration could push me to the role of its open antagonist that would serve its purpose well, or better, than intimidating me into pulling my punches."

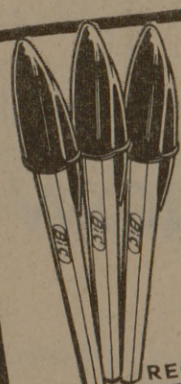
Schorr said: "I've never before felt that a great number of people are no longer an honorable thing to be a newsmen."

"For if you can discredit the press, it doesn't make much difference anymore what they or write."

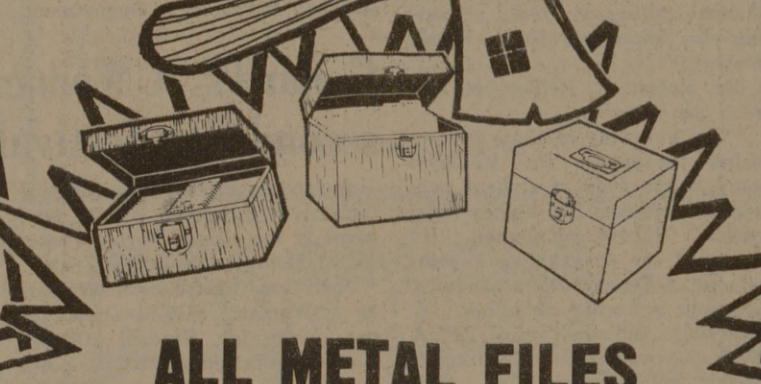
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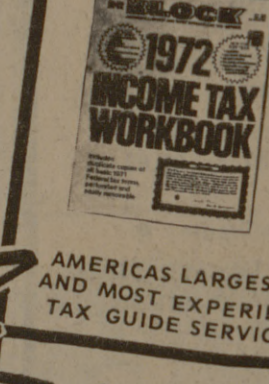
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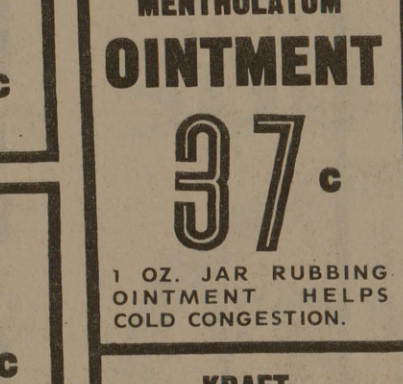
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