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On Tuesday

Defense Secretary **Cap Weinberger**, looking pleased with his testimony before the Iran-Contra committee, gave a dinner for 38 at the Potomac restaurant Friday evening for his French counterpart, Defense Minister **Andre Giraud**, and **Mrs. Giraud**.

Prior to dining on the puffed pastry filled with caviar and scallops, the two heads of defense held a private half-hour meeting on the river aboard **Davis Camelier's Ebenezer II**.

Dick Cheney, the Wyoming congressman and his wife, **Lynne**, the chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, were among the Weinberger dinner guests. This, of course, was a few days prior to yesterday's cross-examination of the secretary by Dick, so maybe the praline mousse cake was intended to sweeten things just a little.

Bohemian Grove, the exclusive weeklong summer camp in Northern California where all the old boys run around nekkid to revulse all the flora and fauna, wasn't the same last week without **Cap** and **George Shultz**, Vice President **George Bush** and CIA Director **Bill Webster**, all past participants.

Could the Iran-Contra hearings have interfered with official Washington's representation at Bohemian Grove? However, USIA Director **Charlie Wick** and head honcho **Jack Valenti** of the Motion Picture Association partook of the camaraderie.

Frank Mankiewicz, Hill & Knowlton V.P., will marry **Pat O'Brien**, Massachusetts Gov. **Michael Dukakis'** press secretary, as soon as his divorce is final, say pals. That's likely to be within the next few months.

Speculation continues as to who will fill **Malcolm Baldrige's** cowboy boots as commerce secretary. White House Chief of Staff **Howard Baker** is said to be pushing fellow Tennessean **Lamar Alexander**, the former governor. Mr. Alexander has just returned from a six-month trip to Australia.

New York will get two new weeklies before the first of next year, but Washington will have to wait. Village Voice owner **Leonard Stern**, whom media hounds know better as the chairman of Hartz Mountain Corp., is behind one of the new ventures, expected to be a mainstream establishment tabloid, an alternative to the trendy-lefty Voice.

Initial costs are expected to hit \$10 million, and the weekly will be kicked off in January with a press run of 50,000 to 100,000. Plans for a Washington version of The Voice, which have been talked up for the past year, are on hold. They may find that a capital version of the more middle-of-the-road tabloid will play better in this conservative town. New York's other new weekly, New York Observer, will be launched this fall by publisher **Arthur Carter** of the old-lefty Nation magazine.

ASCAP and BMI have been lobbying the Congress heavily by inviting members to musical evenings by the organizations' talented members. But the music rights issue isn't just a national one. It's also affecting Worldnet, USIA's global TV network, in the Netherlands and Denmark. Unless USIA satisfies their licensing and royalty requirements, cable operators will no longer be able to carry Worldnet. This will also jeopardize the European programming of the Voice of America, since on occasion it rolls to a rock beat. This gets even more complicated, because VOA has plans to broadcast free programming that includes advertising. Potentially, the Voice can be sandbagged for every song.

Nancy Reagan hasn't glued herself to the Iran-Contra hearings all day every day. She had to take time to deal with infighting among her staff. White House photographer **Billie Shaddix**, who has photographed every president since LBJ, was asked by the White House to take early retirement. Longtime People magazine photographer **Terry Arthur**, who joined the White House photo staff two years ago, got his walking papers. Terry has been a favorite of Howard Baker, a shooter himself, but that couldn't save his job. Insiders say it was a female photographer on the first lady's staff who's responsible for the shake-up.

The Four Seasons Hotel was a busy place last week. **Queen Noor** of Jordan stayed there with her entourage and security force while visiting her family, the Halabys. Tennis royal **Boris Becker** quietly slipped into the hotel too, without entourage or security.

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