



Rolling in Sunshine
University of Montana freshman Don Rossi was one of many persons who enjoyed the mild temperatures and bright sunshine in Missoula Thursday. Rossi let loose with some pre-spring frolicking at the Southside Lions' Park. (Staff Photo by Harley Hettick)

House Subcommittee Tables Inquiry Into Pardon of Nixon

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House Judiciary subcommittee Thursday decided not to inquire further into President Ford's pardon of Richard M. Nixon.

The criminal justice subcommittee voted 4-0 to table a motion by Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman, D-N.Y., which would have allowed the panel's staff to interview Philip W. Bucher, Ford's counsel, Alexander Haig, Nixon's chief of staff, and "other appropriate persons" regarding the presidential pardon.

Rep. Holtzman called for the inquiry on the basis of a news story which appeared in the Washington Post.

She said the Post article suggested that Haig, on or about Aug. 28, 1974, actively sought to persuade President Ford to pardon Nixon.

Nixon resigned on Aug. 9 and was pardoned for his alleged involvement in the Watergate scandal on Sept. 8, 1974.

If the Post article is true, she said, "this report indicates that President Ford, contrary to his representations to the American public and to the House subcommittee on criminal justice, was not candid about the facts surrounding his decision to issue the pardon."

Ford appeared before the judiciary subcommittee on Oct. 17, 1974, to respond to questions regarding the Nixon pardon.

In his testimony, Ford said: "At no time after I became President on Aug. 9, 1974, was the subject of a pardon for Richard M. Nixon raised by the president or by anyone representing him."

Rep. Holtzman said if the reported usage by Haig were correct, then Ford did not tell the subcommittee all the facts.

She also said that according to the Post story, Haig conveyed to Ford the contents of a memorandum written by former Nixon counsel Leonard Garment that indicated the implication that Nixon would commit suicide if he were not pardoned.

The Post said that according to its sources, the memo indicated that Nixon's mental and physical condition could stand the continued threat of criminal prosecution and implied that action be pardoned. Nixon might take his own life.

If, in fact, this information were presented to Ford by Haig or anyone else it should have been given to the subcommittee by anyone representing him.

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SOME SUNSHINE

Partly sunny Friday and Saturday. High near 40, overnight low 28-32. Chance of precipitation 10 per cent.

Colstrip Pollution Control Plan Not the Best, Engineer Testifies

By J.D. HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

HELENA (AP) — A chemical process engineer said Thursday it is possible to design and operate an emission-control system with considerably higher control efficiencies than the system planned for two proposed power plants in southwestern Montana.

Timothy W. Devitt, vice president of a chemical consulting firm, said testimony submitted by the five utilities proposing to build Colstrip Units 3 and 4 shows a system with a guaranteed average sulfur-dioxide control efficiency of about 40 per cent.

"Given the present state of the art, it is possible to design a system to remove at least 60 per cent of the sulfur-dioxide emissions entering the stacks, and operate such a system at an availability of at least 90 per cent," he testified at a hearing of Natural Resources hearing.

Devitt was the sixth of 13 witnesses scheduled by the Department of Natural Resources, which is against licensing construction of the two 700-megawatt coal-fired generating units.

"Another department witness was

Brian J. Hincawi, a plant consultant now doing research in the Environmental Protection Agency at Corvallis, Ore.

He testified that out of 22 million tons of sulfur dioxide emitted into the air over the United States in 1965, 60 per cent was from coal burning and about two-thirds of that was emitted by power-generating plants that burn sulfur-bearing fuel.

"Low concentrations of sulfur dioxide mix in the air with plant growth and functioning without leaving visible injury," he testified. "Grain crops may suffer a reduced yield, especially if crop exposure sulfur-dioxide damage at the blossom stage."

These technical testimony and that of Gary Wicks, director of the natural-resources agency, was interrupted several times to permit public witnesses to make appearances in support of the project.

"M.E. Edelman of Warden, president of the Montana Water Development Association, who said people in agriculture believe Colstrip 3 and 4 would ensure adequate power for irrigation to increase production of food and fiber.

— John L. Hinson, president of Cop

Construction Co., Billings, who contended that "to assure individual only need to observe what is occurring in the world around him," to know that added electrical demand will occur."

— Robert J. Pile of Hainle, general manager of the Big Horn County Electric Cooperative, who said: "Montana has abundant coal, why not have abundant electricity?"

— Michael L. Murphy, general manager of Kinross Mill in Billings, which he said represents a \$30-million investment and vote of confidence toward coal and planned economic growth with in Montana. He said the mill owners want to protect some 10 businesses "from exorbitant utility costs that may arise as a result of the loss of supply and demand, should generating capacity fall below the demand of the consumer."

— Jack O. "Narrowly" president of the Billings Chamber of Commerce, who said that even with Montana's 10 per cent mine price tax on coal, the mines are captive to the Colstrip plants. But if the plants are built out of state the coal for them might well come from the lower-priced mines of Wyoming.

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Vote in Senate Upholds Veto of Jobs Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford's veto of a \$4-billion public works jobs bill was upheld Thursday when the Senate failed to muster the two-thirds margin needed to override.

The vote in the Senate was 63 to 35 to override, three short of the necessary margin.

The Senate voted less than three hours after the House approved overriding the veto by a 319-60 margin, 41 votes more than the necessary two-thirds.

The failure of the Senate to override was a victory for the President, whose lobbyists had been pessimistic about chances of sustaining a veto.

Ford picked up nine Republican votes which swung the Democratic majority to the vote when the bill originally passed the Senate last July 29.

White House lobbyists never held out much hope of blocking an override in the House, which passed the bill by a 4-1 margin.

The Democratic congressional leadership contended the measure would create up to 800,000 public works jobs.

In his message last Friday, Ford disputed that claim.

"The truth is that the bill would do little to create jobs for the unemployed," "Moreover, this bill has so many deficiencies and undesirable provisions that it would do more harm than good," he added. "While it is represented as the solution to our unemployment problem, in fact, it is little more than an election-year pork barrel."

Ford also contended that it would cost \$2,000 for every job created by the bill.

Alternative measures were filed by Republicans in the House and Senate. These sponsors contended they would create more jobs faster and at a lower cost.

During the House debate, Republican minority leader John J. Rhodes of

Hearst Pleads 5th Amendment

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With the jury out of the courtroom, Bailey and Browning argued, sometimes bitterly, before U.S. District Court Judge Oliver J. Carter. At issue was the government's efforts to tell the panel about dates and places that might link the young defendant to a Sacramento-area bank robbery and apparent plans for other crimes.

After Miss Hearst five times refused to answer Browning's questions, Carter upheld her right to remain silent in response to direct questions. But he agreed to rule later on whether the could be required to identify potentially incriminating documents taken from her last fugitive hideout.

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Capote Entertains

Truman Capote entertained a capacity crowd in the University Theater Thursday night by reading aloud "A Christmas Memory," an autobiographical short story depicting his childhood in Alabama.

In addition to his reading, Capote plugged the movie "Murder by Death," in which he makes his screen debut, talked some about his writing and answered questions about various celebrities of his acquaintance. (Staff Photo by Bob Cushman)

