

Jury Is Selected In H. Rap's Brown Trial

NEW YORK—(NBNS)—The long delayed trial of H. Rap Brown finally got underway in State Supreme Court in Manhattan last Thursday.

The jury consisting of 9 whites, 2 blacks and a Puerto Rican was scheduled to hear opening remarks by Brown, whose attorneys, William Kunstler and Howard Moore had won the right for him to act as co-counsel in the trial.

Justice Arnold G. Fraiman had previously allowed the former chairman of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) to act as his own co-counsel to the extent of joining in lawyers' bench conferences. The judge had not, however, allowed him to question prospective jurors about their qualifications.

Upon winning the right of co-counsel in his defense Brown will be permitted to address the

jury without subjecting himself to cross-examination by the prosecution as he would

otherwise have been required to do when taking the stand as a defendant.

Brown and his co-defendants Samuel Petty and Levi Valentine, are charged with holding up the Red Carpet Lounge in New York on Oct. 16, 1971. Continued on Page 6B



CONTESTANTS — The Kings Club Inc., sponsors its Fourth Annual Black and Gold Ball, Friday, February 23rd, at the Times Square Banquet

Hall. Proceeds from the affair will be used for their Benefit Fund. Above are some of the contestants running for Queen of the Ball. From left to right

Ms. Brookie Middleton, Gladys Robinson, Thindella McCray, Annie Parker, Maxine Royster, Mary Ratiff. Not shown are Ms. Barbara Jones and Mildred

Royal. Mr. George L. Suggs is the chairman of the social committee.

Congress, Nixon Headed On Collision Course Of Funds

WASHINGTON—(NBNS)—Congress and President Nixon are headed on a collision course over whether the executive branch has the power to impound funds which have been authorized by the legislative branch.

Both sides began jockeying for positions last week, but it appeared a strong effort would be made by the legislative branch to re-establish itself in what may turn out to be the constitutional battle of the century.

Never before have the legislative and executive branches been at odds over the constitutional duties and responsibilities of each other. Clearly, neither will give in easily.

The President has ordered the impoundment of the entire \$70 million that would have been received by various agencies for rehabilitation loans. These would have helped home owners, through low interest loans, to rehabilitate houses in poverty neighborhoods.

At the same time, the Agriculture Department has impounded \$220.2 million of the \$225 million that Congress had appropriated for rural conservative programs throughout the nation.

Other "people" programs have seen funds for their projects cut off essentially through the impoundment process.

A number of law suits have already been filed, challenging

the right of the President and the executive branch to withhold money that the Congress has appropriated but the real battle will be in the Congress.

Already, more than half of the 100 U. S. Senators have begun a campaign to gain veto power over presidential impoundments.

Sen. Sam Erwin, D-N.C., the chief sponsor of the bill to give Congress authority to override the President's refusal

to spend an appropriated amount, is ready to begin hearings on the issue.

On a national TV program on NBC-TV, former Presidential nominee Hubert Humphrey blamed the President for the excessive federal budget.

"The fact of the matter is, Mr. President, you loused up the budget. You sent down request for over \$250 billion. You signed the bills for over \$250 billion."

After the election though, Humphrey said, the President began to cut back the spending authority for the programs.

And at the same time, Sen. Edmund Muskie suggested that Congress get ready for a "head-on constitutional collision" with the President.

"If necessary, we should be ready to write into our authorization and appropriation measures such clear directives for their execution that Administration officials can only disobey at the risk of a head-on constitutional collision," he re-

Pledges Support to Scouting

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Chief of the Army Reserve, Maj. Gen. J. Milnor Roberts, has pledged continued Army Reserve support to the Scouting movement in the United States.

In a statement issued this month—February, which is Boy Scout Month—General Roberts said that the members of the Army Reserve have enjoyed working with scouts as part of their community involvement projects. "We hope to continue to serve as partners in the scouting movement in the years ahead," Gen. Roberts said.

Army Reserve units—there are 3,400 in cities and towns across the country—have been working with scouts on a regular basis. Some Reservists instruct scouts who are preparing for merit badge tests while others, particularly those in construction and engineering units, repair scout

camp, build access roads to these camps, and improve recreational facilities.

Throughout the year, Army Reserve units have assisted scouting councils in preparing for camporees and transported scouts to the camping sites.

A Pittsburgh, Pa. unit is currently converting an old strip mine into an amphitheater which will be used for one of the Scout Jamborees this August. The amphitheater will hold over 60,000 scouts and adult leaders when completed.

Army Reserve aviators also teach flying skills to Explorer Scouts.

General Roberts cited these as just a few examples of the types of scouting projects in which Reservists have become involved. "We urge scout leaders in areas where Reservists are not working with them, to contact the units. We're ready to help," he said.



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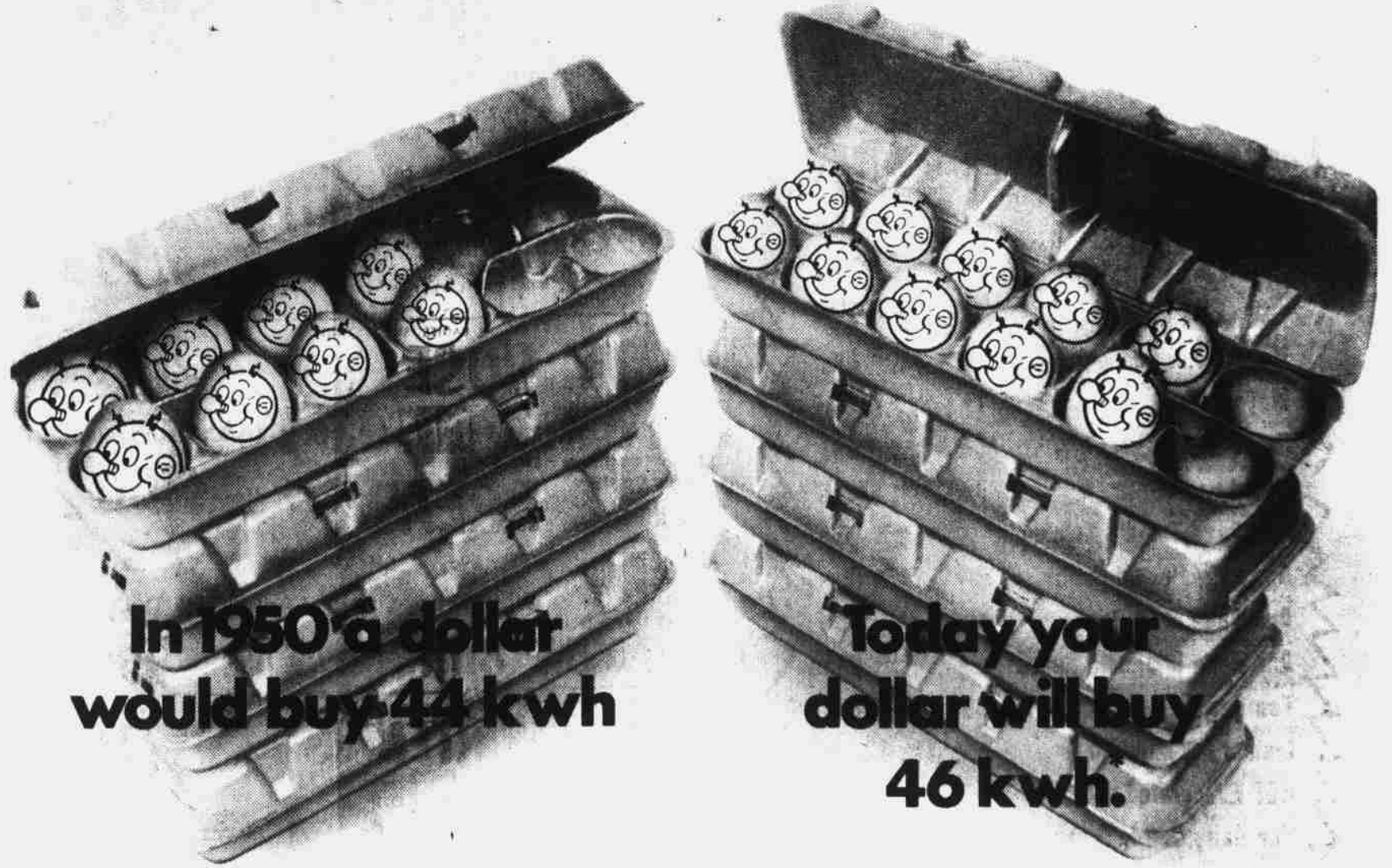
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