

A 'Private' Tour



A press photographer peers into the new county governmental center this morning as two supervisors and some county department heads toured the new facility. But two photographers and two reporters from two Santa Cruz daily newspapers were barred from the tour.

'Shy' County Aides View New Center

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Public privacy can be a most peculiar thing, as County Administrative Officer Carl Millar proved this morning by barring reporters from a "private" tour of the new \$6.7-million governmental center.

The private tour, as County Counsel Henry Faltz ruled it, consisted of a contingent of about 12 officials, including two county supervisors and some department heads.

They were meeting with county center architects and contractor Werner Jasper and his attorney, looking over the new structure before final acceptance by the county.

It wasn't that Millar didn't want to be "considerate" of the press, he said, as he confronted two reporters and two photographers on the courthouse steps. He set up a "press" tour for this afternoon, separate and isolated from the official tour.

Even though plenty of the taxpayers' money is at stake, Millar was rather embarrassed at the appearance of the press to record what comments were made about the huge slate-gray complex.

"This is just a staff meeting, and you know we don't have to allow the press in staff meetings," the CAO declared. "This isn't a meeting of the board of supervisors."

The tour was announced publicly at the board of supervisors' meeting Tuesday. But, Millar objected today, "You didn't hear anyone invite the newspapers, did you?"

He added that it would be "unfair" to let two newspapers along on the tour when he had arranged a tour for all news

media, including radio and television, in the afternoon.

Despite its so-called private nature, the meeting could be a critical one. Even though architect Burton Rockwell says he believes the five-story office building and single-story courthouse is finished, he announced earlier this week he wanted the department heads to make the tour "since I'm sure that many pairs of eyes will find something we missed." More delays could result if the officials found anything wrong.

The county has been, and is, at loggerheads with Contractor Jasper, which explains why Jasper's attorney was invited.

Jasper has filed suit against the county for \$191,000, claiming that officials have made him do site work not covered in one of his contract clauses.

Disputes and delays have marked the last year of the county center's construction. Jasper had annoyed Millar and other county officials by not employing a full work force on the center in the last months of construction.

The county, in turn, annoyed Jasper by not accepting the building until the architect says it is complete. The county hold 10 per cent of the contract as a surety that the work will be done.

However, county supervisors did save the contractor some money in penalties by extending the contract deadline past June in order to complete some "change orders."

The county also gave in almost a year ago when Jasper threatened to sue over county acceptance of his bid alternates. He said he was notified too late.

Sniper Nazi

Arlington, Va. (AP). — head of the American Nazi sniper's bullets fired from the party's headquarters, police

Police Inspector Walter had been shot once in the He apparently died instan

Virginia Commonwealth said the shooting occurred about noon while Rockwell was in car on a parking lot in a shopping center in this Washington, D.C., suburb.

Hassan also reported the rest of a man, but refused to discuss it further. A spokesman said the suspect "associated with Rockwell" weapon was found.

Police at first said the er escaped into the commercial residential neighborhood hour later canceled the out for the suspect.

"The shot came from the roof of the shopping down into the car," The windshield of the 10-year-old blue and Chevrolet, was punctured by two bullet holes just the driver's seat.

The shopping center as Dominion Hills, Wilson boulevard from well's home which as the Nazi party head

People in the area hearing two shots. T a beauty shop, who shots, said they slumped over in the on the nearby lot.

"Then we heard something over the roof."

On the front seat lay Rockwell's trademark corn-cob pipe. His which he usually public, also were on

Hassan said the ar who had attempted police, was taken by istrate. "That is all you now," he added. The arrested man

Saigon Shuffles Brass

Saigon (AP). — up was reported day among his als of South forces.

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Reasons for not immediately Thieu said



An adamant Carl Millar, left, county administrative officer, and a grim-faced Hank Fait, county counsel, tell a photographer and a reporter, foreground, that they were banned this morning from touring the new county governmental center.