

Tories' Plea: 'Confront Rebels'

RICHMOND (AP) — The Committee for Reunion With England issued Volume I, No. 1 of its bimonthly newsletter Monday with an exhortation to latter-day Tories to correct the colonists' "200-year-old mistake."

"God Save the Queen!" said The Tory Torch, scolding the American Revolution as "merely a power play by greedy Yankee merchants and debt-ridden Southern planters."

Directing its pleas to "the finest loyal households in the American colonies," the tongue-in-cheek publication said it would carry its message "across this rebel land."

"Come out of the closet waving your banner of loyalty to Mother England in the midst of the rebels' blustering bicentennial," it urged sympathizers.

"Prick the flatulent bicentennial balloons! Plan your own anti-bicentennial celebrations. Confront the rebels!"

Chock-a-block with helpful hints for Tories "in all 50 colonies," the newsletter is edited by Richardsons John N. Ambrose and David A. Gambill, who founded the Committee for Reunion With England.

As a preliminary step toward reunion with England, it urged the collection of signatures on petitions "begging forgiveness from Queen Elizabeth."

These, it said, will be presented to the British monarch "during her visit to the colonies next year" in commemoration of the American bicentennial.

Future plans of the CRE, said the funny six-page newsletter, include a transatlantic bridge that will provide "a physical link between the American colonies and Great Britain."

It promised, too, that the CRE will ask the Federal Communications Commission for equal time on the television networks to counter announcements touting the bicentennial celebration.

bright, light of clear-headed logic.

"With it, we will disperse the cloud of Bicentennial propaganda that covers the eyes of this nation," said the lead editorial in Volume I, No. 1.

Among the strategic suggestions offered to Tories: —"Avoid crowds. Crowds are a major source of mobs. This does not mean, of course, you should ignore the lone stranger with a dyspeptic expression, especially if he is carrying a large truncheon."

—"Stay away from close areas. Before venturing anywhere, make sure you'll have the opportunity for a quick getaway. Riding in elevators is unwise."

"Indeed, all public transportation should be used only with the utmost caution. Airplanes are particularly dangerous. Virginia's Royal Governor, Lord Dunmore, made it a point never to fly."

—"Know the enemy. Be especially wary of those people wearing rebel flags pinned to their lapels. If you see someone with a pillow tucked under his arm, carrying a bucket that emanates steam and a pitchy perfume...RUN!"

"Removing tar and feathers can be a sticky problem...We have found that a bath in lighter fluid dissolves that tar quicker than you can say 'Don't Tread On Me.'"

"But remember, wait until the tar cools. Elsewise, you, the tar and that choice eiderdown will ignite, thus making the solvent bath counter-productive to the desired end."

Shannon Named

By Commissioners

RICHMOND (AP) — Commissioner Preston C. Shannon of the Virginia Corporation Commission has been elected first vice president of the Great Lakes Conference of National Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

The election was held during a recent meeting of the group at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

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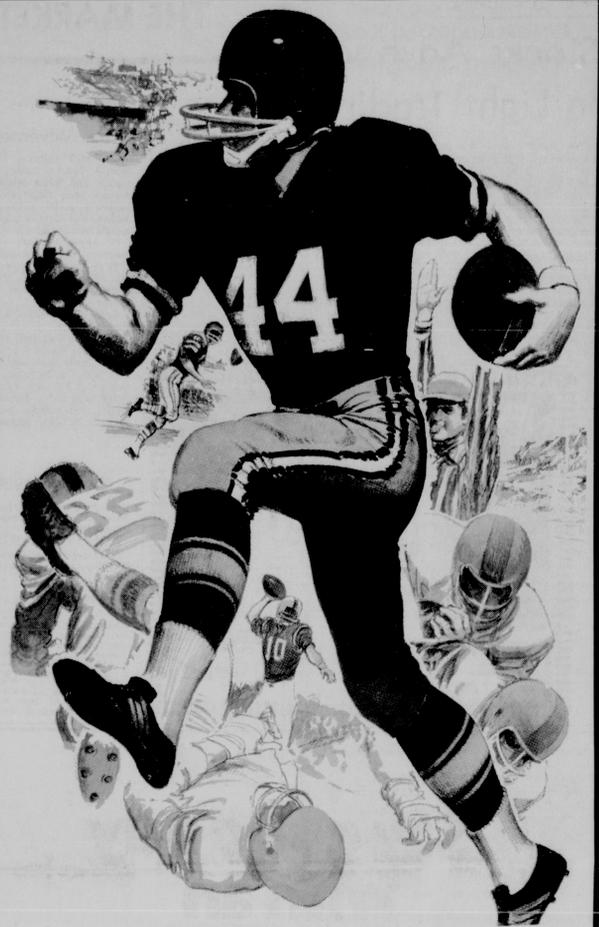


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