



FERC cancels Panhandle Field arguments

By LARRY HOLLIS
Staff Writer

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has cancelled oral arguments scheduled Friday and will proceed to decide "on its merits" a case involving oil and gas disputes in the Panhandle Field.

But some confusion apparently exists between FERC officials and the Texas Railroad Commission regarding investigations on related issues at the state level.

According to an Associated Press wire story, FERC Wednesday said it cancelled the oral argument because the RRC has completed consideration of issues in a state case that are also

involved in a dispute brought before the federal agency.

E. Ray Grasshoff, RRC information specialist, was quoted in the AP story as saying he disagreed that the issues had been completely considered. He said the RRC took some actions on Monday but did not resolve any of the issues.

He said the RRC wrote FERC a letter Tuesday saying it might decide those issues at a later date, but not anytime really soon.

But FERC information specialist Tamara Young-Allen, in a telephone interview this morning, said the FERC commissioners, in an order cancelling tomorrow's hearing, cited the RRC letter as

indicating the state agency had taken action on matters in the case.

Allen said she understood the FERC commissioners had interpreted the letter from RRC counsel Walter Earl Lillie as saying the RRC had taken action at its Monday meeting this week with respect to alleged illegal well perforations, definitions of casinghead gas and related issues.

The FERC commissioners, who had earlier invited the RRC to participate in the hearing Friday, said the RRC letter indicated its actions required no need for the oral arguments.

They thought that "apparently the issues have been resolved," Allen said, or at least that

sufficient actions had been taken on the issues to allow the federal agency to proceed with its consideration of a federal administrative judge's recommended decision.

According to the AP story, FERC spokeswoman Rachele Patterson said the agency has dissolved the RRC's request for a delay and will proceed on the federal case, though no decision is expected right away.

Allen today said she had no indication when the FERC commissioners will decide on the proposed ruling against independent oil producers in the Panhandle Field. But she felt they would discuss Judge Brenda Murray's recommendation soon.

Grasshoff said today the RRC will consider motions for rehearing regarding its decision against the independents at its meeting Monday, June 17.

He said notice of the meeting indicates the RRC commissioners also may discuss matters regarding the perforation issue, definitions of casinghead gas and related items.

"They can talk about them if they want to," he said, since the notice has been posted. But they may not get to all of the issues at the meeting, he added.

Allen said she assumed FERC officials understood the RRC had taken action on the perforation and casinghead gas issues, matters

which arose in the federal hearings.

This past Monday, however, the RRC requested its staff to send letters to well operators in the Panhandle Field asking for information on perforations within the wells not previously reported to the commission. When they have responses to the letters, commissioners then will decide whether to pursue investigation of the perforation issue.

The RRC commissioners have only briefly discussed matters regarding definitions of casinghead gas, taking no action on

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COURTROOM LULL—Virginia McMartin, left, speaks with co-defendant Mary Ann Jackson Wednesday afternoon in Los Angeles municipal court where a judge dismissed 125 child

molestation charges against four defendants in the McMartin Pre-School case. All seven defendants, however, remain charged with some offenses. (AP Laserphoto)

\$8 million suit filed in fire

BY CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

The parents of Timmy Wheeler, a 14-year-old boy who was severely burned in a 1984 explosion at Charlie's Fire Extinguisher Service, are seeking \$8 million in damages against the business.

In a lawsuit filed in 223rd Judicial court in Pampa, Tommy Lee Wheeler and Linda Chesser charge that Charles Douthit, owner of the fire extinguisher shop, was negligent in allowing a fire to break out at the shop where Timmy was reportedly cleaning the floor with a fire.

The fire, which broke out at about 9:40 p.m. Jan. 9, was apparently caused by cleaning solvent fumes ignited by a flame from an open heater, investigators said. Wheeler and a friend were reportedly cleaning the floor when the solvent fumes ignited, resulting in the explosion which burned the boy over a large portion of his body.

After doctors at Coronado Community Hospital spent four hours stabilizing the youth, Wheeler was transported by a private plane to Oklahoma City, where he underwent continued treatment at the burn unit at Children's Memorial Hospital. Although he has since returned to Pampa, the youth has had to make several return visits to the hospital for skin grafts.

According to the suit, the youth sustained second and third degree burns over more than 45 percent of his body, specifically to his face, head, neck, chest arms, hands and back. Attorney John Warner, who filed the lawsuit, said that so far, the family has incurred more than \$110,000 in medical expenses.

"He'll have to have new skin grafts every year until his normal growth ends," Warner said. "Even after growth has ended, he'll still have to have surgery. Skin grafts, which are taken from the boy's

thighs and buttocks, do not grow." Warner reported that the boy is scheduled for surgery later this month.

The lawsuit charged that the firm had an unvented heater on the premises in violation of Pampa city ordinances and stored cleaning solution consisting in whole or part of gasoline in unmarked and unauthorized containers and that the solution was stored near carburetor cleaning solution. The lawsuit also charged that the defendant failed to warn the boy that the cleaning solution had gasoline in it, failed to instruct him about the proper precautions to take when using such solution and failed to supervise the work of Wheeler and the other youth.

The lawsuit charged that that Wheeler has suffered "and will continue to suffer for the rest of his life severe physical pain, mental anguish and disfigurement."

"The conditions at the defendant's place of business were known by him or should have been known by him and were an unreasonable risk of harm to Timmy Wheeler," the suit said, adding that the Wheeler family expect to incur future medical expenses for additional care and treatment for a sum "in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of this court."

The suit adds that the injuries impair the youth's "future earning capacity."

Warner said that Wheeler has not been able to return to school since the fire.

"He's studying through the school's homebound program," Warner said. "His goal is to return to school in September."

The Pampa Fire Department, where Tom Wheeler and Douthit worked, set up a fund at local banks to help recover the family's medical expenses. Douthit was one of the people who handled the fund.

State loses minerals battle

AUSTIN (AP) — Land Commissioner Garry Mauro says he was "surprised and disappointed" by a Texas Supreme Court ruling on mineral rights that could cost the state more than \$900 million.

"This case could have major negative implications for the state and for the schoolchildren of Texas. As much as \$918 million in future revenue dedicated to the Permanent School Fund could be affected," Mauro said Wednesday.

The ruling came in a Webb County case

The state had contended it owned all the coal and lignite located under 817 acres that H.D. Schwarz Jr. had acquired and leased for strip mining in 1978.

Schwarz sued the state in 1979, asserting title to the coal and lignite. A district court and the 3rd Court of Appeals in Austin ruled against Schwarz, but the Supreme Court reversed those decisions and ruled in his favor.

The state argued that coal and lignite were reserved for the state when the land was sold for home tracts in 1907. Schwarz

acquired the land later.

Mauro said that when the surface rights to the contested land were sold at the turn of the century, they were sold at a price that didn't include the mineral rights because it was understood the state retained those minerals.

But Supreme Court Justice Sears McGee disagreed.

"The intent of the Legislature, through the passage of the Land Sales Acts, was to encourage settlement of the state of Texas. The Land Sales Act of 1895 contained no requirement that

minerals be reserved. Nowhere in the act are minerals mentioned," McGee said.

Mauro said the General Land Office estimates that in the long term, the court ruling could affect \$918 million in revenues from hard minerals on some 6 million acres of land on which the state has dual ownership.

Minerals affected by the decision include talc, molybdenum, silver, mercury, limestone, bentonite, kaolin, gypsum, barite and fluorspar, Mauro said.

Hijacked twice

American father, son finally leave
Mideast after bizarre happenings

LARNACA, Cyprus (AP) — An American father and son trying to leave Beirut were twice snared in a bizarre eye-for-an-eye hijack episode that ended when a suspected Palestinian hijacker surrendered in Cyprus.

Landrey Slade, 53, assistant president of the American University of Beirut, and his son, William, were on board a Jordanian airlines plane that was hijacked Tuesday in Beirut, and a Middle East Airlines jet that was commandeered Wednesday as it neared Cyprus.

They were attempting to leave Beirut for the graduation of Slade's older son, Lawrence, Jr., from Georgia Tech on Sunday.

William Slade, 18, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from his hotel room in Larnaca, Cyprus, after the second hijacking ended: "We are fine ... It wasn't bad, but it isn't something we want to talk about."

Asked where he and his father planned to travel next, he laughed and said: "You mean fly somewhere? I'm not sure yet."

But they departed Cyprus this

morning on a British Airways flight to London.

"Please God, let it be true," was the only reaction from Slade's 82-year-old mother, Gladys, in Wayland, Mass., when news reports said her son and grandson had been freed after the second hijacking.

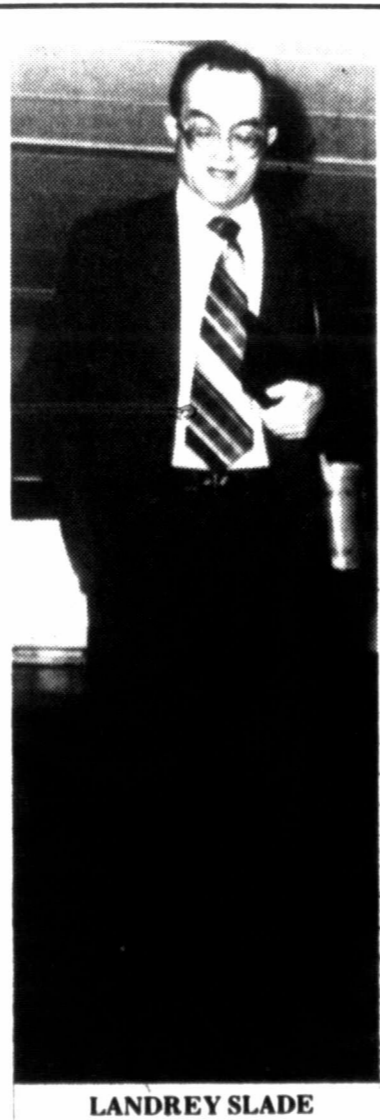
In Amman, Jordan, authorities took the suspected Palestinian hijacker of the Middle East Airlines jet into custody today.

No one was hurt in either incident.

The Shiites, who had demanded expulsion of Palestinian guerrillas from Beirut, got away.

Eight Jordanian security men were at one time thought to be on the Jordanian plane when it was blown up in Beirut, but the hijackers freed them unharmed.

"Each of them was like a full army, carrying a machine gun ... plus two revolvers, plus hand grenades, plus dynamite, plus plastic explosives," Ulf Sultan, a Swede who was the pilot of the Jordanian plane, told reporters in Amman. "They were equipped for a war, all of them."



LANDREY SLADE

Reagan hails Nicaragua vote; Demos worried about war

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan is praising House approval of \$27 million in non-lethal aid to Nicaraguan rebels as a vote to help "safeguard our own national interests." But some Democrats claim it is a step toward war.

In a dramatic turnaround, the House approved the Contra aid Wednesday and refused to extend a ban on use of U.S. funds to support military actions against the leftist Sandinista government.

Calling the House action "historic" and a demonstration of "great intelligence," Reagan said "a clear bipartisan majority has shown that our nation stands with those who are determined to pursue a political solution and seek a democratic outcome of the crisis in Nicaragua."

"Both houses and both sides of the aisle have now demonstrated American resolve to safeguard our own national interests and to advance the rights of the people of Central America," the president said.

While House Republicans said the action actually improves chances for peace talks, one Democratic leader described it as "tantamount to a declaration of war" against Nicaragua.

Reagan pulled off the victory by holding all but a few Republicans and winning over many conservative and Southern Democrats. The House approved the Republican plan for \$27 million in food, medicine, clothing, transportation and other "humanitarian aid" on a 248-184 vote.

The House action followed last week's Senate approval of \$38 million in non-lethal aid to the Contra rebels, but the two versions are attached to different bills and will require additional votes before the funds can be sent.

House Republican Leader Robert Michel of Illinois said the turnaround on the House rejection of a \$14 million aid plan in April began when Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega flew to Moscow seeking economic help after that vote.

"The phrase, 'fly now, pay later,' has taken on a deeper, richer meaning for President Daniel Ortega," Michel said.

Some supporters of the Contra aid also expressed anger over what they saw as the Nicaraguan government's failure to take positive steps toward peace following the April vote.

But Democratic leaders claimed

Congress was overreacting to the Ortega trip and leading the country closer to war in Nicaragua.

"Funding the Contras is not an alternative to intervention, it is an avenue to intervention," said Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., House Intelligence Committee chairman. "It puts the congressional stamp of approval on the Contras and their goal of overthrowing the Sandinista government."

"The House action is tantamount to a declaration of war against the government of Nicaragua," said Bill Alexander, D-Ark., deputy majority whip.

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Thought for today: "Peace without justice is tyranny." — William Allen White, American writer and newspaper editor (1868-1944).

TEXAS / REGIONAL

Banks to move slowly on regional operation

AUSTIN (AP) — Analysts say several barriers remain before large Texas bank holding companies can acquire bank outlets in neighboring states.

The U.S. Supreme Court this week handed down a decision approving the legality of regional banking compacts, eliminating one barrier to a regional banking agreement among Southwestern states. But others remain, analysts say.

Some analysts predict Texas may be among the last group of states in the country to opt for interstate banking because of the nature of the banking business in Texas and neighboring states.

Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma have many small rural banks that carry plenty of political clout. So far, many of those smaller banks have been wary of allowing new

competitors to cross state lines.

States in New England and in the Southeast have formed regional banking agreements in recent years. Those compacts have come in apparent self-defense. Leaders in those states expect interstate banking barriers to fall, and they want their regions to grow and be ready for the coming competition.

The Supreme Court decision affirmed that states have the right to set up regional banking agreements and exclude states such as New York, home of many of the nation's largest banks. Regional banking agreements must be passed by the legislatures of the states involved.

"I think interstate banking is inevitable," said Dallas bank analyst Frank Anderson of Weber, Hall, Sale & Associates.

"The court's decision gives

banks some time to put together a regional operation, so when interstate banking does come, they will be better prepared," he said.

Many bankers agree that financial deregulation, increased competition and the growth of sophisticated new banking services will push larger banks toward more mergers and acquisitions. Bankers are studying strategies to allow themselves to be survivors in the expected increasing

concentration of financial institutions.

Bankers in Arkansas and Oklahoma are saying thanks, but no thanks, to regional banking for the moment.

Bank executives in both states say their banks need time to expand their own bank holding companies before facing outside competitors.

"All these banks in these states would like to remain independent.

They don't want to be bought. They would like to be a survivor. If they can put off (regional banking), survival is a possibility," Anderson said.

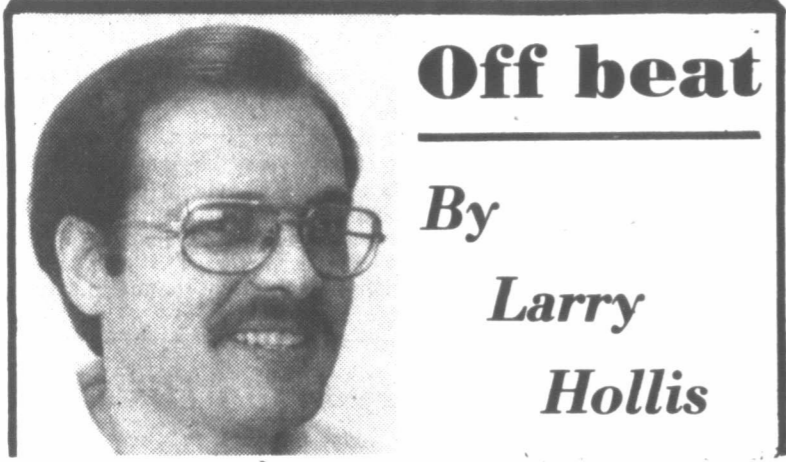
In Oklahoma, bank holding companies have only been authorized since 1983. In Arkansas, banks operate under lending limits that put an interest cap of 12.5 percent on commercial and consumer loans.

"Right now, the state is not

anxious to join in a regional or national banking effort," said Gordon Greer, president of the First National Bank of Tulsa.

Eventually, Greer said, regional banking may make sense for Oklahoma.

"It's difficult to forecast when we'll make the move. We'd much prefer to do it with people next door to us than (banks) on the East or West coast," he said.



Off beat

By
**Larry
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So what's a little fun, eh?

Except for a few isolated spots around the state, I assume all the high school graduation ceremonies have ended, letting free thousands of students.

Graduation can arouse varying feelings among seniors. There's the touch of sadness at leaving friends, missing those fun moments that happened in class in spite of the teachers, the activities with fellow students.

But generally that's not enough to overwhelm that new sense of freedom in knowing those 12 years - or more, for some - of elementary and secondary education are behind you and you can now move on to other things.

And for many students, that sense of earned freedom breaks out on the last date as they feel that diploma within their grasp. With a sense of giddiness or exhilaration or with feelings of being freed from the chains so often felt in school, some let go with acts that may not be in keeping with the dignity of the occasion that so many teachers and administrators would try to impose.

Having held the students under their rule and threats of discipline for three or four years, some school officials seem to find a perverse pleasure in punishing or condemning even little antics or hijinks up to the very last moment.

Let's consider three incidents.

In Oklahoma City, a newspaper story reported a senior at Putnam City West High School was suspended, with his credits for the last semester threatened, possibly facing the loss of a two-year wrestling scholarship to an Oklahoma college.

His crime? He showed up for the graduation ceremony wearing cowboy boots, shirt, tie - and jogging shorts underneath his gown. The school had a policy that male students had to wear shoes, not boots or sneakers, and dark slacks.

The young man didn't have any dark slacks and didn't want to buy a pair just for the school-sponsored ceremony. And it was a hot day, so he opted for the jogging shorts. After receiving his diploma, he opened the robe to display his red, white and blue shorts while waving his diploma over his head.

His principal wasn't amused. I was.

In Logan, Utah, my former brother-in-law faced the loss of his diploma until December after his commencement exercises there. What did he do? He passed a penny to the teacher reading out the names of the graduating seniors.

Apparently a student - turned out to be the valedictorian of the class - came up with the idea of having all the seniors give the man a penny as they passed by him. It wasn't conceived out of maliciousness or dislike of the guy; they just thought it would be nice for him to have a penny from each of them.

Well, the teachers heard of that dastardly plot, so before the ceremony, they searched all students twice, confiscating any pennies they could find. Lael, a rather devious kid at times, managed to escape the search by first hiding the penny in his mouth and then in his tie.

Four or five students likewise eluded the grasp of the teachers and passed their pennies. But Lael - the school's only National Merit Scholarship winner - had the misfortune of being the first one to do so. He was blamed as being the instigator after the ceremony, and the principal said he wouldn't get his diploma until December.

In a more local instance, and one with less disastrous consequences (as far as I know, anyway), after the ceremony, the diplomas already awarded, a young Miami man was leaving the school, ready to get rid of his robe. He was wearing cut-offs underneath, though he had been fully dressed during the commencement.

He passed by our reporter photog, Cathy Spaulding, and, kiddingly, invited her to take his picture as he held the robe open. You may have seen the picture in our newspaper. I think it's a fine capturing of the sense of freedom felt by many students after the occasion.

Apparently some of the school administrators don't think so. I guess they don't appreciate the photograph since it's not in keeping with the dignity with which they perceive the event, though the event was already over and on its way to being gone.

What's all the fuss? Having been to a number of these graduation exercises over the years, I can certainly state most of them could definitely use some fun moments, some lightening of mood. It's school, not church; it's a bunch of young students, not a gathering of Supreme Court justices.

And there's a big difference between these incidents and activities that certainly could be detracting from the occasion or really offensive to most: showing up dead drunk, destroying property, making offensive noises or gestures, disrupting the proceedings for others, and so on.

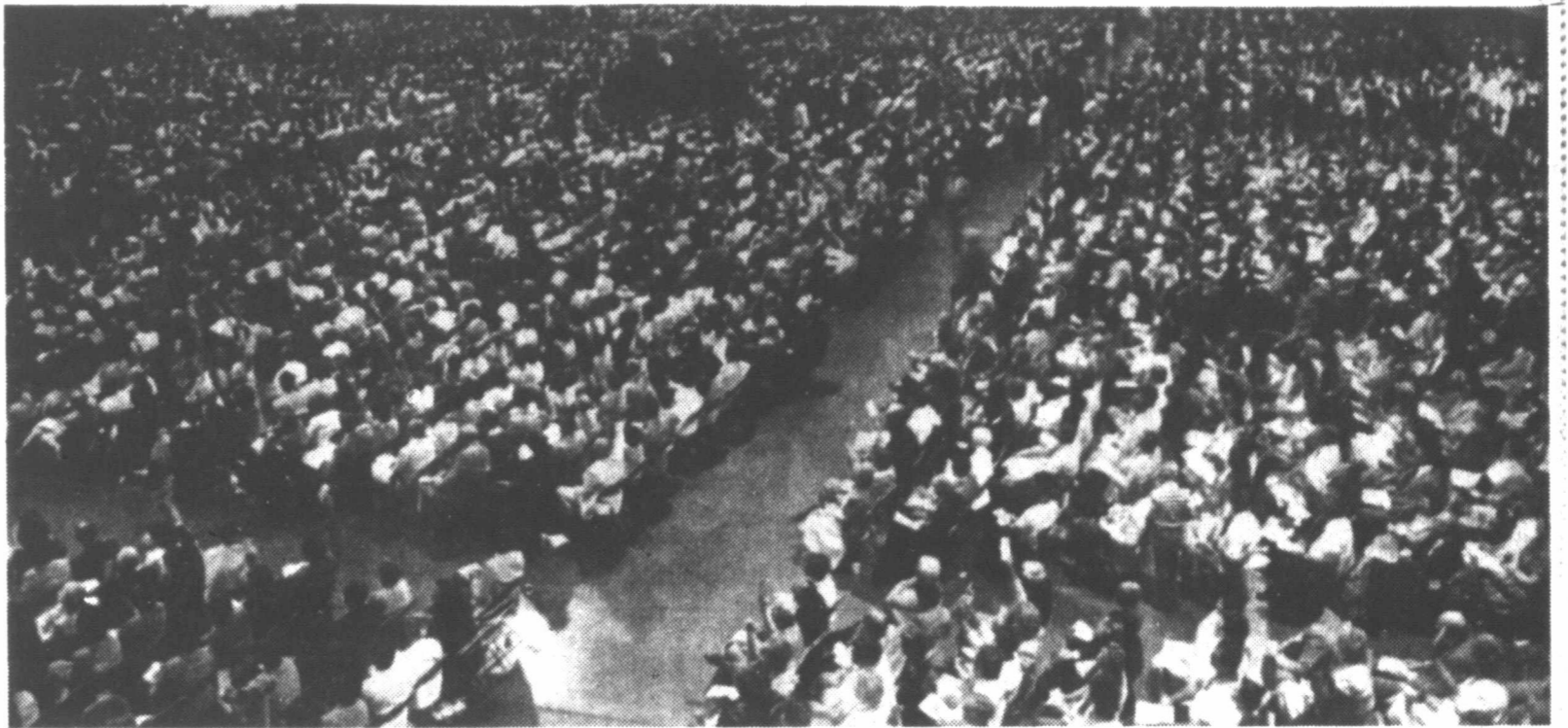
Let's get a perspective on things. These students have endured dress codes, sometimes stultifying tests, a multitude of rules and regulations and possibly even - perish the thought - a few boring class periods.

It's their day - not the teachers' or the administrators' or even their parents' - so if they want to have a little fun (note the "little"), let them do so.

Though they would not want to admit to anything that would detract from their image, teachers and administrators should recall some of the conventions they've attended and the fun they permit themselves away from students and parents.

Then perhaps they could laugh more at the students - and at themselves, too.

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RESOLUTION VOTE — The majority of the more than 40,000 messengers (delegates) in attendance at the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas Wednesday. The magnitude of

the crowd — double the turnout for last summer's Republican National Convention — is a record turnout for a Southern Baptist Convention. (AP Laserphoto)

Peace between factions still a question mark at Southern Baptist convention

DALLAS (AP) — Peace between clashing Southern Baptist factions remains uncertain today after a tempestuous convention tangle that brought complaints of injustice, irregular voting and arbitrary procedures.

Some moderates in the nation's largest Protestant denomination said that in the face of such tactics they were dubious about newly adopted peace measures.

The controversy arose Wednesday night over the selection of candidates to control the church's 20 national agencies.

Only a few hours before, the convention had approved a

22-member "peace committee" representing both fundamentalists and moderates to investigate the causes of the conflict within the denomination and to recommend solutions.

The dispute centered on a ruling that the convention could not change the presidentially appointed committee that names trustees governing denominational institutions. The slate was approved in a ballot vote marked with allegations of dishonesty after a clamorous wave of objections to it.

A wave of protesting shouts of "point of order," ignored by the

fundamentalist-aligned president, the Rev. Charles Stanley, surged from floor microphones, his red lights blinking, when he put the official slate to a hand vote. When that was too divided to determine, written voting was ordered.

The slate was approved, but registrar Lee Porter announced he had received numerous reports that some people were passing out extra ballots.

"Maybe some were dishonest," he told the convention, but said he had no evidence to be sure. "I don't know. God help this convention to get back to meticulous honesty."

The upheaval came after the

Rev. James Slatton of Richmond, Va., moved to replace a proposed committee on boards, picked by the president, with elected heads of state conventions and elected state women leaders.

"The one chance this body has for peace is to adopt a committee that this whole body can trust," he said, noting that the presidential appointive authority has been the basis for the factional strife.

Stanley initially ruled the proposed substitution of the entire slate out of order, saying names could be substituted only individually.

Parliamentarian Wayne Allen of Memphis then took the podium to say the bylaws do not permit the convention to make substitutions for the official slate.

At that point, Stanley put the slate to a vote, ignoring the outburst of challenges to his action.

Slatton protested, "In any democratic body I've ever been in, once a slate of nominees is presented, other nominations can be made from the floor. It's also patent that in any democratic body, the cry of 'point-of-order' means you should stop and see if it's valid."

Parade planner denies wrongdoing

DALLAS (AP) — A publicist for a firm being investigated for allegedly using names of famous blacks without permission, to raise money for a parade to honor Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, says her efforts have been misinterpreted.

Regina Marshall, president of Rainbow Inc., denied any wrongdoing Wednesday concerning her efforts to organize the parade in Dallas. Ms. Marshall also denied soliciting donations to stage the event.

Assistant Attorney General Steve Gardner said earlier this week that he has had several complaints about Rainbow which he was investigating.

Gardner said the complaints allege Rainbow is using the names of famous black people without their permission. He also said Rainbow reportedly has asked for donations ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

"I never solicited funds or

donations," Ms. Marshall said Wednesday.

She said she intended to act as a go-between, matching corporate sponsors with groups wishing to take part in the parade.

"No money goes through Rainbow," she said.

But Ms. Marshall also said she hoped to "make enough profit to cover coordinating the parade."

Ms. Marshall said she decided last year to organize a parade to

commemorate King.

Ms. Marshall said she does not yet know who will participate or what it will cost to stage a parade. She also said she has invited several hundred prominent people to serve on an advisory committee.

Lloyd Davis, executive director of the Federal Holiday Commission, the agency with authority to coordinate activities commemorating King, said no parade is planned in Dallas.

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BLESSES POSTULANT — Mother Teresa, left, greets a postulant at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York Wednesday after a special mass at which 15 nuns from her Missionaries of Charity order took their first or final vows. Mother Teresa's New York City stop was part of a three-week visit to six U.S. cities and Canada. (AP Laserphoto)

State ag agency may dismiss 50

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Department of Agriculture officials, seeking to cope with budget cuts made by the Legislature, say as many as 50 employees could be laid off this summer.

Pink slips are expected to be handed out as part of an agency reorganization that Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower plans to announce in early July, said Mike Moeller, a deputy commissioner.

The bulk of the proposed layoffs will be Austin-based administrative officials, whose salaries range from \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year, Moeller said.

"The best I can do is tell somewhere between 20 and 50 employees will be laid off, Moeller said.

"We are trying to get the whole

thing together by the end of June, and if there are layoffs we will let them know by July 1," he said.

Statewide, the TDA employs 621 people, with 235 working in Austin.

Moeller said employees who are cut from the payroll will be able to stay with the agency until Aug. 31, the end of the budget year. The department will help laid off employees seek jobs in other state agencies and assist the with job counseling and preparing resumes.

The Legislature during its 1985 session trimmed the Agriculture Department's annual budget from \$22.4 million in the current fiscal year to \$20.1 million for 1986 and 1987.

The department was told to shift focus from administrative operations to such field activities as inspection of gasoline pumps and weights in grocery stores, and seed and pesticide regulations.

Teacher assignments check is requested

AUSTIN (AP) — Teachers assigned to instruct subjects outside their particular training area may be teaching as many as 500,000 students in Texas classrooms, according to the Texas Federation of Teachers.

"In short, the practice of assigning teachers out of their fields constitutes a deception to the public, an injustice to teachers and a disservice to students," John Cole, TFT president, told a news conference Wednesday.

Cole said the TFT was asking the State Board of Education to "tighten up its own rules" on the use of three emergency permits — the Temporary Classroom Assignment Permit, the Emergency Teaching Permit and the Special Assignment Permit. The permits are designed to be used to fill temporary shortages of qualified personnel.

"Many school districts abuse these permits by using them as a means to avoid the state's teacher certification rules," Cole said.

Cole said "nobody knows" but TFT estimates as many as 14,000 teachers last year taught in fields

for which they lacked certification.

"Probably most of these unqualified teachers were assigned to math and science classes," Cole said. "There is where the big shortage is."

"TFT is very concerned that the new state certification rules, coupled with a projected teacher shortage, will tempt school districts to abuse these loopholes in the certification procedures," Cole said. "We believe that every classroom needs a competent, qualified teacher, and we believe the public has a right to know when a district has failed to provide such teachers."

He said the TFT wanted the State Board of Education to vigorously enforce its present rules on issuance of these permits. He said the state board should require all temporary assignment permits to be approved by the Texas Education Agency before a teacher is assigned.

He said school districts should be required to make public the numbers of these temporary assignments and the teaching fields involved.

Governor signs hazardous waste bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislation to increase the state's enforcement power and encourage reduction and recycling of hazardous wastes has been signed into law.

"We have a responsibility to future generations of Texans to act as good stewards of our environment today. I am pleased to help honor that commitment by signing this legislative package," Gov. Mark White said Wednesday in signing the two measures.

The bills, sponsored by Rep. Stan Schleuter, D-Killeen, and Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, were the outgrowth of a major hazardous waste study headed by Max Sherman, dean of the Lyndon B.

Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas.

The legislation sets down a priority list of preferred methods for reducing and disposing of hazardous waste material to protect public health and the environment.

It calls on industry to minimize waste production. Waste generators are to recycle or treat it to destroy or reduce hazardous properties. Only after those options are exhausted is industry to use underground injection or land disposal of the material.

The legislation also requires a registry be kept of abandoned

hazardous waste sites, and it provides for their expedited cleanup. It authorizes the state to levy a fee on hazardous waste producers and disposal companies to pay for the cleanup.

White said he still has several hundred bills from the 1985 Legislature to sign before midnight Sunday. If he doesn't sign or veto them by that time, they become law without his signature.

Among those he signed on Wednesday was a measure to expand community based mental health treatment provided by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, and Rep. Jack Vowell, R-El Paso, requires the department to develop a six-year plan for providing more community based services.

"These plans will solidify our state's strong commitment to provide a careful balance of quality institutional and community-based programs to treat our citizens suffering from mental disabilities," White said.

"This landmark legislation ... underscores our state's commitment to provide quality care for the mentally ill and mentally retarded," he said.

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LIFESTYLES

Sportswear looks cool when weather's hot

By Florence De Santis

NEW YORK (NEA) — When a heat wave sets in and you're not on vacation, it's hard to feel cool and look pretty. Here's where sportswear designers are at their best, with colorful, airy separates that don't break the budget.

Fabrics to look and feel cool in include poly-cotton blends that resist wrinkling, cotton or cotton-ramie blends for knits and linen blends that add a handkerchief feel to skirts and shirts. Color is important because it turns a simple skirt and T-shirt top into a summer glamour look.

An example can be seen in the Folio by Fire Islander separates, which feature basic poly-cotton dirndl skirts and sleeveless cotton knit T-tops. They come in theme groups, such as an abstract landscape pattern in a mix of turquoise, gold, brick red and black, with white accents sug-

gesting clouds. Add some colorful summer jewelry and you have a cool, attractive costume.

At Ms. Sero a light poly-cotton seersucker is used for an airy dirndl striped in soft green, purple, red and blue. The short-sleeved purple top with openwork neckline banding is knit in ramie-cotton blend. A shawl matches the skirt. Wear it as a wrap when the air-conditioning is on or as an accessory over one shoulder with the ends tucked under a belt.

At Anne Klein, designer Louis Dell'Olio likes handkerchief linen for simple but pretty summer dressing, such as a wrap skirt with the blouse in cotton-linen gauze, all in soft gray. This kind of basic duo takes particularly well to colorful summer jewelry, which this year includes lightweight plastic bracelets and necklaces of bubblelike beads.

Stripes enliven many summer separates, such as Sue Wong's tank

top blouses in black-and-white cotton jersey. A plain one looks sophisticated when it's teamed with her black cotton skirt. Some sport a red anchor for a fun effect.

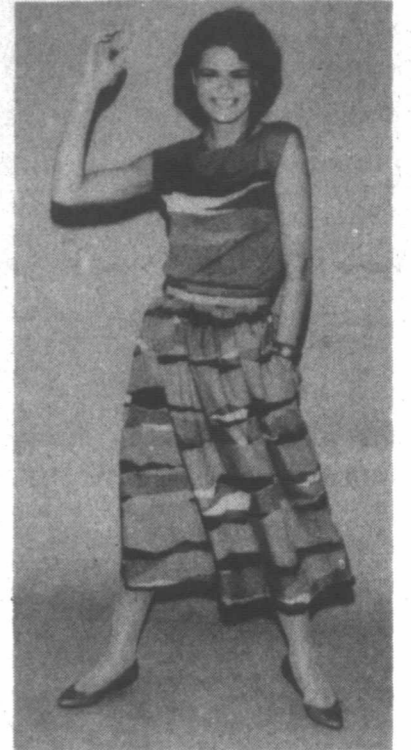
If the tank neckline isn't quite right for the office, Susan Hagen does a bateau-neck sleeveless top striped in sand and white, with a white skirt. At Chetta B, designers Peter Noviello and Sherrie Bloom use big, loose sleeves and white shoulder yoking to broaden the top of their navy-and-white-striped cotton knit with easy knee-length skirt.

Stripes also turn simple chemises into summer glamour dresses, such as Kasper's button-front sundress look in green and white linen, with a breeze-catching skirt and white banding around the cool V-neck. Cool and short is Jackie Rogers' wide-shouldered untrimmed chemise, in pencil-striped navy and white jersey, with cap sleeve. Wear it loose, with colorful necklace and bracelets, or belt it boldly and loosely on the hips.

In youth-geared sportswear the short dress is meant to be worn alone or to go over pants as a top. Camp Beverly Hills does it in pink pima cotton, loose and slouchy, with push-up sleeves and snap closings. Vesna Bricej's turquoise cotton knit dress has a scoop neck, loose drop-shoulder sleeves and above-the-knee hem.

Newest of the youthful sportswear tops is the swallow-tail shirt, sometimes cut in one piece with back vent, 18th-century style. Anna Sui offers this look in a sheer Big Shirt to go

over a brief skirt. At other designers it's more like a modern evening tailcoat, with the two long, slim tails, as in the Apawe' collection of separates. This shirt can also go with pants.



COLOR GLAMORIZES the simple skirt and knit top from Folio by Fire Islander.



Dear Abby

Letters find swifter route to Abby when mailed direct

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Why is it so hard to get a letter to you? Once in a blue moon I see your address when you advertise a booklet on how to have a lovely wedding or what every teenager ought to know about sex and drugs. But is that the same address a person should use to send in a problem? Does all your mail go to the same place?

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I think you should print this information because a lot of other people might also like to know.

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DEAR READER: Space does not permit me to publish every letter I receive, but you do not have to sign your name in order to have your letter answered in the column. However, if you want a personal reply, you must include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Some editors prefer that all Dear Abby mail be addressed to their newspaper, after which it is forwarded to me unopened. Since this obviously delays delivery, I recommend that readers who want a speedier reply write: Dear Abby, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, Calif. 90038.

DEAR ABBY: For six months I have been deeply in love with a woman, and she with me. We've made some long-range tentative plans and were building a great relationship until I learned that she still has a key to her former boyfriend's apartment.

I told her that I did not feel comfortable knowing that she has this one remaining tie to him, but she assured me that she loved me, has no use for this man's key, and would return it to him as soon as possible.

Twice I asked her if she had returned the key, and both times she said she had tried but he refused to accept it, saying he wants her to have it in case she wants to return to him. Should I ask her a third time if she was successful in getting him to accept the key?

NOT OK IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR NOT OK: Don't ask her. If she wanted to reassure you, she could throw the key away or mail it to him. You may be "building a great relationship," but don't invest any more energy in construction until you check the foundation.

DEAR ABBY: While shopping in a grocery store yesterday with my 5-year-old daughter, a friendly stranger joked around with her for a few minutes. After we moved up the aisle, he came up to us again and proceeded to hand her some coins. I asked him not to, explaining that although I'm sure he meant well, I was trying to teach my child not to talk to strangers or accept any gifts from them. He understood and walked away, but I know his feelings were hurt.

Please, Abby, let people know that we parents are trying to protect our children from strangers who might do them harm, so please, no more offers of money or candy.

CONCERNED MOM

DEAR MOM: How sad that we must teach our children that all strangers are potential threats to their safety. But, unfortunately, in these crazy times, it's imperative. Thank you for a timely reminder.

(Getting married? Send for Abby's new, updated, expanded booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and address clearly printed with a check or money order for \$2.50 and a long, stamped (39 cents) envelope to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, Calif. 90038.)

Dallas author, actress to headline meeting

PERRYTON — Author, actress and speaker Rose Mary Rumbley is to headline a meeting of writers sponsored by the Writers Plume of Perryton, Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the Expo Center.

Rumbley is to present a humorous talk on "Go the Write Way — For Fun and Profit." An afternoon session of questions and answers is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

A native of Dallas, Rumbley has written "A Century of Class: The Story of the Public Schools in Dallas — 1884-1984." She frequently writes for the Dallas Morning News and won the 1976 Texas Educational Theatre Best Play award for "Queen Mollie." Her musical for single adults, "The Picnic," premiered in 1981. She has

published poetry in "Stimuli for Writers" and conducts motivational seminars in communications.

She is also an actress who has appeared in the films "Paper Moon," "Mackintosh and T.J." and "Broken Promise," as well as Dallas summer stock and dinner theatres. In addition, audiences have seen and heard her characterizations in many television and radio commercials.

Along with her bachelors degree in drama from North Texas State University in Denton, Rumbley holds a masters in psychology. She has been married to a professional musician for 31 years. She says her success as a wife has given her many fine parenting and mother-in-law stories.

Notice

The Pampa News will not be able to include the "Travel Talk" column on Thursdays as announced in the Sunday edition. We regret any inconvenience to our readers.

The Pampa News has changed its birthday announcement policy. In the future, birthdays of people 95 years or older will be announced and pictures run if desired. For more information, call the Lifestyles Desk at 669-2525.

Pampans listed on WTSU spring honor roll

Ten Pampa West Texas State University students were among the 728 students named to the spring 1985 honor roll. A student must have a grade point average of at least 3.25 out of a perfect 4.0 grade point average to place on the honor roll. The 728 students represent 116 Texas towns and cities and 17 other states and Canadian

Provinces. Those listed on the honor roll include:

Labrenda Driver, daughter of Morris R. Driver of Pampa. She is a senior majoring in business education.

Richard Dunham, a junior liberal arts and dentistry major. He is the son of Richard Dunham of Pampa.

Toby Henson, son of James Henson of Pampa. A junior,

Henson is majoring in accounting. Lisa Malone, a sophomore secretarial major, is the daughter of A.C. Malone of Pampa.

Glenna Martinez, daughter of Glenn R. Martinez of Pampa, is a junior accounting major.

Rebecca Pontious is the daughter of John Pontious of Pampa. She is a first year nursing major.

Jamie Powers, sophomore majoring in criminal justice

administration, is the daughter of H.J. Powers of Pampa.

Julie Smith, freshman music education major, is the daughter of William A. Smith of Pampa.

Kevin West, is the son of Roland West of Pampa.

Cheryl Whitmarsh is the daughter of Cheryl Whitmarsh of Pampa. A senior, she is majoring in music therapy.

Public hearing set on child support system

The Texas Commission on Child Support Enforcement, established by Governor Mark White to study the Texas child support system, will hold six public hearings in cities throughout the state between June 14 and Aug. 2.

On Aug. 2, the public hearing will be conducted in Amarillo at the Health and Science Center Auditorium of Texas Tech University, 1400 Wallace Blvd.

The commission is soliciting written and oral testimony regarding visitation and custody, appropriate support standards, the enforcement of interstate support obligations, and the availability and cost of services under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program.

Persons wishing to register as a witness or to submit written testimony should write Michael Kent, Child Support Division, Office of the Attorney General, P.O. Box 12548, Austin, 78711, or call 1-800-252-3515 or (512) 475-5051.

The hearings will also take place on the following dates:

June 14 in Austin at the John H. Winters Bldg., 701 West 51st St., in the first floor of the East Tower.

June 28 in Dallas at the Dallas

Public Library, 1515 Young St.

July 19 in Harlingen at the Town Hall, 118 East Tyler St.

July 26 in Houston at the Hilton Center of the University of

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Aug. 2 in El Paso in the 327th Family District Court of the City-County Bldg., 500 E. San Antonio St.

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CBS and NBC begin next season's prime-time battle

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NBC and CBS, expected to continue next season their current fierce battle for prime time leadership, already have come out swinging, criticizing each other's audience and programs.

Last week, Harvey Shephard, CBS' senior vice president for programming, said NBC's new hit, "Highway to Heaven," "has a good following with older people in rural areas ... who had johns (bathrooms) in the backyard."

On Wednesday, Brandon Tartikoff, president of NBC Entertainment, addressing the same group of TV reporters, sniped back: "The 'Dukes of Hazzard' audience didn't even have johns." (That CBS series was canceled last season after a lengthy run.)

And the beat goes on. CBS thinks NBC's audience is too young. NBC says CBS' viewers are too old. Much of this back and forth is

good-natured fussin', but some of it also is hard-edged feudin'.

CBS has won the prime-time ratings race for six consecutive seasons and takes fierce pride in being the top-ranked network. NBC finished a strong second last season after a decade of last-place finishes and, as NBC Chairman Grant Tinker said Wednesday, "any red-blooded American would want to go for No. 1."

Last season, CBS finished first with an average prime-time rating of 16.9 percent of the nation's 84.2 million TV homes to NBC's 16.2 rating. ABC fell to third with a 15.4 rating and advertising agencies that forecast such things give the network virtually no chance to improve its position in 1985-86.

NBC was helped by the phenomenal performance of "The Cosby Show," which the network says has spurred the CBS clone, "Charlie and Company," another comedy about a black family, starring Flip Wilson and Gladys

Knight.

"Charlie and Company" was in development before "Cosby" became a hit," said Shephard.

Besides the matter of pride and prestige, the rivalry between NBC and CBS underscores conflicting attitudes about whose viewers are better consumers and thus more valuable to the advertisers whose commercials ultimately fuel the prime-time business.

The issue has been called the great "Demographic Debate."

NBC was the leader last season in kids and with men and women aged 18 to 49. CBS led in total households and viewers over 50.

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Navy spy defense may pivot on whether documents ever were passed to Soviet

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Defense strategy for Arthur J. Walker may rest on whether the government can prove that the documents he allegedly passed to his brother were ever delivered to the Soviet Union, his lawyers say.

U.S. Magistrate Gilbert R. Swink on Wednesday refused bond to Walker after an FBI agent testified the former Navy lieutenant commander took a job with a defense contractor after his brother suggested he could use the position to steal and sell classified documents.

Swink said he found overwhelming evidence to refer the charge against Walker to a federal grand jury. Walker's attorneys said he would plead innocent at an arraignment next Tuesday.

Walker, of Virginia Beach, is one of four men charged in an alleged spy ring that may have operated for 20 years. The ringleader allegedly was his brother, John A. Walker Jr., a retired Navy communications expert from Norfolk.

John Walker's son, Michael L. Walker, 22, and former Navy associate Jerry A. Whitworth, 45, of Davis, Calif., also have been charged.

FBI Special Agent Beverly Andress testified at Wednesday's

hearing that Arthur Walker told FBI agents that in January 1980, John Walker said he had "friends" who were interested in buying classified documents and he suggested Arthur get a job where he could obtain them.

A month later, Arthur Walker, answering an advertisement in a newspaper, took a job as an engineer at VSE Corp., a Chesapeake defense contractor providing planning and technical services to the government, Andress said.

Walker told the FBI that in April 1982 he received \$12,000 in exchange for giving his brother a CASREP, a classified document dealing with ship damage and repairs in the Navy from 1976 to 1980, the FBI agent said.

Walker said he and his brother

photographed most of the report before returning it to VSE's vaults, according to Andress, who said the original documents have since been destroyed.

Samuel Meekins, one of Arthur Walker's court-appointed lawyers, said there was no proof of the document's content or that it had ever been passed to the Soviets.

Carl Seiberlich, a former personnel manager for VSE, said that based on the material to which Arthur Walker had access, he probably would have been "a pretty low-level player" in any spy ring.

Walker held a "secret" clearance at VSE. The CASREP documents he allegedly gave John Walker carried a slightly lower "confidential" rating, Andress testified.

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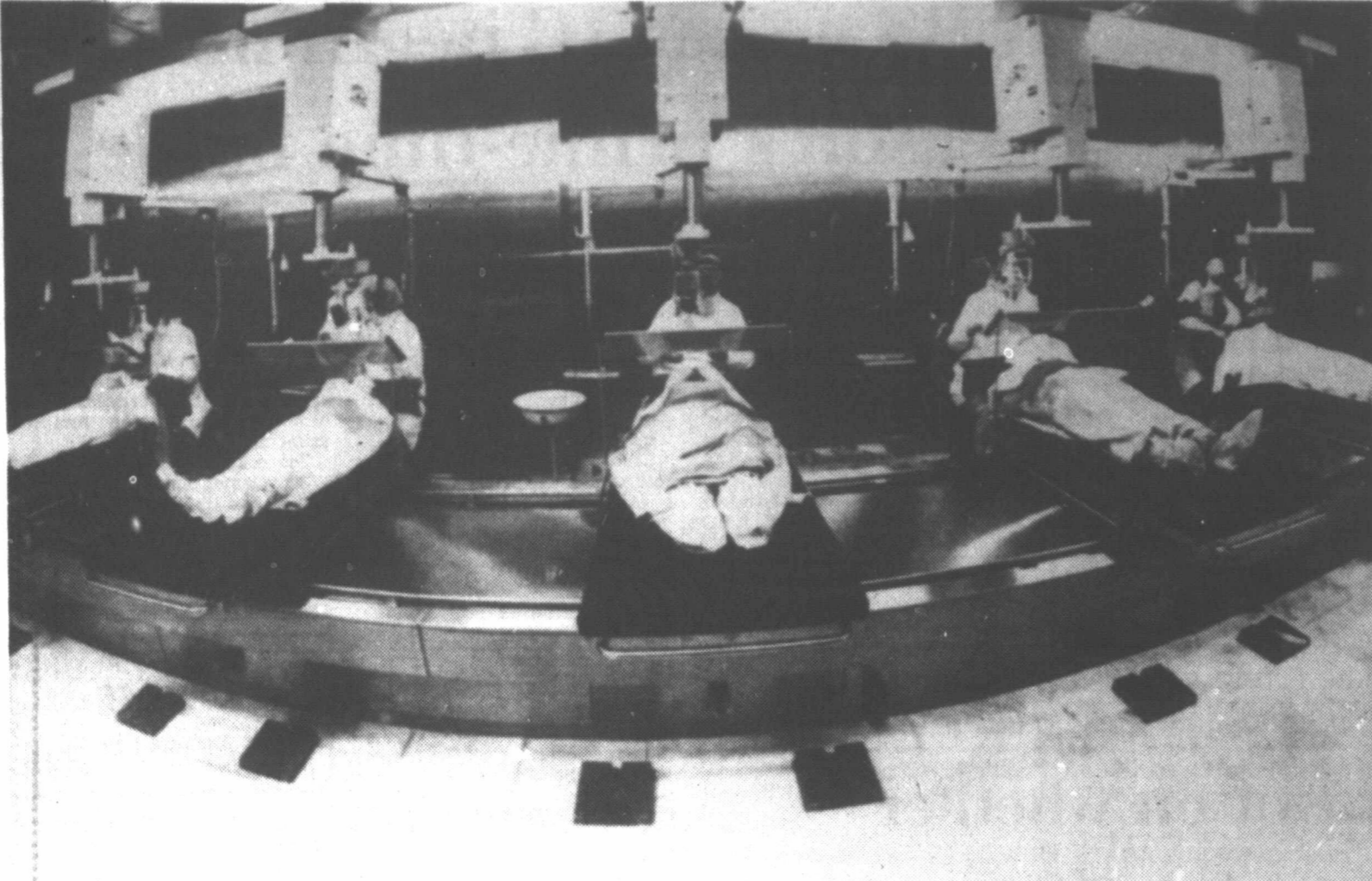
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Border cities feeling pinch of tourist scare

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — Northern Mexicans — battered by a tourist scare that is keeping many Americans out of their country — would like to know just one thing: "Why?"

In a region where the words "mi casa es su casa," or "my house is your house," are offered from the heart, people are genuinely perplexed — and hurt — by what they call "exaggerated" reports of violence against travelers in Mexico. What Americans don't know, they say, is hurting Mexico.

Mexico's problems started in October when American diplomatic sources said the U.S. Embassy was considering calling for an advisory warning tourists of possible dangers in Mexico.

Although the embassy shelved the plan after Mexican officials promised more police security in troubled areas, the damage to Mexico's image already had been done.

The American Automobile Association began warning members to use caution when driving in Mexico after four travelers died during September, three of them murdered on highways.

Meanwhile, the cases of six missing Americans in Guadalajara and the kidnap-slaying of American drug agent Enrique Camarena Salazar have fueled the already hot controversy.

Tourism Secretary Antonio Enriquez Savignac reported

recently that the number of visitors arriving by road to Mexico fell off by 17 percent in the first three months of this year, although travel by air remained steady.

He said foreign income generated through tourism — \$2 billion in 1984 — was up by 11 percent so far this year.

Those promising figures, however, aren't encouraging northerners. Tourist guides and shop owners in Monterrey say the number of Americans they serve is off by as much as 70 percent.

"In the last three to four months tourism has decreased considerably," said Porfirio Sosa, owner of a Mexican popular art shop in Monterrey's tourist zone.

"Fortunately this store doesn't function by tourism alone or I would have closed down," Sosa said.

Based on stories Americans have read or heard in the United States, Sosa said, "I don't blame the tourists for not coming." But, he said, "I do believe they've been misinformed."

Higinio Cuesta, vice president of the Chihuahua Hotel-Motel Association, said his group met recently with hotel operators from El Paso, Texas, "to exchange opinions and erase the campaign of discredit against Mexico."

The Tijuana Chamber of Commerce reported that tourism in that northwestern border city is down about 20 percent compared with last year.

"Hotels, restaurants, shops — everyone is feeling it," Alfonso Bustamante, Tijuana Convention and Tourism Bureau president, told The Associated Press.

Oscar Salinas, executive director of the Monterrey-based International Good Neighbor Council, said the organization is inviting U.S. members to visit Mexico while the Mexican Hotel-Motel Association and its Texas counterpart have formed a committee "to discuss problems of both regions concerning tourism."

"We're doing everything we can to solve this problem because it's hurting Mexico a lot," Salinas said.

"You always have fear of what you don't know," he said.

Those interviewed said American lack of understanding about Mexico is the main factor keeping travelers from venturing south of the border.

They say many Americans picture Mexico as a dirty, backward country with a pistol-packing "bandito" behind every tree.

Those who travel to Mexico's major cities — like this northeastern industrial metropolis — find modern shopping malls, elegant restaurants, first-class hotels and friendly people.

In a June 2 article, The New York Times' London bureau chief R.W. Apple Jr., wrote of his first visit to Mexico, "We were unprepared ... for the cleanliness of the place."

"And we personally neither saw

Vidor city council plans to repeal porno ordinance

VIDOR, Texas (AP) — Plans to repeal this city's pornography ordinance aren't related to last week's complaints that some teachers violated the rule by showing R-rated movies in classrooms, a city official said.

"This is just something that needs to be brought to the attention of the council. The school issue is just something that's caught the public's attention," said city attorney Jerry Hatton.

Last week, Vidor resident Virginia Payne filed a complaint stating that teachers at Vidor Junior High School violated the ordinance by showing

pornographic movies to students.

Ms. Payne specifically said an R-rated movie shown to seventh-graders was pornographic. The movie, "Whose Life Is It Anyway?" is about a man wrestling with a terminal illness, and about his demands to die without interference.

Since the complaint, the school board has adopted a policy requiring school administrators to approve all R- and PG-rated movies before they can be shown in class.

Mayor Dru Stephenson told the Beaumont Enterprise-Journal he favors repealing the ordinance.

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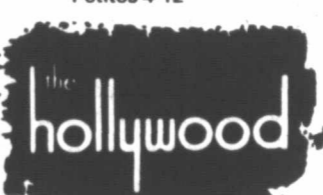
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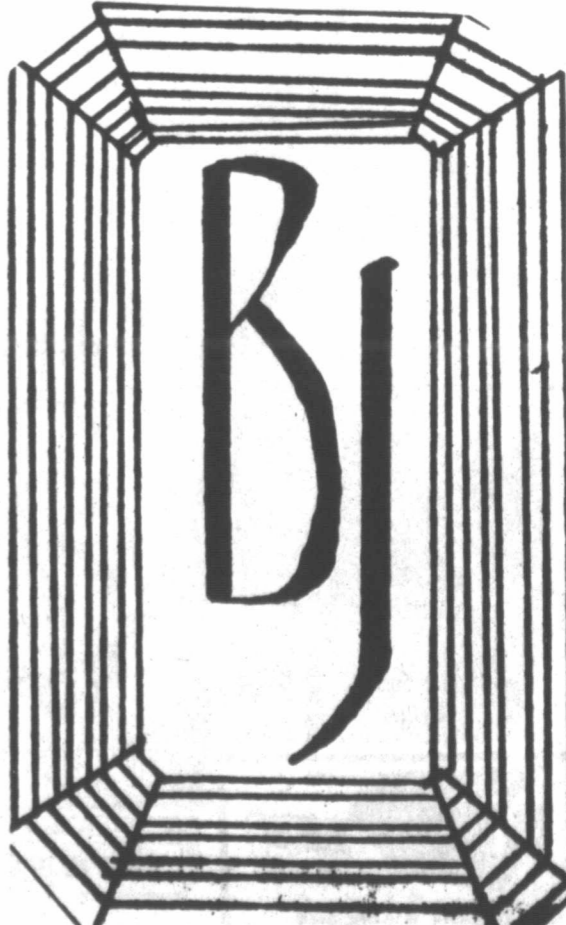
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Vexillologist hopelessly wrapped in flags

EDITOR'S NOTE — Whitney Smith is hopelessly wrapped-up in flags — their history, their design, their symbolism. The man is a vexillologist, a name he coined himself, and the self-proclaimed leading expert in the world on flags.

By **SID MOODY**
AP Newsfeatures Writer
WINCHESTER, Mass. (AP) — Looking back it seems inevitable, like death, diapers and mail-order catalogs in September.

Whitney Smith would grow up to be a vexillologist.

Age 5. A budding geography nut is looking at an atlas, one of those Mercator map distortions that make Greenland look like a glacier atop a world of ice cubes. Every nation is identified by a flag. Except humongous Greenland. Curious, the 5-year-old writes the Greenland Chamber of Commerce: how come no flag? Eventually he gets a letter from the governor of Greenland himself. The island is part of Denmark.

Age 8-10. Every Patriot's Day, the anniversary of the first bloodletting of the American Revolution at Lexington, Smith's hometown, and nearby Concord, the boy goes down to the village green to watch the highway department unfurl the flags of the then 48 states. He plays a game with himself. How soon can he identify the flags as they're pulled out of the bag? "No, that's Missouri," he advises the men. "Get lost, kid," they reply.

Age young teens. Smith learns of an American who is traveling in remote Bhutan in the Himalayas. He writes him asking about Bhutan's flag. The adventurer, in time, replies. He says the boy's letter was carried through the mountains for four days by a barefoot messenger. The flag is a dragon on a red and saffron field.

"Some kids collect baseball cards, some stamps ..." an adult Smith muses years later.

By now Smith is hopelessly wrapped-up in flags, their history, their design, their symbolism. Such passion, such scholarship must have a name. They don't. All of 17, he coins one. He picks the vexillum, the ancient banner of the Roman legions as a root. He lets the world know. Whitney Smith is a vexillologist, a student of vexillology: flags.

An elder Briton writes Smith. Why not call it something simpler, like "flagger"? Smith responds: what would you call someone who studies it, flaggerist?

"Once I coined the word, everybody said: 'Why, of course.'"

Smith had discovered a truth. Give something newly born a name — Debby, Upper Volta, vexillology — and it takes on a significance of its own. People begin to pay attention.

Still age 17. Smith learns Guyana, beginning a tumultuous path to independence, wants its own flag. He submits a design. His name gets lost. Years later he sees the Guyanese flag. It's his! He writes claiming parenthood. "We've been looking all over for you," Guyana replihey enclose a check for \$300.

Age 45. Whitney Smith, a Ph.D. from Harvard and Boston University, is today the self-proclaimed — and uncontested — leading expert in the world on flags. He gave up teaching political science at BU 16 years ago to run the Flag Research Center here. He has put out the bimonthly magazine The Flag Bulletin since 1961. Nineteen books about flags he has hatched have been run up the flagpole. Not all the world has saluted.

"If you say you're a writer, people know what you do. But what do you say to your mother when she asks how a vexillologist makes a living?"

For an answer, a closet

vexillologist who owns some 100 flags himself, visits the Flag Research Center. It has no flagpole. Only a weathered nameplate by the front door of a comfortable shingled house in this leafy Boston suburb.

The curator and staff of the Center and resident of the house, all in the person of Dr. Whitney Smith, ushers the pilgrim inside. Vexillology in the form of immaculate file cabinets, flag kitsch in the form of Old Glory and the Union Jack imprinted on telephones, beer cans and ashtrays as well as an assortment of folded gonfalons, banners, vexilloids, guidons, streamers, pennants and other various ensigns take up one-and-a-quarter rooms downstairs and two on the second floor. There are many books, ten times more than any other flag library in the world, says the curator.

Leafing through his stunning volume "Flags" — 125,000 copies sold at \$75 per — Smith almost summarizes World War II in two pictures. One is Joe Rosenthal's famous AP photo of the flag-raising on Iwo Jima, the other Adolf Hitler being heiled beneath a panoply of swastikaed banners.

"My education as a political scientist (Smith's Ph.D. thesis was on symbols in politics) gave me some idea how things work regarding nationalism. It gave me a different attitude from earlier researchers who tended to think flags were pretty pieces of cloth," says Smith. "But they are symbols. People fight and die for them. Without exception, every nation has adopted at least one."

Working with the dispassion of a Martian Ph.D., Smith pores over the flags of a people through the years in search of "the substance of personal interaction, a hint of how they perceive themselves."

Smith expatiates. The Danish flag, a white cross on red, is arguably the oldest national

flag, perhaps seven centuries. But it did not become the national flag until 1854 after the country had been invaded by Prussia. The Danes may today be the flag-wavingest nation of all.

Canada took a bold step toward national unity when it raised the new maple leaf flag in 1965. English-speaking veterans were outraged at abandoning the Union Jack ensign under which many of their comrades had died. The large French-speaking minority was equally unhappy that the fleur-de-lis of France only appeared on the coat of arms. It took up one-fourth of the flag.

"The new flag is simple, handsome and is instantly recognizable as Canadian," says Smith. "The story went around that the veterans finally accepted it because it has a bar at each end."

The American flag symbolizes a dynamic, growing nation. It has been changed 27 times as new stars have been added. Britain's flag, on the other hand, has evolved as has the nation: patiently, majestically and diplomatically as it gradually has performed the not inconsiderable feat of combining three national crosses, St. George, St. Andrew and St. Patrick, in one design. The Holy Roman Empire and later Germany have seen even more flags than wars. The homogeneity of the Japanese is reflected in the rising sun, a national symbol for millennia.

Conversely, the French tricolor was born almost in an instant when Louis XVI, confronted by a Parisian mob, added that city's red and blue colors to his own Bourbon white cockade as a gesture of national fraternity that was more long-lived than he. Red, white and blue, reflecting the "colors of liberty" of the French and American revolutions, set the pattern for many national flags in the 19th century.

Since World War II, green has become the most popular flag color. It is big among the Arab states, in part because Mohammed allegedly wore a green robe.

Israel's flag has a blue border because Moses, as told in the Book of Numbers, instructed his people to weave the color into their raiment to remember the commandments of the Lord.

Smith keeps busy, and solvent, by writing a book for the Bahamian government on its flags, putting

out The Flag Bulletin for almost 1,000 readers (and editing for it articles such as abuse of the American flag currently in the Aegean and a 90-pager on the colorful and varied history of Confederate naval flags), sponsoring the annual North American Vexillology Conference.

"Meanwhile? I won't ever be as popular as Michael Jackson. But I have 1,000 readers. I travel. I'm doing what I love."

Another big U.S. soybean crop pushing prices downward

By **DON KENDALL**
AP Farm Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — The latest outlook report by the Agriculture Department shows that soybean farmers may see the lowest prices in a decade during the 1985-86 marketing year.

A hefty U.S. inventory and prospects for a relatively large 1985 harvest have weighed heavily on the market. With foreign demand still not rebounding, the soybean situation points to a buildup in inventories next year — and low prices at the farm.

Department economists project soybean price may average \$5.25 to \$5.75 per bushel in the marketing year that will begin on Sept. 1, compared with \$5.85 estimated for 1984-85 and \$7.81 in 1983-84.

According to USDA records, a mid-range average of \$5.50 per bushel would be the lowest season price for soybeans since farmers got \$4.92 in 1975-76.

Meanwhile, another report

showed Tuesday that the current year's world oilseed output is still expected to be at a record level of 187.2 million metric tons, up from 166.2 million tons in 1983-84 and the previous high of 178.6 million tons in 1982-83.

A metric ton is about 2,205 pounds and is equal to 36.7 bushels of soybeans.

Soybeans make up the largest share of global oilseeds, an estimated 90.7 million tons in the current year. But cottonseed, peanuts, sunflowerseed, flaxseed, rapeseed, copra and palm kernel also play an important role in world prices — and what American farmers get for soybeans.

Heavy imports of palm oil, which compete with soybean oil among many U.S. manufacturers, can whittle the price of beans grown in Illinois and Iowa. And world palm oil supplies, concentrated in Southeast Asia, are up 13 percent

from a year ago.

"Demand in 1984-85 will remain strong, with consumption of palm oil expected to grow by 11 percent," the report said. "Supplies of competing products are relatively tight, forcing prices higher worldwide. Lagging world demand for protein meal has held down soybean crush, keeping supplies of soybean oil relatively tight."

The department's projections point to a U.S. soybean crop this year of around 1.93 billion bushels, up from 1.86 billion in 1984. Added to an old-crop carryover of 275 million bushels, that means a total supply in 1985-86 of about 2.2 billion bushels.

Domestic crushings of soybeans to make meal and oil are projected at 1.02 billion bushels, about the same as in 1984-85. Exports, at 675 million bushels, also are about the same as the past season. That means total soybean use in 1985-86

could be around 1.78 billion bushels.

And that would leave 420 million bushels of soybeans in the inventory on Sept. 1, 1986, compared with the 275 million bushels estimated for this Sept. 1. Unless something dramatic happens — severe weather in the United States or elsewhere in the world — the buildup in soybean stockpiles simply translates into depressed prices at the farm.



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DRILLER — J.E. Metcalf of Archer City poses on a drilling rig where he is a driller, the man behind the controls on an oil rig and supervisor of a crew of roughnecks. Metcalf has worked in the oil field most of his life and has worked in fields in South Texas, West Texas and New Mexico. (AP Laserphoto)

Oilfield roughneck enjoys job despite the hazards

By JIM MANNION
Wichita Falls Record News & Times

ARCHER CITY, Texas (AP) — Roughnecking is the most dangerous job in the oil field, but it's a good life if one doesn't mind the outdoors and getting dirty, says J.E. Metcalf of Archer City.

Metcalf is a driller, the man behind the controls on an oil rig and supervisor of a crew of roughnecks, who work as laborers from the top to the bottom of a rig.

He has worked in the oil fields most of his life, the last six years for L.D. Burns Drilling Co. Before that, Metcalf said he worked fields in South Texas, West Texas and New Mexico.

As a driller, Metcalf said his work is not really all that dangerous, though he has had a leg crushed by drilling pipe. "The biggest part of accidents you have in the oil field is your own fault — carelessness," he said.

Danger aside, the life of a roughneck is not for the unhardy soul. Roughnecks must hazard all the elements of Mother Nature; be it burning hot, freezing cold or storming, work continues, Metcalf said.

"I don't pay much attention to the weather. I've never heard of a rig being struck by lightning yet, and I've been in some pretty good storms," he said.

If fact, the only time a rig might be temporarily shut down is if the area where it's located is very muddy, Metcalf said, because mud can harm equipment going to and from the site.

Metcalf said he works eight days, then he's off two days. Roughnecks get two days off for Christmas, "unless you're working somewhere and just can't shut down," and a week's paid vacation, he said.

Metcalf's work days begin at 6 a.m., starting with checking equipment on the rig and greasing any machinery that needs it, he said. Then the drilling begins, with intermittent stops to connect pipe to go in the well hole.

"It's kind of a snap nowadays. You get the (drilling bit) in there, and it lasts 150 hours. It used to only last eight to 10 hours (before bits were improved)," he said.

The deeper the crew drills, the longer it takes to make headway, Metcalf said. To drill a joint down to 3,500 feet takes 15 to 30 minutes, he said. Then it takes another 45 minutes of drilling to get to the point where pipes must be connected.

At 4,000 feet, mud is mixed and circulated through the well hole to keep it cleaned out, Metcalf said. "It brings the cuttings out and keeps the hole in shape so it doesn't cave in or anything," he said.

"When you get down to 4,500 feet, you have to pull all the pipe out and change the bit and go back in the hole. That's when the work is," Metcalf said.

Most of the day consists of waiting to connect pipe and keeping the machinery cleaned up while the drilling machine does its work, he said. "It takes three to five minutes to connect pipe together, then anything else you need to do, you do it," he said.

Admittedly, the job gets boring "doing the same thing over and over every day," Metcalf said. To relieve the boredom, one simply finds something to do, he said. "You can always find something to do around one of these (rigs) if you want to."

Usually, Metcalf said, there is a set of drilling depth, and then officials log the progress and take samples of the soil at that depth.

"They look at the samples, log it and decide if they want to set the pipe. If they do set the pipe, we move the rig off to another location and let someone else (well service companies) finish (work at the site)," he said.

"Most of this country around here, they know pretty well about where (the oil) should be, how deep the formations are," Metcalf said.

A rig averages a stay of 10 to 12 days at a location, depending on how deep the well is drilled before

it is moved to another site. On moving days, roughnecks work until the job gets done, he said, instead of quitting at the usual time of 2 p.m.

Metcalf said the long drives to drilling sites are what he dislikes most about the job. "We average 40 to 60 miles one way. Some boys drive 112 miles one way," he said.

The most enjoyable part of the job is receiving his paycheck, Metcalf said. And the pay is not bad, he said. "For a fella that doesn't have much education, it's a good thing."

Metcalf said he would still work in the oil field if he had it all to do over again. Nevertheless, he said he plans to retire when he reaches 62 years of age and head across country in a camper.

Mexico posts trade surplus

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico posted a trade surplus of \$3.2 billion in the first four months of the year, which was 39 percent less than registered in the same period a year ago, the government said.

In a new report, the Mexican Institute for Foreign Trade said that exports amounted to \$7.6 billion in the January-April period, off 9.6 percent compared to year-ago levels.

Imports, it said, were \$4.4 billion, a jump of 39.9 percent compared to the first four months of 1984.

Mexico has been trying to sell more of its goods abroad in an effort to boost its foreign revenues to help keep current on its \$96 billion foreign debt.

Oil now is the nation's No. 1 source of foreign exchange. A fresh fall in oil prices, as many financial analysts foresee soon, would cut into the country's foreign revenues.

Treasury Secretary Jesus Silva Herzog, traveling in Europe with President Miguel de la Madrid, was quoted on Monday as saying,

Man's home on the range will be in Inner Mongolia

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — A journey started by a confused teen-age soldier in South Vietnam in 1967 is finally being completed in Inner Mongolia by an adviser for the United Nations.

The soldier and the adviser are the same person, a 38-year-old self-proclaimed "cowboy" who is finishing work on a Ph.D. degree in rangeland management at Oregon State University.

It happened this way: Dennis Sheehy joined the Marines in 1966 after finishing high school in the eastern Oregon ranching community of Baker and suffering through a disastrous first year of college. The Marine Corps promptly sent him to Vietnam to serve in an infantry platoon.

Six months after arriving in the war zone, the young soldier developed a plan he thought would allow him "to do things more positive than be out on search and destroy operations." He was going to ask for reassignment to a special Marine unit working closely with South Vietnamese villagers.

But an enemy rifle bullet nearly tore Sheehy's right arm off, shattering his budding plan and ending his tour of military duty. "I was so confused over there, and during the six months back in the States in the hospital staring at cracks in the ceiling," he recalls. "But I had this idea I'd get a degree in Asian studies and try to go back to Vietnam in some type of rural development job. I thought maybe I could do some good that way, help the South Vietnamese people."

He entered the University of Oregon as an Asian studies major and, to improve his chances of getting a job in Vietnam, expanded his coursework, also studying the Chinese language. Four years later, he received a bachelor's degree with a double major in Asian studies and Chinese.

Then Sheehy married and enrolled at the University of Hawaii in a graduate program in Asian studies. But after a year he decided he'd have a better chance of getting the kind of job he wanted with a different type of graduate degree. He switched to Oregon State and earned a master's in rangeland management, the study of how to preserve the range and its native creatures while getting maximum benefit out of raising livestock and other crops.

He and his wife, Marcia, moved to the rugged mountain country of northeastern Oregon to run a beef cattle ranch and started raising a family. While running the ranch in partnership with his father, he did a rangeland-related study for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and in 1982 he started work at Oregon State University on a Ph.D. degree.

But a desire to work in Asia stayed with him, and at last he's realized that ambition with his job in Inner Mongolia as an adviser for the United Nations Range Development Project.

For six months a year the next three years, Sheehy, his wife and their three children will live in a remote part of Inner Mongolia. Getting there involves a 350-mile train ride from Peking, then a 250-mile four-wheel-drive trek that continues after the last dirt road disappears. They'll return to their

Oregon ranch each year after the growing season ends. "It's like stepping back into the sod-busting days of South Dakota in the 1890s. I don't think there's a foreigner for 600 miles," says Sheehy, who visited there for a month before accepting the assignment.

"They use horses and donkey carts to get around. They burn horse, donkey, cow and camel dung for heat. Where we'll be, there's no electricity, no running water."

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Little change in pace, quality of life in coastal town

EDITOR'S NOTE — Break dancing and Betamax have reached Paracale, but in nearly two decades, most things haven't changed very much in this little Filipino coastal town. David Briscoe, Associated Press bureau chief in Manila, returns to the town where he taught English as a U.S. Peace Corp volunteer in 1966.

By **DAVID BRISCOE**
Associated Press Writer
PARACALE, Philippines (AP) — The road to Paracale jars the mind and numbs the senses. Despite unending construction work, the six-kilometer last stretch of a seven-hour bus ride from Manila hasn't improved much in two decades.

Break-dancing and Betamax have come to the little coastal town. But the pace and quality of life have changed little in the 19 years since a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer was first assigned to teach English at the town's high school.

That was in 1966, the same year Ferdinand E. Marcos was first sworn in as president of the Philippines.

Viewed from atop a bouncing sack of rice, the verdant countryside is a series of familiar images — a water buffalo shimmering from a mud bath, a child running from the grinding gears of the over-burdened minibus, an old man lounging on a flat board worn shiny with years of road watching.

Dust mixes in the lungs with the stinging smoke of drying copra and the perfume of passengers, many overdressed and overcleaned for such a primitive ride.

As the Philippines goes through

the social turmoil following the 1983 assassination of opposition leader Benigno Aquino, the town of 25,000 people has never had an anti-government demonstration.

Although Paracale helped vote in opposition Assemblyman Roy Padilla in last May's election, some residents say Marcos could still carry the town in 1987 if he has good local campaigners.

"People in Manila are aroused, while here in the provinces they are contented with what they have, with what happens," said parish priest Efran Sanchez who described Paracale's largely Roman Catholic population as devout but often "too busy trying to find food" to worry about religion.

Nationwide 60 percent inflation last year hit everyone, but in Paracale the impact is lessened because people have long been too poor to buy anything they don't need to survive.

"Most people in Paracale have a piece of land," said former Mayor Lope deMesa. "If I run out of money, I go to my land, collect coconuts and sell them by the piece."

In 1966, a gasoline-powered generator provided only overnight electrical power for the town proper. The plant also produced block ice to keep the fishermen's daily catch fresh for the long trip to Manila.

Today, 24-hour electricity comes over high wires from a distant geothermal generator and dual strands carry power into surrounding villages. But many residents keep appliances and lights off to avoid the high electrical bills.

New businesses include a combination hardware store-ice cream parlor, and one fish dealer has expanded into videotape rentals for the town's growing video movie businesses.

A chalkboard marquee advertises "Revenge of the Ninja" for the equivalent of about 5 cents a head at 7 p.m. in somebody's living room.

In Paracale even the rich live simply, and only those who long ago left town have changed their lifestyle in the last two decades.

One of the town's biggest landowners, former provincial Vice Gov. Serafin Cribie, lives in a bamboo and wood hut on a nearby beach, collecting the equivalent of 10 cents from picnickers.

Few people in Paracale have only one source of income. They either have a store set up on the front porch, a son or daughter sending money from a job in the Middle East, or they pan for gold.

The communist rebellion, apparently growing elsewhere, has barely touched the town.

Capt. Roberto Rosales, who commands the 22-member police force, says the last violent encounter with rebels was in December 1983 when he shot and killed an alleged communist commander trying to escape after he was caught putting up "subversive posters" along the road into town.

Now the most frequent problems are petty theft, drunkenness and an occasional report of drug use at the high school.

There was no indication of drugs at Paracale High School two decades ago, and principal Glicerio deLemios said there is none today.

He said three youths recently arrested with marijuana were not among the school's 943 students.

At the 39th annual Paracale High School graduation, held on an April afternoon in the town plaza, only the dance style and the music had changed from a similar graduation in 1967.

The 174 graduates from the class of '85, all 15 or 16 years old, sat in formal white and black as three youths demonstrated break dancing on the hard concrete stage.

The class valedictorian, Rhodora San Juan, who lives in a tiny wooden hut nextdoor to the school, urged graduates to "develop discipline as a way of life."

The student newspaper, printed only once a year because of limited funds, listed goals for the graduating seniors.

Albert Rubio and Raul de Jesus both want to be president of the Philippines. Several aim at careers in "IBM computer programming" and to hope to be Hollywood comedians. None wants to be a farmer, a fisherman or a miner, which are the main jobs available to people in Paracale.

Of the remembered 1967 graduates, only a handful have stayed in Paracale. Shirley deLemios now teaches under her father. Conrado Yebras runs a little store on Candelaria Street. Jess Dar is a radio announcer in nearby Daet.

Several have gone abroad. Nancy Factor is working in London, England, and class valedictorian Tony Imperio is an engineer in the U.S. Navy in Alabama.

Paracale, a gold-mining boom

town in the 1950s, once had nightclubs, three cinemas and several foreign residents.

After a cave-in that killed 56 miners — old timers still remember the horror as the river bottom gave way, flooding the mine — the town's fortunes turned, the foreigners and the miners left and the town turned to fishing, farming and gold-panning.

But residents still live with the hope the mines will reopen, returning the town to its former glory and prosperity.

Today, no telephone or telegraph connects the town with the outside world. News comes in by radio,

fuzzy television reception, often-delayed newspapers or from passengers on the minibuses.

Private cars are rarely seen along the narrow streets. Nearly everybody walks — to market, to school, to church, to visit relatives or to post a letter. Nothing in town is more than a few steps away.

Two decades ago and today, the wind from the sea blows away any traces of pollution.

After 9 p.m., the street leading from the rain-streaked church in the plaza to the silvery sea is quiet, except for low voices and the occasional slap of rubber slippers on the clean concrete.

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Indonesia promotes national language

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — If the city fathers have their way, the signs on Kentucky Fried Chicken shops here may quote Colonel Sanders as saying "Lezat sekali!" instead of "It's finger lickin' good."

They want non-Indonesian words replaced on signs in public places to promote the national tongue of "Bahasa," which means language.

Barber shop, amusement center, coffee shop, art gallery, drive-in theater and shopping center are among the terms deemed offensive. Officials say businesses with legitimate links to tourism may keep their foreign words but they must be used along with

Indonesian translations.

The city ordinance is part of a campaign to induce Indonesians to speak and write their language correctly. Some officials hope Bahasa Indonesia will eventually become recognized as an international language.

Education Minister Nugroho Notosusanto last year said it was spoken by 180 million people, more than those who speak Arabic, an official language.

He acknowledged that Arabic was used in many countries while Bahasa Indonesia, which is basically the same as Malay, was spoken only in Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei.

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SPORTS SCENE

Nicklaus still working hard at golf game

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer
BIRMINGHAM, Mich. (AP) — Last weekend, with the U.S. Open approaching, Jack Nicklaus decided to get in two days of practice over the demanding Oakland Hills course.

When he arrived, Nicklaus looked around and found no playing partners. He had the course all to himself, unencumbered by the other players who began play in the tournament today.

"Not another player showed up," he said. "That surprised me. It's the Open. You've got to learn the course, spend the time, find the things you'll have problems with, because you will have problems."

"That eliminates a lot of guys from winning. Ten years, 15

years ago, guys really pointed for the U.S. Open. Now there are 20 or 25 courses a year prepared like the Open. Guys feel they don't have to work, prepare for the U.S. Open like they used to."

Then he shrugged.

"Maybe they don't," he said.

That approach simply would not do for Nicklaus, a four-time winner of this prestigious event, who has been struggling with his game lately, and has not won a tour event in over a year.

"Obviously, I have not played well for the last couple of months," he said. "I've worked hard. Hopefully, I'll see improvement. If not, I've got to work harder."

Oakland Hills, dubbed The Monster by no less an authority than Ben Hogan, last hosted the Open in 1961, when a 21-year-old



Jack Nicklaus practices for the U.S. Open.

amateur named Nicklaus finished fourth.

"I'm the only guy in the field who played here in '61," Nicklaus said. "That makes me feel old."

He is 45 now. The advancing years have altered his approach to the game somewhat.

"I work harder at it," he said.

If Nicklaus has changed since the last time he played an Open at Oakland Hills, the course has not — except for the elm tree that once occupied a prominent spot at No. 12.

Nicklaus was one shot behind Gene Littler with seven holes to play that year when a sudden wind gusting a key shot into the elm and helped huff and puff him out of contention.

"I learned young that you need

patience to play this game," he said. "It helped some. I won the next year."

That was at Oakmont in Pittsburgh. There were wins at Baltusrol in 1967 and 1980, and at Pebble Beach in 1972.

He thought of the tour's young players, the ones who didn't practice the course last Friday and Saturday when he did.

"Maybe they don't have to take it as seriously. Maybe they don't realize the amount of preparation they need if they want to be there, Open after Open, PGA after PGA."

Now Nicklaus smiled.

"You'll probably find somebody come in Wednesday and win."

Maltbie, Burns forced to miss Open

HARRISON, N.Y. (AP) — Roger Maltbie is taking the week off. Against his wishes. So is George Burns.

And Ray Floyd is taking a new view of fate and destiny to the suburbs of Detroit and the 85th United States Open Golf Championship.

"Without going into whether it's right or fair, the way the USGA goes about setting up choosing the players for the Open, I think I'm a good enough player to be playing in it," Maltbie said after his dramatic victory Sunday in the Manufacturing Hanover Westchester Classic. Two shots back with two holes to go in regulation, he came out on top in a sudden death playoff with Floyd and Burns that ended on the fourth extra hole.

"But, Maltbie continued, and shrugged, "I had my chance and failed. I didn't qualify. I'd like to be playing the Open, but I won't be."

Burns, too, failed to qualify for the American national championship.

"I like playing in the Open. I've played well there before. I'd like to be playing this week. But I didn't make it," said Burns, who led or shared the lead through the first three rounds at Westchester, birdied the last hole of regulation to gain a playoff spot and then was beaten by Maltbie's birdie putt on the fourth hole.

The veteran Floyd, 42, a winner at Houston earlier this season, appeared to have won again when his great, scrambling finish had given him a closing 65 — despite the handicap of a hooking driver — and put him one in front.

"It's like it was meant to be," he said moments after he had completed his 6-under-par effort.

"The way I was playing today, you wonder if destiny hasn't already decided things."

But destiny had a surprise in store for him — 72nd hole birdies by both Burns and Maltbie to force a playoff, and then Maltbie's winning putt in the playoff.

Floyd, however, took some considerable consolation with him to Oakland Hills.

"It's disappointing to be in that position and not win. But it's very encouraging to even get in that position, to get in contention," said Floyd, a former Masters champion and a two-time winner of the PGA.

"That's what you're trying to do. That's the object. To get in the heat, get in the chase."

"I was able to do that even though I got to hooking the driver and had to play out of some places I'm not accustomed to playing from."

"I was able to make the most of what I had, and that's important in the Open."

"I've been playing better for some time now. And with the Open coming up, it's a good time to be playing better," Floyd said.

Fuzzy Zoeller, who will defend his Open title this week, had a final round 70 at the Westchester tournament, and finished at 286, two strokes over par.

He said, however, that he got through the week with no further problems from a hip ailment that has bothered him in recent weeks and goes into the Open "in good spirits."

Feud expected to highlight meet

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A simmering feud between star pole vaulters Joe Dial and Billy Olson should add spice to the USA-Mobil Outdoor Track and Field Championships this weekend.

The meet at the Indiana University Track and Field Stadium begins Friday with qualifying in nine events, trials in 19 events, semifinals in two events and the women's 10,000-meter final. It continues Saturday with 13 finals, plus qualifying, trials and semifinals, and ends Sunday with 25 finals.

The dispute between Dial, the American record holder in the pole vault at 19 feet, 2 1/4 inches, and Olson, the first American to clear 19 feet indoors, began last month at a meet in Dallas.

"He said my jumps were bogus," Dial recalled, referring to the three times he had sailed over the bar at 19 feet during May.

"I was just kidding him," claimed Olson. "All pole vaulters do that, kid each other. I also told him he had jumped high in little meets, but couldn't do it in big ones."

Dial countered with, "Hey, Billy, I don't have anything to prove to you or anyone else."

"He kept on," continued Dial, who pushed Olson off the runway.

"Things got a little out of hand for a while," Dial said. "I took it for so long. I didn't think I had to take it any longer."

"Before, when he was the best, I

couldn't say anything to him. Now, it's different."

According to Olson, a few minutes after the needling began, "I saw Joe coming towards me with a piece of pole."

"He said, 'I'm going to hit you with this pole.' I thought he was kidding. He dropped the pole, then he tried to push me."

"It was a mismatch, someone his size (5-9, 150 pounds) trying to push me (6-2, 175). I told him he was crazy ... that I was not going to fight. Then, a coach grabbed him."

"Five or 10 minutes later, I asked him, 'What's the deal?' He said, 'I just can't stand it. You rag on me all the time.'"

"He's a little insecure about his ability and about himself," Olson said. "I guess he hasn't gotten much publicity or respect for what he's done. Maybe I haven't given him the respect he's due."

Olson added that he doesn't think that altercation will bother him this weekend.

"I'll beat him with my pole, by jumping higher. That's the best way," Olson said.

"I don't think there'll be any more trouble," Dial said. "I hope that ended it. It doesn't prove who's the best jumper. Sometimes he beats me, sometimes I beat him."

Dial and Olson won't be the only 19-foot vaulters in the meet which will qualify numerous American teams for international competitions in 1985, including the Pacific Conference Games June 22-23 at Berkeley, Calif., the World University Games Aug. 29-Sept. 4 at Kobe, Japan, and the World Cup, Oct. 4-6 at Canberra, Australia.

Also expected to compete are Mike Tully, the Olympic silver medalist, and Earl Bell, Olympic bronze medalist, both of whom cleared 19 feet last year.

Indianapolis may bid for Olympics

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indianapolis, which bills itself as the nation's amateur sports capital, is daring to dream of hosting the biggest sports showcase of all, the Olympics.

"If I heard tomorrow that Indianapolis was going to bid for a future Olympics, it wouldn't surprise me. In fact, I expect it," said Pete Cava, spokesman for The Athletics Congress, the Indianapolis-based sanctioning body for track and field in the United States and host of this weekend's Mobil-USA track championships.

A month ago, the city lured the U.S. Rowing Association from Philadelphia, where it had been based for a century. Three other national governing bodies — the U.S. Gymnastics Federation, U.S. Diving and U.S. Synchronized

Swimming — also make their homes in this heartland city once widely known only for the Indianapolis 500.

Deputy Mayor John L. Krauss said that without natural amenities like a sea coast or mountains to attract visitors, Indianapolis needed an alternative to market itself.

Since the TAC, then the Amateur Athletic Union, relocated here from New York in 1970, the city has steadily pursued sports as a development tool. Its efforts have been fueled by a rare cohesion of public and private forces and driven by the Indiana Sports Corp., a non-profit group dedicated to bringing showcase amateur athletic events to Indianapolis.

The city successfully staged the 1982 National Sports Festival and last year was host for Olympic

trials in diving, swimming and synchronized swimming. The Olympic trials in basketball were in nearby Bloomington. An exhibition game between the Olympic squad and National Basketball Association players drew more than 60,000 to the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis.

Next for the city are the 1987 Pan American Games, the result of an aggressive pitch last December after designated host Ecuador bowed out for financial reasons.

Also upcoming are the national decathlon and heptathlon championships next week, the first combined men's and women's Big Ten indoor track and field meet next February, the NCAA men's outdoor track championships next June and the first world indoor track championships in March 1987.

Says Bob Condron of the U.S. Olympic Committee in Colorado Springs, Colo., "We think it's one of the most progressive cities in the nation. It just has a lot of class, and it's hard to argue with that."

For the 1982 Sports Festival, the community developed world-class facilities for swimming and diving, track and field and cycling. One result was the largest attendance in the festival's history, 250,000, a figure matched by Colorado Springs in 1983.

Condron says if Indianapolis tendered an Olympic bid to the USOC, "We would be very responsive."

Braves prepared to strike

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves voted 27-0 Wednesday to authorize a baseball strike, should the Major League Players Association determine such action is necessary.

"It was a show of support on our side for the union and the executive council," Bruce Benedict, player representative said.

Brett top American League vote-getter

NEW YORK (AP) — Seven of the eight starters for the American League in the 1984 Baseball All-Star Game are leading in early balloting for this year's mid-summer classic.

According to results released Wednesday by the commissioner's office, Kansas City's George Brett is the leading vote-getter in his bid to start at third base for the sixth straight year. Brett has 321,037 votes for the 56th annual game, to be played July 16 at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis.

Leading at their positions are the following 1984 starters: catcher Lance Parrish of Detroit, 226,669; first baseman Rod Carew of California, 202,519; second baseman Lou Whitaker of Detroit, 223,332; shortstop Cal Ripken of Baltimore, 303,066; and outfielders Dave Winfield of New York, 222,177, and Reggie Jackson of California, 188,271.

The only new face is Minnesota outfielder Tom Brunansky, who

has 167,454.

Balloting continues through July 6.

The National League leaders earlier this week were first baseman Steve Garvey, third baseman Graig Nettles and

outfielder Tony Gwynn of San Diego; catcher Gary Carter and outfielder Darryl Strawberry of New York; second baseman Ryne Sandberg of Chicago; shortstop Ozzie Smith of St. Louis; and outfielder Dale Murphy of Atlanta.

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 - Tart
 - Behind
 - Roman
 - Inside (comb. form)
 - Dye
 - Swift aircraft (abbr.)
 - Colorado park
 - Swearword
 - Exclamation
 - Chopping tool
 - Sign at full house (abbr.)
 - Put
 - Eulogy
 - Rocks
 - Oil exporter
 - Church calendar
 - Toucan
 - Seethes
 - Actor Harrison
 - Actor Sparks
 - Last queen of Spain
 - Evil deed
 - Goods for sale
 - Gave inking
 - Bud's sibling
 - Jacob's twin
 - Sharp projection
 - Female saint (abbr.)
 - Ezekiel's nickname
 - Angers
 - Former hockey league
 - Summers (Fr.)
 - Kelp (Lat.)
- DOWN**
- Compass point
 - Southern bread

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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BIT	IDEAL	BUB
SSE	SEEDGE	STY

39 Base of leaf
41 Sign of approaching cold
45 Valuable possession
47 Nile valley region
48 Attending

49 On the briny
51 Peer
52 Lees
53 Compass point
55 New Zealand tree
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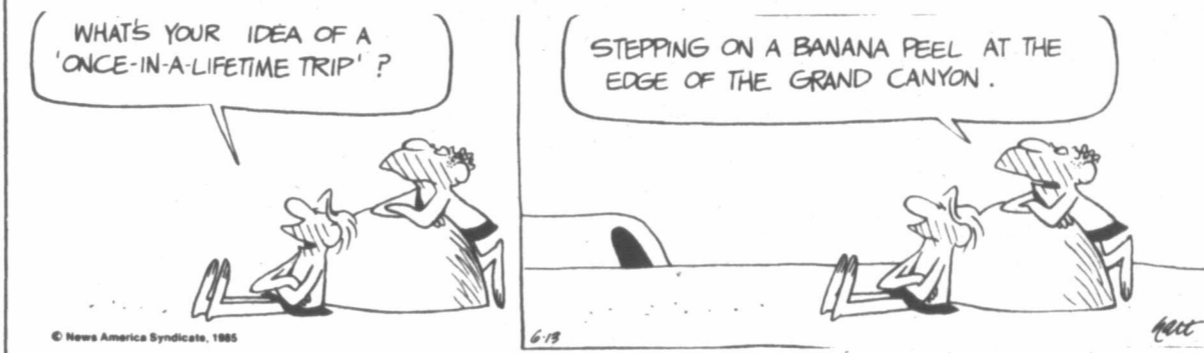
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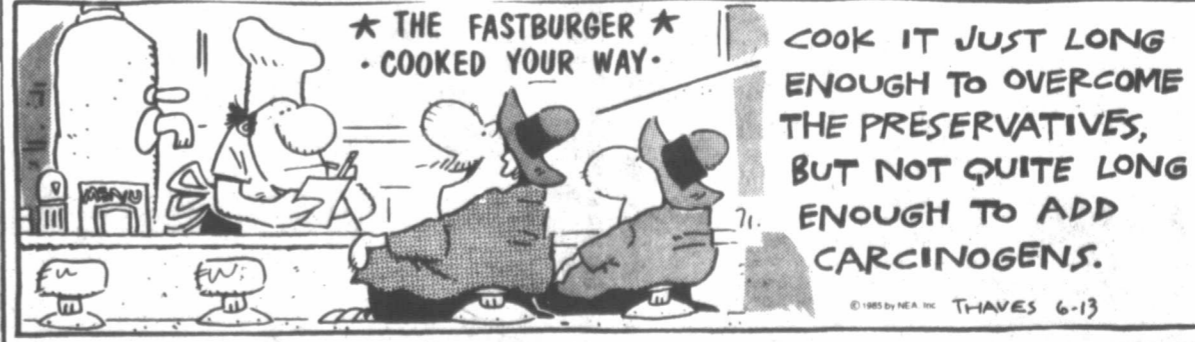
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CANCER (June 21-July 22) Others may say unkind things in your presence today about someone you like. Do what you can to set the record straight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may be a bit dubious about your abilities in competitive situations today. However, if you act brave in front of your opponents, your insecurity will lessen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Guard against tendencies today to postpone or ignore tasks that require your immediate attention. These are not things you can wish away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Joint ventures will fail today if people whom you're involved with behave greedily. In fact, you'll end up feeling very bitter if you're shortchanged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) To be productive today it's imperative you keep your priorities in order. Conclude important matters first before tackling something new.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today there's a likelihood that you will do things in extremes. You'll either push yourself beyond your endurance or completely ignore your responsibilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Normally you're a rather shrewd bargain-hunter, but today your sense of values could be distorted and you might pay more for merchandise than you should.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Personal interests can be advanced today, but try not to do so at the expense of anyone else, especially those who love and trust you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) As long as you rely on your common sense today, you'll assess situations properly. Don't resort to following hunches or premonitions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try not to be self-serving when dealing with others today. If you reach out and try to grab too much, you might come back with just a fist full of air.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take nothing for granted today in matters pertaining to your career or status. Objectives will only be achieved through hard work, not luck or chance.

Dallas barstools empty with Southern Baptists in town

DALLAS (AP) — The largest delegation of Southern Baptists is attending a convention in Dallas this week, but their teetotaling ways are not bringing much business to local bars, local hotel officials said.

"Needless to say, they didn't hit the lounges much at all," said Greg Rardeen, beverage manager for the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Dallas.

Rardeen said the hotel had expected sparsely populated lounges, but added, "We have a good drinking group checking in here today."

More than 45,000 Southern Baptists — twice the size of any previous Southern Baptist Convention — turned out Tuesday to vote for a new president of the 14.3 million-member denomination.

Southern Baptists reserved nearly 6,000 hotel rooms, bringing an estimated \$4.8 million to lodging, restaurant and entertainment businesses. But most Baptists have not been heading for local watering holes since convention business is done.

Anticipating the dry palates of the Southern Baptist conventioners, some hotels made special provisions for their guests during the three-day gathering.

The Passerelle Bar at the Plaza of the Americas Hotel had an hors

d'oeuvre happy hour and publicized a special \$2.50-a-glass fruit punch and "other non-alcoholic drinks" on its welcoming signs.

Alphonso Sunpongco, assistant food and beverage manager, said the hotel's drink revenues were down because of the teetotaling guests.

"We'd be a lot slower if we did not have that special for them," he said.

But not all the visitors have been on the wagon.

Alphonso Johnson, a bartender at another bar in the Plaza of the Americas Hotel, said 60 percent of the guests coming into the lounge have had non-alcoholic drinks, while another 40 percent have ordered alcoholic drinks.

The low alcohol receipts "reflect that they are here for business," said Randy Rhea, public relations assistant at the Bradford Hotel.

"With the controversy (over the presidency), they're not here to sightsee, spend money and have fun," he said.

The lower bar revenues, however, were compensated with more kindness and honesty than usual, workers said.

"I had forgotten to write up a salad on one man's ticket," said Rod Brown, a waiter at a Sheraton Hotel restaurant and bar. But Brown said his customer, a

member of the Baptist convention, pointed it out.

"I told him thank you and said, 'You're a good man,' but he said, 'I'm not a good man, I'm a Christian.'"

Mineral water has replaced wine bottles normally included in fruit baskets sent to hotel rooms.

Some workers complained their tips were lower than usual. But a Bradford Hotel worker said, "I praise the Lord for Baptists as I walk out of here with my pocket full of money."

On Tuesday, Southern Baptists packed local several eateries, including those that sold alcoholic beverages. Lines extended outside the restaurants, and one local restaurant manager was afraid there would not be enough food to go around.

"It was almost like a miracle, because we got down to the last piece of bread" with the last customer, said Karen Carlsson, manager of Sunshine Sally Restaurant and Bar in downtown Dallas.

The restaurant usually sees about \$500 in food sales daily, with bar tabs pulling in another \$150 to \$200.

But Carlsson said Tuesday's food sales brought in \$1,600, with only about \$60 being made in bar sales.



SATORY ARMY EXHIBITION — Visitors of the French Army Satory Camp weapons and equipment exhibition in suburban Paris gather Wednesday around the new AMX 40, a battle tank using the most recent technological developments in the fields of protection, mobility, fire control and firing powers. The tank, reportedly suitable for any operational area, is manufactured by the Army Equipment Industrial Group French company.

Is comparable worth pay equality?

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst
NEW YORK (AP) — The concept of comparable worth conceivably might even lower rather than raise the income of women, who are seen by most proponents as among its chief beneficiaries.

As such, it could become a satire of itself.

Under the concept, adopted to some extent by 20 states, an employer must offer equal pay to men and women who perform different jobs, but the value of which is determined — by some method — to be the same.

It sounds just, since among other things it would appear to assure women of equal treatment financially. But it wouldn't, says

Walter Oi. Instead, he says, it would lower the incomes of most working women.

There are two preambles to the reasoning of the University of Rochester professor, a nationally recognized authority on applied economics who, among other duties, has served as a presidential adviser on handicapped workers.

The first preamble is that comparable worth legislation at the national level would require an administrative system, and that such a system would be able to monitor only the public sector and big companies.

Second of the preambles is that, because the law cannot apply to all areas, there will exist a vast uncovered sector.

"It is reasonable to say that companies of fewer than 1,000 workers would be excluded," he says. "And that means two-thirds of employed women would not be covered."

Comparable worth legislation, he continues, would raise wages in the covered sector but not in the millions of small businesses that employ women.

Right now, wages of men in the national level would require an administrative system, and that such a system would be able to monitor only the public sector and big companies.

While women's wages would rise, Oi is convinced that the larger companies would seek to moderate the impact by simultaneously reducing work requirements in order to lower the wage floor.

These companies, he contends, also will demand greater effort from women they employ at higher wages. As a consequence, says Oi, comparability in the large companies would benefit only energetic, competent women.

In all, he reasons, fewer women would be hired in the monitored companies.

As a consequence, the women who cannot get jobs in the covered, or monitored, sector would be forced down into the uncovered sector, where wages already are lower.

The result of comparable worth legislation, says Oi, "would be good for bright women, but undesirable for most women workers."

Arrested witness offers details on killing of U.S. special agent

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Three reputed drug barons ordered the killing of U.S. special agent Enrique Camarena Salazar after he disclosed American officials considered them "dangerous narcotics traffickers," according to a statement provided by an eyewitness.

Francisco Fonseca, spokesman for the Attorney General's Office, confirmed on Wednesday details provided by the witness, Francisco Javier Tejeda Jaramillo, who has been charged with murder in the case.

Tejeda, 32, told authorities that the reputed drug traffickers — Rafael Caro Quintero, Miguel Felix Gallardo and Ernesto Fonseca — made the "unanimous" decision to order Camarena's death on Feb. 8, according to the spokesman.

The three are considered among

the top four kingpins of the illegal drug trade in Mexico.

Camarena, an agent for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, was abducted on Feb. 7 in Guadalajara, a center of the illegal drug trade in Mexico. His badly beaten body was discovered, along with that of a Mexican pilot who worked with him, on March 5.

After his abduction, Camarena, his face covered and his hands tied, was taken to a house owned by Caro Quintero in Guadalajara where he was beaten by three of Felix Gallardo's associates, according to Tejeda.

"He was in agony," said Francisco Fonseca.

The witness' account states that Ernesto Fonseca and another man, Samuel Ramirez Razo, entered the room where Camarena was being

held and Ramirez asked how the DEA considered the three.

"Camarena responded that they were classified as dangerous drug traffickers in DEA files," said Francisco Fonseca.

Caro Quintero, Felix Gallardo and Ernesto Fonseca then allegedly decided to order Camarena's death, according to the account.

"I think that was the motive for the death," the Attorney General's Office spokesman said.

Tejeda told authorities that Felix Gallardo's associates used material from a pillowcase and adhesive tape to cover Camarena's nose and mouth.

"I believe that in about three minutes Camarena died of asphyxiation," Tejeda said in his statement to authorities.

Special patrol to combat violence

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A 10-man special patrol unit has been created to work parts of the city's north side where recent gang violence left one person dead and nine others injured, officials said.

The ten officers were picked to be on the squad because of their records and interest in helping teen-agers, authorities said. The special patrol will combat escalating violence among gangs in Fort Worth's north side.

A 22-year-old man was shot to death June 2 in a shooting spree that left nine others wounded,

including two children.

Police said tensions among the city's 32 youth gangs had been mounting when the violence erupted June 2.

Two 16-year-old youths and a 20-year-old man have been arrested in connection with the shooting.

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Reagan spokesman is busy keeping press corps at bay

By MICHAEL PUTZEL
AP White House Correspondent
WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes' primary function sometimes seems to be to hold the White House press corps at bay.

Speakes often exercises an acid tongue during his occasionally frustrating give-and-take with reporters at two regular daily briefings, but he has become even more testy in recent weeks. For evidence, look at Tuesday, a more or less routine news day at the White House.

While reviewing President Reagan's effort to win congressional approval of aid to Nicaraguan rebels, Speakes volunteered: "We find it interesting to note that we're asking for around \$27 million over parts of two fiscal years, and we found that (Nicaraguan leader Daniel) Ortega, on his sweep of the Soviet Union and their satellite countries, returned with \$393 million in promises, including \$202 million from the Soviet Union."

A reporter asked if the White House spokesman meant to equate the financing of an entire country with the financing of the Contra rebels.

"We're equating the willingness of Congress to support freedom fighters in Central America against a dictatorship which has gone to the Soviet Union and made a fairly large haul of cash," Speakes replied.

When another reporter sought to return to Speakes' customary rundown of the day's schedule, the spokesman said, "I'm coming to all that; I can't get to it. People rose to the defense of the Nicaraguans, and I had to spend time."

One of the reporters in the briefing room demanded an apology, since the spokesman had raised the issue on his own initiative and no one had spoken in defense of the Sandinista regime.

"Sorry, you can't have it," Speakes snapped. He went on to discuss the schedule.

Quoting President Reagan as telling audiences in recent speeches that he had received "a mountain" of mail, "a tidal wave" of letters and telegrams in support of his plan to overhaul the tax system, the reporter asked, "How many letters make a tidal wave,

how many build a mountain?" "Well," Speakes said when asked for details, "there are about 40,000 letters that are on hand, unopened, in the mail room of the White House. Whether they all pertain to taxes I would doubt."

"We could not give you an accurate count because we simply are not up to date in opening the

mail," he said.

A few minutes later, Speakes tired of answering questions about how and when Reagan made his decision to continue abiding by the SALT II treaty, inaccurate reports of which were widely published in the days before the White House announced the president's position on Monday.

Budget bargaining stalled over minor differences

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two days into negotiations, House and Senate bargainers on the 1986 budget are bogged down over relatively minor differences and conference committee chairman Sen. Pete V. Domenici says it could spell big trouble ahead for producing a compromise.

"I wouldn't be surprised if we got to an impasse," said the New Mexico Republican. "But we're not there just yet."

Despite some early progress on Tuesday, in a full day of bargaining on Wednesday the House-Senate panel could agree on nothing.

On Wednesday:

—House conferees refused to go along with the Senate proposal for \$123 million in fees on government-backed mortgages and loans over the next three years, a fee supporters said would amount to about \$2 a month on the average \$50,000 home mortgage. Senate negotiators refused to back away from the fee proposal,

leaving the issue unresolved.

—House bargainers rejected the Senate's 10 percent reduction in funds for Congress and congressional agencies like the Library of Congress and the Congressional Budget Office.

—Senate conferees turned down a House proposal to reduce filling the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve in Louisiana and Texas from the current 159,000 barrels a day to 50,000 barrels, standing by a three-year moratorium on pumping any oil into the reserve. An effort to compromise and reduce the rate to 35,000 a day was also rejected.

"I don't know how we're going to get a real budget," Domenici told reporters after the unproductive day of negotiations. "I'm getting a little more discouraged."

He said efforts to reach agreement on fundamental differences between the budgets passed by the two houses would be "very, very difficult" in view of the

inability to agree on less controversial issues "that don't affect defense or pensions."

Although both chambers have passed packages cutting spending next year by \$56 billion, the Senate version would cancel next year's cost-of-living increase of Social Security recipients and eliminate 13 federal programs while allowing defense spending to rise with the rate of inflation.

The House budget protects the Social Security increase, kills only one program — revenue sharing — and freezes Pentagon spending authority at 1985 levels.

"The fact that I'm smiling reveals that I think it's a joke," Reagan told reporters. He was also overheard saying that a tax increase would be passed "over my dead body."

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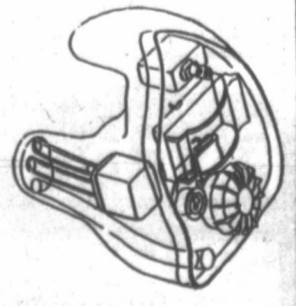
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