



Recalling the Words of Another Era

The front page of your paper Jan. 10 shows President Nixon at his San Clemente White House/place of residence feeding his dog, King Timahoe, birthday cake while members of the royal family and court look on with amusement. On turning the page, we see Bill O. Mead, chairman of the American Bakers Association, predicting the price of bread to be \$1 per loaf by late spring, causing more worry for those who are already having extreme

difficulty in making budgetary ends meet.

How many readers were reminded, as I was, of an incident said to have occurred in 18th century France? When starving citizens who had paid out heavy taxes to support the extravagances of their rulers begged for bread, a noble lady (thought by some to be Marie Antoinette) retorted, "Let them eat cake!"

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