

Washington Merry-Go-Round

Opinion

Eager Beavers Promote Corps

Camp David and Goliaths

These dull dog days of midsummer have been perked up considerably by the dramatic announcement that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin will join President Carter Sept. 5 at Camp David in a renewed search for peace in the Middle East.

portunity in this generation to remove the threat and burden of war from their peoples. If nothing else, their hard experience since November has clarified the position of each to the other. It is difficult to believe they would risk such an ultimate showdown without being sanguine about the chance for compromise and agreement.

By JACK ANDERSON
WASHINGTON—For years, the Army Engineers have been building waterways, dams and other pet vote-getting projects dear to the hearts of congressmen. But now the eager beaver Engineers have dipped into the federal pork barrel for about \$10 million to promote themselves.

He instructed division heads to set up a tub-thumping operation to tie the basically civilian pork barrel projects to the Army and the national defense. "Morris' subordinates quickly responded with blueprints for the 11 new information center buildings. They were approved by their bosses in Washington, but still required congressional approval.

Engineers. The Alabama Democrat had never heard of the expensive self-aggrandizement program until we inquired at his office.

being smothered in a security blanket of foreign aid from the United States. The small American protectorate holds a total population of about 30,600 natives. We are presently pouring in \$30 million a year in assistance funds. This totals out to an estimated \$1,000 annually compared to the \$300 average income of the inhabitants of nearby independent Western Samoa. U.S. aid provides 60 percent of Samoa's gross income.

from island to island for health care and other free social services. Compounding the problem is the fact that natives from independent Samoa are increasingly coming to American Samoa to get a share of the largesse.



John F. Lofton, Jr.

Under the Courthouse Dome

Swinging Around Nation, State, County

By CHUCK McKENNA
Record-Argus Columnist
Let's take a swing around the nation, state and county. The revelation that the Carter staff in the White House has been using marijuana and cocaine is just another indication of how poor a leader Jimmy Carter is. During his days as governor of Georgia, Carter used the Rolling Stones and similar rock groups of the drug cult to raise campaign funds and to promote his candidacy.

the surface these days as rumors pop up on possible candidates for commissioner, sheriff, recorder of deeds, clerk of courts, prothonotary and district attorney.

to match that available to Thornburgh, so each day he can "sneak" closer to election day without having to employ a full staff, answer his opponent with media ads, etc. is a big plus for the former Pittsburgh mayor.

mission of one name would have ended speculation and not required the vote on Sept. 12 when the county committee will choose an appointee-designate from five names.

for a full term in 1979. Betty DeVito's chances of gaining the appointment could suffer. She is a two-time loser in races for county row offices and the party also spent a whopping sum on her unsuccessful campaign to unseat County Treasurer Irene Nicholson in 1977. Plus, she had an issue of the embezzlement in that office and still was defeated rather soundly.

CBS Report: D-Minus and Slipping

By JOHN D. LOFTON, JR.
WASHINGTON—Roy Innis, a black who directs the Congress of Racial Equality, makes the most compelling argument for the Packwood-Roth-Moynihan tuition tax credit proposal at the elementary and secondary levels: it would provide a competitive stimulus to the public schools. Calling for a power shift from the controllers (i.e. the educational establishment) to the controlled (parents and kids), Ennis says: "It is time that the laws of this country give more than lip service to freedom of choice and quality education.

that 76 percent favor more emphasis on reading, writing, and arithmetic. Tests reveal that today's students score lower in the basic subjects than they did 15 years ago, even though during this time period spending on public education has almost quadrupled.

education at Columbia University's Teacher's College. Says: "Studies have shown an awful lot of time spent in school is not spent in the classroom and a lot of time spent in the classrooms is not spent on teaching and learning but on moving around, shuffling papers, gabbing, rapping, whatever."

Correction: In a recent column I noted that blacks made up 40 percent of those who voted for California's Proposition 13. What should have been said was that of those blacks who voted, 40 percent voted for Proposition 13.

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