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You are invited to a free, first and final Korat Bicentennial Sawadee Party Nov. 20 starting at noon. The festivities take place in the Nit Noi area and adjacent fields. Turn to page 3 for full details.

Beginning of the end at Korat 34th TFS departs

By Capt. Michael Shub
34th Tactical Fighter Squadron

As the decade of United States presence in Thailand comes to an end, so does the history of the 34th Tactical Fighter Squadron come to a close here. A true fighting unit with a proud history, the 34th has taken part in every armed conflict in the Pacific theater for the past 10 years.

Flying the F-105 Thunderchief, the F-4 Phantom, both E and D models, the members of the 34th have had roles varying from basic air-to-ground weapons delivery to wild weasle operations. Included in the squadron accolades are six downed MIGs in air-to-air combat and over 100,000 combat hours logged in each type aircraft. Much of the 34th's combat time was flown over the heavily defended Hanoi and Haiphong area of North Vietnam.

As the 34th prepares to go on to a new location, at present unknown, the mission will remain to fly and fight whenever called upon and to constantly place ordnance precisely on target wherever and whatever that target may be.

16th SOS packs up

By 1st Lt. Spencer Way
16th Special Operations Squadron

The 16th Special Operations Squadron, owner of the "Fabulous Four-Engine Fighter," leaves Korat with mixed emotions. The 16th, better known as "Spectre," departs with an unmatched record of mission accomplishment. The annals of Southeast Asia Air Force history show the dedication, effectiveness, and spirit of its men.

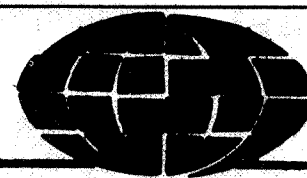
Spectre maintained the ability to direct and provide firepower offensively and defensively anytime, anyplace and anywhere it is called for. The 16th has shown the U.S. Air Force and the world that it can do its job well.

Spectre fought through many years of strife and conflict in Southeast Asia. Thousands of burning trucks, stacks of flaming supplies and exploding piles of munitions lit the skies and testified to Spectre's role as a hunter.

The AC-130 Hercules gunship is the offspring of the AC-47 Spooky, AC-119 Shadow and Stinger gunships. Spectre, the largest and most advanced gunship, first flew into combat from Nha Trang AB, Vietnam in September 1967. In 1968 the gunships moved to Ton Son Nhut AB, Vietnam and then to Ubon, Thailand, where Spectre resided and flew from for most of the war. Within three years, the 16th SOS had destroyed more than 5,000 trucks. Spectre finally moved to Korat in 1974, its last home in Southeast Asia.

The gunships of the 16th have numerous operational capabilities and can perform many functions. Close air support, armed reconnaissance, reconnaissance, convoy escort, night base defense, forward air control, and search and rescue are among its many missions. Spectre's "eyes" or sensors can see things thousands of feet below her. The AC-130 is unique and has no peer in the Air Force inventory!

The 16th's record from April 13 - Aug. 4, 1973 of 1,327 consecutive combat missions is just an example of its noteworthy accomplishments. During peacetime operations, the gunships maintained a combat ready capability by means of a stringent and effective training program.



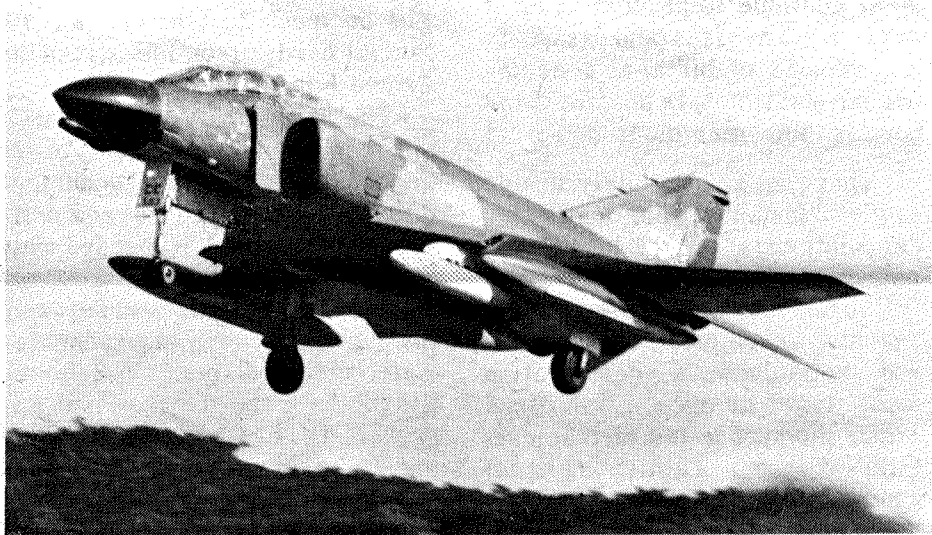
AIR FORCE NEWS SUMMARY

AF to train women pilots

Air Force officials have announced plans to begin a limited test program to use women as pilots. Details are still being worked out, but the first group of women could start training in the summer of 1976. The first students would be selected from women officers already on active duty.

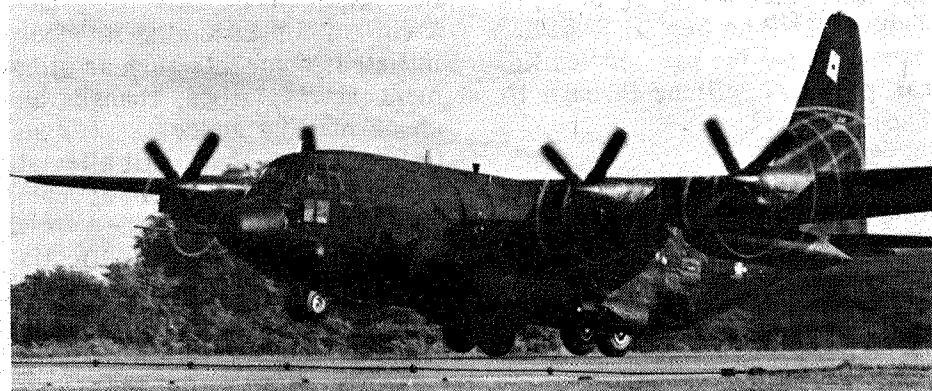
Security Police get more stripes

Officials have announced that 100 added promotions will be given security police (811XO) during the next promotion cycle to staff sergeant (January-May 76). They say this is a further effort to correct supervisory shortages in the career field. This raises the 811XO E-5 promotion opportunity to about 50 per cent. Additionally, the 50 per cent increase in promotion opportunity for E-8/9 security police that was begun during the fiscal 1976 promotion cycle will be continued during the fiscal year 1977 cycle.



WHOOSSSH!

THE FIRST IN line of F-4D Phantoms departed Korat Dec. 1 on their way to a new, as yet unknown assignment. This ended almost a decade of distinguished service for the 34th Tactical Fighter Squadron in Thailand. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



Wheels up!

THIS WAS THE sight that greeted any observer Monday, Dec. 1 as the AC-130 Hercules gunships lifted off and left Korat for the last time. They are assigned to the 16th Special Operations Squadron. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

Now is the time!

Get those alien passports, visas

As all of us are aware, Korat will be closed shortly. During their tours here, a considerable number of military personnel have acquired alien spouses and children born abroad.

The Consular Section of the American Embassy is attempting to do everything possible to expeditiously handle the vast increase in visa cases, in reports of births and in passport and citizenship matters for spouses and children of members of the U.S. Armed Forces. **BUT THEY NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION!**

They have received approval for temporary help, both from the military and from the Department of State. They have already doubled their visa workload and shall continue to process at least twice as many visas (and passports and reports of birth) as done under normal times. Double the number is the maximum however!

They are absolutely unable to give "instant appointments" or "appointments out of turn." The only exceptions to this ruling are: (1) instances where a spouse is reaching seven months' pregnancy and per doctor's certification must travel at once; (2) in cases where the spouse is a Vietnamese, Cambodian or Laotian national and must depart Thailand by a given date; (3) in instances where there may be a death or terminal

illness (as documented by a physician in the U.S.) on the part of an immediate relative of the American citizen spouse or (4) in cases where urgent and major medical treatment is needed (as documented by a physician in Thailand) on the part of the alien spouse.

In all cases where an exception is requested under one of the above categories, in addition to the medical evidence in certain instances, each such request must be accompanied by an official request from the base personal affairs officer-in-charge.

Appropriate military authorities have informed the Consular Section that dependents acquired abroad can follow to join the member of the Armed Forces on space-available military carrier. This will do much to alleviate any financial hardship on the part of the Armed Forces member.

The presence in Thailand of the member of the Armed Forces in connection with travel documentation of alien spouses and children born abroad is needed only for (1) filing the petition to accord the alien spouse, and in some instances, alien children, "Immediate relative status." Once the petitions have been filed and approved, the petitioner can depart the country with reasonable assurance that the family member(s) will follow to join not too long thereafter, 2. filing and ensuring

proper completion of all required forms for the Report of Birth of an American Citizen Abroad. Once the Report of Birth has been approved the alien spouse can handle the application for an American passport and the Armed Forces member need not remain in Thailand until the passport is issued.

Following are the basic steps in the processing of an immigrant visa for an alien spouse and/or children born abroad who cannot be documented as American citizens:

1. Complete the petition form (s) and ensure that all required supporting documents are attached, including the fee.

2. Submit (or have the Base Personal Affairs Office submit) the petition(s) to the Consular Section, American Embassy, Bangkok, for approval. **BE SURE YOU HAVE INCLUDED THE PROPER MAILING ADDRESS FOR THE BENEFICIARY AS THIS IS THE ADDRESS WHICH WILL BE USED BY THE CONSULAR SECTION IN ALL FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE BENEFICIARY (IES).** If the Base Personal Affairs will continue assistance, the Address may be used as the mailing address.

3. Instruct the beneficiary(ies) that on receipt of instructions as to the documents needed, the form, DSP-70 must be completed and

returned at once. When all documents are obtained, the checklist must be signed and returned.

4. Once the Consular Section has completed the clearances done on the basis of the DSP-70 and has received the checklist, Packet #4 will be sent to the beneficiary(ies) giving an appointment date and including medical examination forms and visa application forms which must be completed and brought in with other documents on the day of the appointment.

5. If everything is in order, the visa(s) will be issued the same day as the appointment.

Remember that the Consular Section cannot respond to telephone inquiries asking the status of visa cases, requesting appointments by telephone, etc. All steps in visa cases will be handled by correspondence hereafter. At the present time, there is an approximately six week waiting period for an appointment after the checklist is submitted. This waiting list may extend up to two months or more depending on the number of members of the Armed Forces who acquire families in Thailand and whose tours of duty are curtailed with the pending base closure. A word to the wise is usually sufficient, but in this case mandatory, submit that paperwork for passports and visas **NOW. TIME IS GROWING SHORT!!!**

Feb. 1

Finance to become U-Tapao agent

The base Accounting and Finance Office is tentatively scheduled to become an agent of U-Tapao RTNB on Feb. 1. What this means is that the pay service Korat provides will be through U-Tapao support.

Any document Korat receives which cannot be processed in time to affect the end of January payday

will have to be processed by U-Tapao. This situation establishes the requirement that they have a cut-off for accepting member-initiated documents such as allotment starts, stops, changes and check mailing address changes. Only actions that will alleviate financial hardship will be accepted after Jan. 10.

Therefore, finance officials

strongly urge that you ask yourself if all of your monetary matters are straightened out now and, if not, to take immediate action to insure the financial stability of yourself and your family. Don't get caught short or let your family suffer because you procrastinated.

If you are not sure what actions need to be taken, go see the

friendly folks at the Military Pay Section of Accounting and Finance. They can help you, advise you and start the necessary documents to put your financial plans in action. But don't wait until the last minute. You know there will be a long line of last-minute "shoppers" on Jan. 10. Use your head and get your pay straight **NOW!**

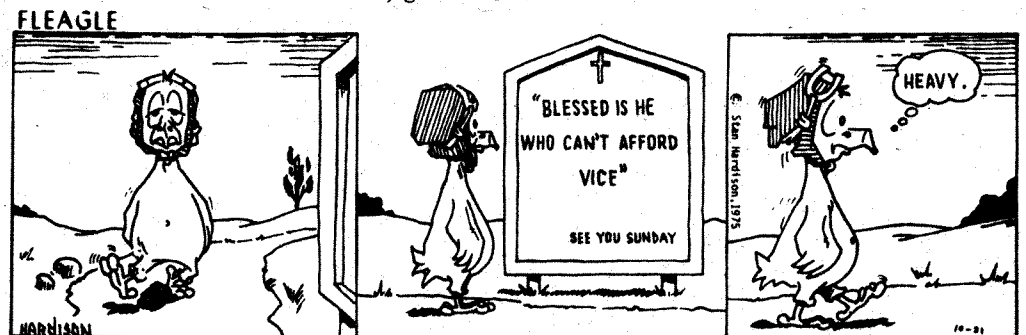
How

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has it

been

for you?---



Free, Free, Free

Base invited to Sawadee party spectacular

FREE BASE-WIDE BICENTENNIAL SAWADEE PICNIC

20 DEC 75 1200 HRS

FREE STEAK

FREE HOT DOGS

EAGLES VS CHIEFS SOFTBALL 1500

TWO BANDS

TUG-O-WAR

GAMES

BADMINTON

SAY GOODBY

LOCATION-NIT NOI BALL FIELD

SURPRISES

FREE BEANS

PIE EATING CONTEST

HORSESHOES

GOODIES TO EAT

FREE SOFT DRINKS

FREE! FREE! FREE!

FREE, FREE, FREE, what an endearing word that is! Well, Korat is inviting all personnel assigned here to a first and last "Bicentennial Sawadee Picnic" BASH! And, it's FREE!

The location of the festivities will be the Nit Noi area and the adjacent fields. Everything gets underway around noon. What does "Everything" include? Hold on to your seats, "cause here goes!

Let's start with the menu, topped off by FREE sirloin strip steaks, hot dogs, soft drinks, fruits and other assorted goodies too numerous to mention.

After the meal, a little healthy exercise will be just the thing, right? First of all, there's a challenge softball game between the "Eagles" and "Chiefs." No, that's not Philadelphia and Kansa City,

but the base colonels and senior enlisted personnel, and that ought to be good for a few chuckles, right?

For those of you with a lot of squadron pride, you may be able to start a squadron vs. squadron softball game or tug-of-war, badminton, volleyball, horseshoes, swimming tourney or whatever. Sports gear will be available and there will be PLENTY!

To top off the day's activities, two bands will be around for nonstop music and you can "rock the night away!"

Sound pretty good? Keep the date in mind, Dec. 20, and the time, noon; and the place, the Nit Noi area and adjacent fields. Tell your friends and don't miss the first and final "Korat Bicentennial Sawadee Picnic!" Remember, it's FREE!

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Questions

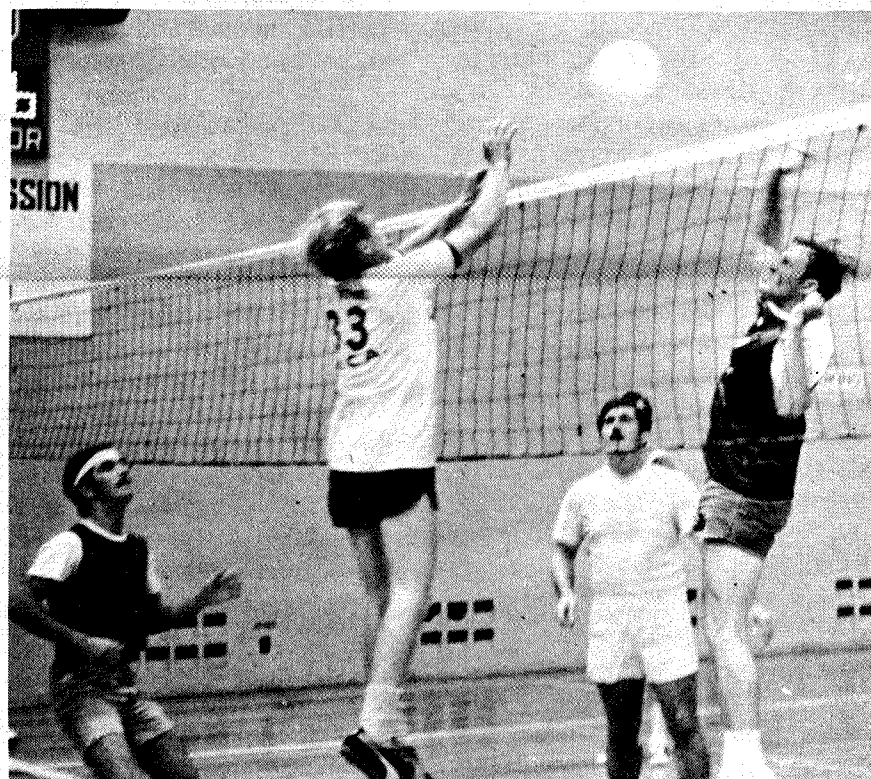
1. What is John Wayne's real name?
2. What was the Sain'ts real name?
3. What was the name of the robot on "Get Smart?"
4. Who played Kate in "The Real McCoys?"
5. Who played the Wicked Witch of the West in the great fantasy film, "The Wizard of Oz?"
6. Everyone knows the name of Roy Roger's horse was Trig-

ger and the name of his dog was Bullett, but what was the name of Dale Evan's horse?

7. Can you name the man who played the title role in "Colonel March of Scotland Yard?"

Answers

1. Maryon Michael Morrison.
2. Simon Templar.
3. Hymie.
4. Kathy Nolan.
5. Margaret Hamilton.
6. Buttermilk.
7. Boris Karloff.



Upsy daisy!

IN ACTION FROM the championship series of the intramural volleyball league between MMS and HSS 2, MMS proved victorious and claimed the base championship.

At Don Muang

Space-a travel to end

The Military Airlift Command (MAC) Passenger Service Section at Don Muang RTAFB has announced that space available travel to the continental United States, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, and Andersen AFB Guam will not be available after Dec. 18. The last MAC contract flight will operate on this date from Don Muang.

Space available travel from Don Muang will be almost non-existent, they added, and will be limited to the unscheduled med-

evac flight to Clark AB, P.I.

Passenger Service at Don Muang advises those desiring space available travel from there make alternate arrangements.

MAC Passenger Service personnel at U-Tapao Airfield state that, although space available seats are becoming fewer, their schedule of flights remains basically unchanged. For more information on space-a travel from U-Tapao, call Autovon 8-988-4060/4011.

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KORAT SHOWTIME

Sunday and Monday

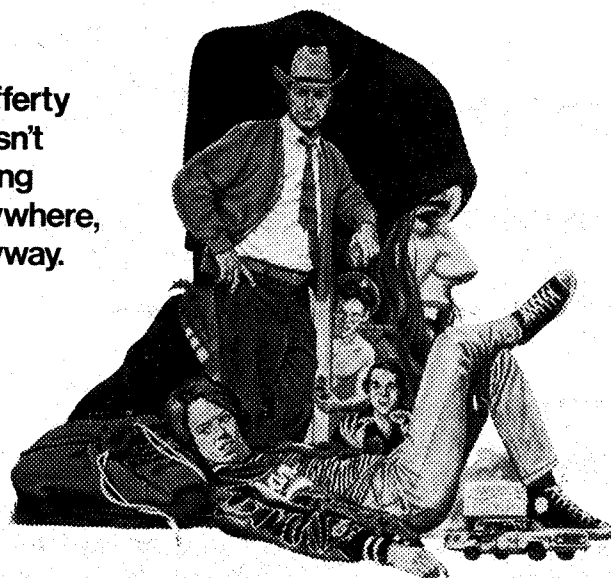
RAFFERTY AND THE GOLD DUST TWINS, starring Alan Arkin and Sally Kellerman, is a tale of an ex-Marine (Alan Arkin) giving a ride to two girls he has met in the park—The Gold Dust Twins (Mackensie Phillips and Sally Kellerman) and being forced to drive to New Orleans at gunpoint. When he resists, one of the girls fires her gun and he is convinced. Upset at first, Arkin gradually warms up to the two and offers to take them to Las Vegas. The film follows the three odd-balls on a cross-country odyssey across the American southwest enroute to New Orleans. **RAFFERTY AND THE GOLD DUST TWINS** is a movie filled with small, unexpected pleasures. An off-beat comic misadventure "road movie."

Special

BOXCAR BERTHA, starring Barbara Hershey, David Carradine, Barry Primus, Bernie Casey and John Carradine is a film set in the depression 30's. Barbara Hershey teams with Barry Primus when she shoots a man to save him, then they meet David Carradine and Bernie Casey and turn their attention to robbing trains. In an attempt to kidnap John Carradine, Primus is killed and David and Casey caught. Years later, Barbara and David take up together again. Aside from the sexual aspect, violence, language,

Alan Arkin

Rafferty
wasn't
going
anywhere,
anyway.



From Warner Bros.
A Warner Communications Company

Rafferty

and the

Gold Dust

Twins

Sally Kellerman
Mackenzie Phillips

partial nudity and overtones of racism may offend some.

Tuesday

THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN RIDE is an epic cowboy flick about lawman Lee Van Cleef on the trail of Darrell Larson, a young punk whom he freed at the urging of his wife, Mariette Hartley. Larson later robs a bank, seriously wounds Van Cleef and kidnaps Miss Hartley with his companions. The revengeful Van Cleef has five convicts paroled and along with Michael Callan "THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN RIDE" into adventure. In a climatic shootout with a gang of

bandits, they defend a town filled with women led by Stefanie Powers. There is a great deal of violence and bloodshed in this action-packed Western.

Wednesday

ESCAPE TO NOWHERE is a "cloak and dagger" story of a French physicist (Lino Ventura) who has been forced to work for the Russians and is abducted by the British Secret Service and made to give information that marks him for death. Given his freedom, he has nowhere to turn for protection from the vast espionage organization that cannot afford to allow traitors to escape.

His only hope is the chance that he can trade his life for a Soviet spy. The chase crosses England, jumps the Channel and crisscrosses France to Switzerland. If you like watching movies from the edge of your seat, **ESCAPE TO NOWHERE** is the one to see.

Thursday and Friday

LIVE AND LET DIE, with Roger Moore in the "007" role of "James Bond" is a tale of espionage. When three British agents are murdered, the head of British Secret Service assigns the case to "Bond" who jets to New York and narrowly escapes an ambush. Bond tails his adversary Kananga (Yaphet Kotto) and his tarot-reading seer, Solitaire (Jane Seymour), into Harlem. In a far reaching search, filled with every conceivable device for mayhem, Bond, with his usual aplomb, locates Kananga and proceeds to blow him to bits. This is Bond at his best, pure unadulterated entertainment with action in every scene. There is some dialogue that is a bit mature in this film.

Saturday

THE GREEN HORNET returns to the silver screen!!! It is an exciting adventure drama consisting of three stories. The first involves the plot by a famous group of explorers who use jungle methods in trapping animals and whose game is now Kato and **THE GREEN HORNET**. The second story is a tale of invasion from outer space.

BOOGIE NEWS with dave duggins

TOP OF THE ROCK—TV Rock show emprasarrio DON KIRSCHNER has a new musically oriented show to unveil. It's called "Dancing Time" and the premiere show features **IKE & TINA TURNER**, **TOMMY TUNE**, **CHUCK BERRY**, **PHYLLIS DILLER** and **KEN BERRY**. **KIRSCHNER** says that in bad economic times people turn to dancing for solace. So, feeling times are bad enough and folks are dancing their cares away, **KIRSCHNER** will start his dance-variety show in the near future. Prediction time... There has been a lady hanging around in the shadows of rock music for, ahhhhh, eight years that I can remember. She's been paying her dues in New York boogie bands like **TEN WHEEL DRIVE** and such. Her name??? **GENYA RAVAN** (sounds like "raven," the bird). She has inked a deal with DeLite Records and one of these days she will be an "overnight success" and people will wonder where she's been all this time. Don't forget the name, **GENYA RAVAN!!!!** The dy-no-mite new cut from **BOB DYLAN**, you know the one about **RUBIN "HURRICANE" CARTER**? Well, anyway, it's out in three versions. The one you hear on the radio with the beep is three minutes, 45 seconds long and the other two are eight minutes and 34 seconds long. Sure would like to hear the long cut.

NASHVILLE CATS—The crazy bald-headed guy with the beard and pencil has been writing a bunch of songs again. **SHEL SILVERS-**

TEIN's the one responsible for **TOMPALL GLASER's** song, "Put Another Log on the Fire" and **LORETTA LYNN's** "One on the Way," **BOBBY BARE's** also doing a few of **SHEL's** songs too. Fame on the gridiron isn't enough for **TERRY BRADSHAW**. He is under a recoring contract now and is turning out some country music for Mercury Records. Normally, the names **SPANKY & OUR GANG** and **TOWER OF POWER** are reserved for something other than country stuff, but they have combined their not too shabby talents to produce an album called "Change" ...try it, you'll like it. Surveying the field... **TOM MCCALL** of station **KYAL** in Dallas, Tex., says the biggest hit there is "Since I met You, Baby."

SOUL SAUCE—There's a film coming out called "Adios Amigo," starring **FRED WILLIAMSON** and **RICHARD PRYOR** and should be a pretty good flick. Catch it if you can!!! **POPS STAPLES** went to the hospital to have some surgery on some growths in his throat. Fortunately they are benign. **POPS** is resting nicely, but the group won't be touring for the rest of this year. New stuff coming your way... sure shot hits from **MAJOR HARRIS**, **DEE DEE SHAPRP GAMBLE**, **DAVID RUFFIN** and **DIONNE WARWICK**.

Well, that's about it for this week,,till next week, heey babel, wanna boogie-!!?