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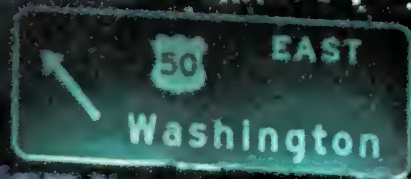


On December 31, 1976, we ended one of the most significant years in the history of the Force - the year-long celebration of our Nation's 200th birthday.

The upsurge in visitation throughout the National Park System, especially related to the Bicentennial celebration, placed many demands upon Force members. Because of its national monuments, memorials and parklands, Washington, D.C. was a prime attraction for both citizens and foreign visitors. The July 4th celebration alone attracted over one million visitors.

The Force met the challenge of increased visitation by providing the visitors to the Nation's Capital, national recreation areas in New York and San Francisco, and selected national parks with the high-quality service they have come to expect.

As we reflect on the past year, we all share a deep sense of pride in the performance of all units of the Force. This Bicentennial edition of our publication is dedicated to each member of the Force in gratitude for a job well done.





..... *Special Events: 1976* *United States Park Police Planning activities during the Bicentennial Year*



An expanded Aide program freed officers from many routine duties

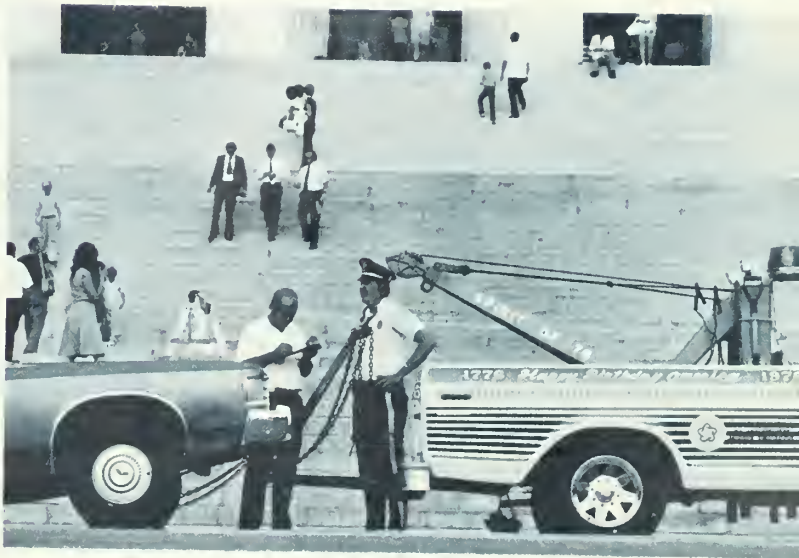


Annual parades emphasized the Bicentennial theme - the July 3rd parade was one of the largest ever





Police activities



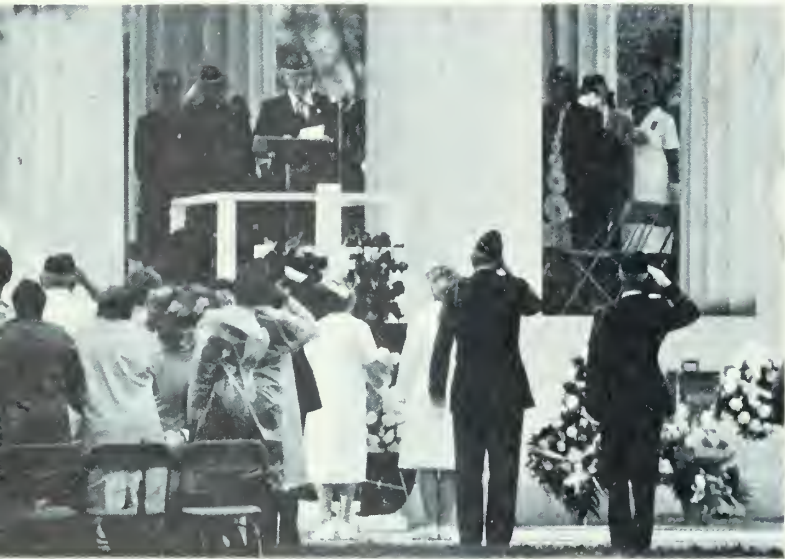
.....The repaving of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.....

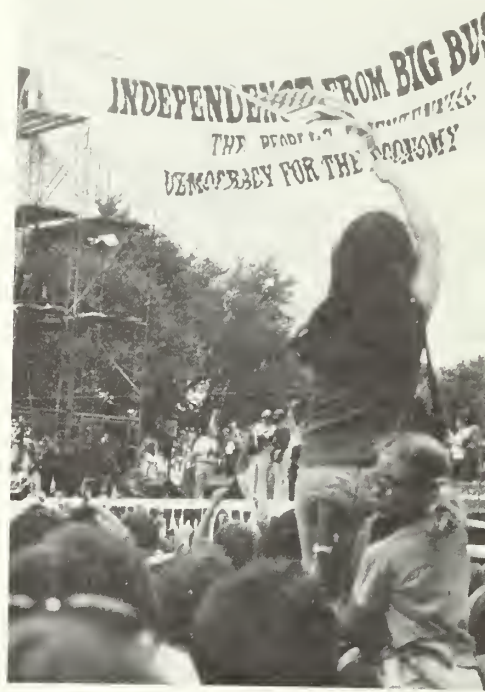
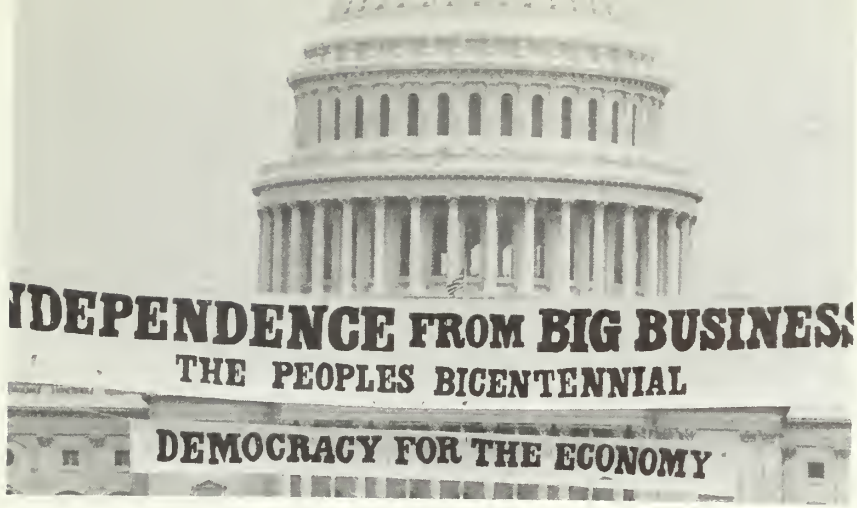


Freedom of speech was reaffirmed in many ways during the Bicentennial

..... The departure of the Bicentennial Wagon Train from Fort Laramie National Historic Site, Wyoming









The Festival of American Folklife - entertainment, education, cultural heritage





Visitor assistance continues to be foremost in Force activities



.....President Ford's visit to Armed Forces Week display



Special entertainment activities



Special recreation activities



Foreign leaders participate in the celebration



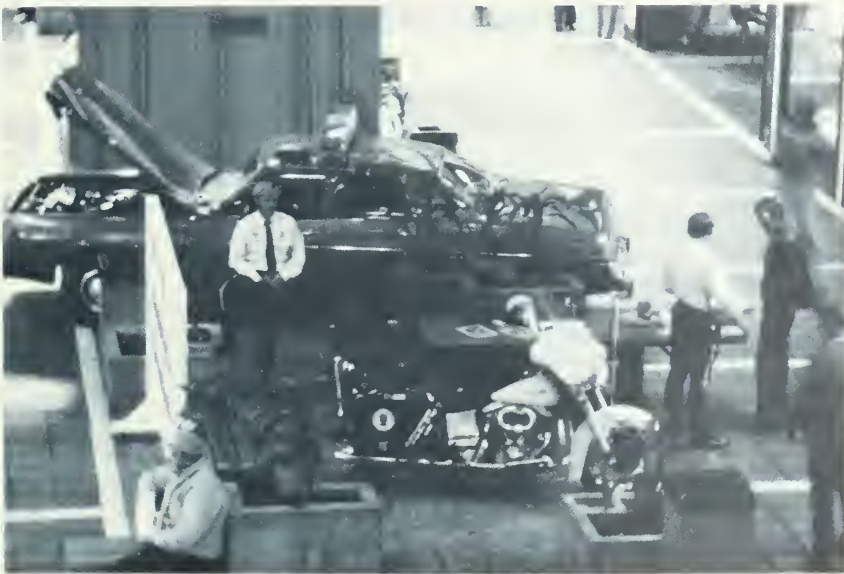
.....*The visit of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel*

.....*The visit of King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophia of Spain*

.....*Queen Elizabeth II's visit to Boston National Historical Park*



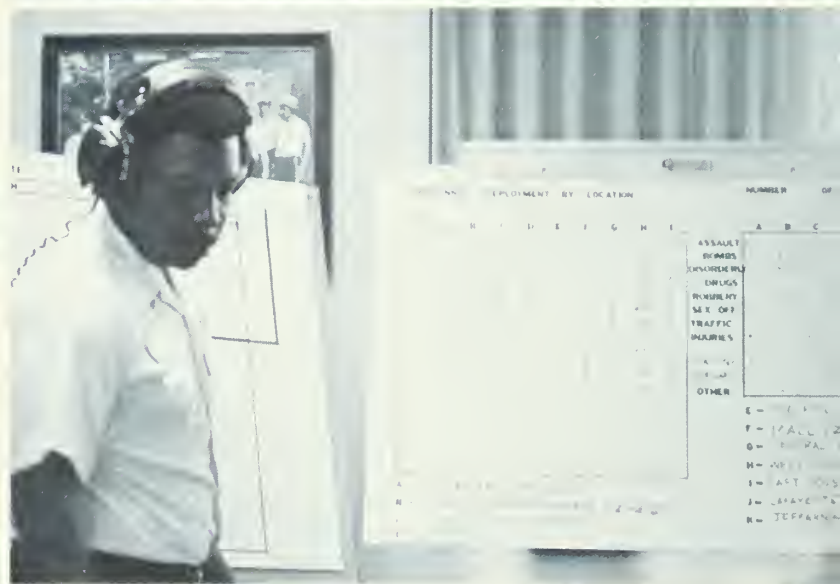
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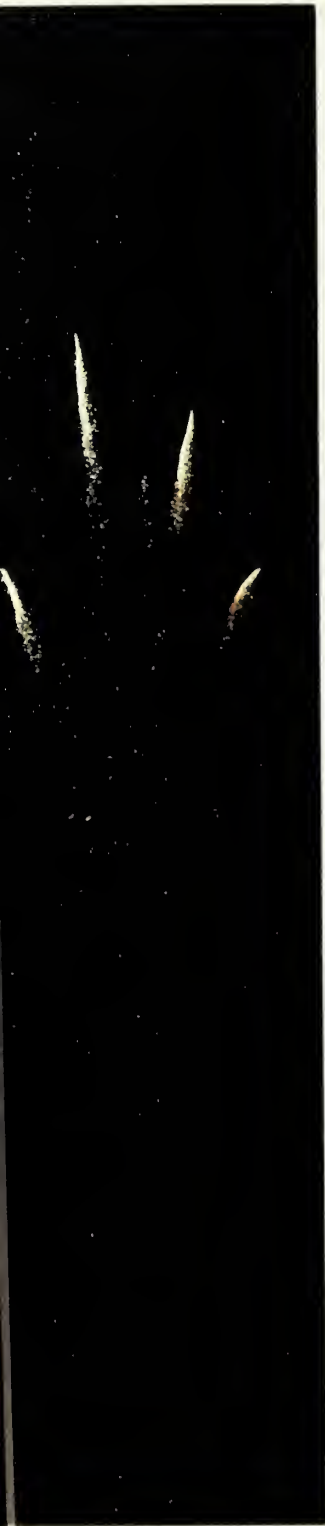
Local Force and community activities



July 4th celebration - Washington Monument grounds









After the celebration, the return to normal

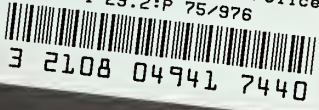








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