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# Former Carter campaign aide cleared of cocaine charges

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WASHINGTON — Former resident Jimmy Carter's White House aide and campaign manager, Tim Kraft, cleared of allegations he used cocaine in 1978, says he hopes someone will challenge the ethics law that triggers such investigations.

Gerald Gallinghouse, the special prosecutor appointed to investigate the allegations against Kraft, told a federal court Tuesday he turned up no evidence of wrongdoing.

The disclosure was made in a request by Gallinghouse and Kraft's lawyers to dismiss a civil suit challenging the Ethics in Government Act of 1978.

U.S. District Judge Barrington

Parker granted the request.

Under the ethics law, the Justice Department must conduct a preliminary inquiry into allegations of even the most petty criminal violations by high executive department and campaign officials.

Where allegations are determined to be more than frivolous, the attorney general is required to ask a three-judge court to appoint a special prosecutor for a full-scale investigation.

Gallinghouse was appointed last September to investigate allegations that Kraft, while Carter's appointments secretary, used cocaine twice in 1978. The allegations prompted Kraft to take a leave from his job as Carter's cam-

paign manager.

"I am glad an impartial investigation has dismissed the allegations made against me," Kraft said in a statement released through his lawyer.

"I sincerely wish some enterprising reporter (would) report on the vast sums spent over the last three years for special prosecutors and their investigations into mischievous and meritless allegations which would customarily be rejected."

"In the future, if anyone else is obliged to defend against this type of investigation, I sincerely hope such person will have financial resources to carry on to a conclusion the very sound constitutional chal-

lenge that I initiated against the ill-advised law."

In legal papers, Gallinghouse said he and his staff concluded "the credible evidence pertaining to the allegations does not warrant any criminal charge against (Kraft) or merit any further investigation."

"The fair and proper administration of criminal justice requires they (Gallinghouse and staff) decline to recommend an indictment of (Kraft) by a grand jury or to file and information against him," he said.

Gallinghouse is expected to file a final report with the three-judge panel and advise the attorney general about his investigation.

# Dallas fan loses Cowboy suit

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DALLAS — A Dallas County jury Tuesday refused to award damages to a man who sought \$100,000 from the Dallas Cowboys for being ejected from a football game in 1978.

Rolen R. Rains charged that he had been falsely arrested and

humiliated by security guards working for Texas Stadium Corp. when he was removed from his seat during a pre-season Cowboy-Oilers game.

Rains said he had never missed a Cowboy home game and the mental anguish of his ejection

now prevents him from enjoying the football games. Rains cried on the witness stand as he read a letter of complaint he had written to Cowboy president Tex Schramm, and cried again during a television interview outside the courthouse.

# Enquirer hit with Reddy suit

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HOLLYWOOD — The jury in Carol Burnett's libel suit against the National Enquirer failed to reach a verdict in their first day of deliberations, and the comedian's cause was aided by singer Helen Reddy.

Miss Reddy and her husband, recording executive Jeff Wald, filed suit against the Enquirer for \$30 million, accusing the tabloid of calling Wald a "cocaine-crazed madman."

The jury of six women and five men spent 12 hours considering Miss Burnett's libel claim against the Enquirer Tuesday before deciding to quit and resume deliberations today.

Burnett charged she was libeled by a 1976 Enquirer item that portrayed her as rowdy and drunk in an encounter with former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in a Washington restaurant. Kissinger and other witnesses say the

report was untrue.

Burnett called the 65-word item a "disgusting pack of lies," dismissing a later retraction as "a bouquet of crabgrass."

Because she was a public figure, Superior Court Judge Peter Smith told the jury a finding of libel would require "clear and convincing evidence" the Enquirer acted "with reckless disregard for the truth."

Burnett's lawyer, E. D. Bronson Jr., asked the jurors to teach the tabloid a lesson by awarding at least \$1.5 million in punitive damages.

Enquirer attorney William Masterson said the article was not meant to suggest she was drunk, but only to portray her as a "zany comic." He said a verdict against the Enquirer would be a blow to freedom of the press.

In relentlessly pursuing the costly, time-consuming suit, Burnett gained the admiration of other celebrities planning to sue the tabloid.

The list grew Tuesday with the suit by Miss Reddy and Wald over a March 3 story saying the couple's 13-year marriage was breaking up. The Walds charged the Enquirer falsely reported she had "dumped her husband-manager because she couldn't stand any more of his crazed antics and use of cocaine" and that "Wald beat up a Capitol Records vice president in an elevator."

They said the Enquirer item stated Wald "to put it simply, is a madman" who had been arrested at the Sahara Tahoe Casino in State-line, Nev., "for threatening people with a shotgun."

# Bill would make alien hiring illegal

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Walter Huddleston, D-Ky., and Rep. Robin Beard, R-Tenn., say their proposal to make it unlawful to hire illegal aliens can be a big first step in controlling a tide of illegal immigration from Mexico.

Huddleston and Beard introduced identical bills in their respective chambers Tuesday to provide civil fines for a first offense and criminal penalties for later offenses of knowingly hiring illegal aliens.

"Most experts agree that to stop illegal immigration we must restrict the access of illegal aliens to American jobs," Huddleston said.

Beard said there are now an estimated 6 million to 10 million illegal aliens in the United States,

making up a "sweatshop" population reminiscent of the turn of the century."

He said, "The problem is fostered by the greed of many unscrupulous employers who realize that an alien workforce will eliminate the normal expenses of payroll taxes and workmen's compensation."

Attorney General William French Smith told a House Appropriations subcommittee Tuesday a task force he heads is studying the problem and will make policy recommendations to President Reagan in early May.

Rep. Jack Hightower, D-Texas, criticized the administration's proposed budget for the Immigration and Naturalization Service because it would cut out 1,355

positions.

"I would rather close the office and say, 'Come one, come all' if we are not going to be serious about controlling illegal immigration into this country."

Smith insisted most cuts involve positions that are not now filled and said the Border Patrol would be strengthened.

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Gene Gaines, of Dalworthington Gardens, reportedly found the explosives planted in his yard by a "friend" who worked for a cable company after the two had a dispute. He reported the discovery to police.

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