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Former adviser 'misled' by Nixon

Deceived about clemency

WASHINGTON (AP) — John D. Ehrlichman told the Watergate cover-up trial Tuesday that former President Richard M. Nixon misled him about whether Nixon would consider granting clemency to the Watergate burglars.

Ehrlichman, a former top Nixon White House adviser, testified that during a walk along the beach at San Clemente, Calif., on July 8, 1972, Nixon said he "would never entertain a conversation" on clemency for the men arrested June 17, 1972, inside Democratic National Committee headquarters.

Ehrlichman said he didn't learn until recently that six months later, Nixon and Charles W. Colson, then White House special counsel, discussed clemency.

William S. Frates, Ehrlichman's lawyer, then asked, "were you aware after listening to the White House tapes that the President was telling you one thing about clemency and Mr. Colson something else?"

"Well, if you compare what he told me in July and what's on the

tapes, it's very different, yes," replied Ehrlichman.

Ehrlichman, ex-White House staff chief H. R. Haldeman, former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell, former Assistant Atty. Gen. Robert C. Mardian and Kenneth W. Parkinson, one-time lawyer for the Nixon re-election committee, are charged with conspiring to obstruct the investigation of the Watergate break-in.

In his opening statement to the jury, Frates said part of Ehrlichman's defense would be that Nixon "deceived, misled and lied"

he was kept in the dark about the June 23, 1972, discussions between Nixon and Haldeman in which they decided to have CIA officials get the FBI to restrict its Watergate investigation.

During discussions in midsummer 1972, Ehrlichman said he proposed a program of full disclosure about Watergate.

Out of those discussions, he said, came Nixon's statement on Aug. 29, 1972, that no one on the White House staff was involved in Watergate.

Float trips down swift Wyoming Snake River

MOOSE (AP) — The rubber boats slip silently down the swift Snake River in western Wyoming's Grand Teton National Park, providing tourists with a panorama of wild-life and wilderness.

Last year, more than 60,000 persons took advantage of the services of numerous professional floating outfitters to take a trip through the Snake River flood plain. The attraction is the magnificent Teton Moun-

tain Range, moose, elk, eagles, waterfowl and hundreds of other wildlife species in their natural habitat.

But there is a growing concern that the float trips are destroying the very attraction which they are geared to provide and which the National Park Service is struggling to maintain.

Concrete information on the effect of the passage of the rubber rafts

is difficult to obtain and now is virtually nonexistent. For that reason, the service has launched a long-range study of the problem and is considering limiting the excursions until that study has provided it with necessary information.

"We are about five years late on a river plan," says Pete Hayden, a biologist for the Park Service at Moose.

Some of the problems are obvi-

ous. Access roads to the river, problems of traffic and noise, deterioration of the river banks at the points where boats are launched and destruction of plant life by increasing size of the parking areas. Though the access roads are limited in number, there is the feeling that still there are too many.

Officials already have noticed changes in elk habits along the river. Many now come down from the timber only at night and move away during the day. Naturalists presume the elk would stay longer if the boats were not there.

There is no question that the in-

creasing traffic on the river, both by the commercial outfitters and fishermen has disturbed the nesting waterfowl and driven many of them from the main channel.

"We can't make a good case in the ecological problems yet," Hayden said.

He adds that people who float the river now are not seeing the same thing as those who saw it 10 or 20 years ago.

Hayden said the park has abandoned the idea of limiting the passengers which make the various float trips each year. But he said it would like to limit the number of trips beginning in 1975. "We want to hold the status quo for a few years until we get a better picture."

Present plans under consideration in Grand Teton National Park call for limiting the trips in 1975 to slightly above the average for the period covering 1972-74.



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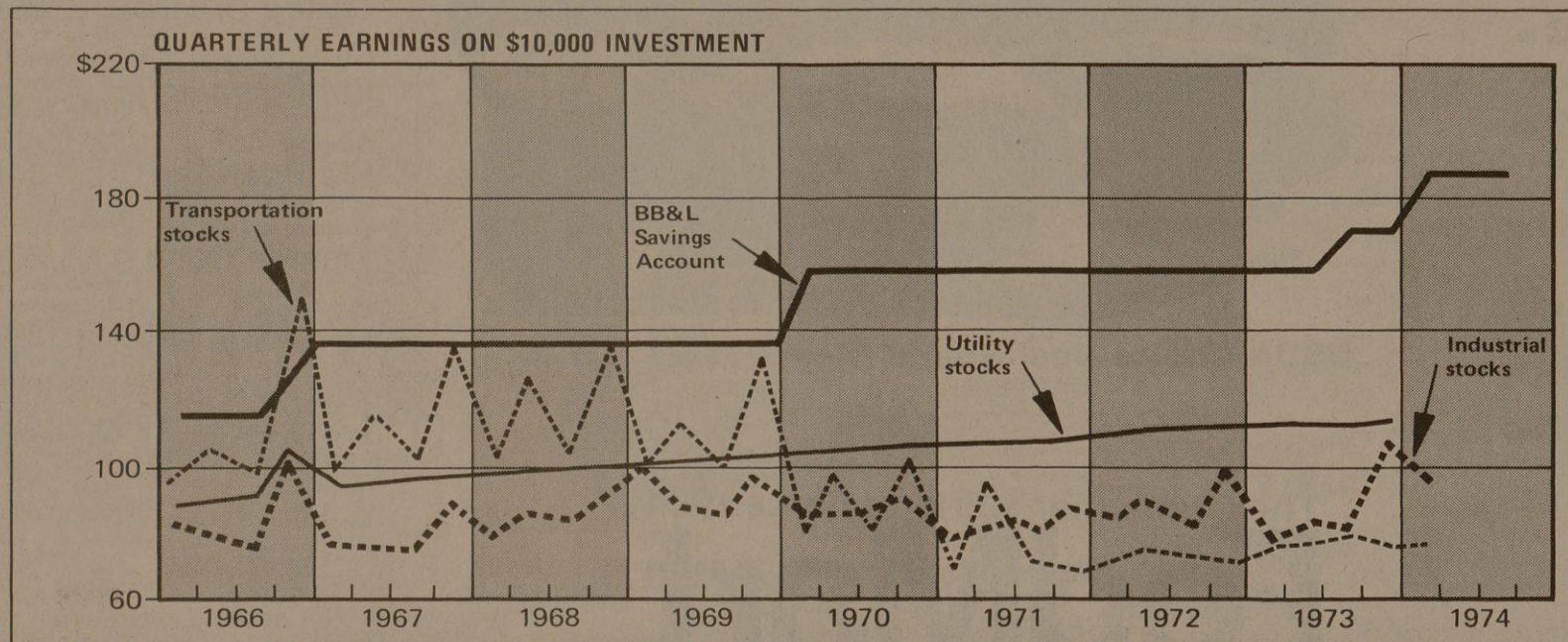
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Beef grades draw fire

WASHINGTON (AP) — An unprecedented outpouring of mail has prompted the Agriculture Department to reconsider its plans to change the beef grading system.

The system is best known to consumers by the labels on supermarket meat designating the cuts as Prime, Choice or Good, the top three classifications.

The department had received 3,637 letters on the proposal by Tuesday, with many more letters expected. Sources said the tremendous response has prompted serious talk within the department, meat industry and consumer organizations of redrafting the proposal this spring.

Any decision is at least a month away, said John C. Pierce, director of the Agricultural Marketing Service's livestock division who is weighing what he expects will amount to 4,000 or more comments on the complicated changes.

Job Corps celebrates 10th birthday

SAN MARCOS (AP) — Gary Job Corps Center near here will observe its 10th anniversary Saturday.

Speakers will include Rep. J. Pickle, D-Tex., and John H. Stinson, national director of job corps, U. S. Department of Labor.

Gary officials said the center has processed more than 51,000 young men during the 10 years of the center's existence. Of that number there have been 9,219 who graduated and returned to their home areas to seek employment. The center said 6,947 were placed in jobs throughout the nation and another 1,883 went into the armed services.

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