

Names in the news

Film director **Frederico Fellini** has sued an Italian magazine for libel because it printed an article saying that he had turned into a Casanova during his filming of the life of the famed 18th Century Venetian lover.

The report that Fellini had "lost his head" over a young actress and was about to leave his wife, actress **Giulietta Masina**, was the cover story of *Novella* 2000, a Milan women's weekly.

In a statement released through his lawyers, Fellini said the report was "seriously libelous and harming for his personal and family life and deprived of any ground, the fruit of mere imagination."

Elliot Richardson, the man who jokes about not being able to hold down a job, says his one firm

career goal is to return to England as ambassador. However, the U.S. Commerce Secretary didn't say he wanted it more than being governor of Massachusetts or president of the United States, two posts he's considering running for.

Richardson has served as undersecretary of state; secretary of health, education and welfare; secretary of defense; and attorney

general in addition to the ambassadorship and his current position.

At a news conference Monday, Richardson said he wanted eventually to be renamed ambassador to England, a position he held in the Ford administration.

Defeated U.S. Sen. **Robert Taft Jr.** says he'll return to his Cincinnati law practice but that

he has not ruled out further political activity.

"You never make these decisions until you see what the opportunities and options are," said the Ohio Republican. He was defeated Nov. 2 by Cleveland Democrat **Howard Metzenbaum**.

Taft said he will return to the law firm of Taft, Stettinius and Hollister, a firm founded by his

late father, U.S. Sen. **Robert A. Taft**.

Actor-comedian **Freddie Prinze**, star of the NBC television series "Chico and the Man," has been sued for divorce by his wife of 15 months.

Kathy Prinze, 26, cited irreconcilable differences in a Superior Court petition filed

Monday against Prinze, 22, the first marriage for Prinze and the third for his wife. The couple has a 9-month-old son, **Freddie**.

Retired Adm. **Elmo Zumwalt**, former chief of naval operations, says the **Jimmy Carter** administration will avoid secret diplomatic maneuverings.

Supermarket officials push coffee boycott

Associated Press

Soaring coffee prices have prompted officials of at least two supermarket chains to suggest that their customers switch to other beverages to try to bring costs down.

In a move reminiscent of the sugar boycott two years ago, Kenneth Knese, area manager for the nine Justrite stores in Kansas City, Mo., posted signs in his outlets reading:

"We at Justrite feel coffee costs have become ridiculous. Therefore, we are asking you to select a substitute until coffee suppliers reduce their cost to you."

A similar message came from Neil Golub, head of the company that runs the Price Chopper chain in the Albany, N.Y., area. Golub has been running full-page advertisements urging customers to try tea, bouillon, hot chocolate or hot cider.

"We did the same thing when the price of sugar went up... and we think it might work again," he said.

Spokesmen at stores in other areas of the country said they did not plan to encourage any formal boycott, but expected that consumers would revolt without any urging.

"The consumer is smart enough to know," said Ted Simmons of Colonial Stores in Atlanta. "I assume that when the price gets high enough, they'll say the hell with it."

Sugar prices climbed to record levels in late 1974, prompting consumer groups and some stores to urge a boycott. The higher prices — more than \$3 for a five-pound sack of sugar — were blamed on increased demand. Consumption dropped and so did prices. By this fall, the average retail price for a five-pound bag of sugar was about \$1.15, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Coffee prices, meanwhile, started rising in the summer of 1975 after a frost in Brazil destroyed much of the crop that would have been harvested this year. Political unrest in Africa also cut the world supply.

Recent increases have boosted prices to about \$3 a pound at the wholesale level. Retail prices still are under \$3 a pound in most areas — partly because merchants are selling cheaper, existing supplies and partly because they are using coffee as a "loss leader" to get customers into their stores.

The Albany and Kansas City stores aren't the only ones urging a boycott. U.S. Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal, D-N.Y., head of the subcommittee on commerce, consumer and monetary affairs, launched an inquiry into the increase in the price of coffee.

He noted that there had been several special promotions on coffee recently and said: "If there is a shortage, why are there discounts? The quickest and surest way for consumers to avoid being squeezed to the last drop is to vote with their dollars — refuse to pay the prices."

Singing Cadets to give concerts in January tour

Most Texas A&M students complete the fall semester this week and depart on a month-long vacation.

The Singing Cadets have the same time off, but will invest their last week of between-semester holidays for Texas A&M.

A West Texas concert tour is planned Jan. 8-15.

Director **Robert L. Boone**, pianist-accompanist **Mrs. June Biering** and 70 Singing Cadets will perform in Austin, Midland, Monahans, Amarillo, Vernon and Stephenville.

The 1,400-mile tour will take a variety of music to former students, friends of the University and people getting their first impression of Aggies.

Along with concerts in community halls, high school auditoriums and churches, the all-male glee club will present its sermon in song for Midland and Stephenville churches.

Boone said the concert will "accentuate the positive."

It opens with a tribute "to God, who gave us voices with which to sing," the director described. The program features songs of brotherhood, popular pieces and novelty numbers.

A quartet, called the "Aggie-nizers," will be featured in both halves of each concert. The show finale is "What A Wonderful World."

With 75 hours of rehearsal and fall semester performances, the group has put in more than 5,000 man-hours preparation for the tour. The Cadets report back to the campus Jan. 7 for final packing and "some practice to get their voices ready," Boone said.



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