

Auto workers strike appears certain

DETROIT (AP) — A nation-wide strike by 170,000 Ford Motor Co. workers appeared certain for midnight today after United Auto Workers bargainers, rejecting the company's latest offer, left the negotiating room with no plans to return.

President Ford said in Washington today a strike would hurt the nation's economy and he expressed hope a settlement still is possible.

A strike could have would have some unfavorable aspects as far as the economy is concerned, Ford said in an interview on NBC's "Today Show."

A Ford spokesman said today negotiators for both sides were on call but no meetings were scheduled. The spokesman said there were no reports of substantial absenteeism this morning when the first shift checked in at Ford plants.

UAW President Leonard Woodcock said Monday he feared it would be absolutely

impossible to arrive at an agreement before the 11:59 p.m. EDT deadline.

He said there was only a one-in-a-hundred chance of avoiding the first full-scale walkout against Ford since 1967.

Even Ford officials conceded for the first time that they no longer were hopeful of avoiding a strike over a new three-year contract. "I'm not particularly optimistic," the company's top bargainer, Vice President Sidney F. McKenna, said in an announcing details of the firm's latest offer.

A strike would force shutdown of 102 facilities in 22 states — from Massachusetts to California — and paralyze the nation's No. 2 auto maker.

If the UAW strikes and the walkout is a prolonged one, up to 170,000 auto supply employees could face layoffs.

In addition, a spokesman for Ford Canada said that even though both sides agreed to ex-

tend the current contract for Ford workers in Canada, a strike in the United States would lead to the layoffs of 14,000 employees within a week due to parts shortages.

Financial analysts say a brief strike would have no harsh impact on Ford, its workers or the economy. However, a walkout of more than four weeks could begin to hurt the firm and its employees financially and dampen the nation's economic recovery.

The auto companies, claiming they are pacing the nation's recovery from the recession which occurred two years ago, have warned that a work stoppage could hand the economy a sharp setback.

Union spokesmen said Woodcock's early warning Monday that a strike was coming might prompt workers to hit the bricks before midnight.

After Woodcock just about quashed any last hopes for setting peacefully, UAW and com-

pany negotiators packed their briefcases and left Ford headquarters in suburban Dearborn by 8 p.m. EDT.

Both sides said they would be available to resume talks today but no specific time was set and neither side displayed any great urgency to reconvene.

There's much, much too big a gap to bridge in the short time remaining, a somber Woodcock declared at a news conference Monday night. "It's absolutely impossible in my opinion," he added when asked if a strike could be avoided.

Woodcock's comments came after Ford made a third contract offer, which included for the first time a concession on a top UAW demand for reducing work time to preserve current jobs and create new ones.

However, the union rejected the package as skimpy and said the two sides remained as far apart as ever on the union's major demands.

DETROIT (AP) — Here is a rundown on the contract talks between the United Auto Workers and Ford Motor Co.

CURRENT CONTRACTS

Total auto workers covered: About 700,000 at the four car makers, including 170,000 at Ford. Separate agreements covering 38,000 Canadian workers at GM and Ford are negotiated simultaneously.

Duration: Fall 1973 until 11:59 p.m. EDT Sept. 14, 1976.

Current average base hourly wage: \$6.88 (ranging from \$6.57 for assembler to \$9 for top-rated skilled tradesman).

Total hourly pay increases under current pact: \$1.70 in 1976, \$1.14 in cost of living adjustments and 36 cents in general wage increases.

Current hourly cost of fringe benefits: \$4.

Paid days off a year: 30 to 33 in holiday and vacation time.

NEW CONTRACT

Top union demands: More paid days off to preserve current jobs and create new ones; a substantial wage increase; a better cost of living formula; pension improvements; expanded supplemental unemployment benefits (SUB) for laid-off workers; extended health care coverage paid entirely by company.

Latest company offers: Up to 5 more days off with tight restrictions; based on seniority and absenteeism; pay raise of about 3 per cent a year; continuation of current cost-of-living formula; no major changes in

pension plan; better company financing of SUB as well as some new restrictions; changes in health coverage so that money that otherwise would go to new wage hikes would help pay future premium increases.

THE UAW

Members: 1.4 million in the United States and Canada, second largest independent union in the United States.

President: Leonard Woodcock.

Ford Department vice president: Ken Bannon.

Strike fund: \$175 million; a record. The UAW estimates it could sustain a four-month walkout at Ford.

Weekly strike benefits: \$40 for single worker; \$45 for couple; \$50 for family.

FORD MOTOR CO.

Employment: 440,000 worldwide; 220,000 in U.S.; 112,000 in Michigan.

UAW represented workers: 170,000 in 22 states, including 84,000 in Michigan.

U.S. facilities: 102 plants, depots and research and engineering facilities in 23 states, including 43 in Michigan.

Worldwide revenues (1975, 1st half 1976): \$24 billion; \$15.4 billion.

Net income (1975, 1st quarter 1976): \$323 million; \$770 million.

Annual U.S. payroll (1975): \$3.56 billion.

Top Officers: Chairman, Henry Ford II; President, Lee A. Iacocca.

Glance at auto talks

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Bank drive-in growing

Stanley Freel, construction worker with Reid and Gary Strickland Co., Amarillo, works on the First National Bank's new drive-in facility between Francis and Browning on Cuyler. Floyd Watson, bank president, said target completion date of the \$311,000 project will be "around Christmas, before the first of the year." The facility will have 10 drive-in windows, but the bank will operate only eight to start. Hours at the new windows will be 8-6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. (Pampa News photo by Michal Thompson)

Ford nixes membership, stirs Vietnamese wrath

By SERGE SCHEMANN Associated Press Writer UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — A reported French proposal to postpone debate on Vietnam's application for United Nations membership gained support today in the face of a veto by the United States. Security Council sources said.

The French move was made with the agreement of Vietnam following an announcement from Washington that the United States would veto Vietnam's admission, the sources said.

They said Vietnamese diplomats called council members this morning and asked them to support postponement. Apparently as a result of the French initiative, the council cancelled a scheduled meeting of its membership committee and instead met in private consultations.

Ambassador William W. Scranton announced in Washington Monday after a meeting with President Ford that would veto the Vietnamese application because Hanoi has failed to account for about 800 Americans still listed as missing in action (MIA) in Vietnam.

Scranton asserted that the veto had nothing to do with the American presidential campaign. But a Vietnamese communique said: "It is no secret to anyone that Mr. Ford's real concern is not on American MIAs and their families but on the vote in his election campaign."

Jimmy Carter, Ford's Democratic presidential opponent, said Monday that he agrees with President Ford's refusal to allow Vietnam to join the United Nations.

Carter also said in Phoenix, Ariz., that he would not move to establish normal relations with Hanoi until U.S. was convinced personally that the Vietnamese government had done everything humanly possible to provide a complete accounting of our men who are listed as missing in action.

A number of diplomats whose governments are friendly to the United States said they appreciated the emotional strength of the MIA issue. But they expressed regret that Washington was losing an opportunity to establish ties with Vietnam and counter the growing Soviet presence in Indochina.

It was believed that all coun-

cil members but the United States would support Vietnam's application and strong attacks on the American position were expected from Communist and nonaligned members.

The nonaligned countries have already declared that "any opposition to the admission of Vietnam is legally and morally irrelevant, indefensible and unjustifiable."

Scranton said that by withholding information on the missing men, Vietnam was failing to meet U.N. criteria that a member must be "peace-loving" and "humanitarian." He accused Hanoi of "brutal" and "inhumane" treatment of the families of missing men.

Daughter appointed JP

Mrs. Venora Anderson Cole, daughter of the late E.L. Anderson, Justice of Peace, Precinct 2, Place 2, was appointed by the Gray County Commissioners Court today to fill the unexpired term of her father.

Funeral services for Judge Anderson, who died Friday after holding the post 10 years, were held Monday. His term would have expired Dec. 31, 1978.

Mrs. Cole had worked in her father's office for the past two years.

Wanda Carter, county clerk, said to her knowledge Mrs. Cole will be the first woman justice of peace for Pampa.

McLean and Lefors have women justices of peace.

Mrs. Cole, 54, a native of Pampa, and her husband, Don, have three daughters — Gail Giesler, Donna Maul and Candy Tefteller.

She will assume duties this week.

Utility hike gets 1st okay

BY TEX DEWESE Pampa News Staff

City Commissioners today approved on first reading seven ordinances adopting Pampa's \$3.2 million operating budget for fiscal 1976-77 and the 7 per cent increases in all city utility fees.

Final reading of the ordinances is scheduled for Sept. 28. The new fiscal year starts Oct. 1.

Upon final approval, Pampa residents will find their water, sanitary sewer and trash collection fees showing the 7 per cent increases on first city utility bills received after Oct. 1.

The \$3.2 million budget is an increase of \$212,000 over the budget for the current year ending Sept. 30.

Also approved on first reading was another ordinance renewing the current \$1.95 city tax rate on each \$100 of assessed property.

City Manager Mack Wofford said all utility rates will be increased with exception of the minimum residential charge of \$4.50 for the first 3,000 gallons of water used.

The rates, the city manager stated, were hiked by the city commission to offset a nearly \$100,000 deficit that was faced in the new budget over anticipated revenue for the coming year.

Commissioners also approved a request for increased fees by the Metropolitan Ambulance Service.

The City will increase its

monthly payment to the ambulance company from \$1,400 to \$1,600. Standard service calls made between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. will go up from \$30 to \$40 and calls between 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. will be hiked from \$35 to \$45. All other rates in addition to the standard service will remain the same.

An ordinance affecting Pampa motorists was passed on final reading. It changed the speed limit from 15 miles an hour to 20 miles in all city school zones.

Approval was given to an ordinance on first reading that would recognize licenses from other cities for the performance of electrical work in Pampa.

Payment of Estimate No. 9 in the amount of \$69,484.60 to West Tex Construction Co. was approved for work on the city's sewage treatment plant which City Manager Wofford said was now 40.3 per cent completed.

The city manager was asked to give further study of the effect on Pampa's key fire insurance rate by a request for a change in fire zones for two blocks of S. Cuyler St. south of Brown St.

Approval was given for the payment of bills in the amount of \$222,823 including a \$163,533 annual payment to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority for Pampa's share of the Canadian River Dam construction.

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Cabot's Machinery Division is offering on-the-job training for welders who want to work in the plant west of Pampa. Story on page 10.

Tax cuts called political ploy

By LEE JONES Associated Press Writer AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — An architect of Medicaid and Medicare predicted today that the United States will have a comprehensive national health security program within 15 years.

Wilbur Cohen, Secretary of Health Education and Welfare in 1968, addressed a Lyndon B. Johnson Library symposium on social programs of the John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson administrations.

In Monday's session, Minnesota Gov. Wendell Anderson asserted that federal income tax cuts are a political ploy and work against the interests of poor persons.

"I would guess that 15 years from the present there will be in place a comprehensive national health security program. It will have been built upon the

experience with Medicare and Medicaid," Cohen said.

Cohen outlined the fight for Medicare and Medicaid against American Medical Association opposition from the time he helped draft the first bill as a young congressional aide in 1943.

The enactment of Medicare and Medicaid (in 1965) must be considered a great legislative achievement by President Johnson when it is realized that the proposal was defeated in 1960, 1962 and 1964. Gerald R. Ford voted against it in the House despite my fervent appeal to him to remain neutral and voted against it on adoption of the conference report," he recalled.

Cohen noted the current revelations of fraud, gaps and cost overruns in the medical assistance program.

"They are there, and I have every confidence that there will be amendments which will close these loopholes. But I am also certain that the ingenuity of the American businessman and the taxpayer will discover new loopholes," he said.

Those who long for perfect legislation in the American environment do not recognize the imagination, creativity, genius, study, research and conspiracy which exist in the mind and hearts of one or two per cent of our adult population," Cohen added.

When the bills were before Congress, Cohen said, no one attempted to prevent some of the abuses that later arose.

"There was no voice in Congress for effecting constraints on physicians' incomes, hospital costs, nursing home charges or profits or for any change in

the health delivery system. These demands came only after the system was in full swing," he said.

During Monday's session, University of Texas executive Bob Hardesty read a statement from Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter, who had been invited to attend along with President Ford.

"If I am elected president, I will try to build on the enduring framework of the Great Society and the New Frontier. I will not abandon the vision of an America where poverty has vanished and injustice is no more," the Carter statement said.

But, he added, "we have been forced to recognize that federal resources are not infinite."

Anderson asserted in his remarks that "Every time they (Congress) have supported a tax reduction, they have created a problem for local officials and a burden for the poor."

He said that when federal funds for state and local programs are reduced because of tax cuts, "property taxes and sales taxes go up, and those are the taxes that poor people pay."

Speaking in a state whose governor, Dolph Briscoe, is dedicated to a no-new-taxes governmental philosophy, Anderson spoke with pride of passing increases in personal and corporate income taxes through the Minnesota legislature.

"What did we do with the money? By and large, we tried to help poor people," Anderson said. He said property taxes were frozen and state income



On the auction block Darlene Spencer, clerk with the Pampa Police Department, and Lt. Det. J.J. Ryzman display a few of the 93 items from the police department's property room which will be auctioned Sept. 25. Pampa Police Chief Richard Mills said the auction is an annual event and items to be sold this year include radios, eight-track stereo tapes, bicycles, tool boxes, clothing and several weapons. Mills said lists of the 93 items are posted at Lovett Memorial Library, the Courthouse, the police department and on the main bulletin board in the City Hall. Ryzman will serve as auctioneer and the sale will start at 9:30 a.m. on the City Hall parking ramp by the police department. All sale proceeds will go to the city's general fund. (Pampa News photo by Michal Thompson)

Nixon aide denies bribe

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate subcommittee will explore further a charge that an aide in the Nixon White House asked a former Grumman Corp. official for a \$1-million campaign contribution in return for promoting the firm's sale of aircraft to Japan.

Witnesses expected to testify later before the panel include the aide, Richard Allen, then-President Richard M. Nixon's deputy assistant for economic affairs in 1972, and some Grumman executives. Allen denied Monday that he had solicited campaign funds, and Grumman denied making any contributions to the Nixon campaign.

Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, said that before the Senate subcommittee on multinational corporations reconvenes hearings on Sept. 24, he will try to find out if the proposed aircraft sale is mentioned in records of a 1972 summit meeting at Honolulu between Nixon and then-Prime Minister of Japan Kakeui Tanaka.

Dr. Thomas B. Cheatham, former president of Grumman International, testified Monday that in April 1972 he was solicited for the contribution when he attempted to get Nixon to bring up the matter of Grumman aircraft sales at the upcoming Honolulu summit talks.

Cheatham testified that in 1972 Grumman was trying to sell the E2C reconnaissance airplane to Japan and that he was seeking the help of the Nixon administration.

After talking awhile, Allen walked him through the halls of the Executive Office Building on the way to the door and suggested the project was a difficult one and "people whom the White House made an effort for should be grateful," according to Cheatham.

Cheatham said when he asked Allen what he meant, the presidential aide replied, "I think the E2 is worth about a million dollars" in the form of a contribution to Nixon's 1972 presidential campaign.

Allen told reporters Monday that the charge is "so far out, it's ludicrous. Anybody and everybody knew that I had nothing to do with raising campaign funds."

In Tokyo, Japan's minister of state for defense, Michita Sakata, told a news conference he would investigate the report from Washington.

Allen, who left the White House in 1972 and is now an international economics consultant in Washington, will be called to testify before the Senate subcommittee, Church said.

Cheatham, who has since left Grumman and is a defense con-

sultant, said he told Allen that he was in no position to promise any campaign contributions to Nixon. He said he told Allen he would arrange a luncheon between Allen and higher ranking Grumman officials. Cheatham said he did not attend the luncheon.

Grumman Corp. issued a statement Monday which said Allen visited its headquarters in Bethpage, N.Y., for a meeting in mid-1972 arranged by Cheatham. However, the statement said there was "no discussion of political contributions" then and Grumman made no contributions to the Nixon re-election drive.

SCS to meet Wednesday

A 12-item agenda will be considered when the board of the Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District meets at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Gray County Courthouse Annex.

The board will discuss easements on the Red Deer Creek Watershed and the McClellan Creek Watershed and members will certify land rights on the McClellan-Creek Watershed.

The 1977 plan of operations for the district will be formulated at the meeting and the board will be asked to complete the annual report.

Members will review letters from Washington, D.C. on Soil Conservation Service activities in the Gray County district during August.

Also slated for discussion will be the Soil Conservation Service accepting second contracts in the Great Plains Program. Attendance at the state meeting in McAllen will be discussed.

The board will review for approval the Great Plains average costs for 1977 and will be asked to review and approve Great Plains applications on Rob Brown and Jim Williams and to approve conservation plans on Brown and Williams.

In other action, the board will hear the minutes of the last meeting and will be asked to approve current bills for payment.

Buckley faces challenge

NEW YORK (AP) — New York's Democratic voters pick a U.S. Senate nominee today from a five-candidate field that sprawls across the party's ideological spectrum. It includes a flamboyant congressman, a loquacious professor, a former U.S. attorney general, a party warhorse and a man who builds parking garages.

When the voting is over, the Democrats — who have lost every Senate race in the state but one in the past 25 years — will have just seven weeks to patch up the wounds of a divisive campaign and try to beat incumbent Republican-Conservative Sen. James Buckley, who faces a challenge himself.

Primary elections also were being held today in 11 other states: Minnesota, Massachusetts, Colorado, Nevada, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, Utah, Wyoming and Wisconsin.

Or Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the Harvard University don and former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, who says the Democratic party has drifted too far left and may be forgetting that America is "very much worth defending."

Or former U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, a onetime Texan who talks in a quiet drawl about major shifts in the nation's priorities and says the others lack the "political courage" to take "difficult positions," such as his advocacy of wage and price controls.



Former Congressman Bob Price of Pampa introduced his mother, Mrs. Gladys Price, 79, of Reading, Kan., during a Monday meeting of the American Association of Retired Persons at the Senior Citizens Center. (Pampa News photo by Michal Thompson)

Price speaks to senior citizens

By ANNA BURCHELL
Pampa News Staff

Former Congressman Bob Price of Pampa told the American Association of Retired Persons, Pampa Chapter, that one of the first lessons he learned was not everyone thinks as he does.

"Consequently I learned to respect the ideas and thoughts of others," he said.

Price was speaker for the group's Monday meeting at the Senior Citizens Center. A special guest was his mother, Mrs. Gladys Price, 79, of Reading, Kan.

She came to spend about four days with the Prices "and I've been here a month," she said. "And I just brought summer clothes."

Price, a Republican, is seeking re-election to the post he lost in 1974 to Jack Hightower, a Democrat from Vernon.

The speaker commented on a breakdown in homes — "the

building blocks that built our country."

Churches also are important, he emphasized.

"As he discussed education, he asked how many had volunteered to serve on boards that hire the teachers who mold the lives of youth."

"How many have helped as a county commissioner, a mayor or in leadership to make this a better community?" he inquired. "After all this state doesn't belong to politicians — it belongs to you and me."

Speaking of a lack of concern in this district he said 92,000 voters were registered in 1974, and only 19 per cent voted.

"When people tell me they are concerned the facts do not prove it," he said. "But retired persons have the highest percentages of voting records — their parents taught them it was an honor and a responsibility."

He told the group that the national debt now equals

\$132,000 per person.

"Somewhere down the line we must quit spending more than we are taking in," he stressed.

Striking out at his opponent he said, "We need someone in Congress who will speak out for the views of our people. We simply have not had this."

He told the group that he had supported the Social Security increases which have taken place from year to year.

"I think the federal government has a responsibility to see that the money (Social Security funds) are there."

While in Congress, Price said he helped Cabot get contracts for the production in his area. As a member of the Armed Services Committee, he said helped get \$175 million into his district.

During a question and answer session, Frances Perkins, a member of the group, said, "I'll tell you we have more problems right here in Pampa than in Washington, D.C."

Price said he understood. Another spoke up with a statement that "every time we get a raise in our Social Security everything goes up."

One member said she appreciated the newsletters Price sent from Washington. He said he spent \$10,000 a year of his own money to keep the district informed. However, he said allotments have increased since he first went into office — about 10 years ago — when the Congressman was allowed only six trips a year home at government expense.

"You paid for the rest yourself," he said.

They are now allowed 26 trips a year home, he said.

"I'm a farmer and rancher here. I'm trying to do nothing but good for these people. I have always had a concern for working people. I'm not going to say that I'm going to turn this whole country around. That isn't true — but some of us have to work at it," he concluded.

Croatians' bail \$1 million each

NEW YORK (AP) — Five Croatian nationalists, held on \$1 million bail each on air piracy charges after a weekend the pilot called "60 hours of hell," also have been charged with second-degree murder in the bomb death of a policeman.

Federal and local authorities were to meet today to decide who should get first crack at prosecuting the four men and a woman, who used fake bombs to force a New York-to-Chicago Trans World Airlines 727 jet to fly to Paris.

A real bomb the hijackers claimed responsibility for leaving in a Grand Central Station locker here killed a policeman, who was to be buried today.

Police officials declined to comment Monday on published

reports that the hijackers also had been questioned about a still-unsolved bombing last Dec. 29 at LaGuardia airport, where they boarded the TWA flight Friday. The earlier bomb, which killed 12 persons and injured 75, also was planted in a locker.

The hijacking, carried out to gain publicity for the cause of Croatian independence from Yugoslavia, provoked inter-

national recriminations on Monday.

The Yugoslav government accused the United States of tolerating anti-Yugoslav terrorists, a charge denied by the State Department in Washington. United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim repeated his pleas for international action "against this kind of threat to international life."

Capt. Richard Carey, 40-year-old pilot of the hijacked plane,

criticized the handling of the crisis by French authorities. He said the 55 hostages aboard the plane were in greatest danger while on the ground in Paris.

Noting that he and the other hostages believed all along that the hijackers were carrying real dynamite sticks, he added, "I would like to have had more support from the French. I was given an ultimatum that restricted the negotiations."

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College costs soar to record heights

By LOUISE COOK
Associated Press Writer

Back to school can bring budget blues to college students and their families these days, with costs soaring to record levels. But a number of government programs are available to ease the bite.

The College Entrance Examination Board says that the average student at a four-year college, living on campus, will

have to spend \$4,568 this year. That's 6 per cent more than it cost last year and 54 per cent more than it cost in 1970.

Both the Republicans and the Democrats in this election year have urged increased federal support of higher education.

President Ford says his policy is guided by two basic principles: "First, no student should be denied access to a postsecondary education be-

cause of financial barriers. Second, in most cases, aid should be provided to individuals rather than to institutions."

The Democratic platform calls for "a coordinated and reliable system of grants, loans and work study." It also says the federal government "should directly provide cost-of-education payments to all higher education institutions... to help cover per-student costs, which far exceed those covered by tuition and fees."

The U.S. Office of Education

supports five programs of student assistance: basic educational opportunity grants, supplemental educational opportunity grants, college work-study, national direct student loans and guaranteed student loans.

The grant programs provide outright gifts; the loans must be repaid.

The amount of money available to an individual generally is determined on the basis of financial need and academic eligibility. Information on the programs is usually available

through a school financial aid officer.

In order to qualify for a basic grant, a student must be attending an approved institution: a four-year college, a community or junior college, a vocational school, a technical institute or a hospital school of nursing. The student must be enrolled on at least a half-time basis in a program of study which lasts for six months or longer. You can file an application to find out whether you are eligible for a basic grant as soon as you are accepted for enrollment; the sooner the better. Once you are notified of your eligibility, you must submit the notice to your school, which will determine the amount of the award. Applications to determine eligibility are available by writing P.O. Box 84, Washington, D.C. 20004. The supplemental grants are

for students of exceptional financial need who would not be able to finish their education without the extra money. The program is limited to undergraduates; graduate students are not eligible. The grants range from \$200 to \$1,500 a year, with a maximum of \$4,000 over four years and \$5,000 over five years.

The national direct student loan program enables students to borrow up to \$2,500 if they are enrolled in a vocational program or have finished less than two years of a program leading to a bachelor's degree. Students who have completed two years toward a bachelor's degree can borrow up to \$5,000 and graduate students can apply for up to \$10,000. Repayment begins nine months after you leave school and you can stretch the payments over a 10-year period. There is a 3 per

cent interest charge on the unpaid balance during the repayment period; you pay no interest for the period you are in school.

The guaranteed loan program enables the student to borrow directly from a bank, credit union, etc. who is willing to make an educational loan. It is guaranteed by a state or private nonprofit agency or insured by the federal government. The maximum you can borrow each year is \$2,500, or \$7,500 for undergraduate or vocational study. The ceiling on interest is 7 per cent.

The work-study program pro-

vides jobs for students who have great financial need and must earn part of their expenses. To qualify, a student must be enrolled at least half time as a graduate, undergraduate or vocational student at an approved, postsecondary institution.

The school arranges jobs on or off campus with a public or private nonprofit agency. Students may work up to 40 hours a week depending on financial need, class schedule and health and academic progress. The salary is generally at least equal to the minimum wage.



To chair conference

Pampa High School chemistry teacher Elaine Ledbetter has been selected to chair a session during the 23rd annual Conference for the Advancement of Science Teaching Oct. 28-30 at Texas A&M University in College Station. The conference is designed to improve science teaching in Texas schools.

Cruise ship leaves slot machines behind

GALVESTON, Tex. (AP) — The controversial cruise ship Vera Cruz I has departed from the Port of Galveston for Miami, leaving behind its gambling equipment, including at least 90 slot machines, a roulette wheel and several black jack tables.

The vessel, owned by Bahama Cruise Line, Inc., had been scheduled for nine cruises from Galveston and Corpus Christi.

But a district judge in Austin placed it in receivership for allegedly failing to have a license to do business in Texas and for not paying taxes on previous cruises.

The legal maneuvering started Friday when the ship owners learned that state officials planned to seize the gambling equipment. Bahama attorneys obtained a temporary restraining order to prevent the con-

finiscation.

The ship's owners later withdrew their request for injunctive relief and moved out of the Port of Galveston's Pier 15 Saturday only to be ordered back by the U.S. Coast Guard, who claimed the Vera Cruz did not clear customs.

The ship remained off shore near the Bolivar Peninsula until its gambling equipment was removed.

Joe Max Taylor, chief deputy sheriff for Galveston County, said the ship was ordered back into port by local officials Sunday and the owners of the ship complied.

Disposition of the seized equipment awaits a court decision, Taylor said. He said no criminal charges have been filed in the case.

Owners of the ship claim the seizure will cost them about \$250,000 in lost revenue.

Fewer vegetables canned this year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Production this year of six selected vegetable crops bound for the fresh market should be significantly higher this year than last, but the major vegetable crops contracted for food processors to can are way down, the Agriculture Department reports.

That could mean a small price break for consumers and more demand from them on the fresh produce side of the supermarket in the coming months.

But in the canned-goods aisles, such may not be the case as processors try to improve their cost-and-profit margins by reducing the new supply after a bountiful year. Prices to the farmers who produce for the canners presumably should also improve with the smaller harvest.

The USDA reports late last week showed that the national output of the seven major vegetables under contract for canning and other processing is forecast as of Sept. 1 at 10.6 million tons, a drop of 15 per cent. Only 1.4 million acres of contracted vegetables will be harvested, a decline of 16 per cent, it said.

Those vegetables include lima beans, down 37 per cent in

harvested acreage, canning beets, down 21 per cent, sweet corn, down 13 per cent, and canning tomatoes, down 17 per cent. Others are snap beans, green peas and spinach.

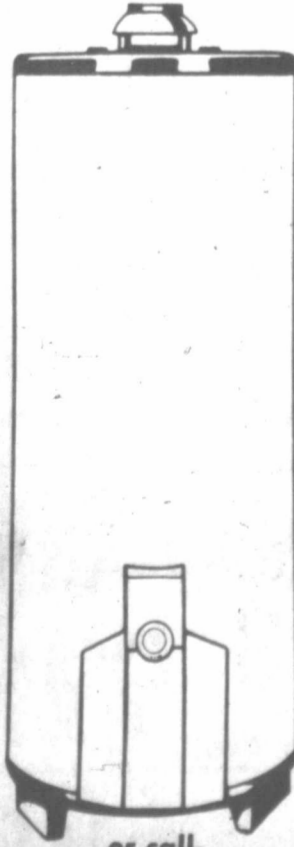
In the fresh-market report, artichoke production came out 4 per cent above the 1975 crop, with the asparagus crop up 10 per cent, brussels sprouts acreage down 9 per cent because of a shortage of irrigation water, onions up 8 per cent and summer storage onions up 18 per cent.

The final 1976 estimate of the strawberry crop in major producing states was pegged at 5.1 million hundredweight, an increase of 6 per cent with yields of 218 hundredweight an acre, a 7.39 per cent jump.



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Airport security doesn't change

By The Associated Press
While authorities in New York City attempted to determine whether airport security had been breached in the hijacking of a Trans World Airlines jet, officials at many of the nation's airports said Monday they have not increased security as a result of the hijacking.

in Chicago; Los Angeles; Boston; Baltimore; Washington; St. Louis; Des Moines; Iowa; Cleveland; San Francisco; Phoenix, Ariz.; and Atlanta told The Associated Press that they had not taken special measures because of the hijacking by five Croatian nationalists.

Officials at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport were the only ones who said security had been increased.

At other major airports, officials said they were awaiting information on exactly what happened at La Guardia Airport — where the New York-to-Chicago skyjacked flight originated — before implementing any changes in security.

Federal officials were trying to determine how the hijackers got aboard the plane materials that resembled explosives, but which turned out to be harmless clay.

The hijacking, which spanned four nations, was the first in the United States since April 1975, and the first successful one since November 1972, before federal officials instituted tighter airport security.

Jack Cunningham, chief of police for the Port of Portland, Ore., which runs Portland International Airport, said today

that the FAA sent out a teletype message asking airports and port authorities to take a closer look at their security in view of the hijacking.

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration, John Leyden, said, "I'm not aware of any specific action (increased security) taken at this point."

"One of the first things we want to find out is how these people got through — whether they did indeed, get through security or somehow bypassed it. If it's determined they got through it, some steps may have to be taken."

The hijackers had threatened to blow up the plane, but authorities said they had found no explosive materials, hand guns or any other weapons in the possession of the hijackers.

In Paris, where the hijackers surrendered, French police said one of the hijackers had worn a r m l e s s dynamite-shaped sticks around his neck that were filled with putty.

A TWA spokesman said the passengers aboard flight 355 passed through standard security devices — fluoroscopes to check the hand-carried luggage and metal detectors used on passengers.

The spokesman said that after the plane was commandeered, the security equipment was checked and found to be working properly.

La Guardia was the scene last December of a bombing that killed 12 persons and injured many others. The bomb was placed in a coin locker at the terminal. No one has been arrested in that bombing.

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Regents defend banking

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — University of Texas regents say the university does business with Austin banks where UT regents are major stockholders or directors because those banks submitted the better bids on interest rates.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Sunday that half of the nearly \$130 million which UT has on deposit is in such banks.

As late as 1973, only 32 percent of the school's deposits were in banks with regent connections, the newspaper said.

It quoted school officials, however, as saying the growth of funds in banks simply reflects that the banks submitted better bids on interest rates.

The paper said Austin National Bank held \$9.3 million in UT funds in 1973 and now holds \$30 million. Regents chairman Allan Shivers became a regent that same year and is a stockholder and chairman of the board at Austin National.

Capitol National held \$9.1 million in 1973 and now holds \$18.5 million. Edward Clark, who also became a regent in 1973, is senior chairman of the board of Capitol National. Another regent, Lady Bird Johnson, also is a major stockholder there. She has been a regent since 1971.

According to financial disclosure statements filed with the secretary of state's office, the paper said, Shivers and regent Joe Nelson of Weatherford also are directors of Citizens National Bank. Its deposits went from \$166,000 to \$2.7 million and back to \$385,000.

Regent A.G. McNeese of Houston is a director of Houston's Bank of the Southwest which, until this year, consistently held more than \$30 million in UT deposits, the paper said. He also is a director and shareholder in the bank's holding company, Southwest Bancshares, Inc., which includes Continental National Bank of Fort Worth. Last year Continental had \$7.2 million and this year none, the paper reported.

Regent Dan Williams of Dallas is a stockholder in Republic National Bank of Dallas. No UT system funds are shown on deposit there.

"It's pretty much a competitive situation of who pays the highest interest rate," said assistant comptroller Ernest Hoffman of the UT system.

"The ones that bid the highest get the most."

"The funds are distributed on that basis and no other," said Shivers, g' that's all it amounts to."

WACs may be extinct

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Women's Army Corps, for 34 years the only Army that female soldiers have known, may soon be history.

The House of Representatives, after hearing a committee report that called the separate distinction for more than 40,000 WACs "a vestige of the time when women were not treated equally," voted overwhelmingly Monday to do away with the special women's corps and to integrate fully women into the Army.

The bill, which also eliminates sex distinctions in the promotions of officers and other military policies, passed by a 343 to 4 vote. It now goes to the Senate.

"The Army has arrived," said Air Force Lt. Col. Lucille Dion, acting executive secretary of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the

Armed Services, in reporting that the Pentagon backs the legislation.

"This would be another step forward for women in the armed services," Lt. Col. Dion said. "It's a logical step."

Created by Congress in 1942 as the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, the small band of women had to wait until later to be rid of the "auxiliary" tag.

In 1972, there were only 13,000 women wearing Army uniforms, but a Pentagon push that year for more woman-power began what has become a steady growth in troop numbers.

Lt. Col. Dion said equal footing with male soldiers would prove beneficial but declined comment on just how the new status would change Army life for the young recruit or career Army woman.

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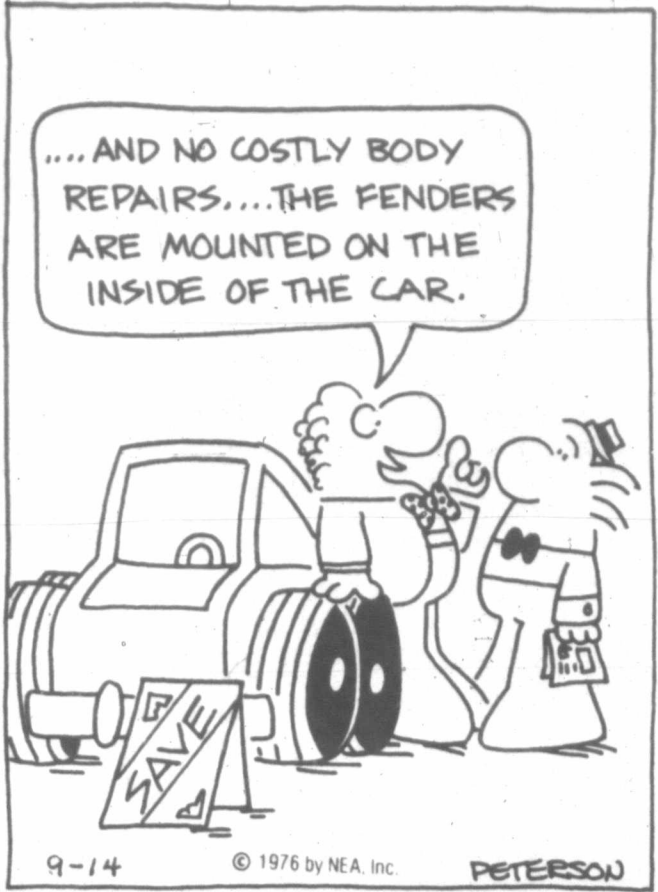
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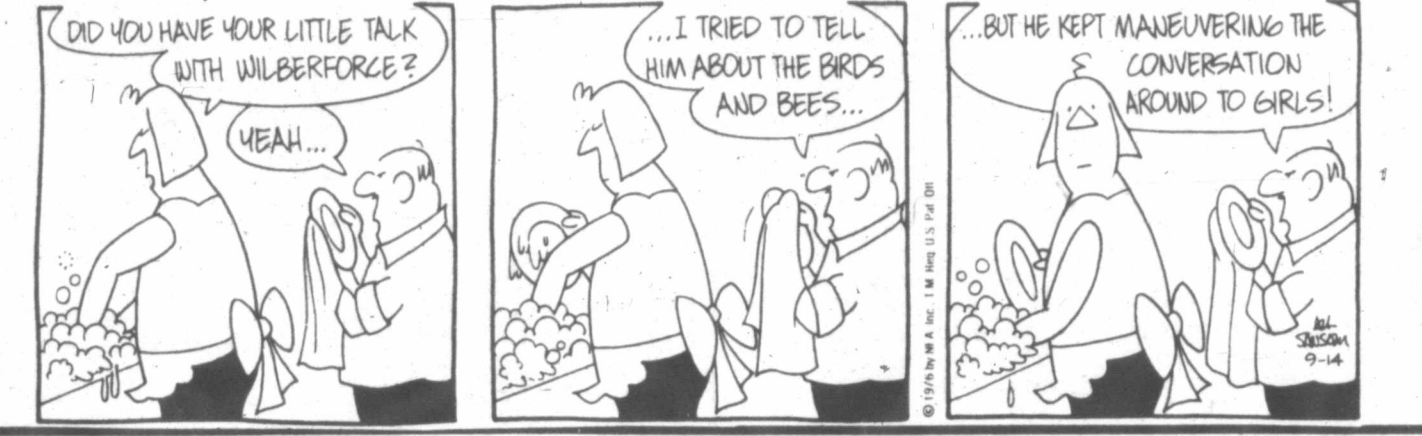
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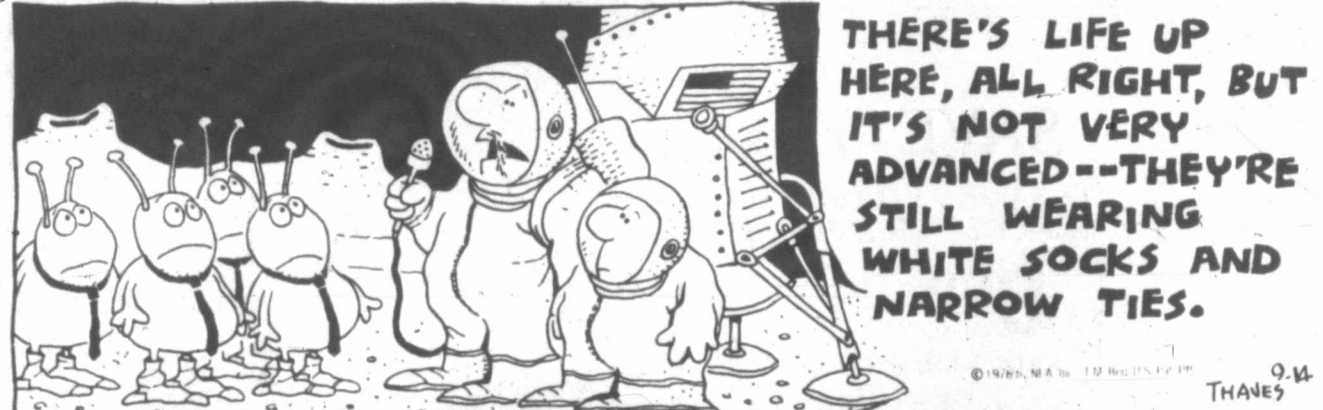
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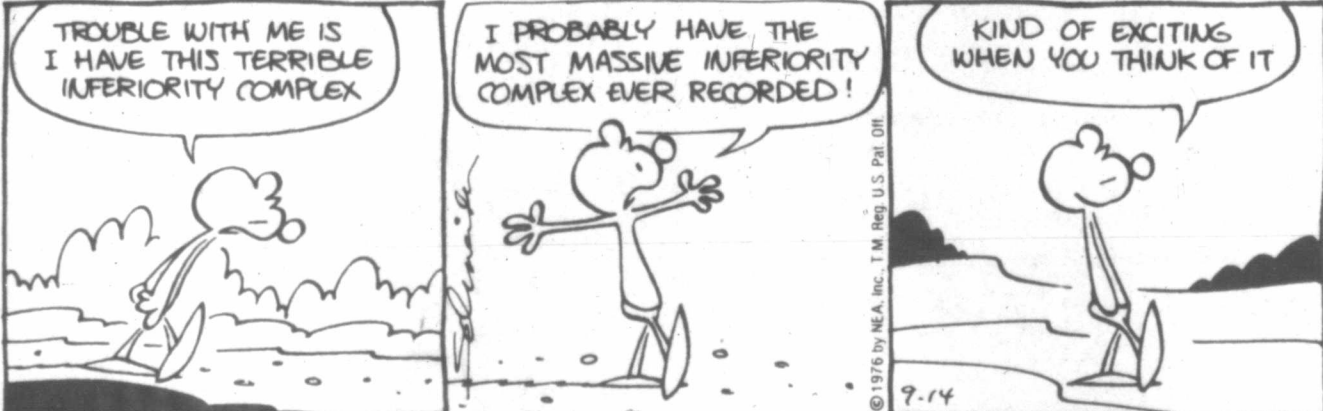
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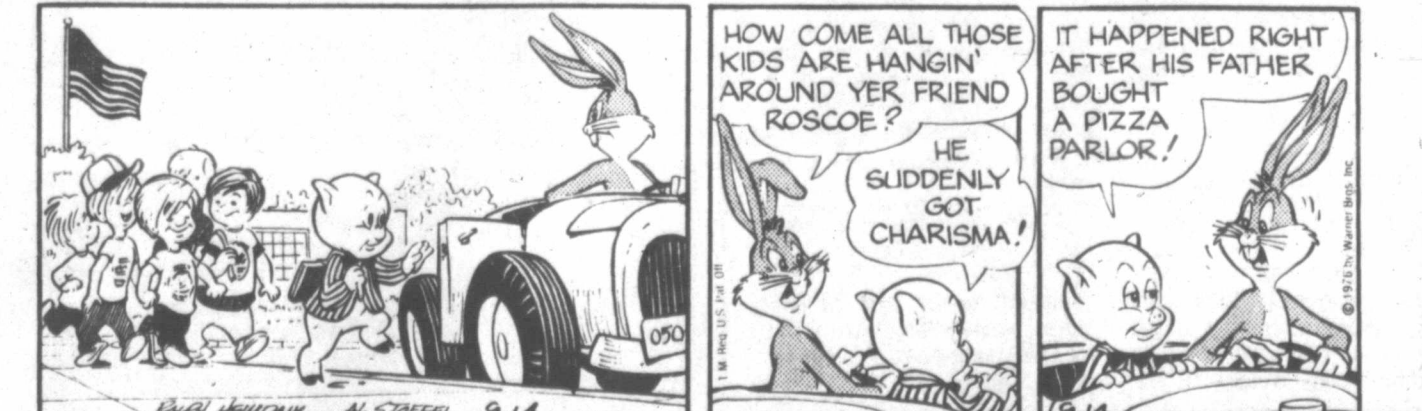
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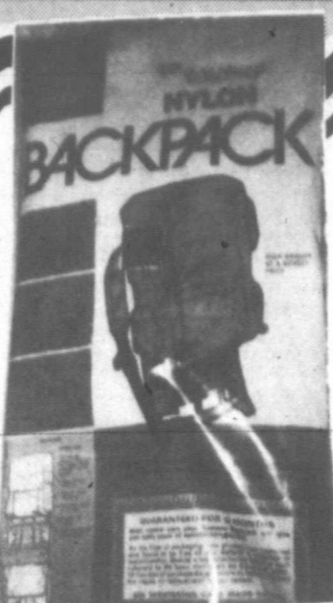
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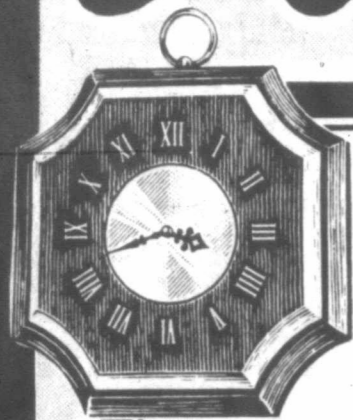
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