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# A Bite to Eat, a Couple of Laughs

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VIP

An incident which originally got the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Air Force Gen. George S. Brown, into hot water caused another military man to get doused with ice water here last Saturday night in front of a VIP-studded audience of 1,000 at the Sheraton Park Hotel.

The occasion was the annual dinner given by the Military Order of the Carabao, an organization made up of officers of all the services who have served in the Philippines.

Gen. Brown, ill with flu wasn't there. But the other Chiefs of Staff were. So was Defense Secretary James Schlesinger, along with other top Pentagon officials and powerful members of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees.

The program was a musical spoof. One song satirized the flap which ensued last November after Gen. Brown made an allegedly anti-Semitic remark at a Duke University seminar.

A retired Army colonel, Samuel Pierce, was onstage singing about Gen. Brown's "boo-boo" to the tune of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Suddenly, an unidentified Navy officer arose from

the audience with an ice bucket in his hand. Saying not a word, he marched onstage and doused Pierce right in the middle of "Glory, glory, hallelujah . . ."

A Navy spokesman confirming the incident yesterday, declined to give either the man's name or rank and had "no information" on whether he would be reprimanded or commended for his action.

## Now You See It, Now You Don't

It could be a scene from a spy movie about the CIA: A caller looking for E. Howard Hunt's old "public relations" office, a block from the White House, gets off the fifth-floor elevator these days and finds a blank wall.

There is not even a door where the public relations firm of Robert Mullen & Co. once rented space.

The company, identified as a CIA cover operation whose ties to the Watergate scandals are still being scrutinized, quietly went out of business months ago.

That was shortly before a report on Mullen & Co.'s

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## and a Face Full of Ice Water

CIA involvements was released by Sen. Howard H. Baker Jr. (R-Tenn.).

Among other things, the Mullen firm was under contract to provide a corporate cover for CIA operatives in Singapore, Amsterdam and elsewhere.

Baker's report also claimed that the CIA helped former agent Hunt get a job with Mullen and the company's president, Robert F. Bennett, knew in advance of the Watergate break-in as a White House operation.

Bennett, the son of Sen. Wallace F. Bennett (R-Utah), has moved to Los Angeles to become the public relations director for billionaire Howard Hughes' Summa Corporation. Bennett handled Hughes' account previously at Mullen.

### Fun Furs

Susan Ford wants a "fun fur" for graduation, and she and her mother had expected to pick one out at Christie Bros. furriers on Seventh Avenue while they

were shopping in New York last week.

The Secret Service checked the place out in the morning and "Mr. Constantino," one of the partners, pulled some of his handsomest samples from the vaults.

But time ran out and the First Lady and her party never got there. A White House press spokesman says Susan will still get her fur, however. Her mother may also be in the market for something warm to wear in place of her years-old mink-trimmed muskrat.

Press secretary Ron Nessen said at a party recently that it will be the "coldest time of the year" when the Fords visit China later in 1975.

### Kissing Away the Drops

Iranian Ambassador Ardeshir Zahedi has his own version of drinking champagne from a lady's slipper.

Saying goodnight to Henry Ford II's wife Christina at a party at the F Street Club here, Zahedi took her hand romantically in his and formed a cup with her fingers. Trickling droplets of champagne into her palm from his glass, Zahedi kissed each one away.

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