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Love conquers all, including a treacherous river

NONG KHAI, Thailand (AP) — After months of planning and two earlier failures, an Australian journalist succeeded in a daring underwater rescue of his Laotian girlfriend, swimming with scuba gear under the Mekong River to Laos and bringing her back to the Thailand side.

The journalist, John Everingham, 28, the last Western correspondent in Laos, was expelled by the Laotian Communist government 10 months

ago and was forced to leave behind his girlfriend, Keo Sirisomphone, 25.

Everingham, who had resided in Laos for more than 10 years, said in an interview Monday he began planning the rescue attempt immediately after his expulsion, exchanging coded letters and messages with Keo to set up rendezvous points. But the first two attempts to swim under the river using scuba gear were foiled when Laotian troops approached too close

to where Keo was waiting.

Finally on Saturday, Everingham donned his mask, fins and a scuba tank fitted with two breathing devices and made a third attempt. The fast-running river was swollen by heavy rains and he said he could see Keo on the far bank a mile away, where she was waiting with a fishing pole and a child to avoid suspicion.

Battling currents and tossed by whirlpools, he tried to crawl along the

muddy bottom using a compass because of the zero visibility underwater. But when he surfaced, he was still several hundred yards short and being carried downstream by the current. He tried again, this time starting farther upstream.

"I made it," he said. "I crawled out on the bank, she seemed to have given up. She was walking away in the distance. I yelled at the top of my lungs. Then she saw me and started

running forward. She fell into my arms."

Everingham put a slightly inflated life vest around her neck and one of the breathing regulators in her mouth and plunged back into the river. Keo cannot swim. With their faces just at the surface of the water and a quick release strap binding them together, he pushed hard in the current to gain distance from Laos and the riverbank, which was lined with soldiers.

"I was fearful of a burst of bullets any moment," he said. "There were dozens of soldiers sitting on the bank. Some stood up. I think they saw something in the river but may not have realized what it was."

Thai officials, sometimes tough on refugees who are considered illegal aliens, were friendly and helpful when the two arrived. About 100,000 Laotians have fled since the Communist victory in late 1975.

At least three dead in refinery blasts

By ROB WOOD

TEXAS CITY, Texas (AP) — Three persons are known dead and 12 others were injured early today in a series of explosions that rocked a Texas City refinery.

At least 15 persons were on duty when the first of about a dozen blasts occurred at 2 a.m., said Texas City Refinery, Inc., spokesman Rick Sherman.

One of those reported dead was a guard working under contract at the refinery. He had not been considered when company officials were trying to account for its personnel.

The two dead were first listed as being unaccounted for.

Two 55,000-gallon gasoline tanks were among the first to explode. The first blast was followed by about 10 others in rapid succession over the next 35 minutes, and then by another explosion about 90 minutes later.

A burn victim taken to Houston's Hermann Hospital by helicopter was in grave condition in the surgical intensive care unit. Two men and two women were at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, two in critical condition and two in serious condition.

Eight others were taken to Texas City hospitals, where three were admitted, one was undergoing treatment in the emergency room and three were treated and released.

"The fire is under control. The only thing burning is kerosene and fuel oil, with no chemicals involved," a company spokesman said at a 6:30 a.m. news conference.

The plant was running normally when a tank erupted, Sherman said. Company officials said they didn't know what caused the blasts.

"We still don't know what exploded. However, there are gas storage tanks in the area where the fire is. The main fire is in the central production area," he added.

A huge swirling black cloud drifted over most of Texas City at daybreak. A fireball with flames reaching 200 feet in the air was visible for several hours after the early morning explosion.

Fred Gross, supervisor for the Texas City Ambulance Service, said he was in bed when the first explosion rocked the ambulance service building a mile from the refinery.

"I thought at first it might be a tornado, then I looked out the window and it was as if it were daylight. I thought I was engulfed in a fireball," Gross said.

Gross arrived at the scene even before firemen.

"The heat was so intensive that it was difficult to get close to those injured. It was like an inferno all around you. We managed to get three persons out then went back and got

few more. I counted nine separate blasts. Talk about being scared, I ain't lying. I was scared to death and I think everyone in the ambulance service with me was just as frightened."

A.B. Cole, a Coast Guardsman stationed at Galveston, witnessed the blast.

He said the series of explosions began with what appeared to be two "blowoffs," or venting procedures.

"But a couple of minutes later there was one large explosion and a series of four or five smaller ones. And then a couple of big ones again, and then one huge one at least twice as big as any of the other explosions. Then in another couple of minutes there was a smaller one, and it looked like the smoke was getting so bad we couldn't see the flames," Cole said.

Marathon Oil Co. across the street from the Texas City Refinery, shut down its facility as a precautionary measure.

It was first thought by some that the explosion had occurred at Marathon.

Company officials in Columbus said the facility suffered some broken windows but a spokesman added, "Marathon has not been substantially affected; our operations are normal. A lot of windows are blown out at our administrative office but the fire has not extended to our facility."

Tuition tax deferral plan House debate scheduled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation designed to cut taxes for families of tuition-paying students will be voted on by the House this week when the lawmakers return to work after the Memorial Day weekend.

The House debate, which begins Wednesday, will focus on a bill to allow direct subtraction from income taxes owed of 25 percent of college or other post-secondary tuition up to \$250. No votes are expected before Thursday.

The Senate is continuing its recess all week.

President Carter and a number of educational, minority and civil rights groups oppose the legislation, but the House Republican Policy Committee and some educational groups support it, including those who speak for church-affiliated schools.

The House will consider three amendments. One would expand the credits to include private elementary and secondary schools, with maximums of \$50 in 1978 and \$100 each year in 1979 and 1980.

Another amendment would allow the deduction of 50 percent of tuition, but maintain the same ceilings.

The third would drop the notion of tax credits and instead provide low-cost loans in the form of tax deferrals for post-secondary tuition only, beginning with the second year of college or equivalent education.

Under the tax deferral plan, a taxpayer would be allowed to defer up to \$1,000 per student per year starting Aug. 1. The maximum would go to \$1,500 in 1982 and \$2,000 in 1986. The deferred amounts would be paid back over a 10-year period at 3 percent interest.

Adults could claim the tax benefits if they went back to school themselves or parents could take it for their children's tuition.

The major argument for college tuition tax credits is that they would provide relief to middle-income families considered too affluent to qualify for most existing public and private scholarship aid programs.

Opponents of tuition credits say much of the help would go to families that need it least, since there would be no income test and families too poor

to owe income tax would receive nothing.

They also contend the credit would be so small in proportion to college costs that it would not usually affect a decision on whether to seek higher education. Accordingly, they say, the \$1 billion cost to the federal treasury would be wasted.

Carter, opposing new education aid programs, has recommended a \$1.2 billion expansion of present student aid programs, with provisions that would make families with incomes of up to \$25,000 eligible for some grants. The House has refused to consider such a bill under special speedup procedures and the effort to bring it to a vote has not been renewed.

Meanwhile, the Senate Finance Committee has approved a plan for tuition tax credits that ultimately would provide \$500 per student for tuition from elementary through post-graduate levels. Six times in the past the Senate has passed college tuition tax credit bills but the House has approved none of them.

'Eat the cob—don't eat the peel'

TUCSON, Ariz. — A toothless and unshaven, but not yet whiskered, old man was offering for sale sundry fruits shaded under a tin-roofed pavilion.

The temperature, whipped by nothing but the sun's rays and an occasional freak burst of wind, was hanging on to 95 degrees.

And the old man was singing a chant, as he was selling off his goods before the heat made them unsalable.

"Humm . . ." he would murmur, as if he were a barbershopper in search of the right pitch, "tell 'em I good man . . ."

He would steer no one wrong and knowingly would not make a bum sale, or so his fruit-market vocalizing vouching, His advertising, just like his humming and chanting, was word-of-mouth. He'd appreciate a kind word that might speed shoppers to his stand to eye and feel, and maybe buy, his ripe fruit.

Some was green, like the bananas;

Blackburn, was Tucson, Ariz., which, the old man allowed after a query, is "the worst city I ever lived in." He didn't say, nor was he asked, where he had lived before.

The day was hot and certainly dry, dry, dry.

He was fresh out of those large and succulent Arizona oranges the woman who brought bunch of bananas really had wanted.

But he had some others — about the size of "regular" oranges — on the stands and certainly would part with them for a bargain price.

The seasoned fellow, with fruit and knife in hand, deftly sliced an orange and passed the pieces around as if they were chunks of toffee.

The woman and her on-looking kin tasted the offering but without relish. It was almost as dry as the desert sand.

And the old man must have known

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Flames issue from refinery at Texas City early this morning after the facility was rocked by explosions. (AP Laserphoto)

Lebanon fighting feared

EL KHIAM, Lebanon (AP) — Norwegian peacekeeping troops are fortifying their base camp, expecting a new outbreak of fighting in explosive south Lebanon.

"We think something may happen soon," an officer said as squads of blond soldiers dug trenches in 88-degree heat Monday and roofed them with metal arches covered by layers of sandbags.

The U.N. troops feared they might become targets of the shells which generally fly over their heads when the Palestinians to the north and Christians to the south shoot at each other.

Three civilians were killed and three wounded Sunday night in the

Palestinian town of Nabatiyeh. Reporters said the firing seemed to come from the Christian stronghold of Marjayoun, five miles north of the Israeli border and two miles east of the Norwegian base outside El Kham.

Three weeks ago Norwegians at one of their five outposts several miles from the base camp fired on Palestinian infiltrators and killed at least two. The Norwegians set up telephone links with the Palestinians to try to avoid misunderstandings.

"We have conversations with them two or three times a week," said Lt. Per Jevne, the press officer of the Norwegian battalion.

Israel is scheduled to withdraw the

last of its forces from southern Lebanon on June 13. Israel invaded March 15 after a guerrilla raid in which 35 Israelis were killed, and Israeli soldiers still hold a six-mile-deep strip along the border.

After the Israeli withdrawal, 4,600 U.N. troops will be responsible for peacekeeping in southern Lebanon, from the border to the Litani River, 15 to 20 miles north of the frontier.

"I can't believe the Palestine Liberation Organization will respect the U.N.," said Frances Rizek, a schoolteacher who acts as spokesman for the southern Lebanese Christians who continued to fight the Palestinians after the cease-fire in the Lebanese civil war in November 1976.

15 cents now required for first class letter

As of 12:01 a.m. Monday, letters could not be mailed in Midland, or anywhere else in the United States, unless they had a 15-cent stamp on them.

This change in the postal rate makes mailing a letter now three times what it was a decade ago. The first-class letter rate was five cents in January of 1968. While letter postage has tripled since then, the cost-of-living as measured by government statistics has gone up 86.1 percent, said postal officials.

A representative of the Midland Post Office said that at this time the Post Office does not have any 15-cent stamps printed and, until they do, a stamp with no price printed on it will be

used as a substitute.

He said the temporary stamp has an A and the insignia of the postal service on it.

Postal officials in Washington said the "no price" stamp was made necessary because they had expected the new rate to be 16 cents for businesses while staying at 13 cents for individuals. Millions of new 16-cent stamps were printed in anticipation of that rate.

Officials said today the 16-cent stamps will be sold to people mailing parcels and other mail more expensive than first-class letters.

Letters mailed with the old 13-cent stamp will arrive postage due, according to Midland postal workers.

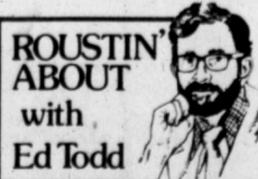
WEATHER

Partly cloudy through Wednesday with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Details on Page 2A.

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some was ripe, and some was, well, best suited for the compost pile.

He held up a bunch of bananas a woman had handed him for weighing.

"Eat the cob — don't eat the peel," he jingled. "Tell 'em I'm a good man."

Then, he'd hit upon another tune, perhaps from his mischievous boyhood, which would end with, " . . . Daddy took a board — went right to it."

The setting of the fruit stand, called

Russians lose their African recon base

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Russians apparently no longer have the use of a strategically located West African airfield for their reconnaissance flights over U.S. Navy sea lanes, intelligence sources say.

This setback for the Soviets in Guinea has been generally unacknowledged amid reports of Russian and Cuban gains in their African influence.

The development suggests to U.S. intelligence analysts that Guinea's leader, Sekou Toure, may be reacting to Soviet pressure for rights to build a major naval base near the field at Conakry, although Toure still allows Soviet ships to dock there.

The airfield's location is considered strategically important because it lies where the west coast of Africa bulges out into the Atlantic.

For more than five years, Russian TU95 reconnaissance planes have flown out of the field at Conakry to observe American fleet movements in the central Atlantic.

Those flights have now stopped and one U.S. intelligence official said "the

Soviets appear to have lost their access for reconnaissance flights for the foreseeable future."

Toure originally asked for Russian help nearly eight years ago when his regime was threatened by rebels who he claimed were backed by Portugal.

The Russians responded with arms and sent a few Soviet warships and naval infantry to demonstrate their support for Toure.

Portugal since then has given up colonial territory adjoining Guinea and Toure has been trying to improve relations with Western countries, particularly France and Britain.

At the same time, he reportedly has attempted to play off the Russians against the Communist Chinese, who have made limited efforts to win friends in Africa with gifts of arms and economic aid.

The Russians first proposed building a naval base on Tamara Island off Conakry more than four years ago.



WINNER of The Midland National Bank scholarship this year is Hal Coon, son of Margaret Coon. A 1978 Midland High School graduate, Coon served as senior class president and received many honors in district University Interscholastic League speech and drama competition. He plans to major in theater management at Angelo State University. (Staff Photo)

SELECTED as the 1978 Midland City Council of PTA's scholarship recipient is Linda Katrina Story, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.O. Story Jr. A 1978 Midland High School graduate, Miss Story plans to major in music at West Texas State University. The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to students planning to enter teaching or any field related to education. (Staff Photo)



DISCO SALLY and Dustin Hoffman trip the light fantastic recently at a midtown New York disco. Sally Lippman, the 77-year-old disco queen of New York's Studio 54, is a regular at the disco and in the three years she figures she has left of life, she wants to dance, dance. (AP Laserphoto)

High court reviewing statutory rape laws in New Hampshire and Alabama alimony

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Can a state punish a man but not a woman for having sex with a juvenile who consents to it? Can a state compel a man but not a woman to pay alimony?

Both questions are before the Supreme Court in cases involving the guarantee in the Constitution of the equal protection of the laws.

One case grew out of a conviction for so-called statutory rape, in which the victim traditionally has been defined by law always to be female and never to be male.

The case comes from New Hampshire, which, over the course of more than a century, has varied the age under which a female becomes a victim from 10 to 13 to 16 to 15 and, finally, back to 13.

In 1973, when the law made it a felony for a male to achieve "any penetration, however slight," of an under 15 female, Thomas E. Meloon, then 21, and divorced had sex three times with a 14-year-old girl, with her consent.

A year later, Meloon was convicted and sentenced to seven to 15 years in prison. After serving 3 1/2 years, however, he was released on bail in 1977 because the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the law as unconstitutional.

The state gave four arguments for its contention that the law did not deny equal protection:

- Some under-15 males are physiologically incapable of becoming victims of consenting sex, making males as a class less vulnerable than females as a class to offenders.
- Some men have a disorder that erotically attracts them to children, making men as a whole more likely than women as a whole to commit the offense.
- Injury is more likely to be suffered by girls than boys who engage in sex.
- Males can't become pregnant.

Chief Judge Frank M. Coffin rejected all four claims, saying that the state had documented none and that

"its very premises are open to question."

He found "no reason" to believe that the majority of pre-pubescent boys could not achieve "any penetration, however slight," and said that the evidence indicates that "the number of potential victims in the class of males under 15 may include the great majority of the class members."

As to a diseased craving for children, Coffin said the state had provided no evidence on its incidence among normal males, on the number of victims among men convicted of statutory rape, or on the possibility of neuroses that may induce women to seek out under-15 males.

The judge of course had no dispute with the point that only women become pregnant. But, he said the state offered "not an iota of testimony or evidence that the prevention of pregnancy was a purpose of its statutory rape law."

Moreover, Coffin said, the pregnancy rationale doesn't square either with the drastic changes the state has made in the age below which sex becomes an offense, or with other New Hampshire laws that deal with illegal sexual conduct, such as adultery, incest and prostitution, without regard to whether the offender is male or female.

He also pointed out that in August 1975, New Hampshire repealed the statutory rape law and replaced it with one that is gender-neutral and that sets the age of the victim, female or male, at under 16.

In a brief requesting Supreme Court review, the state generally repeated the arguments rejected by Coffin.

Meloon's lawyer, Eleanor Krasnow of Manchester, urged the court to affirm the 1st Circuit. Her arguments included these:

- The girl had engaged in sex "willingly, even lying about her age in order not to discourage" him, had had "a number of prior sexual experiences," and was not shown to have suffered any harm from sex with Meloon.

—The girl and Meloon, who "used no force," previously had "maintained a social relationship."

—Of 11 jurisdictions she has checked, 21 have replaced their old statutory rape laws with gender-neutral ones.

In the alimony case, the Alabama Supreme Court upheld a ruling that William H. Orr was not denied equal protection by state laws that would not allow alimony to be awarded to a divorced husband.

Orr and his wife, Lillian, were divorced in February 1974. He signed an agreement to pay her \$1,210 a month, pay off the \$4,800 balance owed on her 1973 Chevrolet Corvette and give her their house in Auburn (although she

would pay off the balance of the mortgage).

Orr also agreed to pay the premiums on \$108,000 life insurance policies that name her as the beneficiary, to pay her divorce lawyers' fees of \$3,500, and to share equally with her any increase in his taxable income, which at the time was \$26,000.

In August 1976, when Orr was \$3,312 in arrears, he filed an unsuccessful motion to have the decree ruled illegal on equal-protection grounds. He now lives in Santa Clara, Calif., and his former wife in Opelika, Ala. They had no children.

Great Britain has huge taxes

The Los Angeles Times

LONDON — British taxes are among the highest in the world. They come in three categories: income taxes which include personal income tax, corporation and petroleum revenue tax; capital taxes, which include capital gains, capital transfer and land development tax; and taxes on expenditures, which include the value-added tax on most items for sale, a car tax, a TV set tax, customs and excise duties, licensing taxes, and those on gasoline, alcohol, and tobacco.

The property tax is relatively low by American standards but householders who hold long-term leases on property are taxed as well as the owner. Property taxes vary widely depending on the size and location of the dwelling.

It is difficult to compare the net balance of a Briton and an American after taxes because in Britain's socialist welfare state, many services are provided free or at minimum charge, such as health and dental services.

According to figures compiled by the Conservative Party, the average family of four in Britain makes about \$8,530. Of this sum, about \$218 would go to income taxes and insurance contributions.

For a family of four making twice the national average, or about \$17,000, the taxes would run to about \$5,355.

And for a family earning three times the national average, or about \$25,500, the income tax bill would be \$9,725.

A married couple with two children making \$35,000 would pay about \$18,000, or more than 50 percent of their income in tax.

And at \$42,000, a person's income becomes subject to the highest rate of income tax — 83 percent or \$34,860.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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PARATROOPERS OF the 1st Belgian Airborne Battalion rest in a hangar at the Kamina air base in Zaire recently. The hangar is set up as a temporary base, following the military rescue of Europeans trapped in Kolwezi. (AP Laserphoto)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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BRIDGE Fatal hesitation: it helps declarer

By ALFRED SHEINWOLD

In many situations you must make the right play without the slightest hesitation. If you have something to think about, it won't do you any good to think.

North dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH	
♠ A 5	
♥ Q 10 2	
♦ 9 6 3	
♣ K Q J 5 2	

WEST		EAST	
♠ Q J 10 9 3		♠ 8 6 4	
♥ 5		♥ A 9 8 7 6 3	
♦ A 8 5 4		♦ 10 2	
♣ 7 6 3		♣ A 4	

SOUTH
♠ K 7 2
♥ K J 4
♦ K Q J 7
♣ 10 9 8

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	1 ♥	2 NT	Pass
3 NT All Pass			

Opening lead — ♠ Q

Declarer refuses the first spade trick but wins the second with dummy's ace. South credits East with the

NO PAUSE

West has a chance to defeat the contract if he plays a low diamond without the slightest pause for thought. South wins with the king and may conclude that East has the ace of diamonds. If so, South must switch to clubs.

When South leads a club, East wins and returns his last spade. West gets in with the ace of diamonds in time to defeat the contract with the rest of the spades.

DIALY QUESTION

As dealer you hold: SK72; HKJ4; DKQJ7; C1098. What do you say?

ANSWER: Pass. The hand is not quite worth an opening bid. Be conservative with borderline aceless hands. Change any of the kings to an ace, and you would open with one club.

Fitness class offered

ODESSA — A fitness program using dance and movement exercises set to music is being offered this summer by The University of Texas at the Permian Basin gymnasium staff.

Open to the public, the program has been divided into four-week sessions, beginning Monday. A minimum of 10 persons is allowed for each non-credit class. Three classes are being offered at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. Each will meet 45 minutes Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Woodie Kupper, director of student life and athletics, said persons may preregister for the program at the Gymn Store in the gymnasium. They also can sign up at the first class meeting. The fee is \$12 for UTPB students, their families, and UTPB faculty and staff. All others must pay \$20 for each four-week session.

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DEATHS

V. Hutchinson

Services for Victor Adolph Hutchinson, 69, and his wife, Mary Leona Hutchinson, 67, of 3700 Stanolind Ave. were to be at 2 p.m. today in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home with the Rev. Betty Mendizza, pastor of Permian Church of Religious Science, officiating.

Burial was to be in Resthaven Cemetery.

The couple died Saturday in a car accident near Plainview, Kan.

Hutchinson was born Feb. 3, 1909, in Carson, N.D. He attended school in Nelson, Neb., and was graduated from there.

Mrs. Hutchinson was born Mary Leona Larkin on Jan. 4, 1911, in Friend, Neb. She was graduated from the Nelson schools. The couple married April 23, 1931, in Nelson.

They moved to Oregon in 1941 and to Sacramento, Calif., in 1957. He was motor pool dispatcher on the capital grounds for the State of California. The couple moved to Midland in 1973. He had been working as a delivery man for a local floral shop.

Survivors include two sons, Rex L. Hutchinson of Midland and Stephen E. Hutchinson of Sacramento; a daughter, JoAnne Richards of Midland; six grandchildren, and several brothers and sisters.

Honorary pallbearers will be Pete Nielsen and Delmer Shrontz, both of Superior, Neb.; Claude Gentry of Ballinger; Bob Jordan of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Tom Berlin, Hugh Post, Ray Morris, Jack Leonard, Wilson Banks, Newnie Ellis, Gene Carlson, Delbert Dickson and Charley Lang, all of Midland, and Chris Seago of Lamesa.

Pharis Whisman

Pharis H. Whisman, 73, of Midkiff died today in a Rankin hospital.

Services were to be at 3 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church of Midkiff with the Rev. Gordon Burks, pastor, officiating. Masonic graveside services were to follow in Rankin Cemetery, directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Whisman operated a grocery store in Midkiff for the past 24 years. He was a member of the Masons.

Survivors include his wife, Dovie Whisman; two sons, Wiley Bob Whisman and Charles Lee Whisman, both of Midkiff; two daughters, Ruby Dunlap of Dimmitt and Billie Mae Kiker of Saudi Arabia; two brothers, Charles Whisman of Cassville, Mo., and Clarence Whisman of Kansas City, Mo.; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

"Sam" Bryson

GRANBURY — B.C. "Sam" Bryson, 71, of Granbury and formerly of Midland died Sunday in a Fort Worth hospital.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Martin's Funeral Home here with the Rev. Ronald G. Eskridge of Midland officiating. Burial will be in Holly Hills Memorial Park here.

Bryson had lived in Midland 50 years before moving to Granbury. He married Ola Lee Blansett Dec. 20, 1930, in Lovington, N.M. A retired farmer, he had worked for Borden 16 years. He belonged to the First United Pentecostal Church in Midland.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Gloria Burrow of Granbury; a son, Allen Curtis Bryson of Pecos; a sister, Nova White of Tarzan, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

M. Wendeborn

LUBBOCK — Services for Walter S. Wendeborn, 78, of Lubbock, brother of Bertha Perkins of Lamesa, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Rix Funeral Home here with the Rev. Wilburn Roberts of Trinity Church officiating. Burial will be in City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Wendeborn died Monday in a Lubbock nursing home.

A Haskell native, he had lived in Lubbock the past 45 years, moving here from Haskell. He was a retired carpenter.

Survivors also include five other sisters and two brothers.

R. E. Streun

Services for Russell E. Streun, 45, of 2509 W. Storey Ave. were Monday in Calvary Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Gayle Reeves, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Streun died Saturday in Mineral Wells of an apparent heart attack.

He was born May 19, 1933, at Mountain View, Okla. He moved to Texas as a child with his family. He moved to Midland in 1947 from Orange. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He established his building construction firm here in 1967. He was a member of the Calvary Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Streun; two sons, Richard Streun and Jerry Streun, both of Midland; a daughter, Cheryl Streun of Midland; his mother, Irene Streun of Mineral Wells; six brothers, Joe Streun of Midland, Jim Streun of Paulsboro, Wash., the Rev. Mack Streun of Whitehouse, Sgt. Charles Streun, stationed in West Germany, and Sam Streun and Don Streun, both of Mineral Wells; four sisters, Frances McKinney of Midland, Ruth Wallace of Dallas, Mary Kirk of Missouri City and Linda Moore of Pasadena.

Mrs. Young

CHICKASHA, Okla. — Mrs. Frank B. (Victoria Viola) Young, 90, of 3113 Thomas St. in Midland died Monday afternoon at her home. She had been in poor health four months.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Brown Funeral Home in Chickasha. Burial will be in Fairlawn Cemetery in Chickasha.

Mrs. Young was born April 30, 1888, in Arkansas and grew up there. She married Frank B. Young Aug. 8, 1907, in Paris, Ark. She had lived in Chickasha since 1929 and moved to Midland in 1969. She was a Jehovah's Witness.

Survivors include a son, Frank B. Young Jr. of Houston; a daughter, Mrs. Sam Crump of Midland, seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Jesus Acosta

ODESSA — Services for Jesus G. Acosta, 33, of Odessa, brother of Joe Acosta of Big Spring, were to be at 10 a.m. today in St. Joseph's Catholic Church here.

Acosta was found dead Sunday at an Odessa residence.

He was born May 24, 1945, in Odessa. He married Tomasa M. Acosta March 29, 1970, in Odessa. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He worked in a machine shop here.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Jerry M. Acosta, Jesus Acosta Jr. and James Acosta, all of Odessa; three daughters, Cathy Acosta, Bernice Acosta and Lisa Acosta, all of Odessa; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Trinidad Acosta of Odessa; two other brothers, Ray Acosta and Armando Acosta of Odessa, and two sisters, Mrs. Martin Minjarez and Marytha Acosta, both of Odessa.

Mary Swenson

SPUR — Services for Mary Lee Swenson, 81, of Spur, sister of Lula Futrell of Lamesa, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First Methodist Church here with the Rev. Archie Echols, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Dumont Cemetery directed by Campbell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Swenson died Monday in a Lubbock hospital following a lengthy illness.

She was a native of McGregor. She married Olaf T. Swenson Sept. 11, 1918, in Paducah. She moved to Dickens County in 1940 from Hale Center. She was a member of the First Methodist Church in Spur.

Survivors also include two daughters, a son, another sister, 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Cancer Fund or the First Methodist Church of Spur.

W. R. Donnell

Services for W.R. "Bill" Donnell, 60, of 1503 Douglas Ave. were at 4 p.m. Sunday in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home with the Rev. Ray Riddle, associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial park.

Donnell died Friday in a Midland hospital.

Pallbearers were George Moberley, Henry deCompiegne, Jack Matthews, Wallace Craig, Bob Berger, Ed Pettit of New Orleans, Paul Anderson and

Charles McMullen of St. Louis. Honorary pallbearers were Fred Shields of San Antonio, Watson LaForce, Sr., George YanHusen and Gerald Self.

M.E. Henry

Maurice E. Henry, 70, of 413 E. Cedar Ave. died Monday morning at his home.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Henry was born March 9, 1908, in

West Greensburg, Pa., and grew up there. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1925. In 1941, he moved to Midland where he was a bookkeeper.

Survivors include his wife, Alta Henry; two sons, Jay Russ Henry of Odessa and Maurice E. Henry III of California; two daughters, June Herman of California and Judy Gillespie of Michigan, 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

N. Etheredge

PLAINS — Services for Nathan J. Etheredge, 90, of Plains, father of

Homer J. Etheredge of Lamesa, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Plains First Baptist Church with the Rev. Glen Harland, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. G.C. Grigg of Lamesa Crestview Baptist Church.

Burial will be in Plains Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Etheredge, a native of Wilson County, died Monday in a Lubbock hospital after a lengthy illness.

Other survivors include three daughters, 13 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

YMCA registration begins here today

Registration began today for children's first session swimming and gymnastics classes at the Central YMCA.

The classes start June 5 and run until June 30. There are separate classes offered for preschoolers and school-age children.

Swimming classes in the pre-school division are: water babies, 9 months to 3-year-olds; tiny tot swim, 3- and 4-year-olds; and tadpole swim, 3- to 6-year-olds.

Water babies will meet Monday and Wednesday mornings, 9 to 9:45. The tiny tot classes will meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. and 3:15 to 4 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. The tadpole swim classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:30 to 11:15.

Tiny Tumblers, the gymnastics class for 3- and 4-year-olds, will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 to 9:45 a.m. For school-age chil-

dren, classes are offered in beginning swimming on Mondays and Wednesdays, 4 to 5 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:15 to 4 p.m. The intermediate swimming classes will be held Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 4:45 to 5:30 and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 4 to 4:45. In the advanced swimming division, classes are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m.

The gymnastic classes for school-age children include beginning, intermediate and advanced classes. The beginning classes are planned for Mondays and Wednesdays 3:15 to 4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:15 to 4 and 4 to 4:45. Intermediate and advanced classes are scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m.

Additional information about YMCA summer programs, registration procedures or memberships may be obtained by calling the Central Y office, 682-2551.

Eakin autopsy scheduled for today

SAN ANGELO — An autopsy on the body of Melvin Curtis Eakin, 40, of 2438 Whitmire Boulevard in Midland was to be performed today to determine cause of death, according to a spokesman with the San Angelo Police Department.

The man was found dead Sunday in a motel room here, and police

have listed the death as "unexplained." There were no visible wounds to the body, according to detectives. The autopsy was ordered by Peace Justice Richard Self.

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Jet crashes, burns building unscathed

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — An Air Force jet fighter crashed and burned in the middle of a small pond in the central courtyard of an apartment complex, leaving the apartment buildings unscathed.

"A giant hand up in the sky was guiding that plane," said a spokesman for the Pierce County sheriff's office. "Fifty feet in either direction and we would have had trouble."

Capt. Bruce W. Miller, 28, of Fayetteville, N.C., the pilot, ejected from the plane just before it crashed Monday after takeoff from McChord Air Force Base.

Lt. Del Vosburg of the Tacoma Fire Department said the plane topped a couple of trees before crashing into the pond at the Vista Oaks apartment complex. He said the crash location "was like an act of God."

It could not be learned how many people lived in the complex.

Sheriff's Sgt. Don Schoneman said several minor fires broke out after the crash and scorched some of the apartment buildings, but the flames were extinguished quickly. No injuries were reported.

"I saw an explosion. Then I saw a parachute. Then the plane hit the ground with black smoke trailing," said Marybell Bales, a restaurant chain bookkeeper who was working in her office near the runway.

Gary Klapstein of Tacoma said he saw the plane approach the landing field, lose altitude and crash east of the runway.

Schoneman said it appeared the afterburner of the plane exploded. A spokesman for McChord, Senior Airman Joe Stephenson, said the cause of the accident had not been determined. He said a board of officers would investigate.

The F-106 Delta Dart was on a routine training mission, Stephenson said. Miller, a member of the 318th fighter squadron, was the only occupant.

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Susan E. Hull is a 1978 graduate from Midland High School. She was editor of the school annual and received her academic letter at Midland High. Susan plans to take freshman English at MC this summer and letter major in business. She is interested in becoming an accountant and feels that Midland College is a great place for beginning college students.

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GRAMMER-MURPHEY

Billy once took drinking like a fish a step farther

Editor's Note: There are dozens of books about Jimmy Carter and the Carter clan of Plains, Ga., but only one by the president's first cousin, Hugh Carter. The title is "Cousin Beedie and Cousin Hot." "Beedie" (Hugh) and "Hot" (Jimmy) are boyhood nicknames. Hugh and Jimmy grew up together in Plains, played, hunted, fished together as little boys, and stayed in each other's homes. Later they were in politics together.

Hugh Carter has a reputation as a humorist and raconteur in Georgia, where he serves as a state senator. This third excerpt from his book describes his cousins — Jimmy Carter's brother Billy and sisters Ruth and Gloria.

Part III: Billy, Ruth and Gloria

By HUGH CARTER

There are many family stories about Billy's drinking. One that Billy himself enjoys telling concerns the time he had been drinking heavily at a friend's house prior to a fishing trip. As the evening ended and he prepared to leave, he picked up two cups from the table, one containing his bourbon and one containing the minnows he was taking with him on his fishing trip. In the night he got thirsty.

In the morning, when he woke up, the cup with his bourbon was still there but the cup with the minnows had been drained dry.

I wonder what history will have to say about Billy Carter — William Alton Carter III. The short-range view of him is that of a loose-talking, beer-drinking, hard-smoking, irreverent yokel. He likes to project this image, as it has made him almost as popular with the general public as his brother, the president.

But there's another Billy, too. I want to talk about Billy as a businessman — one of the smartest businessmen that I know, the man who skillfully built his family's peanut business into a multimillion-dollar operation.

When Jimmy was constantly traveling to drum up support for his presidency, way before the primaries, he was grateful to have a competent man like Billy handling the family warehouse.

During that time, Jimmy would go in to visit with Billy and talk over a cup of coffee, but it was more a matter of Billy filling him in than Jimmy telling Billy what to do. Billy had outgrown his teacher and didn't need to be told. In fact, Billy was getting a little hot under the collar that his share in the family business was only about 15 percent — the rest being owned by Jimmy and Miz Lillian.

That is the inside story of why Billy split from the peanut business, and went to work full time being a businessman on his own and making personal appearances lined up by his Nashville, Tenn., agent, a sharp young man named Tandy Rice.

And I believe this also explains why Jimmy has said nothing about Billy's branching out. To be able to criticize his younger brother, Jimmy would be on firmer ground if he and Aunt Lillian had made Billy an equal partner with them. Since this was not done, Billy's feeling was that he was free to

make his own way.

Billy had a checkered educational background. The principal threw him out for drinking beer in school, and he went to a military school for a year. He returned to graduate from Plains High School — almost at the bottom of his class.

Billy just wouldn't study, and he had a girlfriend, Sybil, younger than himself.

Right after graduation, he ran away to the Marines, coming back only long enough to make Sybil a bride at 15 — almost 16 — and take her with him.

Sybil, even though she was only 15 when she married him was a very mature and caring person. She herself admits that one reason she married Billy when they were both so young was that after Billy's father died, Billy needed someone to take care of him and she just felt it was up to her.

In a way, she still acts a little maternal toward Billy, sometimes beaming approval and sometimes mildly scolding him like a disapproving mother.

Billy tries to keep it more or less secret, but he actually did join the Plains Baptist Church when he was 12 years old. But if anybody points this out to him, he quickly defends his record by saying he's only been back six times.

Anytime Billy can take a poke at Baptists, he does, even though his children go to the Baptist Church. He always says that when he dies, he is going to be buried by a Methodist preacher who will tell nice lies about him, and he throws in that at his funeral he wants to have Tom T. Hall, the country singer and composer, sing his song about "faster horses, younger women, older whiskey."

Jimmy's father loved all his children, but he certainly did not treat his four children equally. Two he smothered with affection. They were Billy and his younger daughter, Ruth, whom he named for the biblical character.

It was almost as if she were like some little fairy princess come from another world into that family. Uncle Earl kept telling Ruth that she was the most beautiful child in the world, and I'm afraid that was sometimes a little hard on Sister Gloria, who was cute and vivacious, and excelled in her own way.

Ruth realized eventually that her father's excessive love and praise for her was not beneficial.

Ruth herself admits that hers was a lopsided childhood and that she felt "too much love" from her father and "insufficient love" from her mother, which caused her to be "emotionally crippled" as an adult.

Before her "rebirth" she went to doctors and psychiatrists, who were unable to help her. Then she laid her whole burden and emotional wounds before Jesus, and suddenly she felt her depression lift and her wounds become healed.

Religion was terribly important to her, and she began Monday-night prayer meetings which grew in popularity as other people were helped by her counseling.

First Ruth gently helps a person to look inside and find where the guilt lies. It can be very painful, like the exposing of a raw nerve. But once this

person is re-experiencing the incident that led to the feeling of guilt, that person is ready for Ruth's "ministry of inner healing," and they pray together and ask the Lord to take the burden.

Ruth was deeply involved in non-denominational healing before Jimmy ran for the presidency, so she cannot be accused of riding on his coattails. In fact, she would be very careful not to talk about her brother when she was lecturing on faith healing, or talk about faith healing when she was campaigning for her brother.

It is interesting to me that, in her way, Ruth is following in the footsteps of her mother, being just as completely absorbed in ministering to man's mind as Miz Lillian was in ministering to the physically ill, no matter how poor they were or how rejected

by society.

Gloria is entirely different from Ruth, who is three years younger than she. For example, Gloria does not like to be around crowds of people the way Ruth — and Jimmy — like to be.

The family has always worried a little about Gloria — me among them — because of the tragedy in her family. It is that she has a son who was tried and sentenced to serve time in a California prison.

William Spann — called Tody — who is now about 31, was convicted of armed robbery committed while under the influence of drugs.

For years, Gloria had lived in a life of emotional upheaval never knowing what would happen next.

She had tried to hold up under the strain of a son who was not like other children. For a time, she enrolled him in a special school which featured

therapy as well as classes under a controlled environment.

There is no doubt about it. Gloria has had the hardest life of anyone in the Carter family.

She eloped with a fellow named "Soapy" Hardy, whose only previous work before entering the Air Force had been soda-jerking.

She married in 1945 and returned home alone in 1949 with a little child — Tody — and a broken marriage. A divorce followed, and before the year was over, Gloria had met and married Walter Spann, a prosperous farmer. Walter cared enough to adopt Gloria's little son.

Ruth tried to give Gloria the same kind of help that she is famous for having given Jimmy when he lost his first bid for governorship. But Gloria would have none of it.

As Gloria herself admits, she shooed Ruth away, saying she didn't want to hear about Jesus or anything connected with religion or prayer, and what she really wanted to do was just get one good night's sleep.

To get this good night's sleep she went to Ruth's lakeside cabin. Since she was alone, she looked for something to read, and everything in print was of a religious nature. In sheer boredom she opened a little book of Gertrude Keehn's radio talks.

Almost immediately, her eye hit a

line that changed her life. It was the same thing that Ruth had been getting at, but Gertrude Keehn was saying it in a way that she could understand.

The line was: "Give your problem to God for 60 seconds, and rest your mind."

Suddenly she found herself talking directly to God and admitting she couldn't cope with her son, and asking the Almighty to "take my son for 10 seconds and let me have some peace."

Those were 10 seconds that gave her an entirely new feeling of peace. And suddenly the world looked beautiful again. She had been so busy worrying about her great problem that she had lost sight of the beauty of the world.

Today she is still enjoying the world, although her son is still in prison. She enjoys life from the back of a motorcycle. Her religious experience prompted her to suggest that she and her husband both get motorcycles as an exciting hobby that has the added thrill of enabling a person to pass close to the beauties of nature and viewing them much more intimately than from a car.

Gloria now feels that God has her son in His hands, such as he has her in His hands, and somehow everything will be all right.

(NEXT: Amy)



"This is my favorite picture of Jimmy Carter and family." (United Feature Syndicate)

China at U.N. shows interest in disarmament

By WILLIAM N. OATIS

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — After years of boycotting disarmament negotiations, China showed an interest in them in a speech to the U.N. General Assembly that predicted the Soviet Union will start World War III.

Speaking Monday at the assembly's special session on disarmament, Foreign Minister Huang Hua condemned the 31-nation Geneva disarmament negotiating committee because the Soviet Union and the United States are its co-chairmen. He called for new machinery "truly free of superpower control."

A U.S. disarmament official, declining to be quoted by name, termed Huang's statement "significant" and a "hopeful sign" that China wanted to participate in arms negotiations.

Huang complained that in the Geneva committee, the Soviet Union and the United States "talk sham disarmament and obstruct genuine disarmament."

"This state of affairs must be completely changed," he said.

The assembly's main political committee now debates disarmament questions for three months each fall, and the Geneva committee negotiates on them intermittently the rest of the year.

Huang, apparently envisioning a similar two-tier system, said:

"Questions of disarmament and international security, which concern the interests of all countries, should be deliberated by an international organ with the participation of all countries under the auspices of the United Nations... The terms and procedures of disarmament negotiations should be decided on by this organ."

"Machinery responsible for disarmament negotiations should be truly free of superpower con-

trol and should be set up through consultations by the governments in the deliberative organ."

Huang was cynical about the Soviet-American negotiations for a second SALT agreement limiting the nuclear arsenals of the two superpowers.

"For anyone willing to face up to reality," he said, "the history of the strategic arms limitation talks since they began in 1969 has been a history of strategic arms race between the Soviet Union and the United States...."

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CHICAGO (AP) — Traffic accidents killed 485 people during the three-day Memorial Day weekend, compared to 432 deaths over the holiday period last year.

The National Safety Council had estimated before the holiday began at 6 p.m. Friday that 400 to 500 people would lose their lives in traffic accidents over the long weekend that ended Monday night.

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AGA president points to Canada as proof gas deregulation works

MONTREAL, CANADA—The President of the American Gas Association said the natural gas situation in Canada is proof that deregulation of gas prices does work. It stimulates both new supply development and conservation.

George H. Lawrence, speaking before the Canadian gas Association's annual meeting last week, said "the gas situation in Canada is a test-tube case that deregulation does produce increased supplies of gas." He pointed out that supplies in Western Canada sharply increased as the result of commodity pricing, as many economists had long contended. In the Pacific northwest areas of the U. S. which are 70 percent dependent on Canadian gas, the higher prices that created the increased supply also contributed to a conservation experience of 37 percent over the past four years, compared with about 13 percent nationwide.

Lawrence predicted that approval of gas pricing legislation now pending before the U. S. Congress—which provides for phased deregulation of new gas prices at the wellhead—would stimulate an estimated eight trillion cubic feet of additional U. S. production between now and 1985.

The minimum of two trillion cubic feet per year of new gas supplies by 1985 will reduce oil imports by at least one million barrels per day.

"The bill," Lawrence said, "will provide the added incentives for increased exploration and development of existing U. S. domestic supplies, while supplemental supply sources like coal gasification, biomass conversion, and synthetic gas production capabilities are developed."

Lawrence also noted that a significant contribution to U. S. supply will result from construction of the Alaskan gas pipeline, and said Canadian, Mexican, and liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports, as well as gasification of vast U. S. coal supplies, also will play a major role in future supply.

Lawrence applauded the Canadian government's positive attitude toward energy resource development, citing recent new discoveries in Alberta and the arctic regions as "evidence that when incentives are provided, impressive things happen naturally. We admire the Canadian readiness to treat energy sources as commodities competing in free markets," he said.

Lawrence cited the Alaskan Pipeline Project and the LNG import terminal at St. John's as two recent examples of effective teamwork that can result when Canada and the U. S. are faced with the common challenge of providing adequate energy supplies. "The benefits of our working

MGF plans re-entry test

MGF Oil Corp. No. 1 W. A. Roberts has been announced as a re-entry project in Frio County, 13.3 miles northwest of Pearsall.

It is 4,924 feet from the northwest and 8,892 feet from the northeast lines of Jinio-Culler Survey No. 153, abstract 165. It will be tested in the Edwards formation.

The project originally was drilled by Tenneco Oil Co. and Pennzoil United, Inc., and plugged and abandoned in September 1969 at total depth of 5,055 feet. Operator plans to clean out to the old total depth of 5,055 feet.

together are obvious," he observed. Lawrence predicted a brightening of the gas supply picture in future months. "Already we are noticing some results of what is called 'conservation gas'—the 2.67 Tcf coming from industrial conversions, electric generation switchover to coal, and other conservation efforts." As a result a new marketing phase is being adopted to utilize this gas.

Lawrence noted the gas industry has willingly accepted its responsibility of keeping the public informed about the increasing importance of gas to America's energy future. "This dominant source of domestic energy provides 55 percent of the energy used

in America's homes and businesses. It provides 40 percent of the energy used by U. S. industry and by U. S. agriculture—far more than any other form of energy—and nearly 30 percent of the total energy requirements of the U. S.," he said.

"The gas industry has the determination, the experience and the technical knowledge to maintain this dominance in the U. S. energy scene," he said, "through the development of supplemental and domestic supplies which will allow the industry to continue to supply the American consumer through its million-mile pipeline, with sufficient gas energy for into the future.

DOE plan limited says Amoco executive

WASHINGTON—A Department of Energy proposal intended to simplify regulations and restore market forces to domestic crude oil production and sales is "extremely limited in scope with little chance of achieving the department's objectives," an Amoco Oil Co. executive said last week in testimony presented to the DOE's Economic Regulatory Administration.

"In fact, the current proposal retains the chief non-market characteristics of the present complex regulations," including the composite price index and entitlements program, stated Lawrence D. Thomas, Amoco's vice president of operations planning and transportation. "This is not what companies in any other industry would regard as market conditions."

"As long as the composite price mechanism is in effect, the DOE cannot make any changes, no matter how worthwhile or necessary—in favor of one crude without penalizing all other classes of crude oil," he explained.

Thomas called on the DOE to petition Congress to remove the composite index, although it was mandated by Congress and is not due to expire until May, 1979. "We don't feel there are sufficient reasons to postpone a merciful death for this arbitrary and punitive regulation," he said.

The Amoco executive pointed out that the entitlements program was designed originally as "a fairly simple concept to equalize crude costs among domestic refiners. However, today it is being used to support employment in Puerto Rico, to subsidize fuel oil consumers on the East Coast, to subsidize production of heavy California crudes and subsidize other special interests. If the DOE wants to simplify on eof the most complex nightmares of the regulatory world, the entitlements program is the place to start."

Thomas cautioned the DOE officials that their current proposal "could have two unintended penalties for domestic producers."

First, by increasing domestic low-sulfur crude prices, the composite price mechanism would require a reduction in prices for medium and high sulfur (sour) crudes. "Sour crudes cannot tolerate further price decreases," Thomas maintained, noting that "sour crude producers, such as those in the Rocky Mountains, would need special relief and additional regulatory programs."

Second, he predicted that all producers would lose revenue under the DOE's proposal. "They would continue to lose it each month until the DOE returned the domestic composite

price to the proper levels," he said. In place of the DOE's new proposal, Thomas called on the agency to plan for the elimination of the composite price system, including announcing a timetable to help reduce the uncertainty with which rail companies must contend.

In the interim, if the DOE feels it is necessary to further equalize crude costs among refiners to reflect quality variations, Thomas suggested the creation of a two pool (sweet-sour) entitlement program.

"This program could not upset the domestic composite price system and would have no effect on producer revenues," he said.

C. B. Stone joins Amoco

CHICAGO, ILL.—Amoco Minerals Co., announced that Chester B. Stone Jr. will join the company here as executive vice president effective June 19.

Stone, formerly president of Lykes Resources Inc., Pittsburgh, will be responsible for Amoco's worldwide operating activities. He will report to Amoco Minerals President Ray W. Ballmer.

He holds a B.A. degree in accounting from the University of Houston, and he earned his CPA certificate in 1958. He will reside in Lake Forest with his wife and two daughters.

Amoco Minerals is a subsidiary of Standard Oil Co. of Indiana.

Cox given scholarship

Foy Andrew Cox, son of Foy E. Cox of Midland has been awarded a Henry L. Doherty Educational Scholarship for the 1978-79 school year. The scholarship is for \$400 per academic year for a maximum of four years.

Totaling \$130,000, 260 scholarships are being awarded this year by the Henry L. Doherty Educational Foundation which was established in 1939 to honor the founder of Cities Service Co.

Over the 39 year period, the foundation has distributed more than \$2 million in scholarship assistance to children of employees of Cities Service Co. and its subsidiaries. Voluntary employee contributions to the foundation are matched equally by the company.

Shallow gas discovery completes in Reeves

A&B Oil Co. of Monahans No. 1 State of Texas, a re-entry project, has been completed as a gas discovery in Reeves County, 13 miles northwest of Toyah.

The discovery finalized for a calcu-

ENERGY OIL & GAS

MARTIN PROJECT

Rial Oil Co. of Midland No. 1-32 University is to be drilled as a 10,000-foot test in the Hutex (Dean) area of Martin County, 15 miles northwest of Tarzan.

Drill site is 1,750 feet east of production and 660 feet from north and 1,650 feet from east lines of section 32, block 7, University Lands survey.

CRANE TESTER

Gulf Oil Corp. No. 115 M. B. McKnight is to be drilled as a 4,200-foot operation in the Running W. North (Holt) field of Crane County, 23 miles northwest of Crane.

Location is 1,190 feet from south and 750 feet from west lines of section 1, block B-21, psl survey. It is 1,255 feet southwest of Holt production.

MCFARLAND AREA

Amoco Production Co. No. 3-8 University McFarland Queen Consolidated has been staked in the McFarland (Queen) pool of Andrews County.

The 4,700-foot test is 4,780 feet from north and 2,996 feet from west lines of section 6, block 4, University Lands survey and 10 miles north of Andrews.

MCCULLOCH WILDCAT

Blair Exploration Inc. of Midland No. 1-A Johnnie V. Guice is to be drilled as a 2,700-foot wildcat in McCulloch County, 3.6 miles northeast of Doole.

The location is 1,320 feet from south and 1,120 feet from west lines of section 4, Bronnagh Brothers survey, abstract 1623.

The location is 2.5 miles southwest of the Stacey Grant (Strawn) gas field.

RUNNELS EXPLORER

Cerco Petroleum Inc. of Abilene will re-enter and plug back to 2,567 feet for tests as a wildcat in the former Daldport Oil Co. No. 1 J. T. Wiley, a 2,570-foot dry hole in Runnels County.

Location is 1,830 feet from northwest and 2,900 feet from southwest lines of George Dyer survey No. 482.

The project is 5/8 mile southeast of the Elm Creek shallow area and 3.5 miles southeast of Hatchell.

Cerco will operate the project as No. 1 B. Howell.

UPTON PROJECTS

John L. Cox of Midland staked locations for a pair of stepouts to production in the Upton County portion of the Spraberry Trend Area field.

No. 4-H Owens will be drilled 1/2 mile west of production and is 1,320 feet from south and west lines of section 32, block Y, TCR survey.

No. 1-30 Half is 1.25 miles west of production and 1,320 feet from south and west lines of section 32, block Y, TCR survey.

The projects, 15 miles northeast of Rankin, will be drilled to 8,700 feet.

FISHER WILDCAT

Bettis, Boyce & Stovall of Graham announced location for a 5,400-foot wildcat in Fisher County, four miles northwest of Hamlin.

It is No. 3-C Bryant, 1/2 mile west of the two-well Coffin (Strawn) field and separated from it by depleted producers.

The location is 660 feet from south and 563 feet from east lines of section 4, W. E. Kaye survey.

RUNNELS TEST

W. W. West of Midland No. 4 Norman N. Bonnett is to be drilled as a 3,800-foot wildcat in Runnels County, three miles west of Talpa.

The project is 1,600 feet from north and 2,300 feet from west lines of George B. Wilson survey No. 42.

The site is 1,200 feet north of Serratt oil production in the Lena Clayton multipay area. It is one mile north and slightly west of Gardner gas production in the field.

STONEWALL EXPLORER

E. C. Johnston of Longview No. 1 Winter is to be drilled as a 6,500-foot wildcat in Stonewall County, 12 miles northeast of Aspermont.

Location has been staked 3,700 feet from south and 1,725 feet from west lines of M. Cordova survey, abstract 63.

The project is 1.25 miles north of the depleted Kowa Peak, Southeast (multipay Strawn) area and two miles east of the Kiowa Peak (Strawn) field.

EDDY GASSER

Amoco Production Co. No. 1 Yates-Federal has been completed in an undesignated Morrow area of Eddy County, N. M., 116 miles southwest of Artesia.

The well finalized for a daily flow of 940,000 cubic feet of gas per day, with a gas-liquid ratio of 313,333-1. The flow was through a 12/64-inch choke and perforations from 8,858 to 8,872 feet after 5,000 gallons of acid and 17,000 gallons of fracture solution.

Total depth is 8,931 feet and 5.5-inch casing is cemented at total depth. Location is 660 feet from south and 2,310 feet from west lines of section 15-18s-24e.

lated absolute open flow potential of 445,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 1,723 to 1,763 feet after a 2,500-gallon acid treatment.

Total depth is 14,485 feet and plugged back depth is 2,888 feet. Thirteen and three-eighths-inch casing is cemented at 3,160 feet.

Location is 1,980 feet from north and west lines of section 28, block 59, psl survey.

The strike is the former American-Quasar No. 1 State of Texas. It was abandoned in August 1973. There is no nearby production.

CULBERSON WELL

Hanover Management Corp. No. 2 Garton has been completed in the Geraldine (Ford) field of Culberson County, six miles northwest of Orla.

Operator reported a daily flowing potential of 113.8 barrels of 41.5-gravity oil, through a 12/64-inch choke and perforations from 2,565 to 3,575 feet. Gas-oil ratio is 1,538-1. The well also made 20 barrels of water on the potential test. Total depth is 2,675 feet and 4.5-inch casing is set on bottom.

Operator treated the pay with 500 gallons of acid and fractured with 4,000 gallons of fluid.

Well site is 880 feet northeast of other production and 1,000 feet from north and east lines of section 10, block 58, T-2, T&P survey.

STERLING OILER

R. C. Bennett and J. C. Ryan of

Midland No. 1 Bade is a new well in the Conger (Pennsylvanian) field of Sterling County, 11 miles west of Sterling City.

On 24-hour potential test it flowed 53.6 barrels of 57-gravity oil and 15.7 barrels of water, through a 15/64-inch choke and perforations from 7,247 to 7,853 feet. The gas-oil ratio is 5,093-1.

The pay was fractured with 70,000 gallons.

The total depth is 8,085 feet and 4.5-inch casing is set at 8,075 feet. The plugged back depth is 8,047 feet.

Location is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 21, block 22, H&TC survey.

DECK PRODUCER

Grand Banks Energy Co. No. 1 Mahaffey Estate has been completed in the Deck (Cisco) field of Sterling County.

The well completed for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 380,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 8,017 to 8,297 feet after 2,500 gallons of acid and 50,000 gallons of fracture solution.

The gas-liquid ratio is 7,575-1 and the gravity of the liquid is 45.1 degrees.

Total depth is 8,330 feet and 4.5-inch casing is set at 8,329 feet. The plugged back total depth is 8,297 feet.

Location is 1,980 feet from north and 60 feet from east lines of section 34, block 2, T&P survey.

Dean sand test slated in Martin area pool

MGF Oil Corp. No. 1-8 Perry is to be drilled as an 8,850-foot project in the Ackerly (Dean sand) area of Martin County, two miles west of Ackerly.

The location is 1,980 feet from north and 1,320 feet from east lines of section 8, block 34, T-3-N, T&P survey. It is one location south and slightly west of production.

GAINES WELL

Texas Crude and Florida Gas have

completed their No. 8-9 Norman in the Tex-Flor field of Gaines County.

The well finalized for a daily pumping potential of 53 barrels of oil and seven barrels of water, through perforations from 9,026 to 9,146 feet after 13,000 gallons of acid.

The total depth is 9,250 feet.

Location is 467 feet from south and 2,200 feet from west lines of section 9, block C-45, psl survey, abstract 698.

Moslem opposition thwarting dissidents

By JONATHAN C. RANDAL
The Wash Post

TEHRAN, Iran—Just a year ago a group of liberal lawyers met clandestinely at the Park Hotel downtown to worry out loud about what they decried as Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi's increasing violation of the judiciary's independence.

They were encouraged by President Carter's human rights stand and the persistent efforts by the likes of Amnesty International, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Commission of Jurists to pester the shah into ending the regime's worst excesses.

A year later, the dissident lawyers—and like-minded politicians, writers, professors and other westernized intellectual activists—find themselves under mounting attack from the government and overtaken—indeed thwarted—by the mobilizing power of the Moslem opposition.

Stymied in efforts to persuade the shah to move gradually beyond his timid liberalization program, they readily concede their weakness and vulnerability.

They appear powerless to counter the shah's recent charges that their backing for a return to a less autocratic rule was all but tantamount to communist-inspired treason.

Their first priorities are their own survival and preventing the threatened erosion of the few reforms the shah has granted.

"We must remain calm and give the shah no pretext for arresting—or taking legal action against us," a leading dissident lawyer said. "Silencing us would provoke no great public outcry—there are no more than 50 of us—unlike the ensured mass reaction if a religious leader were arrested."

Within the past month, lawyers and other dissidents have been subjected to bombs in homes and offices, telephone threats on their lives and the lives of their families, beatings and a kidnapping.

Typical was the misadventure of Abdul Karim Kahidji, a lawyer who, along with 30 colleagues, in April successfully defended a group of 16 students arrested during antigovernment demonstrations.

He has said he was jumped by six men upon emerging from a barber-shop April 27 and blackjacked into unconsciousness. His 12-year-old son ran back, alerted the barber-shop customers. The customers scared off the assailants, who drove away in two cars without license plates—a favorite practice of SAVAK, as the Iranian secret police is called. The assailants then apparently visited Kahidji's office and planted a bomb.

That kind of intimidation—and threatening telephone calls from a group calling itself "the Underground Organization for Revenge"—stopped

during the early May visit of William Butler, who heads the Geneva-based International Commission of Jurists.

Butler brought up cases of intimidation with the shah—as later the president of the Bar Association did with Prime Minister Jamshid Amouzegar. Dissidents reported that the telephoned threats resumed May 5, the day after Butler left Iran.

The dissidents also decry the presence of the army—rather than the civilian police—on university campuses, city streets and in general riot control.

Yet, the dissidents make no secret of the undeniable relaxation of former restraints on their activities—a change many acknowledge may stem from their own ineffectiveness.

"Two years ago I wouldn't have dared meet you," Mehdi Bazargan, a veteran opposition political leader, told a correspondent. He stressed the importance of the foreign press in reporting on Iran—and the sensitivity of the regime to anything smacking of criticism.

But the limits on dissident activity are easily discernible.

What is known as "Xerox literature" has flourished because of the regime's refusal to publish opposition communiques in the state-controlled press, much less allow dissidents to own or operate a press of their own.

Although only the Tudeh, or Iranian Communist Party, is officially banned, the shah appears to be in no good mood to allow the formation of new political parties.

"No one even dares rent us a place to serve as headquarters for the Society for the Protection of Human Rights for fear of being bombed," writer Ali Ashgar Hadj-Seyed-Javadi said.

Dissidents are also depressed at their own inability to organize.

"For 25 years we have had no parties," Javadi said. "Iran has been in a state of siege and we have had no time to organize."

Gulf Fine questioned

WASHINGTON (AP)—A New York state legislative officer wants to know why the federal government is not seeking a larger fine against Gulf Oil Corp. for alleged participation in a conspiracy to fix uranium prices.

There appears to be no good reason for the government's decision to charge Gulf with a misdemeanor rather than a felony, says William F. Haddad, head of the New York Assembly's Office of Legislative Oversight. Haddad said an legislative committee made a major effort to develop a case against Gulf and submitted its evidence to a grand jury.