

## Notes on People

## Butterfield Resigns As Chief of F.A.A.

Alexander P. Butterfield, who electrified the 1973 Senate Watergate committee hearings by disclosing the existence of the White House tapes, resigned yesterday as chief of the Federal Aviation Administration. President Ford accepted the resignation, effective March 31, with "sincere regret."

Mr. Butterfield, 48 years old, who had previously been in charge of White House security, was a surprise witness before the Senate committee only four months after he became head of the F.A.A. He has always denied that he was involved in Watergate scandals or had acted—as was reported in news accounts—as the White House liaison with the Central Intelligence Agency. The F.A.A. has been increasingly criticized for slow action safety. Supporters of Mr. Butterfield, who was with the Air Force for 20 years, said that he was hand-dropped by friction with the Transportation Department and other problems that he had inherited.

After serving last year on the Court of Appeals, Justice Harold A. Stevens was returned by Governor Carey yesterday to his former position as presiding justice of the Appellate Division of State Supreme Court, First Department (Manhattan and the Bronx). Except for his interim appointment last year, Justice Stevens, 67, has served on the Appellate Division since 1957, including five years as presiding justice of the First Department. In that post he now succeeds Justice Owen McGivern, 63, who resigned the \$55,266-a-year post, citing "financial deprivation."

The complete recovery of N. Bradley—with no residual General of the Army Omar effects—from the stroke he suffered a week ago, was predicted yesterday at the University of California at Los Angeles Medical Center. A spokesman said that the condition of the general, 82, was "very favorable" and that he had been moved from an intensive care unit to a private room.

Richard M. Nixon has promised to visit Mississippi "when he starts stirring again," Mayor Charles Evers of Fayette, Miss., said yesterday after a visit Saturday with the former President.

Mayor Evers, who went to San Clemente, Calif., after addressing a group in Sacramento, said that Mr. Nixon took him around the estate in a golf cart and then into the house.

"There was one room where he would point out a seat and say, 'This is where Brezhnev sat, this where Kissinger sat.'" Mr. Evers said, "I thought he would be wobbly, but at one point I had to ask him to slow down." It was the day before Mr. Nixon and his wife, Pat, were reported to have taken an automobile drive, with Mr. Nixon at the wheel of his limousine and a Secret Service car following.

Mr. Evers, a Democrat who in 1969 became the first black man to become Mayor of a biracial Mississippi town, said that he had "nothing special to say" to the former President. "I just wanted him to know he has friends," Mr. Evers said. "I told him how much we appreciated what he had done for us in Fayette and Mississippi."

A small avalanche fell around the new American Ambassador to Britain, Elliot L. Richardson, and his wife, Anne, yesterday as they skied in the Australian Alps. Neither was hurt, but the Ambassador lost his glasses, gloves, cap and ski poles. With them but not in the snowslide area, were two of their children, Nancy, 18, and Michael, 15.

While nine Jewish and Christian clergymen took part in a symbolic Passover seder at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church yesterday, huge photos of some Soviet Jewish "prisoners of conscience" occupied chairs at a nearby table set with their probable fare: hard bread, forbidden at Passover; tiny portions of fish, and cups of water. August Stern, 28, recently permitted to immigrate to Israel, represented his father, Dr. Niknail Stern, a Ukrainian endocrinologist, who had hoped to emigrate, too, but was sentenced in January to 8½ years in a Soviet prison camp. Dr. Stern was charged with accepting eggs, apples and two chickens from patients as bribes for his services. The witnesses reportedly recanted word came that Dr. Stern's appeal had been turned down by the Supreme Court of the Ukraine.

David Merrick, producer of "The Great Gatsby," which was supposed to be Paramount's "big movie" of 1974, has filed suit against the company for \$7.5-million—including \$1-million for shooting delays that, he says, kept him from other producing assignments. In his Manhattan Supreme Court suit, Mr. Merrick said that he had obtained the rights to the F.



Alexander P. Butterfield testifying before Senate Watergate committee.

Scott Fitzgerald novel for \$350,000, plus a percentage of receipts, from Frances Scott Fitzgerald Smith in 1971. Subsequently, he alleged, Paramount failed to take his advice on how to cut costs, running the total up to \$7.7-million instead of the projected \$5-million. The film was widely considered a victim of its publicity—Paramount announced its intention to "Gatsby-ize the country"—but Mr. Merrick charged that the company had "failed to exert efforts to market and distribute the film."

A second son was born Sunday at New York Hospital to Pia Lindstrom, the WNBC-TV news reporter, and her husband, Joseph Daly, a real estate investor. They were married in 1971. The child is the grandson of Ingrid Bergman, the actress, and her former husband, Dr. Peter Lindstrom. A daughter, their first child, was born to Raina Kabaivanska, the Metropolitan Opera soprano, and her husband, Franco Guandalini, a stage director, Feb. 23 in Modena, Italy. Miss Kabaivanska, who had been scheduled to sing Manon Lescaut here this season, made her Met debut in 1962 and last sang there during the 1972-73 season.

For something like the 20th time, Garry Davis is in jail for trying to enter a country on the "passport" he issued himself in 1948 as "World Citizen No. 1." But this time some residents of Basel, Switzerland, are campaigning to make him an honorary citizen of the city, where he was given a 20-day sentence last Friday after serving seven days there earlier this year.

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