

Pinkie, according to local press people, ran a legendary watering hole. Unfortunately for Savannah, he died last year. Pinkie Masters was his name, and he reputedly ran local political campaigns from the bar.

Another unscheduled event was also laid on at the DeSoto Hilton. Carter dropped in for a few minutes at a reception for 150 loyal campaign workers from the Savannah area. He stayed just long enough to describe Pinkie's death as "one of the saddest things that has happened to us, to lose a great American like that."

The crowd at the reception had begun celebrating St. P's day early. To get in they had to have a small blue stick-on dot given out by your friendly security people. A sizeable portion of those in attendance chose to wear their dots on their foreheads.

On the way into the hotel, the man who is making us miss St. Patrick's day at the Class Reunion also accomplished what your pool believes to be another first. He stopped and shook hands with a dog. That's right, a medium-size brown, fuzzy one being held by a guy wearing a baseball cap a la Eisenhower except instead of CVN 69 his said "For the love of Benji."

In the finest tradition of the Irish, a fist fight broke out in the crowd just as the commander-in-chief arrived at the DeSoto. Apparently someone was blocking someone else's view. It didn't appear too serious and Carter saw none of it.

The crowd outside the DeSoto was pushing 1,000. When

Carter entered he spent a few minutes shaking hands in the lobby as a group of kids chanted "We want Billy."

He then pretended to go to his room but instead ducked out the back door and into Pinkie's.

Back on the ship, you saw most everything of interest. While the planes were coming back in, Carter and Rosalynn sat in the air officer and assistant air officer's chairs and watched. When the first planes came into view, Carter asked, "Are these the birds that are going to land?"

Squatting between the two chairs and explaining everything was Cmdr. Needham Lowery, the air officer who is also a Georgian. Sipping a cup of coffee, Carter watched as Cmdr. Philip Robbins, the assistant air officer, directed the planes in. The two misses were real, according to Navy officers in the room, and were not staged for Carter's benefit. A total of 21 planes were recovered out of 34 that were launched. The others went elsewhere, mostly to the USS JFK.

Before leaving, Carter shook hands with all of the pilots and some of the crew members from the planes that had participated in the exercise and returned.

"That was very fine," he told one group, and, to another group, "I'm still one of you."

Flight back was uneventful. You saw the crowd at the airport. The only thing worth mentioning at the airport was Carter pausing at the fence to kiss a set of about one-year-old triplets all decked out in yellow-hooded jackets and red pants. They obviously are not Irish.

Maryland House Passes Exim-Nuclear Resolution

The Maryland House of Delegates on April 3 reaffirmed that state's commitment to an America devoted to industrial and energy growth. By a 75-to-25 vote, the House passed the *Joint Resolution Concerning Technology, Production, Energy, Growth, and Trade* (HJR 95):

For the purpose of requesting that the Congress of the United States enact a comprehensive and balanced energy program based on advanced technologies; requesting that Congress act in a timely fashion to recharter the Export-Import Bank of the United States before a certain date and facilitate the bank's ability to play a major role in American trade policy; and requesting Congress to expand the funding base of the Export-Import Bank and view the sponsorship of high technology trade for the purpose of creating jobs

The stability of the United States dollar is a matter of concern to the security and economic well-being of the entire world

Co-sponsored by delegates David Shapiro (D-Baltimore) and Casper Taylor (D-Cumberland), the bill asks Congress to develop "a comprehensive and balanced energy program based on advanced technologies" including the fission breeder reactor and the efficient magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) technique of

coal use. These technologies should be exported, the bill demands, and, in that context, the Eximbank should have its lending capacity increased to \$40 billion.

The federal government should "view the sponsorship of high-technology trade as its 'jobs' policy," the bill states, since the investment of the \$40 billion "will create 11 million high-skilled jobs for American workers."

The resolution now passes to the state Senate to be reviewed by the Economic Affairs Committee.

The Maryland resolution, which was initiated by the U.S. Labor Party, is similar to other memorial bills to Congress which have passed or await legislative action in eight other states. In Maryland, a state which has lost over 41,000 high-technology jobs over the last seven years, the bill is likely to become an issue in a November gubernatorial race where U.S. Labor Party candidate William Salisbury has already made economic growth a major issue of debate.

Who Supports HJR 95

As detailed in Executive Intelligence Review No. 11, Vol. V, the Maryland development resolution has drawn wide support from state industry, the utilities, and private citizens. It has also won endorsements from the local chapter of the NAACP, the Export-Import Bank, and the Virginia State Commissioner of Banking.

Here are portions of some of the letters received by the resolution's co-sponsors following introduction of the Maryland resolution:

Harald Schutz, Sc.D.
Director, Department of Science and Engineering
Maryland Academy of Sciences

I want to tell you that I am in full sympathy with Item 1 of the proposed resolution, which urges the Congress of the United States to enact a comprehensive and balanced energy program based on advanced technologies. I would like to commend you sincerely for this approach, since I feel that only our rich resources of brainpower can get us out of the energy crunch and the huge deficits in international payments.

Jesse Freeman
Gaithersburg, Maryland

I make the following points as a private citizen:
... I believe that the further development of nuclear-type technologies will result in facilities that involve less environmental risk than the presently existing ones. I know from experience, and would like to bring the point before the General Assembly, that coal and oil power plants do not perform and cannot afford as large a degree of environmental analysis and safeguards as do nuclear utilities, because they are not as efficient in terms of labor or resources... In general, more efficient and economical means of power generation have resulted in higher levels of environmental safety.

I congratulate you for your leadership on bringing before the General Assembly the urgent question of the economic health of the nation, and for giving the people of Maryland an opportunity to express their support for policies enhancing the development of technology.

Enolia McMillan
President
Baltimore Branch NAACP

The Baltimore Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) endorses bill HJR-95.

We believe that the passage of this bill with its proposed policies will provide our nation with the research, the trained workers, and the energy which is essential for a healthy economy with an adequate supply of jobs.

We urge you to vote for its passage.

Wilbur E. Harrison, President
Harrison Associates, Inc.
Baltimore, Maryland

This is to express my support for House Joint Resolution No. 95, first introduced and read on February 24, 1978. I am particularly interested in the aspect of supporting the encouragement of fusion energy development by the United States of America.

I speak from a background of being a concerned businessman and citizen, an engineer and a recent president of the Catonsville Business Association and

Rotary Club of Catonsville, Maryland. From this background, I believe that a significant segment of responsible citizens from this area would concur with this position.

Thomas J. Hatem, Chairman
Public Service Commission
State of Maryland

The Public Service Commission of Maryland would favor the enactment of the comprehensive and balanced energy program based on advanced technologies that would benefit the citizens of Maryland in addition to others throughout the nation.

Dr. James H. Baroff
Energy Policy Consultant
Washington, D.C.

(In testimony before the Maryland General Assembly on HJR 95):

Your timing in presenting resolution 95 is excellent as National Energy Plan number two (NEP-2) is now evolving at the White House and within the Department of Energy. With Energy Plan number one still stalled in Congress it is clear that the Administration could use advice from the state legislatures and other affected parties.

... I am in agreement that "Atoms for Peace" is still a desirable goal. I am also convinced that nuclear safeguards can be established so that the export of nuclear technology does not have to carry with it any significant threat of proliferation of nuclear weapons. ...

Vladimir Wahbe, Secretary
Maryland Department of State Planning

In addressing the nation's balance of payments problem and continued pressure upon the dollar in foreign exchange markets, I have noted with emphasis that the resolution not only calls for the reduction in imports that the application of advanced technologies in the energy field would make possible, but the expansion of exports that the application of advanced technologies to all sectors of industry and improvements in the nation's overall competitive position would make possible. It is the export side of the nation's balance of payments — to which the resolution accords equal attention — that is all too frequently neglected in current discussion. The resolution is thus to be applauded for its timely reminder of sound principles of international economics.

A Maryland House of Delegates memo dated March 15, 1978, reads:

Mr. Patrick D'Addario, a representative of the Congressional Relations Department of the Export-Import Bank gave his support to HJR 95, as amended, over the phone....

According to Mr. D'Addario, "We hope to be able to continue and expand the financing support which we have been able to extend to American exporters, especially those in Maryland, over the next five years."