The Pecking Order Among the Bandage Rollers

By Dorothy McCardle

They are playing a game of musical chairs up at the ladies of the Senate Red Cross unit.

It all started when Spiro T. Agnew resigned as Vice President. His wife, Judy, promptly lost her job as president of the Ladies of Senate Red Cross unit although members say she will always be welcome.

Last Tuesday Mrs. James O. Eastland, wife of the president pro tempore of the Senate, took over as president of the group.

Libby Eastland will move over for Betty Ford, if and when Rep. Gerald Ford is confirmed as Vice President to succeed Agnew.

Since the unit was founded in 1917, the rule has been that the wife of the Vice President of the United States becomes its head. If the Vice President has no wife, or if there isn't any Vice President, then the wife of the president pro tem gets the job.

Initial Publications

Evelyn Metzger, longtime Washington editor of Doubleday & Co., has left the New York publishing firm to start her own publishing business here.

She calls her company, "EPM Publications," using her own initials for the title. Her new offices are near her home in McLean.

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She has already lined up several Washington authors, one of whom is Maryon Allen, wife of Sen. James B. Allen (D-Ala.).

Mrs. Allen, a former Birmingham newspaper woman, is writing a book on do-it-yourself home decor. She will advise young people on how to create an attractive home without advice from an expensive interior decorator.

The first book off the EPM presses is "Indian Jewelry" by Frankie Welch, the fashion designer of Alexandria. The book was launched last weekend with an open house at the Welch boutique in Alexandria.

Tales of Saboteurs

What with the current interest in "dirty tricks" and saboteurs in high politics, a collection of stories edited by Washington author Burke Wilkinson, "Cry Sabotage," has just been reissued by Bradbury Press. There are 27 stories, written in most cases by the saboteurs themselves.

"Some of the men who tell their stories, like Lawrence of Arabia and Captain von Rintelen, were men of dedication and principle," says Wilkinson. "They are a nobler breed than their Watergate descendants and would-be-comrades-in-arms, but they have certain traits in common, as the book makes clear."

Sing-Along, Korean Style

Korean Ambassador Dong Jo Kim outsang all his guests last weekend when he and his wife gave a sing-along dinner for members of the Korean Embassy staff and their wives and members of Washington-based Korean press corps.

When the dinner was over, there was one of those awkward pauses of the "what-do-we-do-next" variety. Somebody suggested that those who knew a Korean song should sing it. One song after another rippled around the drawing room.

Finally, when it came Ambassador Kim's turn, he won an ovation for his rendition of an old Korean folk song, "True Love."