News-Roundup

Meat Boycott On

As consumer groups around the country prepared last week for the boycott on meat during the first week in April President Nixon went on national television to announce a "price ceiling" on beef, pork and lamb. However the presidential measure didn't seem to please anyone, not the farmers nor the consumers.

AFL-CIO president George Meany said the ceiling "does not go far enough" to win labor over to another year of wage-price guidelines.

Devon Woodland, vice president of the American Farmers Organization said "The farmer is at the bottom of the totem pole as usual." Other spokesmen for the farmers maintain that meat prices are fairer now than they have been for 20 years.

Most farm groups however have decided not to withhold meat from the market until they see the results of the boycott when the markets open on Monday.

Some Congressional leaders including Wilbur D. Mills, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, have called for the President to again freeze wages and prices in all categories saying the loose Phase III controls and the meat price ceiling was too narrow to control spiraling prices.

Cup, Carowinds Wet

CAMDEN—Despite the restrictions of the weather and the recent legal restrictions on brown-bagging about 13,000 people showed up to see the 41st running of the Carolina Cup at the Springdale course. No arrests were reported by law enforcement officials and there was but one injury on the track when Native Berry's jockey took a fall in the first race.

ROCK HILL—Heavy skies failed to prevent 7,000 persons to turn out at the opening of Carowinds, the $30-million amusement park straddling the North-South Carolina line.

Carowinds officials had predicted a crowd of 15,000 for the opening day. Miss South Carolina, Bonnie Corder, and Miss North Carolina, Constance Dorn cut the ribbon that opened the park.

Bug Pressure Up

WASHINGTON—With growing pressure from both Republican and Democratic circles President Nixon, through his press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler, this week reiterated the position that the White House does not "seek to cover anything up" in the Watergate conspiracy investigation.

On Thursday Republican Senator Lowell Weicker said the entire operation came under the direction of "somebody still in the White House." Other high Republicans urging the quick resolution of the investigation are Sen. Hugh Scott, Senate minority leader, and George Bush, chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Ziegler implied in his press conference that the administration is now willing to testify on an informal basis before the Senate committee that is investigating the bugging incident.

However the vice chairman of that committee, Sen. Howard H. Baker, R-Tenn., said that his would be unacceptable and said he wanted the witnesses to testify under oath in formal session.

In other Watergate business J. Gordon Liddy called by government prosecutors the "boozing" of the bugging accident refused to answer questions before a federal grand jury even though he was guaranteed immunity from further prosecution. Now Liddy must appear before Chief U.S. District Court judge John J. Sirica on Monday facing contempt of court charges for not answering the questions.

Conspirator James W. McCord Jr. testifying before a Senate panel, said that Liddy told him that high presidential aides knew of and were involved in the bugging. McCord also testified, according to newspaper reports, that he was in extensive contact with former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell prior to the Watergate bugging, but the newspapers quoted the sources as emphasizing that McCord never intimated that he and Mitchell had discussed the Watergate bugging.

Mitchell has previously maintained that he had only one conversation with McCord during his tenure as chairman of the Committee to Re-elect the President.

Med College Pushed

COLUMBIA—State Sen. J. Walter Bratow who sat on a committee studying the feasibility of a second medical college in South Carolina said last week that his committee found that if funds were forthcoming from the federal government, Columbia would be a good location for a second medical college under the supervision, and affiliated with the Veterans Administration.