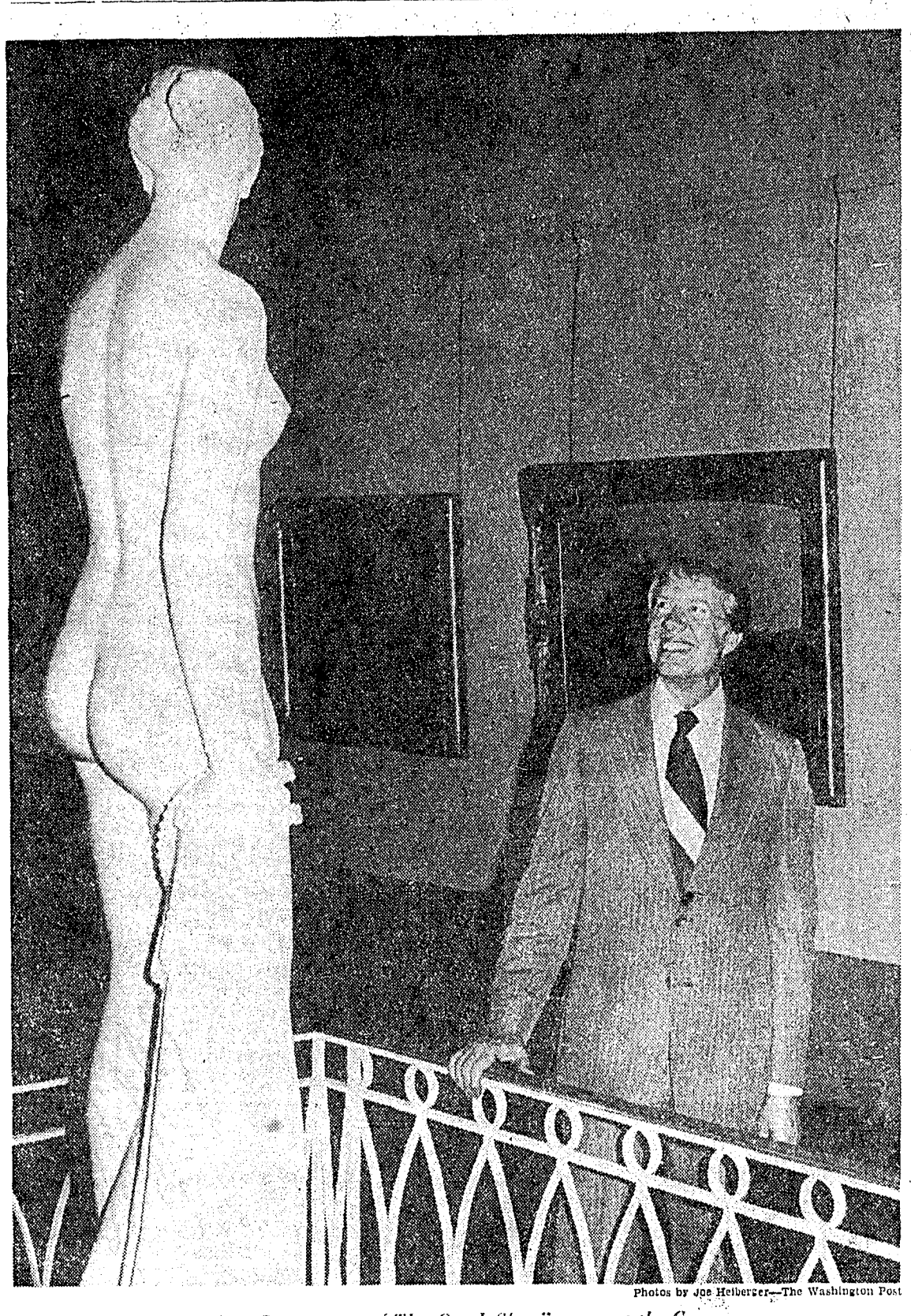
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Photos by Joe Heiberger—The Washington Post

President Carter passes "The Greek Slave" statue at the Corcoran.

Carter and the Women's Caucus

By Donnie Radcliffe and Jacqueline Trescott

Jimmy Carter joined 2,000 women at a National Women's Political Caucus rally last night at the Corcoran Gallery of Art and talked to them about matters some of his predecessors rarely bothered to:

Specifically, the President discussed his strategic arms proposals which yesterday the Russians rejected as unacceptable. It brought Carter his first dramatic diplomatic test in his two months in office.

But last night he did not appear to be discouraged by the apparent failure of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's mission to the Soviet Union. In fact, he talked optimistically about what his aims in weapons control are and how he hopes his stand on human rights will prevail.



Carter, Rep. Gladys Spellman, left, and Bella Abzug.

"We are trying to do all these things —we need your help," he said, emphasizing the necessity of identifying abuses and correcting them as well as "setting new standards of human rights."

With his wife, Rosalynn, standing beside him on the platform in the gallery's main hall, Carter said, "Your forceful voices in constantly espousing human rights will help a great deal. We want to establish a pool of moral commitment and make the United States a rallying point for human rights around the world, a position we have not enjoyed in recent years, we want to be a beacon light."

One way, he said, would be to pass

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The Words, the Gift, the Beef: Bellow Meets the 'Sharp Lads'

By Henry Mitchell



Saul Bellow by Ken Feil—The Washington Post

Saul Bellow did not have to eat Beef Bellow, as it turned out, at the banquet following his Jefferson Lecture last night for the National Endowment for the Humanities. It was changed to Beef Jefferson. So much for the power of words.

Novelist, Nobel Prize winner, and adopted son of Chicago ("hog butcher to the world," as one of the poets sang), Bellow spoke of the writer and his country, or The Writer and His Country, a topic shadowy enough to permit almost anything to be got off the chest except possibly a grievance against the railroads of India.

A few hours before he faced the well-gussied audience in the National Academy of Sciences Auditorium, he said he had written reams of pages (no writer wishes to be thought to earn his keep without effort), but the fact is, he said, he was not quite sure what it would be about.

Except this: He could safely say the lecture was not going to be very close to the announced subject.

When it came to it, his lecture delighted people with its humor and its simple central point. In a nutshell, he said, he found himself rootless and poor in a Chicago that had few classical landscapes but a good bit of hubbub. His task was to find order, or create it, amid the seeming meaninglessness of industrial life.

In spite of the general shortage of heroes, there is still a human freshness, Bellow indicated, that is ready to leap for the marvelous, and as great a determination to give life meaning as there ever was in anybody's renaissance.

President Carter sent greetings and good wishes before the lecture and later Bellow sat at a table covered with apricot silk and blazing with perfumed candles while a succession of speakers showered him with praise, including Stuart Eizenstat, assistant to the President. He said he hoped the Carter administration would do as well in its sphere as Bellow had done in his.

Bellow said, in th earlier session with reporters, that for much of his professional life he got by on $3,000 or $4,000 a year and was quite content. Nobody paid him any great mind and he tapped along on the iron keys expecting (for example) his novel "Herzog" to sell maybe 8,000 copies. Instead it zoomed forth as a best seller in 1964 and brought financial security with it.

But now he is famous and rich ("with one hand they give you a prize, with the other they tax it away," he said) and it reminds him of taking a shower.

"You go in to take a shower, and there is Niagara coming down on you. Well, you wanted the water to run and wash you clean, but not quite Niagara."

He crossed his ankles with grand contentment and seemed to enjoy greatly his session with the press, answering questions—one woman seemed determined to make the point that television has replaced the Bible, and what a shame that is, literarily speaking—and keeping the sharp lads from putting words in his mouth.

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Catherine Shouse: The resignations "will have no impact on the future."

Wolf Trap Foundation: Three Resign Posts

By Tom Zito and Paul Hume

The chief executive officer of the Wolf Trap Foundation and two other staff members yesterday announced their resignations, two months before the national park for the performing arts is scheduled tto open its seventh season on June 6.

Charles H. Watts II, who left the presidency of Bucknell University nine months ago to take the foundation post, said his decision was based on a "fundamental policy disagreement."

The Wolf Trap Foundation operates on a $3-million annual budget and stages 80 productions of the summer season at the amphitheater in Vienna, Va.

Resignations were also filed by Paula Silver, chief publicist for the Wolf Trap organization, and by Mark Auerbach, who is in charge of box office operations.

Since the park opened in 1971, six persons have held the top administrative job. The position of press and publicity director has changed hands six times since 1971.

These employees have worked with Catherine Filene Shouse who, as donor of the property the Filene Center is built on, maintains daily contact with administrative staff. Mrs. Shouse, 80, generally interviews candidates for major positions at Wolf Trap.

Watts said in a statement yesterday, "My decision to resign was based upon a fundamental policy disagreement concerning the conduct of affairs of the foundation. When I understood the judgement of the executive committee of the board on this matter, I saw no alternative but to free the foundation to seek other leadership."

According to Robert Ferneau, vice-chairman of the board of Wolf Trap, Watts wanted a sabbatical. Ferneau said he hoped Watts would become a board member "within the next few months." Other board officials said that Watt's differences with the executive committee were over matters of personnel.

Mrs. Shouse said yesterday that Watts "doesn't like a board to take re-

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But Dear, My Latest Memo Distinctly Said 'Eggs Over Easy'

By Art Buchwald

There has been much to-do about Secretary of HEW's Joseph Califano's hiring a chef-cook for his private dining room. The problem is that the job description, written in bureaucratic terms, mentioned all the chef's duties except the fact that he would actually cook.

I have a copy of the job description as outlined by HEW. Since I am always looking for the joker in any government document, it is my opinion that Califano was not just trying to hire a cook but was experimenting with language that he could use in describing the duties of a housewife. The Secretary of HEW has said that one of his priorities is family planning, and I think this particular memo was a trial balloon to see if it could be adapted to make the lot of the housewife sound more respectable.

If you substitute "husband" for "secretary" and add "wife" to "incumbent" you will see how aptly the memo fits.

Introduction:

This position is established to provide a confidential assistant to the husband to assist him in providing a broad range of personal services for special activities. The incumbent wife must have the full confidence of the husband to handle the determination regarding the special activities.

Duties and responsibilities:

1. Incumbent-wife is responsible for anticipating and meeting the necessary logistic requirements to facilitate appropriate recognition and well-being of the family and visitors.

2. Incumbent-wife is responsible for supervising and arranging for whatever provisions are required to accommodate small formal groups of outside visitors.

3. Incumbent-wife is responsible for operating family discretionary fund and special services fund, and she provides the husband with a fund proposal together with appropriate justification.

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4. She maintains records of supplies and all financial transactions. She receives and deposits monies in accordance with approved instruction.

5. She is responsible for managing, supervising and performing work involved in the food supply service of the family's private dining room.

6. Incumbent-wife is required to operate a family vehicle.

7. She performs other duties of a confidential nature as assigned.

Supervision received:

The incumbent-wife is under the general administrative supervision of the husband, but performs duties independently, recognizing the need for assistance from husband or children. Is depended upon to handle all duties in a timely and discreet manner.

Other:

The nature of the assignment requires a continuing day-to-day association with the husband and children. She must be continually in their presence in carrying out their services. This fact demands the utmost in personal discretion on the part of the incumbent.

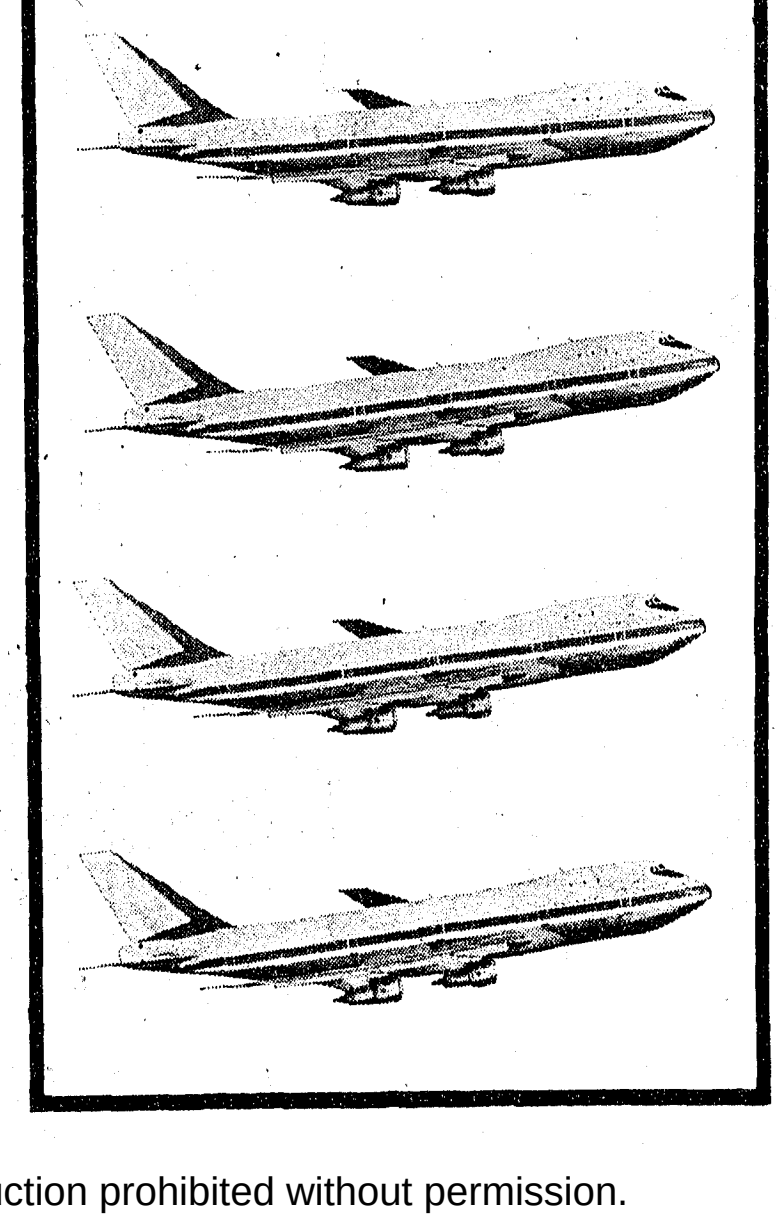
... Incumbent-wife must have an extremely confidential relationship with the husband.

While Califano was talking about hiring a cook it seems to me that any wife would jump at the chance to be known as a "confidential assistant" to her husband. When asked her profession, no longer would she be embarrassed to put down on an application form: "housewife."

At parties, when someone asked her what she did, she could proudly say, "I coordinate and insure the needs of special groups, including relatives, who visit our house. I anticipate and facilitate the well-being of our visitors. I am responsible for funds allotted to me for provisioning the kitchen, and I perform work involved in the food supply service of the dining room. I am also authorized to operate the family vehicle as part of the school car pool."

If someone has the temerity to ask, "How's your sex life?" she can always reply, "I also perform other duties of an extremely confidential nature which I unfortunately cannot discuss with you at this time."

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Overcoming The Fear Of Flying

By William Gildea

Pan American pilot Truman (Slim) Cummings specializes in taking the fear out of flying.

A veteran of 36 years in the cockpit, the 6-foot-2 Cummings teaches a seven-class course in the subject and has given it in several cities in the last 2½ years.

But on Sunday, while his students were preparing for their concluding classes here in Washington, a horrifying crash occurred on a Canary Islands airport runway, killing 577 passengers and crew members in aviation's worst disaster.

Slim Cummings' wrapup class was scheduled for Monday night at the Dulles Marriott. A "graduation" flight was set for Tuesday morning.

Cummings headed for the suburban motel wondering if he might face a nearly empty classroom. And if not, what would his white-knuckle band say to him, and he to them?

"People called me, these were graduates of the course and others, and said, 'We know it's going to wreck your class,'" said Cummings, who is acquainted with the Pan Am pilot involved in Sunday's crash.

"I was prepared to extend sympathy to people in the class. But as they began to come in they came over to me and extended sympathy to me as if I had lost a close relative. One man brought me a bottle of whiskey; he said 'You're going to need this tonight.'

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