

# upi roundup

## CIA chief calls critics 'hysterical'

WASHINGTON — CIA Director William Colby testified Thursday the "almost hysterical excitement" about alleged domestic spying by his agency has made American undercover agents abroad fear for their lives. Colby told an open congressional hearing that "these last two months have placed American intelligence in danger." News reports and official investigations have made overseas agents fear for their lives, sent CIA morale into a nosedive, and frightened firms away from accepting CIA contracts, Colby said.

## Officials survey bird massacre

FT. CAMPBELL, Ky. — U.S. Wildlife Resources officials clad in yellow rubber suits waded through piles of dead and dying blackbirds, starlings and grackles Thursday, surveying the extent of Wednesday night's mass killing. The birds, branded a health hazard by local health officials, were sprayed with the chemical detergent tergitol by helicopters Wednesday night, then doused with water from firetruck snorkels in sub-freezing temperatures. The chemical removed the oil from the birds' feathers and the water washed it away, allowing them to die of exposure in temperatures in the low 20s.

## First class stamp may hit 13¢

WASHINGTON — The cost of the first class postage stamp may climb to 13 cents an ounce later this year and to 15 cents by the end of 1977, postal service officials said Thursday. A first class letter cost 3 cents an ounce for 26 years, from 1932 until 1958. It was 4 cents until 1963, 5 cents until 1968, 6 cents until 1971, 8 cents until last year, and the present rate of 10 cents since then.

# FCC wants video obscenity outlawed

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The government moved Thursday to bar obscene and indecent material from television, and announced a network promise to limit violent and sex-oriented scenes during prime time hours when children may be watching.

The Federal Communications Commission said it would ask Congress for legislation making it a crime to show "indecent material" on television.

At the same time, it said the three major television networks have agreed to limit prime time exposure of sexually-oriented material in the 1975 television season.

Current laws make it illegal for radio stations to broadcast indecent material, but the FCC said in a report to Congress that such laws are vague about television.

"For this reason, we will include in our legislative proposals for action by this Congress an amendment...which would eliminate this uncertainty," the report said.

The report made clear the commission feels programs involving violence and sexual material — which might not be obscene or indecent but might be in-

appropriate for children — should be regulated by the television industry itself and not by law.

The FCC said ABC, CBS and NBC have tentatively set these guidelines for the 1975 season:

—Prime time viewing hours between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. EST would be set aside mainly for "family viewing" six days a week. On Sunday, the hours would be 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

—"Viewer advisories" would be broadcast visually and audibly from time to time in advance of any shows during prime time which might be considered questionable for children.

—Networks will attempt to let publishers of television programming know in advance of questionable material to be broadcast during "family viewing" periods.

The FCC said it received increasing complaints of violence on television during the past three years.

In 1972, the commission received over 2,000 complaints about violent or sexually-oriented programs," the report said. "In 1974, the volume increased to nearly 25,000."

Critics of the current "indecent material" law say it is too vague and does not clearly set out

criteria for acceptable programming.

The commission said it is confident of the television industry's desire to keep questionable as well as clearly indecent material off the air.

## Catnapper called 'rat'

DENVER (UPI) — Leona Wood says her neighbor is a rat. He catches her cats in a backyard trap baited with dogfood and sardines and hauls them off to the pound.

"The dirty rat, I hate his guts," said Miss Wood, who is afraid to let her ten cats out of the house in fear Richard A Templeton will trap them.

"They ought to lock him up and throw away the key."

Templeton, a retired Army sergeant, says he'll trap anybody's cat.

"It's this simple," he said. "They know there's a damn cat trap out there. If their cat gets caught in it, he goes to the pound. That's the way it is."

Templeton uses a wire cage to trap cats who enter to eat the dogfood and sardines left as bait. The animals step on a small metal plate causing the front door of the cage to latch.

"Cats were everywhere," he said. "They were screaming at night, digging holes all over the yard. You go out to work in your yard. You reach down into the ground and what do you get? You get 'cat stuff.'"

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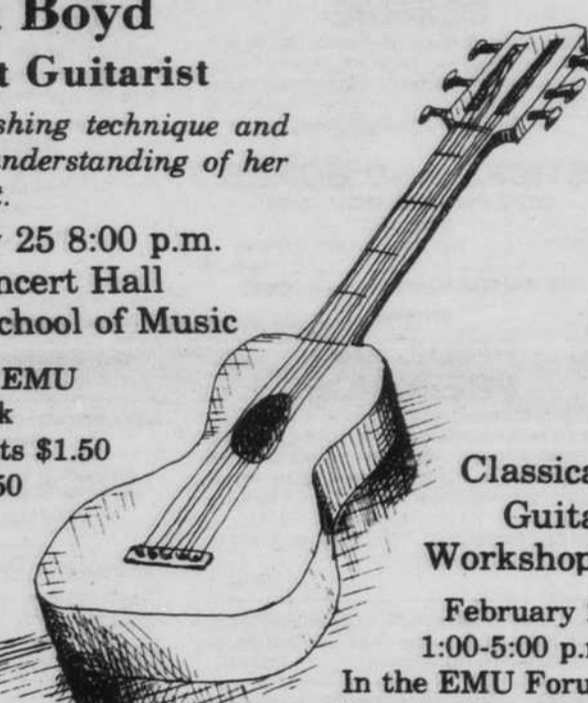
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