

that the memo was in the "open" files.

Shortly after Saunders and Levine were fired, Mrs. Mary Lou Armstrong, an assistant to Low, made a bitter attack against Low and resigned from the project.

These internal frictions came to wide public attention when the 14 May issue of *Look* magazine carried an article entitled, "Flying Saucer Fiasco—The extraordinary story of the half-million-dollar 'trick' to make Americans believe the Condon Committee was conducting an objective investigation." The article was written by John G. Fuller, the author of several popular books and articles on flying saucers, with the active assistance of Saunders, Levine, their attorney, McDonald, Mrs. Armstrong, and R. Roger Harkins, a former reporter for the Boulder (Colo.) *Daily Camera*. Condon has made no detailed rebuttal of the *Look* article but has charged that it contains "falsehoods and misrepresentations."

Despite *Look's* 7.8-million circulation, the article seems to have had remarkably little impact. Condon and the Air Force say they have received only a few letters of protest. NICAP issued a ferocious statement, announcing, in State Department fashion, that it had "broken relations" with the Colorado project after 17 months of cooperation, but the research phase of the project was essentially completed by that time anyway. Subsequently Congressman J. Edward Roush (D.-Ind.) asked the General Accounting Office to investigate the Condon study, but the GAO refrained on the ground that it would be premature to try to evaluate the project before its report had been completed and reviewed by the National Academy. By what yardstick the GAO's accountants were supposed to judge the adequacy of a scientific investigation was not made clear.

Several other incidents have added to the project's woes. Condon, who is 66, was ill for a period. Threats of libel suits have been tossed around by both sides. A graduate student was dropped from the staff after being arrested (and later convicted) on narcotics charges. And another graduate student who left the project to enter industry has publicly criticized the project. Meanwhile, Saunders and Harkins are preparing a book to be published by New American Library shortly after the Condon group's findings and recommendations are made public. The book will describe the project's administrative problems and will present conclusions that the

NEWS IN BRIEF

● **FUNDS FOR OVERSEAS PROGRAMS:** A portion of funds realized from the sale of U.S. farm surplus abroad will be used to finance educational activities of American colleges and universities overseas. An amendment to Public Law 480, the Food for Freedom Program, provides that not less than 2 percent of total proceeds from sale of surplus commodities abroad be used for the support of educational programs. Senator Allen J. Ellender (D-La.), who introduced the amendment, estimated that at least \$18 million should be available next year. Programs financed in the past under P.L. 480 have been limited to educational and cultural exchange programs for individuals under the Fulbright-Hays Act. The new amendment provides institutions with a new broad range of support which includes National Defense Education Act activities and other overseas programs.

● **ADDICT CENTERS:** The National Institute of Mental Health has announced the first federal grants to establish local narcotics addict treatment centers. The centers, which will serve 16,000 known addicts, will offer inpatient hospitalization, day care, residential facilities, outpatient treatment, and halfway houses to ease the transition of former addicts back into society. Cities receiving the six grants which total \$12.6 million are New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Philadelphia, New Haven, and Albuquerque, New Mexico. After 8 years of decreasing federal support, the cities will assume full financing of the projects.

● **SCIENCE IN STATE GOVERNMENT STUDIES:** The National Science Foundation, the Economic Development Administration, and the Commerce Department have announced support of a nine-state project to assess the roles of scientists and engineers in state and local governments. Funded at \$58,290, the project will examine various state activities in the use and development of scientific and technical resources. Participating in the program are the University of California, Kansas University, Western Kentucky University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Michigan State University, University of New Mexico, Union College, University of North Carolina and University of Mississippi.

● **APA CHARGES:** The American Psychiatric Association (APA) has charged that the Defense Department failed to preserve the confidentiality of psychiatric records by releasing to the news media the military medical records of New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison. While the Defense Department has denied any official involvement in the release of Garrison's records and said the breach was unintentional, the APA executive committee, in a formal statement, has asked for assurances that such violations of privacy will not be repeated.

● **NEGRO HISTORY:** The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded workshop grants to seven institutions to promote instruction in Negro history and culture. The workshops will introduce published, unpublished, and graphic materials to teachers from universities across the nation. The institutions chosen for the grants are Boston University; Duke University; Cazenovia College in Cazenovia, New York; Fisk University; Howard University; Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland; and Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Faculty members interested in attending the August workshops may inquire directly to the college or university concerned.

● **TEXAS LIFE SCIENCES CENTER:** The University of Texas Board of Regents has approved a 10-year program for expansion of Southwestern Medical School of the University of Texas at Dallas into what will be known at the University of Texas Life Science Center. Preliminary plans presented to the Regents by Southwestern Dean Charles C. Sprague call for developing a health profession campus at an estimated total cost of \$150 million.

● **NEW PUBLICATIONS:** A quarterly publication, *IBP Inter-American News*, has been started by the National Academy of Sciences "to further . . . cooperation among scientists throughout the Western Hemisphere through knowledge of related research projects." The publication, available, without charge, in English, Spanish, or Portuguese, may be obtained by writing to the International Biological Program Office, National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.