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GRAIN

*From the watchdog agency of the Congress - the General Accounting Office - a series of recommendations today - to restore world confidence in one of America's most lucrative exports - grain. The G-A-O - wants to downgrade the inspection by private firms - of grain bound for foreign customers. And - to replace that system with a three-tier inspection program - run by the Federal Government. The Administration is opposed to too large an inspection role by Uncle Sam. But - says the G-A-O - only supervised FEDERAL inspection machinery - can end a record of corruption inefficiency, and reduced grain standards which have produced scores of indictments and undermined world faith - in the quality of what they buy in this country.*

# SAN FRANCISCO

WHITE HOUSE

*The jury in the Patricia Hearst trial today visited the apartment - and the house - where Miss Hearst was held captive by the Symbionese Liberation Army. The defendant was also there - and apparently it was a harrowing experience. At any rate, her lawyer said Miss Hearst sobbed and nearly fainted when she viewed the closet where she says she was imprisoned for weeks - and, at times - abused by her captors.*

*Miss Hearst was also free today for the first time - from the handcuffs and shackles she normally wears to and from court.*

## WHITE HOUSE

*In a special message to Congress - President Ford has called on lawmakers to give swift approval to a bill re-structuring the Federal Election Commission. The overhaul: called for by the Supreme Court, which set a deadline of the end of the month. The court ruled that - under present law - the make-up of the commission is unconstitutional - because four of its six members are congressional appointees. The court held that agencies which execute Federal law should be part of the Executive branch. To satisfy the high court ruling, Mr. Ford today recommending - that he be given the power to name all six members of the commission. It's the Election Commission that dispenses Federal campaign cash to presidential candidates. That function could cease in mid-campaign - unless Congress acts.*

**FORD II**

*The President also attending a convention of high school principals - where he urged ~~the~~ an educational campaign in our secondary schools - to prevent the alienation of young people from the American system of government. The system cannot be perpetuated - "merely by telling our children it is good" - said he. Adding: "We can only assure its future - by educating our children to admire its strengths - correct its faults - and to participate effectively as citizens."*

MEANY

*The Executive Council of the AFL-CIO is meeting at Bal Harbour, Florida. And there - President George Meany criticized President Ford today - because, in Meany's words, Mr. Ford is "completely without compassion - as far as the little people of this country are concerned." Meany denouncing the President for opposing Federal job programs for the unemployed. Though his organization will stay neutral in the delegate-selection process - Meany said the AFL-CIO will support any Democratic Presidential nominee but George Wallace - whom he called "a disaster." Meany saying he personally favors Senator Henry Jackson - but that Senator Hubert Humphrey is "the most electable."*

*That's a joke.*

**KISS**

*The Secretary of State - Henry Kissinger - arrived in Caracas, Venezuela today - first stop - on his often-postponed nine-day, six-nation tour of Latin America.*

*Kissinger's broad aim: to reassure nations south of the border of Washington's interest and concern - and to improve the image of the United States.*

**TEHRAN**

*The price of oil from Iran was being marked down today - Nine-and-a-Half Cents a barrel. This by order of the National Iranian Oil Company - in an effort to boost sales in the face of a worldwide drop in oil consumption. An Iranian spokesman noting that Saudi Arabia and Kuwait - have already instituted similar cuts.*

*For Lowell Thomas - The Jerry Landay - CBS news.*

## ELECTRONICS

A study by the National Science Foundation says - that as much as seventy per cent of all personal banking transactions by check - will eventually be handled through electronic banking. Payments at retail stores, the foundation forecasts, will be handled by inserting personal credit cards in a computer terminal. And the weekly paycheck may be relegated to the museum. The study predicts firms will automatically deposit worker's salaries and wages directly in his account via electronic banking. But - the foundation warns - the new system will mean - that parents may find it tougher to keep tab on what Junior is withdrawing and spending - and while armed robberies may decrease - the foundation says we can expect a large increase in electronic embezzlement- so-called computer crime.

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