

Carter cuts Liddy's sentence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pres. Carter commuted the 20-year prison sentence of Watergate burglary mastermind G. Gordon Liddy to eight years on Tuesday, "in the interests of equity and fairness."

Thus, the 46-year-old Liddy will be eligible for parole on July 9

after having served a total of 50 months. Thirty-two months of that time counts toward his main sentence; the other 18 months were for refusing to testify before the Watergate grand jury.

"I'm grateful to the President for commuting my sentence and bringing it into line with the sentences

received by Mitchell, Haldeman, Ehrlichman, and Hunt," Liddy told his lawyer, Peter Maroulis.

A prison official said that after Liddy was informed of the commutation, "he was smiling and looking better than I've seen him. He told me, 'Now I've got what the rest of them have got,'" apparently a reference to the shortened sentences of the others.

Liddy's wife had just ended a visit with her husband at the Allenwood, Pa., minimum security institution and heard about the commutation on the radio while driving home.

"She told me, 'Thank God,'" Maroulis said.

Once Liddy is released, all the participants in the June 17, 1972, burglary at Democratic party headquarters in the Watergate office building will be free.

E. Howard Hunt, Liddy's lieutenant in the botched burglary, was released Feb. 24 after serving 32 months and now is on the lecture circuit. James McCord, the burglary squad's electronics man, served four months and moved to Colorado. The foot soldiers in Watergate, four Cubans from Miami, served slightly more than one year each and recently received \$200,000 from Richard Nixon's re-election committee as settlement for being duped.

But John Ehrlichman, the second-ranking Nixon aide convicted of covering up the Watergate affair, is serving a minimum two and a half year sentence in Arizona.

World at a glance

From Associated Press reports

Drought aid to include loans

WASHINGTON — A package of drought aid to help distressed farmers, including emergency loans to cover crop losses, was announced Tuesday by Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland.

The emergency loans are available to qualified farmers and ranchers, including fish farmers, in all counties designated for emergency relief. The loans are being handled by the department's Farmers Home Administration.

Bergland also announced that new applications for federal crop insurance are being taken again on 1977 crops.

Cosmetic labeling required

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) says that all labels attached to cosmetics after Friday must list the products' ingredients.

The announcement Tuesday climaxes a two-year legal battle with the cosmetic industry over FDA demands that people have the right to read what they are putting on their bodies.

The FDA published regulations in May 1975, requiring that all cosmetic and toiletry products be labeled with their ingredients.

Modified saccharin ban eyed

NEW YORK — The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is considering modifying its proposed ban on the artificial sweetener saccharin to allow its sale as a nonprescription drug while eliminating it as a food additive, CBS News reported Tuesday.

Quoting FDA sources, CBS said packages of the sweetener would carry the warning that it may cause cancer. The packages also would say that use of the substance should be limited to treatment of obesity or diabetes or use in dietary management.

Peltier lawyer hits FBI reports

FARGO, N.D. — The defense in the Leonard Peltier murder trial alleged in U.S. District Court Monday that the FBI "manufactured evidence" to tighten its case. "The government's effort in finding four separate people who related similar stories they said they heard about the shootings...will prove a consequential fact that the FBI manufactured evidence here," defense lawyer Elliot Taikeff argued.

Sasquatch sighting claimed

EATONVILLE, Wash. — Spring has sprung, and so have the Sasquatch tracks.

A Seattle newspaper reports more mysterious foot prints have been found in a forest eight miles from the spot where a Fort Lewis soldier maintains he sighted a sasquatch 18 days ago.

The footprints appear to have been made by a creature eight feet tall, taking eight-foot seven-inch strides on feet 16 inches long, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer said in Tuesday's editions.

US sends Zaire more aid

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — Moroccan troops sent to help repel an invasion from Angola were digging in Tuesday around the mining center of Kolwezi, as the United States announced it was increasing aid to Zaire's embattled pro-Western government.

Government and diplomatic sources said the 1,500 Moroccans, who arrived in southern Shaba province over the weekend, were taking advantage of a week-long lull in the fighting to consolidate supply lines.

In Washington, the Carter administration said it was stepping up aid to the government of Pres. Mobutu Sese Seko, giving it a total of about \$13 million in "nonlethal assistance," including a cargo plane.

At the White House, there was no elaboration on the considerations that led to the decision. However, spokesman Rex Granum said: "We do not see the situation as an East-West confrontation."

The State Department said it turned down a request for emergency military help, but was

sending a C130 cargo plane worth \$9 million and other aid including radio equipment and spare parts for airplanes and vehicles.

A State Department spokesman said Carter's announcement came as the Soviet Union said it felt it was "inadmissible for any external forces to interfere in the internal struggle in Zaire."

In Kinshasa, diplomatic sources said six high-ranking Egyptian military officers arrived over the weekend to discuss aid for the Mobutu government.

Dept. pushes for police women

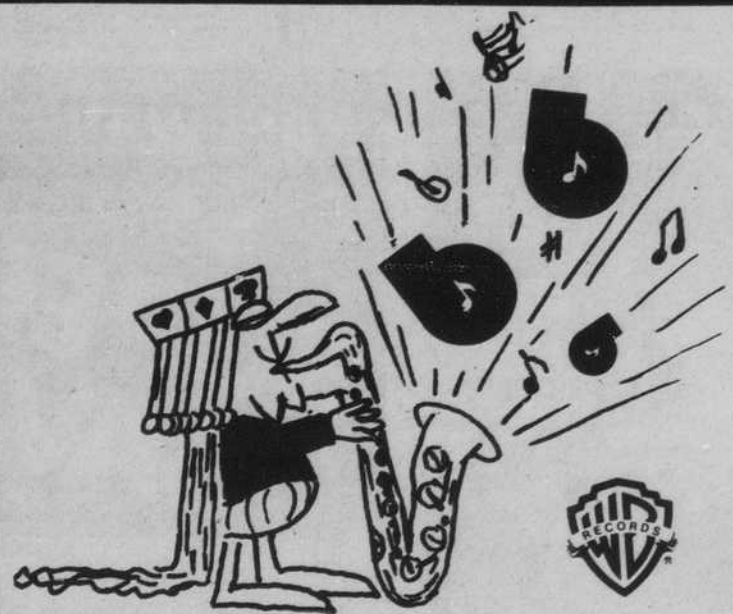
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department is watching dozens of police departments to guarantee that women get an equal chance to pack a pistol, walk a beat and win promotion.

Through lawsuits and threats to cut off federal crime-fighting money, the department is prodding police chiefs to hire more women and assign them to jobs traditionally reserved for men.

In interviews Tuesday, depart-

ment officials discussed their efforts to enforce laws banning sex discrimination in police employment.

Some police officials, particularly those in charge of the South Carolina Highway Patrol and the Philadelphia Police Department, have balked, federal sources say. Others, however, have become convinced that women can handle police work as well as men.



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