

Senators launch assault on oil depletion allowance

By JIM LUTHER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Buoyed by back-to-back votes adding as much as \$27.5 billion to the "windfall-profits" tax, several senators are launching a new assault on a tax break long cherished by the oil industry — the oil depletion allowance.

Actions taken by the Senate Tuesday would increase the windfall tax to about \$157 billion over the 1980s, still considerably below the \$277 billion passed by the House and favored by President Carter.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., was asking the Senate today to add \$14.6 billion to the bill by denying the industry the oil depletion allowance on any price increases that are subject to the new windfall tax.

The depletion allowance is available on many minerals but is especially lucrative for the oil industry. It allows an oil producer not affiliated with a major oil company to deduct 22 cents from his federal income taxes for each \$1 earned from the oil business.

"This \$14.6 billion subsidy would come at a time when it is needed least, at the expense of taxpayers, and with no assurance of increased oil production," Leahy said.

Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., portrayed the Leahy amendment as another effort

to punish the oil industry for recent high profits. The government "cannot continue to punish the industry and the producing states and still expect increased oil production," Dole said.

In a blow to the oil industry Tuesday, the Senate: —Agreed to an amendment that would increase the windfall tax by \$22.5 billion by increasing from 60 percent to 75 percent the tax rate on "new" oil.

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generally that from fields where production started between 1973 and 1979. —Accepted a proposal to phase out the tax in the late 1990s, rather than in the late 1980s as the Finance Committee had recommended. Changing the

phase-out formula would add an estimated \$3 billion to \$5 billion to the tax in the 1980s. And, depending on the path of oil prices in the future, it could cost the oil industry an additional \$60 billion or more in the 1990s.

The vote increasing the tax rate on new oil was 58-35 and came on an amendment by Sens. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., and John Chafee, R-R.I. The change was supported by the Carter administration.

New oil, most owned by the giant oil companies, accounts for about 60 percent of current U.S. production of crude oil. Under the amendment, the tax would take away 75 percent of price increases above the current price of about \$13 per barrel.

The vote changing the phase-out schedule for the tax was 68-26 and came on an amendment by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y.

Carter decided earlier this year to phase out price controls on domestic crude oil in an effort to increase production and reduce reliance on imported oil. That decision will cost consumers an estimated \$1 trillion through 1990. Carter recommended the windfall tax to take a portion of that money from the oil industry.

In turn, the government would spend the tax revenue on developing non-oil fuels, improving the nation's transportation system and helping poor Americans pay rising energy costs.

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Enjoying an afternoon visit from Winnie the Pooh and Eeyore are 18-month-old Amy Jo Coffee and Mrs. James Coffee. The Pooh characters

visited the pediatrics ward at Midland Memorial Hospital Tuesday to spread a little seasonal cheer. (Staff Photo by Brian Hendershot).

U. N. move rejected But conciliatory tone noted

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The students holding 50 Americans hostage in the U.S. Embassy today rejected a Security Council appeal for their immediate release, but Tehran state radio took a more conciliatory tone, saying the U.N. action "left the way open for negotiations."

It was one more sign of conflict between the hard line adopted by the embassy militants and the approach of Iranian officials toward the month-old crisis.

On Tuesday, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's regime made new and stronger threats against the captives. Meanwhile, the U.S. Navy carrier force south of the Persian Gulf doubled in size.

The Security Council resolution was adopted Tuesday on the fourth consecutive day of a debate in which every speaker called for the release of the hostages. Iran boycotted the meeting, claiming it was rigged in favor of the United States.

The resolution contained no condemnation of the Iranians. Besides the appeal on behalf of the hostages, it called on Iran and the United States to "resolve peacefully the remaining issues between them" and urged them to "exercise the utmost restraint" and refrain from "the threat or use of force."

A spokesman for the embassy militants said of the appeal for the hostages' release, "Since the Security Council is orchestrated by the United States, it is obvious it would say such things because it is the defender of the superpowers and embarked on its deliberations according to the orders it received."

"As it is also obvious that the United States has great influence on this council, which has nothing to do with

the oppressed people of the world, its opinion is worthless as far as we are concerned and will not affect us in any way," he told The Associated Press by telephone.

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official commentary on the resolution, seemed to stress its positive aspects — from the Iranian viewpoint — ignoring the call for the hostages' release.

"The Iranian government has not been condemned and the United States has been warned, indirectly, against military intervention, and this has left the way open for negotiations," the radio said.

The radio commentary also contrasted with previous statements by Khomeini rejecting any decision by the Security Council in advance as dictated by the United States.

The Iranians seized the embassy and those inside it on Nov. 4, demanding that the United States surrender deposed Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi to Iran for trial. The Carter administration refused and on Tuesday joined the 14 other Security Council members in unanimous adoption of the resolution urging the release of the captives.

Pentagon officials said a six U.S. warships led by the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk had arrived in the Arabian Sea, joining another such force

headed by the carrier Midway. This put more than 135 planes within reach of the entrance to the Persian Gulf and the oil tankers moving to Iran.

A White House official indicated to reporters in Washington Tuesday that the students holding the embassy were threatening the hostages with execution if they did not confess to the charges of espionage and pro-shah activity being drawn up against them.

The official said the Americans "have been threatened with execution if they fail to cooperate with their captors," and added: "You can assume that I don't mean cooperation just... in routine matters."

Radio Tehran said Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh told the French newspaper Le Figaro the hostages would be tried as spies "for sure," but that Khomeini could overrule any sentences and pardon the captives "if the United States extradites the shah."

It was the first time an official of the regime had spoken of the hostages being tried as a certainty rather than as a possibility.

Ghotbzadeh also accused U.S. Charge d'Affaires L. Bruce Laingen and embassy officials Michael Howland and Victor Tomseth — the three top U.S. diplomats in Iran who are being held at the Foreign Ministry — of "having committed crimes. Thus once they leave the ministry compound, they will fall into the hands of justice and I will then be the first to demand they be arrested and tried."

Last week Ghotbzadeh said the three were "free to leave" Iran if they could get to the airport safely. But he later reversed himself when the students at the embassy repudiated his remarks.

Government to meet with relatives of hostages

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Carter administration is settling in for an indefinite standoff in its efforts to free 50 American hostages held in Tehran, Iran.

Relatives as far away as California will be flown here at government expense for a briefing Friday from Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance.

"It's a status report," said one U.S. official, who requested anonymity.

"It's not a question of presenting good news or bad news," he said of the session, to which one member from each of the hostages' families has been invited.

Vance also plans to scuttle most of his trip to Europe next week if the deadlock is not broken. He had planned stops in West Berlin, Romania and Yugoslavia besides attending a NATO meeting in Brussels, Belgium.

Meanwhile, there were indications that the deposed Shah of Iran may remain indefinitely in a suite of apartments at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas.

"He'll be convalescing for a while," Chris Godek, a spokeswoman for the shah, said.

Privately, administration officials admit a lack of progress in efforts to find Mohammad Reza Pahlavi a home in another country. Some have begun to talk of his American stay as "open-ended."

And, with the takeover of the U.S. Embassy in its 32nd day, there was no sign of a break in the American negotiations with Iran through unspecified third parties.

Some officials had anticipated headway once the Shiite holy season ended and Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's new Islamic constitution won landslide ratification.

Both events passed without any noticeable progress.

In the past, the State Department has held briefings for hostage rela-

tives living in the Washington, D.C., area. The department's Iran "task force" also calls a member of each family daily.

But Friday's session will be the first effort to bring together relatives of all 50 hostages.

Invited, also, are relatives of W. Bruce Laingen, Michael Howland and Victor Tomseth, the three American diplomats confined to the Iranian foreign ministry in Tehran.

Iranian militants, who have said they will kill the hostages if the United States attempts a military rescue, are threatening to execute the captives "if they fail to cooperate," a White House official said Tuesday.

The official, who asked not to be named, refused to say when the threat was made. Nor would he specify the kind of "cooperation" the Iranians demand of the hostages.

He said the hostages "have been threatened with execution if they fail to cooperate with their captors," ad-

ding: "You can assume that I don't mean cooperation just... in routine matters."

The statement, the first by a U.S. official that the hostages had been threatened with execution, was said to result from reports that some of the hostages have been questioned by professional interrogators.

Last week, President Carter said the Americans had been threatened at pistol point.

Carter has warned Iranian authorities of "extremely grave" consequences if any hostage is harmed.

Meanwhile, in Tehran, Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, the new foreign minister, said the Americans will be tried "for sure."

This appeared to be an unqualified threat and a harder line than one taken by Khomeini.

He had said the hostages would be tried as spies if the deposed shah was not extradited — a demand the United States has rejected.

Iran crisis at-a-glance

By The Associated Press

Fifty Americans have been held captive at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran since Nov. 4, when militant Iranian students took it over to demand the return of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi for trial. Here are today's highlights:

Hostages and Iran

The students at the embassy rejected a Security Council appeal for the hostages' immediate release as Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's regime made stronger threats against the captives, saying the captives would certainly be tried.

The students said the United States controlled the Security Council session, which Iran had boycotted. The Security Council appeal was unanimous, but the resolution contained no condemnation of Iran.

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In Washington

White House officials indicated that the militants were threatening the hostages with execution if they did not confess to the charges of espionage and pro-shah activity being drawn up against them.

Jimmy Carter's re-election campaign began, but the president said: "My campaign travels must be, for a time, postponed," because of the crisis. Carter passed up a fund-raising gala at a Washington hotel only a few blocks from the White House.

Meanwhile, the administration appeared to be settling in for a long standoff, calling relatives of the hostages to the capital for a briefing on Friday.

The Soviet Union

Claiming the United States is using "crude military and political pressure" against Iran, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda said "Washington has decided to intensify the crisis and turn it into one of the most serious international conflicts of the postwar era." It said in a commentary, "A dangerous and alarming situation is shaping up."

The shah

Citing the possibility of violent clashes, officials in San Antonio, Texas, banned marches by both anti-shah Iranians and pro-American Ku Klux Klansmen during the exiled ruler's visit.

City Manager Tom Huebner and other city officials said Tuesday they would not permit marches the two groups wanted to hold on Friday.

Meanwhile, the recuperating shah was under heavy guard when he took advantage of sunny, autumn weather to stroll the golf course at Lackland Air Force Base, sources said.

The public

Rhode Islanders were asked to pray and fast today for the 50 American hostages held in Iran, while flags flew at half staff in Maine, church bells tolled in Massachusetts and a nationwide mail-in protest gathered steam in Maryland.

The Institute of Psychoenergetics in Brookline, Mass., said it planned a worldwide meditation session for "peace and harmony in the Mideast" on Dec. 22. The group tried unsuccessfully to "think" the Skylab space station into a safer orbit on May 21.

Supreme court to decide lawsuit against Midland

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court today agreed to decide whether a city can be held financially responsible for accidents occurring at intersections where brush, trees and weeds block a driver's view of side street traffic.

It set a Feb. 13 hearing in a case filed against Midland by the parents

of a youth who received brain and spinal cord injuries in a June 10, 1976, collision.

A Midland jury found that Calvin Keith Jezek, 16 at the time of the accident, was entitled to \$975,000 from the city for his injuries. But the trial judge entered judgment for the city.

The El Paso Court of Civil Appeals agreed with the trial judge and said Midland was not liable for clearing away brush and weeds that obscure the view at intersections.

Jezek was injured in a collision with a pickup truck at Turner Road and G Y Lee Road. The truck, approaching from Jezek's left, slammed into Jezek's 1971 Ford Pinto at about 60 miles per hour.

The court of civil appeals cited a 1952 Texas Supreme Court decision that while cities must maintain their streets in safe condition, this does not include keeping a clear side-to-side view at intersections.

"The rule is sound," the appeals court said.

It said the street itself was safe and "it is only when you have another car involved that there is any danger."

Attorneys for Jezek said in their appeal to the Supreme Court, "A blind intersection must, after all, be recognized as a far greater hazard to even the most cautious street user than the pothole in the street surface."

They said a safe street means a street that is safe when normal traffic is present.

"Rather than maintain the streets in question, the city chose to simply sit back and watch accidents occur. It would be a safe statement to say that for the price of (Jezek's) medical bills alone, the city of Midland could remedy each view-obstructed intersection within its city limits for many years," the appeal says.

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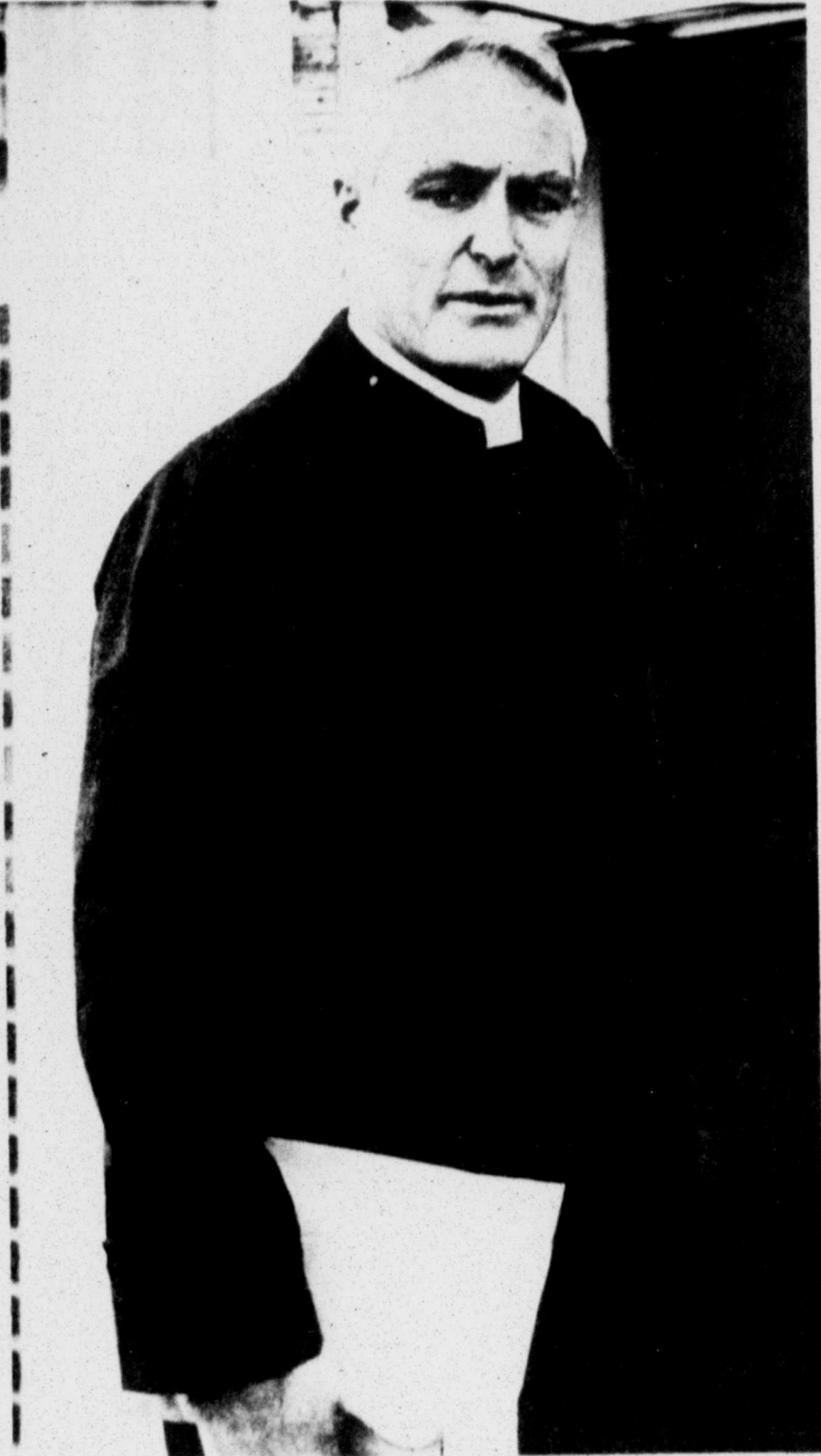
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Robert Bear enters the Cumberland County Courthouse in Carlisle, Pa., for his trial on charges he tried to abduct his wife. He was acquitted. (AP Laserphoto)

Farmer will continue fight against shunning

CARLISLE, Pa. (AP) — Farmer Robert Bear, acquitted of abducting his wife, says he will continue his crusade against Reformed Mennonites who cast him out of the strict religious sect and made his family sever all ties with him.

"I would say it's a victory of sorts. But I'm still not free, my wife is not free, nor are my children free," Bear said after a Cumberland County jury found him innocent Tuesday of charges of simple assault and false imprisonment.

"I'm losing wars and not winning many battles," he added, his chiseled features showing obvious relief after he wept openly while defending himself in court.

Bear, 50, who was excommunicated seven years ago for criticizing church leaders, insisted he is not giving up hope of winning back his wife, Gale, 41, and six children because giving up is "what causes suicide."

"I consider you very fortunate, Mr. Bear," said Judge Harold Sheely after he read the verdict, which was returned after just over an hour of deliberations. "Had I been hearing this case without a jury, I would have found you guilty of false imprisonment."

Though unsure of his next step, Bear did not rule out abducting his wife again. "I'll need to think about that," he said, adding that he expected to be found guilty.

Bear said he still loves his wife and meant her no harm. "I just pity her more. She and our children are much more victim than I am," he told reporters.

Acting as his own attorney and his only defense witness, Bear admitted snatching his wife at a farmers market in August and intentionally holding her in his truck for about 30 minutes.

But he defended his actions by saying that he wanted to expose the greater evil of shunning — a 400-year-old sanction that bans all members of the ultra-conservative church, including his wife and family, from having any business or social contact with him.

Because of the ban, Bear said the only way he can talk to his wife is in a courtroom. Mrs. Bear was not present in the courtroom Tuesday, but on Monday, the first day of the trial, she testified that she had been sexually assaulted once by her husband and feared him.

Bear's only emotional response to the verdict was shaking hands with Taylor Andrews, a public defender appointed by the court as standby counsel.

But he used a handkerchief and his meaty, farmer's hand to wipe away tears during his testimony and closing arguments.

"No matter what you do, you can't free me. Only death can free me," he sobbed to the jury. "What I tried to remedy was far greater than what I had caused. What I tried to do was reunite the family."

Bear had been married for 14 years before his excommunication in 1972. His wife left with the children in 1973. The church does not condone divorce.

Husband will follow wife if she's excommunicated

By JUDY GIBBS

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The husband of Mormon equal rights advocate Sonia Johnson says that if his wife is excommunicated from the church, he'll leave it too.

"Whatever they do to her, they have to do to me — I told the bishop that," said Richard Johnson, a former Baptist who credits his wife with his conversion to Mormonism.

Johnson was interviewed by telephone Tuesday at his Sterling, Va., home.

Mrs. Johnson, the 43-year-old co-founder of Mormons for the Equal Rights Amendment, was tried Saturday night by a Mormon bishop's court at the church's Sterling Park Ward. Bishop Jeff Willis has not announced a verdict.

Mrs. Johnson says she was charged with undermining the authority of church leaders, preaching false doctrine and hindering the church's missionary work.

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ter-day Saints has declined to comment on the charges or the trial, except to say that Mrs. Johnson's support of the ERA alone would not be grounds for her excommunication. The bishop has denied her support for the amendment was part of the trial.

The Mormon Church opposes the ERA because, church leaders say, it would undermine the family and lead to a unisex society.

Johnson said if he and his wife both leave the Mormon Church, their four children — ages 5 to 16 — will continue to be members. But he said the children are "awfully bitter right now."

Mrs. Johnson was in New York Tuesday taping television interviews.

Her husband said four witnesses testified at Saturday night's excommunication trial, which he said lasted just five minutes over the 1½ hour limit set in advance by Bishop Willis. After the trial, Johnson said Willis and his two counselors conferred behind closed doors for 45 minutes before announcing that the verdict would be delivered at a later date.

18-year-old given probated sentence

An 18-year-old Midlander was assessed a two-year probated prison sentence Friday after he pleaded guilty in 23rd District Court to a charge of criminal mischief.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,057.91 in restitution.

Randall Lynn Craddock, 2205 Humble Ave., was sentenced by District Judge Vann Culp.

Craddock pleaded guilty to an act of criminal mischief Aug. 26 this year which resulted in damage to two vehicles belonging to W.B. Weaver.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Richard Moore.

Craddock was represented by attorney John Hyde.

10th Christmas dance to benefit youth ranches

Midland's 10th annual Cowboy Christmas Dance will be held Dec. 15 from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. in the Midland County Exhibit Building on East Highway 80.

The dance, a benefit event, is sponsored by the Southwestern Livestock Auction of Midland, with proceeds going to West Texas Boy's Ranch at Tankersley and the High Sky Girls Ranch at Midland. The public is invited.

Stars of the entertainment world who will be here for the dance include Norman Wade, Tommy Alsop and Tagg Lambert, all of Nashville, Tenn., and Freddy Frank, band leader.

Joe Morris and the Permian Playboys will furnish the dance music.

House fire battled

Midland firemen quickly extinguished a house fire at 1508 S. Marshall St. Tuesday morning.

The fire, at the home of Ramon Cerdantes, caused moderate damage to a bedroom, according to Midland Fire Department reports. Curtains and a mattress in a bedroom of the residence reportedly were burning when firefighters arrived.

Firemen used 25-gallon cans of water to extinguish the blaze about 9:48 a.m.

Fire Marshal Herb Bloomer said the blaze was thought to have been caused by children playing with a cigarette lighter at the residence.

State plans to sue Mandel

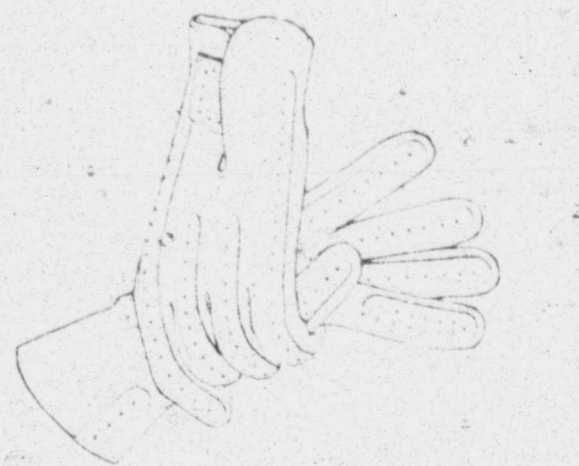
BALTIMORE (AP) — Gov. Harry R. Hughes will announce Wednesday that the state plans a civil suit against former Gov. Marvin Mandel if he does not return or fully pay for \$50,000 worth of furnishings Mandel allegedly removed from the Governor's Mansion, the Baltimore Sun says.

The Sun, in Wednesday's editions, quoted unidentified sources as saying Mandel improperly removed furniture, china and other valuables from the Governor's Mansion that are worth in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

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A firetruck pours spray on an 80,000-barrel capacity gasoline storage tank at the Mobil Oil Corp. refinery in Torrance, Calif., Tuesday. One Mobil employee was killed and several others were injured, and at one point firemen abandoned their trucks because of the intense heat. (AP Laserphoto)

Mobil refinery blaze expected to burn out

TORRANCE, Calif. (AP) — Officials say they expect the fire at a Mobil Oil Corp. refinery to burn itself out today, more than 30 hours after it began with an explosion that killed three persons.
One refinery worker was killed when one tank first exploded Monday night. A second worker and a passing motorist, who also were engulfed by the flames, died from burns Tuesday at a Torrance hospital.
Torrance Fire Department Capt. Gerald Goins said late Tuesday the fire was limited to one gasoline storage tank that had been burning since the initial explosion.
Another loud explosion jolted the refinery Tuesday afternoon after a crude oil pipe ruptured near the burning gasoline tank.
The explosion was felt by officials

at city fire department headquarters more than a mile away. Oil spilling from the broken pipe caught fire, but Goins said the flames were quickly extinguished.
"The only fire at the refinery is the one in the unleaded gasoline tank," said Mobil spokesman Ed Fulham. "It (the tank) is practically crumbled to the ground, but the fire is contained within its shell."
The tank's shell had buckled to about 15 feet in height from 25 feet under the intense heat, Goins said. About 150 firefighters still were fighting the blaze late Tuesday.
"If they can put enough foam on to smother it they will," said Mobil spokesman Ed Fulham. "If not, they'll just let it burn itself out."

Investigators can't explain nuke loss

ERWIN, Tenn. (AP) — Federal investigators say they have found no hint that at least 20 pounds of bomb-grade uranium was stolen, but they concede they can't otherwise explain the disappearance from a nuclear fuel processing plant.
James Partlow, chief of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's materials control licensing branch, said Tuesday that NRC and FBI investigators have exhausted just about every possibility in their attempts to find the missing uranium.
"There isn't much left to look into," Partlow said. "Where we go next is not quite decided. That's something the commission will address next week."
The NRC ordered Nuclear Fuel Services Inc. to shut down its Erwin plant Sept. 17 after a two-month inventory for June 18 through Aug. 14 showed a shortage of at least 19.8 pounds of Uranium 235.
Partlow said that, although his office has not received a formal report yet, the FBI has found no hint that the material was stolen or removed from the plant illegally.
Investigations also have found nothing to indicate that the missing uranium is connected with a strike by the plant's employees during all but 10 days of the accounting period, he said.
Government investigators have de-

clined to say exactly how much of the uranium is still missing, citing national security reasons.
However, a portion of the shortage turned up in a re-inventory last month, Partlow said, however, the amount still unaccounted for is above the 19.8-pound limit allowed by the NRC before a shutdown is ordered.
"We have, to the extent possible, looked for any mistake that might be made in bookkeeping or measurements and we haven't been able to

find any," he said. "That's not to say they aren't there, but we've come up empty."
NRC records show the plant had an accumulated inventory loss of 246 pounds of highly enriched uranium from 1968 through 1978. Physicists say it would take 39 pounds of the material to make a bomb.
The plant, owned by Getty Oil Co., fabricates fuel for the Navy's nuclear submarines and research programs. It remains closed.

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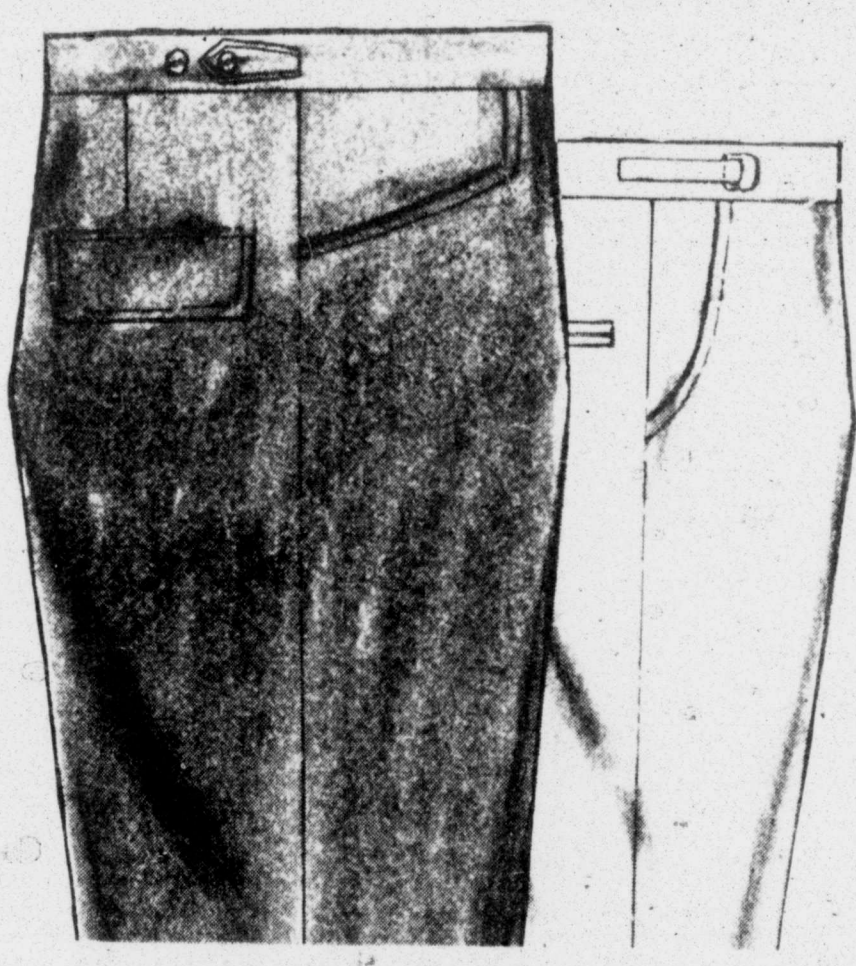
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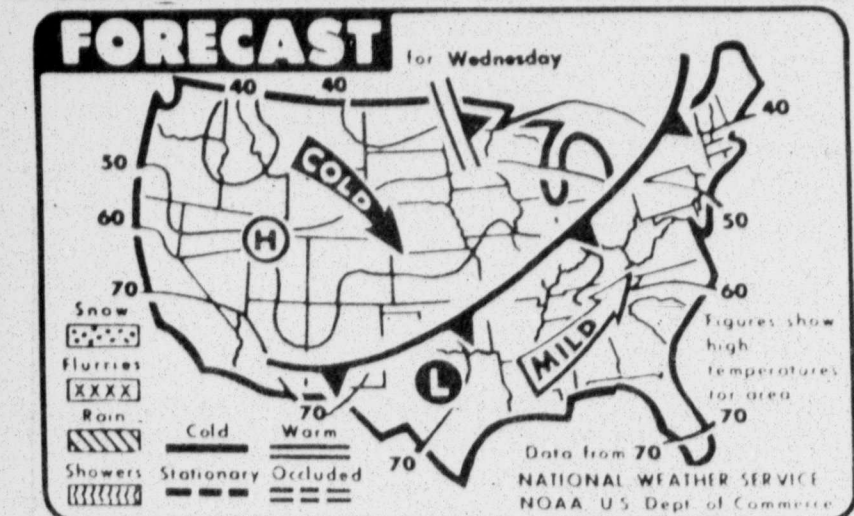
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WEATHER SUMMARY



The National Weather Service forecast for today calls for no significant precipitation. (AP Laserphoto Map)

Legislator cites ship collisions

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — State Sen. Babe Schwartz says "absolute confused idiots" are operating foreign-flag ships in the Gulf of Mexico. As evidence, Schwartz offers three collisions involving four foreign ships and two oil platforms in less than a month.

He thinks the Texas Legislature should require port pilots to board the foreign vessels at the outer extremity of Texas waters, 10 miles offshore. The tanker Burmah Agate still is burning 4 1/2 miles off Galveston after a Nov. 1 collision with the freighter Mimosa left 32 men dead. Both vessels are of Liberian registry.

Last week, the Greek freighter Skymnos collided with an unmanned oil platform 13 miles offshore. There were no injuries. Less than 24 hours later, one crewman was killed when the Algerian freighter Babor struck another unmanned platform about 85 miles offshore.

All three collisions were outside the 3-mile U.S. territorial waters. All three were beyond the monitoring devices of the Coast Guard's Vessel Traffic System that keeps check on all movements along the busy Galveston-Houston Ship Channels.

And all four ships were without port pilots who climb aboard or leave all ships entering or departing U.S. waters off Galveston.

Schwartz said last week in Austin he will ask Gov. Bill Clements to allow a special session of the legislature to consider a bill that would extend port pilot duties from the 3-mile limit to 10 miles.

He repeated his proposal Monday while discussing the Burmah Agate collision and oil spill with the Space Center Rotary Club.

"I think this accident convinced everyone there are absolute confused idiots manning foreign flag vessels in the Gulf of Mexico, he said. "We need to protect the Texas coastline."

Port pilots hold Merchant Marine licenses for piloting specific routes. "They are professionals for bringing ships in and out of port," said Lt. Cmdr. Robert Storch of the Coast Guard's marine inspection office in Houston.



Raising a clenched fist, Jimmy Carter signals the end of his formal announcement that he is a candidate for re-election. With him, from left, are his mother, Lillian Carter; his daughter, Amy

Carter, and first lady Rosalynn Carter. Behind the president and his mother is Jeff Carter. (AP Laserphoto)

Surrogate campaigners hit trails following Carter's announcement

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter's re-election campaign is off and running, but without the candidate, who says the crisis in Iran made it difficult for him, even to announce much less campaign.

"I must remain here, near the White House, because of the situation in Iran," Carter said.

First lady Rosalynn Carter, Vice President Walter Mondale and a corps of surrogates were hitting the campaign trail today after Carter's somber East Room announcement of candidacy Tuesday, followed by an equally subdued and brief televised address to the nation.

"My campaign travels must be, for a time, postponed," Carter told his television audience. "While the crisis continues, I must be present to define and lead our response to an ever-changing situation of the greatest sensitivity and importance."

Carter even passed up a fund-raising gala at a Washington hotel only a few blocks from the White House, sending wife Rosalynn and Mondale in his place.

White House press secretary Jody Powell said Carter "simply felt his presence there would not be appropriate under the circumstances."

Pleading that the Iranian situation prevented a more elaborate launching of his campaign, Carter devoted a large portion of both announcement speeches to the "somber time of crisis" created by the holding of American hostages at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

Comparing himself to Abraham Lincoln in the Civil War, Carter declared, "I must devote my concerted efforts to resolving the Iranian crisis."

Carter's five-minute taped announcement — the time was purchased from CBS — was aimed specifically at some 2,800 campaign kickoff dinners around the country.

In his eight-minute East Room announcement, Carter opened with the Iranian crisis, saying it "has demanded my closest attention since the moment it began" and that he was making his re-election announcement now only to meet legal requirements for getting on the ballot in some of the primary states.

Mrs. Carter struck the same note in delivering the speech her husband apparently would have given if he had attended the dinner.

Both Carters said the 50 Americans held in Iran are "hostages to a mob and a government that have become one and the same."

"The actions of the leaders in Iran are an outrage, totally outside the bounds of international law, and for the whole world to see," Mrs. Carter said. "But also for the world to see is

this nation and our president acting with calmness, with courage, and with measured action."

Asked about the persistent Iranian tilt of the speeches, White House press secretary Jody Powell said administration aides gave some thought to the possibility the president might be seen as playing politics with Iran but decided to go ahead with that approach anyway.

"I don't see how the president could deal with much of anything without speaking about what's on everyone's minds," Powell said.

Meanwhile, the bickering between the White House and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, a rival for the Democratic nomination, continued.

Kennedy, who had been critical of

the deposed Shah of Iran in a television interview Sunday, renewed his attack Tuesday on what he called the shah's "repressive dictatorship."

However, Kennedy said he backed Carter's efforts to free the American hostages. "Support for the hostages does not mean support for the shah," Kennedy said.

The Carter dinner here grossed about \$800,000 for the campaign, and officials said even without Carter's participation, they expected to raise about \$2.5 million in various events this week.

In a related matter, the president drew the endorsement Tuesday of the 350,000-member Plumbers Union, which had been leaning toward Kennedy just a few months ago.

'Kookie candidates' to hold first convention in Atlanta

By GREG MACARTHUR

ATLANTA (AP) — If it could be the first political convention where one candidate says his running mate is God and the campaign of another is based on mass hypnotism.

"There will be some nuts here," said Nick Belluso, organizer of the first Presidential Kookie Candidate Convention. "I just hope the press doesn't dwell on them."

But Belluso, himself a candidate for president, insists that all who show up for Saturday's convention are legal candidates for the nation's highest office, having registered with the Federal Elections Commission.

Belluso, who filmed a television campaign commercial two years ago in which a hypnotist urged voters to elect him governor of Georgia, said there are more than 100 such little-known candidates for president this year, and 30 of them have promised to come to the convention.

Space for the affair has been reserved at the Rheingarten Ballroom, a converted Atlanta supermarket, and Belluso said he has spent \$2,000 promoting the affair.

"The candidates will be introduced and then they'll each get to give their pitch," the 57-year-old investment counselor said in an interview this week.

"There will be no time limit on what they say," he added. "But if people start throwing cabbage, they'd better get off the stage."

Belluso said some of the candidates who will come to the convention include John Graham, an Arkansas restaurant owner running under the banner of the Little People's Party; Don, a bearded, shepherd's crook-carrying North Carolinian running because of a "vision from God"; and Earl V. "Blackjack" Stevens of Lebanon, Mo., who claims to have raised \$65 million for his campaign.

Graham, in an interview from his home in Fort Smith, said he decided to run for office because "people coming to my restaurant said, 'why don't you do something about the government.'"

There is no doubt in mind that I'm going to Washington, D.C., because I've got something behind me that nobody understands — God himself," he said. "I talk to him every day and he tells me, 'Go on, Graham. You can do it.'"

Midland woman still jailed following high-speed chase

A Midland woman remained in Midland County Jail early today in lieu of \$1,700 bond after a prolonged high-speed chase by Midland police and Department of Public Safety troopers.

The Monday afternoon chase at speeds of 80 to 90 mph ended on Interstate 20 when DPS Trooper Ben Valdez shot out a tire on the woman's station wagon between Midland and Odessa.

She was charged with driving while intoxicated and fleeing a police officer, both misdemeanor offenses.

A DPS spokesman said the chase began when Midland police noticed the woman driving erratically inside the city limits about 1:15 p.m. The DPS became involved when she left the city westbound on I-20 and drove up behind a patrol unit driven by Trooper Roger Weaver near FM 1788, just west of Midland Regional Airport.

Weaver was trying to stop the vehicle when she pulled around the DPS car, driving 80 to 90 mph, and hit the side of the patrol unit, a DPS spokesman said.

The trooper managed to retain control of the car which had about \$2,000 damage to the driver's side near the door post.

The woman exited I-20 at the Loop 338 exit on the east edge of Odessa, traveled down the service road and

The weather elsewhere

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Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Clear to partly cloudy through Thursday. Highs mid 80s north to mid 90s south. Lows mid 50s Panhandle to mid 30s south. Highs Thursday upper 80s to near 90.

North Texas: Mostly fair through Thursday. Highs in the 70s. Lows in the 50s. Highs Thursday in the 80s.

South Texas: Fairly cloudy with scattered showers along the coast. Highs upper 80s to mid 90s. Lows mid 50s Panhandle to mid 30s south. Highs Thursday upper 80s to near 90.

Foot Arthur to Port O'Connor: Winds westerly 5 to 15 knots becoming northwesterly near 12 knots tonight through Thursday. Seas 7 to 5 feet. Scattered showers late tonight and Thursday morning.

Hance releases results of poll

Congress should establish a balanced budget and begin paying back the national debt even if it means cutting programs, a recent poll of residents in the 49th Congressional District showed. Inflation was listed as the single most important issue facing the nation by more than half the respondents to the opinion poll.

The survey was conducted in the early fall by U.S. Rep. Kent Hance who received more than 31,000 responses on opinions on major legislative issues. Results of the poll are being mailed to respondents this week after being tabulated last week.

"We felt we had an excellent sampling of opinion in the 19th District," said Hance. "We received a wide range of opinion on all the subjects and it helped reaffirm our beliefs about what people want their government to do."

"The one feeling we had was reinforced by this opinion poll — and that was that people are interested in their government," Hance said. "People do care about what laws are passed and how those laws will affect them."

The major areas cited in the poll included inflation, energy, defense, taxes and agriculture. With the quick changing events on the international level in recent weeks, Hance added, he felt international relations would be included if the poll were taken today.

Those responding to the poll showed the most unity in saying Congress should establish a balanced budget and begin a systematic payback of the national debt, "even if it means some of your favorite programs or local projects might be reduced or eliminated." To that question, 93.7 percent said an emphatic yes.

Opinions were more evenly divided on gas rationing, with 55.3 percent responding to the question "should the Congress pass a law allowing the president to invoke gas rationing if it becomes necessary?"

Opinions strongly favored questions on producing more energy. Of those responding, 83.3 percent thought oil prices should be decontrolled, "so American producers will be paid the same as foreign producers," and 70.3 percent favored decontrol of gasoline prices.

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Mayor not optimistic about resolution of school strike

CLEVELAND (AP) — Despite resumption of negotiations in the seven-week school strike that has idled 92,000 students, Mayor George Voinovich says he is not optimistic about the newest efforts.

Representatives of the 5,000-member Cleveland Teachers Union and the debt-ridden Cleveland school board announced today's session after meeting with Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Frederick Coleman Tuesday night. Negotiations broke off Saturday.

Coleman also took under advisement a school board request for a back-to-work order. The strike has disrupted classes since Oct. 18.

"The judge has asked us to renew our efforts," said CTU President Eugene Kolach. School board lawyer J. William Petro said Coleman instructed both sides to "attempt to resolve your differences as soon as possible."

School Superintendent Peter P. Carlin told Coleman that students idled by the walkout are being affected

emotionally "by being bored and unoccupied and getting into trouble with the law."

School business manager George Mazzaro said if the walkout continues, it could disrupt the court-ordered racial desegregation of the district with a two-thirds black enrollment.

Teachers' union lawyer George Paldi said the school system failed to present clear evidence of irreparable harm caused by the strike.

Earlier in the day, Voinovich and City Council President George L. Forbes led a march from City Hall to the school administration building, where they met with school administrators.

Among school officials describing the financial plight of the Cleveland schools to Voinovich was school board President John E. Gallagher Jr. He said, "Our children are learning today from history books that say, 'One day we'll be able to put a man on the moon.'"

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More than half — 54 percent — of those responding listed inflation as "the single most important issue facing our nation today."

Energy came in a distant second with 21.8 percent, followed by defense with 9 percent, taxes with 6.1 percent, agriculture with 5.3 percent, international relations with 1.9 percent and health with 1.7 percent.

Continued cool weather forecast

Sunshine, light breezes and cool temperatures can lead to a boring forecast day after day in West Texas.

But that's what is in store for Thursday, said the weatherman.

The mercury on Thursday should rise into the mid-60s, according to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport. Tonight it should drop into the middle 30s.

High on Tuesday was 70 degrees, far below the record high of 85 set in 1954. Overnight low today was 37, a warm reading in comparison to the record low of 18 set on this date in 1950.

As a cold front moves into the Permian Basin tonight winds should become northwesterly 5-10 mph, the weatherman said.

No precipitation has been recorded this month. The yearly total stands at 13.25 inches.

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USDA still sees farm income dip

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department is not budging from its recent prediction that farm income may take a big nosedive next year.

In a brief summary of a new analysis to be published later this month, the department said Tuesday "there are no new developments in the current economic situation that significantly alter last month's forecast" for farm income and food prices next year.

Last month USDA predicted 1980 farm income could plummet by as much as 20 percent from this year's estimate of a near-record \$32 billion.

Food prices are expected to gain an additional 7 percent to 11 percent, with an 8 percent increase seen most likely at this time.

A spokesman, who asked not to be identified, told a reporter the 1980 farm income situation will not be analyzed further in the full outlook report due for release in a week or two. Income prospects were "described in some detail" last month, he said.

Farm income — whether it's gaining or declining — is always an elec-

tion-year issue on the rural campaign trail.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., for example, last week in Iowa referred to USDA's prediction of reduced farm income in 1980 when he attacked the Carter administration as having a "legacy of toil and trouble" for the nation's farmers.

Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland replied that Kennedy showed "an ignorance of farm realities."

Last month USDA officials said the possibility of farm income dropping by as much as 20 percent is based on an assumption inflation will outpace any gains in gross sales receipts.

In its latest report, USDA said, "Demand for agricultural commodities will remain strong through the first half of 1980 despite slowing economic activity."

Prices for major crops "will be influenced by the level and quality of grain and oilseed crops harvested this winter and next spring in the Southern Hemisphere, as well as crop prospects and harvests next summer and fall in the Northern Hemisphere," it said.

Walhalla, S.C., officials have lost a round in their effort to force Geneva Riggins to get rid of the 38 hogs she keeps at her home.

Circuit Judge Sidney Floyd dismissed on a technicality a complaint by officials of the town of Salem which sought to force Mrs. Riggins to remove the hogs from her home in a residential area.

Mrs. Riggins said she would be ready to fight any renewed legal efforts to evict her hogs. "I've got a six-ounce piglet and an eight-ounce in my family room right now I'm going to raise on the bottle," she said.



Prices this year generally higher

WASHINGTON (AP) — The prices farmers receive for their products are generally higher than they were a year ago, but the latest government figures show a wide variation among specific items.

According to the Agriculture Department's overall index of prices farmers receive, the average in November was up 10 percent from the same month a year ago.

Broken into categories, prices of meat animals were up 10 percent from November 1978; vegetables were up 12 percent; dairy products, up 10 percent; and feed grains and hay, up 16 percent.

But prices of poultry and eggs were down 1 percent from a year ago, and oil-bearing crops, such as soybeans, cottonseed, flaxseed and peanuts, declined 2 percent.

Further, within the groups of commodities, variations exist that make it difficult to generalize about prices.

For example, in the meat animal group — which had a 10 percent price gain over November 1978 — beef cattle prices were up 24 percent to an average \$64.20 per 100 pounds last month from \$51.90 a year ago.

But hog prices, which are included in the average for all meat animals, declined by more than 27 percent to \$34.40 per 100 pounds from \$47.30 a year earlier.

The report, issued by USDA on Nov. 30, provided another method of looking at farmers' prices and how those stack up from year-to-year as well as among the individual commodities.

In that comparison, the USDA translates its latest price figures into a parity equivalent, the old formula that roughly illustrates what prices would have to be to give farmers the same buying power they had in a base period, 1910-14.

For example, corn prices on American farms last month, according to the preliminary figures, averaged \$2.31 a bushel. But if corn had been at 100 percent of parity, the price would have been \$4.26 a bushel. Thus, the November corn price was only 54 percent of parity.

A year ago, corn brought farmers \$2.02 a bushel or 53 percent of the parity price then of \$5.40 a bushel, price has risen.

Only 11 of the 31 commodities priced by USDA last month showed an increase on the parity scale from a year ago. Nineteen declined in terms of parity equivalent and one was the same.

Rural development funds sometimes go unused

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some northeastern and midwestern states consistently fail to take advantage of all the money they are entitled to under federal rural development programs, according to a group of House members.

State officials might not be fully aware of the programs, the congressmen said.

The two regions have 41 percent of the nation's rural population but only 28 percent of the rural households with incomes below the official poverty lines, the Northeast-Midwest Congressional Coalition said.

Population and poverty are two principal factors in the legal formulas used to distribute funds under the Farmers Home Administration rural development programs.

A 43-page study released this week by the group said that the 18 states in the regions received 34 percent of the 1977 community water and waste treatment money and 32.8 percent of the business and industrial development funds between 1974 and 1978.

New England has consistently exceeded its share of business and industrial loans and grants because of a few states' ability to get large amounts, the study said. Mid-Atlantic states have consistently gotten smaller industrial grants than they could have, it added.

Rep. James L. Oberstar, D-Minn., co-chairman of the group, said, "Local officials might not be aware of the existence of some ... programs or the availability of funds."

More due crop insurance

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's "all-risk" crop insurance will be available in 150 additional counties in time for next spring's planting season.

Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland said Monday the addition of 150 counties is the maximum permitted under current law.

Consumer office set up

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new consumer office is being set up in the Agriculture Department.

W. Neill Schaller, who has been head of extension services in the department's Science and Education Administration since July 31, 1977, will be special assistant for consumer affairs in the office of Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland.

Officials said Monday that Schaller's new assignment will be effective on Dec. 9.

Schaller was born in Stamford, Conn., and reared on a farm near Lynchburg, Va.

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DEATHS

Luther Rainwater Sidney B. Steen

Luther R. "Rusty" Rainwater, 54, of Seminole and formerly of Midland, died today in a Dallas hospital following a lengthy illness.

Services are pending at Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Rainwater was born Dec. 30, 1924, in Ira. He was a 1949 graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science degree in geology. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1943 to 1946 during World War II, and again from 1951 to 1953. He retired as a captain in the USAF Reserve.

A longtime Midland resident, Rainwater recently had moved to Seminole as a petroleum geologist with Amerada Hess Corp. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and Midland Elks Lodge No. 1826.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann; a son, Arthur Ray Rainwater of Midland; two daughters, Lu Ann Rainwater of Midland and Penny D'Ann Rainwater of Seminole; two sisters, Mildred Browne of Colorado City and Thula Williams of Snyder; and a grandchild.

STANTON — Services for Sidney Bryan Steen, 84, of Stanton will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Church of Christ in Stanton with Derral McWhorter, minister, officiating.

Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery directed by Gilbreath Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday in a Big Spring hospital following a lengthy illness. Steen was born July 25, 1895, in Winthrop, Ark., and moved to Stanton 42 years ago from Wink. He was married to Della Purves Nov. 4, 1936, in Colorado City. He was a retired farmer and a World War I veteran.

Survivors include his wife, a foster daughter, Marie Noskina of Odessa; a sister, Minnie Warren of California; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Lewis G. Harris

ANDREWS — Lewis George Harris, 83, of Andrews died Tuesday in an Andrews hospital after a long illness.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Missionary Baptist Church in Enochs with the Rev. Charlie R. Shaw, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Seminole, officiating and the Rev. J. J. Terry, retired Baptist minister of Bovina, assisting.

Burial will be in Enochs Cemetery directed by Singleton Funeral Home of Andrews.

The Tarrant County native lived in Enochs from 1934 until 1978 when he moved to an Andrews nursing home. He was married to Lois Edna Norton April 14, 1920. He was a member of Enochs Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Frances Riley and Neva Joyce Brannan, both of Andrews, and Zelma Phillips of Levelland; 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Grandsons will be pallbearers.

Velma Wallace

WICHITA FALLS — Services for Velma O. Wallace, 73, of Wichita Falls, sister of Gladys Dalmont of Lamesa, were Monday in Owens & Brumley Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Frank Yates, pastor of Grant Street United Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Riverside Cemetery. She died Saturday in a Wichita Falls hospital.

Mrs. Wallace was born Dec. 18, 1905, in Roanoke. She was a member of United Methodist Church and had been a nurse for 22 years in Wichita Falls.

Other survivors include three daughters, a son, four sisters, a brother, 10 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

UAW leaders getting Carter's full support

WASHINGTON (AP) — Local leaders of the United Auto Workers, seeking aid to the Chrysler Corp. without a wage freeze, are getting encouragement from the Carter administration but little support in Congress.

Members of the UAW's Chrysler Council, made up of officers of union locals at Chrysler plants, said they planned demonstrations on Capitol Hill today.

The local UAW leaders lobbied House and Senate members Tuesday, seeking aid for Chrysler and opposing the wage freeze approved by the Senate Banking Committee.

The Senate bill calls for \$1.25 billion in federal loan guarantees to Chrysler, to be matched by \$2.75 billion obtained independently of the guarantees through a three-year wage freeze and other means.

UAW president Douglas Fraser said after a meeting of the Chrysler Council on Tuesday that the council would not approve the proposed wage freeze.

The administration bill, which has been approved with little change by the House Banking Committee, calls for \$1.5 billion in guaranteed loans with an equal amount obtained from outside sources. It does not provide for a wage freeze.

There are indications the issue could reach the floors of both houses as early as next week.

Meanwhile, Tuesday, there were these reactions to the Senate committee's wage-freeze provision:

—From a spokesman for the Treasury Department, who declined to be identified: "In our judgement the

Senate bill goes too far, is too inflexible and the wage freeze is unnecessarily severe. That being so, we intend to try to improve the bill."

—From Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, whose state has substantial Chrysler employment: "I understand full well and sympathize with what they are saying, but I think we have to be pragmatic and realistic and I think it is very important that we get a bill passed."

—From Mitchell Tyson, administrative assistant to Sen. Paul Tsongas, D-Mass., a co-author of the wage-freeze plan: "I tried to explain to them what the situation is in the Senate. The things they asking for are just not realistic, given the situation as we see it."

A spokesman for Sen. Lowell Weicker, R-Conn., said Weicker was standing pat on his announced intention to filibuster any legislation providing financial aid to the nation's third largest automobile manufacturer.

"If Weicker holds fast," Tyson said, "the question is whether we can get the 60 votes" needed to halt a filibuster.

He said there would be a better chance with the bill drafted by Tsongas and Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., than with the administration measure backed by Sen. Donald W. Riegle, D-Mich.

Riegle said he would try to work out a compromise between the administration bill and the Lugar-Tsongas measure, modifying the wage freeze and reducing the amount of outside assistance required.

Midland Rape Crisis Center begins counseling says director

By WANDA MOUTON Lifestyle Editor

After a delay of several months, the Midland Rape Crisis Center has begun operation, Nan Gordon, center director, announced in a press conference today.

"We did not want to open to the public until we were fully prepared to operate and until our volunteers had received full training," Ms. Gordon said.

She said the center has three main purposes: providing confidential crisis intervention, counseling, supportive services and follow-up counseling to rape victims; increasing victim reporting of rape to obtain a more accurate reporting of the crime; and increasing public awareness.

"Rape is a violent, repetitive and degrading crime," said Ms. Gordon. "Rape is believed to be one of the most unreported crimes in the nation, due to fear and embarrassment on the part of the victim."

"Statistics show that in the Midland vicinity, only one of every four rapes is reported," she said.

These statistics are based on a nationwide survey which showed that only one out of 10 rapes is reported, she said.

The center has been organized through the efforts of concerned community residents, explained Ms. Gordon. Two full-time employees and a board of directors will operate the center.

Members of the board present at the conference were Brenda J. Machost, president; Linda George, vice president; Doris Howbert, vice president; Bob Dutton, treasurer; and Sheriff Dallas Smith, advisory board member.

Other board members not present were Kay Maley, secretary, and Midland Police Sgt. Jerry Compton, advisory member.

Ms. Gordon and Laura Chandler, assistant director, will supervise 12 volunteers who have received legal, medical and counseling training.

A 24-hour hotline (682-RAPE) will be manned by the volunteers. The center hopes to eventually train 50 other volunteers, said Ms. Gordon.

The center, a non-profit corporation, is being funded through a five-year grant from the state's Criminal Justice Division and processed through the city of Midland.

Ms. Gordon said approximately \$39,000 has been granted for the first year, with a decreasing amount funded for the following four years. The center hopes to receive other funds through public donations, she added.

"The center will unite its efforts with the local law enforcement agencies, hospitals and the court system," said Ms. Gordon.

Sheriff Smith said his department, along with the Midland Police Department, supports the center.

"There are misconceptions about what will happen if a rape victim reports the crime or prosecutes," he said. "Hopefully, the center can clear up these misconceptions and let the rape victims know what they will be faced with in the legal system," he said.

Statistics from the Sheriff's Department showed the county had four rapes reported in 1977, six rapes in 1978 and seven, thus far, for 1979.

The city of Midland had nine rapes reported in 1977, 24 rapes in 1978 and

14 rapes thus far in 1979.

"These statistics show only what rapes are reported," said Smith. "The center is also concerned with the three out of four persons, the 75 percent who are not reporting the crime."

The center is to be situated in a confidential location for the protection of the rape victims, explained

Britain, guerrillas move toward cease-fire agreement

LONDON (AP) — Britain and guerrilla leaders moved toward a compromise today on four main issues holding up a cease-fire agreement in Zimbabwe Rhodesia, reliable sources said. The truce is sought so that a new government can be chosen in orderly fashion.

Highly placed officials who declined to be named said the compromise was drawn up by Commonwealth Secretary-General Shridath Ramphal and approved by British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, before being presented to Patriotic Front co-leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe.

Informants said Nkomo was prepared to accept the terms and only Mugabe's agreement was awaited. If the plan is approved, Britain hopes to immediately send a governor to Salisbury to run the country during a transitional period for elections, to be monitored by a Commonwealth force.

Ms. Gordon. It will be open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with calls to be forwarded to a volunteer's home. The volunteer will then assess the rape victim's needs and provide counseling.

The center also plans to launch a public awareness program to be provided to area churches, schools and civic organizations.

The current Salisbury government, led by black Prime Minister Abel Muzorewa, has accepted Britain's proposals for a new constitution during the 13-week-old talks here, but has not ruled on the cease-fire proposals. The major elements of the compromise, as reported by the officials, were:

—The size of the Commonwealth military observation force, which Britain had limited to 1,000 men, would be raised to at least 1,200. There would be a provision for reinforcements.

—All assembly points for Patriotic Front guerrillas, and all bases used by the Salisbury government's forces, would be surrounded by military monitors in order to reduce dangers of surprise attack.

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By PATSY GORDON
Lifestyle Writer

The Women's Health Fitness Center at the Central YMCA offers several classes per week in aerobic exercise. The main emphasis of this class is aerobic or cardiovascular conditioning. In addition, repetitive exercises are given for toning isolated muscle groups. There is a warmup and cool down period included in each class. This class offers the optimum benefits of exercise, plus the fun of moving to music, said Betty Cerf, instructor. In order to understand cardiovascular conditioning, one must view the heart muscle like any other muscle in the body. The heart must contract more than the usual amount per minute at rest to increase its strength and efficiency. With consistent training of this nature, the individual will notice increased stamina, loss of inches and possible weight loss. As with any fitness program, it is best to start slowly and increase the intensity of the exercise moderately. For more information, call the Central YMCA, 682-2551.

GIFT WRAPPING booth, sponsored by the Midland Christian School, will open Thursday and continue through Dec. 24. The hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. in Dellwood Plaza Mall.

ST. ANN'S Support Group for the Formerly Married will host an open house from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday. The event will be held at St. Ann's Adult Renewal Center, 207 N. M St. The group has extended invitations to support groups of local churches to attend the event, designed as an ecumenical celebration of the holiday season. For more information, call Sam Guyton at 682-4582 or Sandra Rose at 694-4271.

SHRINE CLUB will have its annual Christmas dance at 8 p.m. Dec. 14 at the American Legion Woods W. Lynch Post 19, 501 Air Park Road. The Permian Playboys will provide music starting at 9 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$6 and members are urged to bring guests. For more details, call 683-8181.

GREENWOOD OPTIMISTS will hold a parking lot sale Dec. 15 in front of Texas Show Rooms Furniture Store in Midland, across the street from Gibson's. The sale will begin at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. All proceeds will go toward the building of a youth center for Greenwood.

A CHRISTMAS candy workshop will be held at the Permian Basin Program Center at 10 a.m. Saturday for all cadet and senior Girl Scouts. To register, call the center at 684-6222.

Stargazing will be held at the Planetarium at 11 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m. All Girl Scouts, Brownies to Seniors, may attend by calling the center.

MIDLAND COIN CLUB will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Midland College faculty lounge. There will be a coin auction and films shown from the Franklin Mint. All members and interested persons are invited to attend. For further information, please call 694-4206.



Jane Goodell, far left, Cheryl Willis, standing, and Anne Herbig make plans for the Midland Women's Tennis Association luncheon to be Dec. 13 at the Broken Spoke. Tickets may be purchased for \$5.50 from 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 4 and 5 at the Midland College Gym. Twenty-six trophies will be presented to the top two players in the thirteen divisions of the league, which is sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. (Staff Photo)

DEAR ABBY
Fed up with spoiled hams

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
DEAR ABBY: In response to AC-TRESS, who criticized those in the audience for rushing out of the theater the minute the performance is over instead of sticking around for all the curtain calls.

I go to the ticket window, lay down my hard-earned money hoping to get my money's worth in entertainment. I sit through the performance, then down comes the curtain. End of show. Then I get up and leave. Why should I either remain in my seat or stand up and keep applauding those egomaniacs and shouting "Bravo!" like a nincompoop? I paid THEM to perform for ME. I should be applauded for buying the ticket. Without me, and others like me, they would be in the unemployment line because those ego-loaded showoffs would rather starve to death than do menial work.

Why should entertainers be treated like gods? Have you ever heard of three curtain calls for a neurosurgeon? — JOE S. IN SALEM, N.Y.

DEAR JOE: No. But it could be "curtains" for the patient of a neurosurgeon who turns in a poor performance!

DEAR ABBY: About six months ago my husband started acting nervous and preoccupied. He also started working late at his office and on weekends — something he rarely did.

We've been married 16 years, have a nice family, and have often said that ours was one of the few really "good" marriages we knew of.

A week ago, I received a phone call in the middle of the afternoon from a woman who refused to identify herself, but said she thought I should know that my husband was having an affair with a young woman who works in his office. Then she mentioned the woman's name. I recalled my husband telling me that he had employed a young, unmarried woman by that name about a year ago. I fell apart.

When my husband came home, I told him about the call and knew from his reaction that it was true. I cried. He cried, too, and then confessed that he had had an affair with her, but broke it off two weeks ago, telling her it was a regrettable mistake, and he would get her a job elsewhere. He said she seemed to accept his decision. Then he asked me to listen in on the telephone extension while he called someone. I did. I recognized the voice at once as the woman who had phoned me! She called, hoping I would throw my husband out and give her a clear field!

I've forgiven my husband, but I'm still hurting some. I'm glad I didn't act foolishly in haste. Perhaps some other wife will be wiser for my experience.

If you print this, please don't use my name. — GETTING OVER IT

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to LONGING FOR MOTHERHOOD was the worst! She wanted a baby but had no husband or boyfriend, so she was considering asking a fellow to do her a favor and father her child. You told her "scrap the idea!" Why?

If a woman wants a baby, why should she have to marry a man she may not love just to have one? If she's longing for motherhood, married or not, that's the time to do something about it.

Today a woman has the right to have an abortion if she wants one, so why shouldn't she have the right to

have a baby if that's what she wants? — FREEDOM FOR ALL
DEAR FREEDOM: I'm all for a woman's right to have a baby if she wants one. But I could not in good conscience go along with her idea of "asking a fellow to do her a favor" to achieve motherhood.

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City PTA convention-goers successful with resolution

Twenty-seven Midland PTA delegates and principals recently attended the 1979 state convention of the Texas Congress of Parent-Teacher Associations held in Amarillo.

The highlights of the meeting were the installation of newly elected officers, workshops and the adoption of proposed resolutions and legislation.

Keynote speaker was Mrs. Carolyn Warner, superintendent of the Arizona Department of Education. She spoke on "Response Ability."

Also addressing delegates was Dr. Robert N. Fortenberry of Jackson, Miss., national PTA vice president of Region IV and superintendent of Jackson public schools. He discussed "Improving Public Education through Parental Involvement."

Workshops were conducted on membership, proposed amendments, proposed legislative program, parliamentary procedure, physical fitness, proposed resolutions, new perspectives on school vandalism and violence, parental involvement, the gifted child, resolving parent-teacher-child conflicts, parenting and others.

A resolution submitted by the Midland City Council of PTAs concerning personal products advertising was adopted by the resolutions committee.

The local council contends that hygienic products are highly sexist and designed to personal use, the advertisements violate personal standards of taste and aesthetics and may cause embarrassment.

The resolution also states that the guidelines of the National Association of Broadcasters are either vague or unenforceable and that continuing public advertising of personal products violates the PTA's object of securing "for all children and youth highest advantages in both mental and social education."

The Texas Congress will request the National PTA to prohibit such advertising promotions at its convention and to petition the Federal Trade Commission to cease the advertisement of personal products through the non-print mass media, using the powers of the Federal Communications Commission.

Other resolutions adopted were the raising of the minimum age

for purchase of alcoholic beverages, submitted by Irving City Council of PTAs, opposition to pornographic materials, submitted by East Central ISD Council of PTAs at San Antonio, and one calling for the Texas Legislature to do all in its power to encourage the vigorous prosecution and reporting of all criminal cases where the sexual abuse or serious injury of a child is involved. The Texas PTA also will urge that no parole be granted to sexual offenders where children are concerned. The latter resolution was submitted by the East Central Council.

Local delegates to the convention and their schools were Patti DeFrance, city council; Elisa Garibay, Crockett; Margie Titus, Pease; Judy Innes, South; Sandra Kelly and Kerry Kay Cook, Fannin; Rita Wilkes, Mary Cosby, Jackie Hamilton, Geri Green and Lyn Hightower, Burnet; Gayle Dodson, Bowie; Kay Sowders, Emerson; Helen Jenkins, Washington; Wanda Hayes, South; Sherry Prescott and Judy Cummins, Lamar; Diana Collazo-Crockett, Carrie Sala

zar, Ben Milam; Kathy Sanchez, De Zavala, and Karen Kitto, Travis. Principals participating were Joe Cummins, Emerson; Lee Roy Shannon, Lamar; Bill Sherman, Washington; Jack Hightower, Travis; and Carl Pirkle, South.

Mrs. Edward Carrell of Midland served on the committee to approve minutes, as chairman of the election committee and a member of the publications and jewelry sales committee.

—Improving teacher salaries in Texas to be more in line with the national average.

—Providing comprehensive programs for gifted and talented students in public schools.

—Implementing legislation to improve attendance in public schools.

Also adopted were amendments submitted to proposed legislation. The Bryan City Council of PTAs is seeking the revision of Section 109.33 to prohibit licensing of establishments for sale of alcoholic beverages within 500 feet of all elementary and secondary school premises.

The Irving City Council of PTAs is hoping to strengthen the PTAs position opposing the sale of drug paraphernalia by seeking legislation to

define drug paraphernalia.

The following items were adopted for consideration during the 67th session of the Texas Legislature:

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Rankin bridge winners are told

RANKIN — Mrs. Margie Smith was hostess to Rankin Bridge Club Thursday.

Mrs. Velma Lane won high and also traveling prize for being the last to bid and make game.

Mary Manville was second high and Janice Hyatt was third high.

The menu was completed for the dinner and all-day bridge play to be held with the Midkiff Bridge Club in the home of Mrs. Estee Smith, member of the Midkiff club.

The two clubs are joining together for the annual all day bridge play starting at 9 a.m. Dec. 13.

Newtimers play bridge

Newtimers Bridge Club met for bridge and a luncheon at the Ranchland Hills Country Club.

Guests were Mary Lu Bishop and Agnes Eden. Winners were Helen Owen, first; Doris McClure, second; and Claudette White, third.

The club meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the country club. Persons interested in joining can call Mary Renton at 697-1859.

AAUW International Group hears program on China trip

The International Group, Midland branch, American Association of University Women, met in the home of Jeanette Oei, 2201 Bedford Ave. Co-hostess was Beth Mitchell.

Chairman Kay Sprecher chaired a discussion on adopting the Salvation Army's Christmas project, "Dress-A-Live Doll."

Irma Underwood, in silk Oriental dress, presented a program of slides from her trip to China last year.

Next meeting is a cocktail party for members and their husbands. Hostess will be Betty Neart, 2804 Durant.

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DISCO has crooks 'dancing'

By MIKE STANTON

DETROIT (AP) — Operation DISCO has some crooks dancing to a different tune.

A police-operated fencing detail, the Detroit Investigation to Stop Criminal Operations, has put six Midwest auto theft rings out of business and led to the recovery of \$1.2 million in stolen property, Detroit Police Chief William L. Hart said.

Authorities arrested 33 persons Tuesday and sought 20 others in connection with the nine-month investigation, the fourth police sting operation the city has run since 1977, Hart said Tuesday.

Most of the suspects face charges of concealing and receiving stolen property, but three also are charged in the October holdup-slashing of a Detroit Free Press circulation manager, said Thomas McGuire, Wayne County assistant prosecuting attorney.

Since 1977, the four operations have led to the arrest of 225 people and the recovery of about \$9.8 million in stolen property, Hart said.

McGuire said 94 percent of those arrested in the first three Detroit stings were convicted, and 99 percent of the stolen property recovered was returned to its original owner.

Undercover city police and U.S. Customs agents posed as fences in a "warehouse type" front in northwest Detroit, where Hart said the property crime rate is high. Monitored by videotape cameras and other electronic surveillance equipment, the agents made 189 transactions for stolen goods and gathered evidence that led to the issuance of 136 warrants against 53 people.

Operation DISCO is the 91st police sting operation financed by a grant from the federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration since 1971, police said.

The national sting program has recovered more than \$235 million in stolen goods at a cost in "buy money" of \$6.2 million, or about six cents to the dollar, according to Hart. He said more than 7,000 people have been charged with crimes including theft, murder, rape, kidnapping and arson.

Bus ambush dangerous shift by Puerto Rican underground

By BEATRIZ RUIZ

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The ambush of a U.S. Navy bus in which three sailors were killed and 10 men and women wounded signaled a dangerous shift in tactics by the Puerto Rican independence movement.

The change resulted from the growing strength of the movement for Puerto Rican statehood.

"The extreme-left groups are feeling suffocated and time is running against them," said one source in the federal government. "If Puerto Rico becomes a state, then it will be too late for them to do anything."

For the past decade, pro-independence terrorism has been mostly a matter of haphazard bombing of U.S. government buildings or property of mainland companies, usually at night when the buildings were empty.

Of some 50 bombs planted in the past year, nearly half were dismantled unexploded, and those that went off did minimal damage. But after the ambush Monday, the three underground independence groups that claimed responsibility warned that they were "not playing at war" and were prepared to carry their struggle to its "ultimate consequences."

In past votes, the Puerto Ricans have overwhelmingly rejected inde-

pendence and have chosen to continue as a U.S. commonwealth. Now a pro-statehood governor, Carlos Romero Barcelo, is waging a vigorous campaign to make the island the 51st state within the next decade.

The pro-independence forces are working against the deadline of a plebiscite in 1981 in which their cause

stands no chance against commonwealth or statehood. Apparently the terrorists have decided that their only hope is to cause enough trouble to force cancellation of the vote.

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San Juan and in U.S. cities, the latter in coordination with the mainland-based FALN, the Armed Forces of National Liberation.

Until then, the FALN had no known links with any island group.

In the past two years, the three local groups have claimed responsibility individually for the theft of 700 pounds of explosives, the theft of a large supply of weapons from a police armory, killing a policeman and taking 10 Navy men hostage in a bar that they burned after freeing the sailors.

Analysis

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Police hunt four Georgia convicts

MILLEN, Ga. (AP) — Police were looking for four Georgia convicts Tuesday after one of the prisoners picked up a gun while being treated in a public hospital and led four others, including three convicted murderers, to freedom, officials said.

One of the five was recaptured Tuesday near Dublin in Laurens County, less than three hours after the 5 p.m. escape, said prison spokesman Lucy Miss Justus.

The inmates were among 12 being returned to the Georgia State Prison at Reidsville after treatment for various illnesses at the Talmadge Memorial Hospital in Augusta.

One of the five produced the gun. The inmates then took two guns from their guards, handcuffed them and the seven other inmates to trees alongside Georgia 121 in Jenkins County and fled in the prison van, authorities said.

"Obviously it was planned some time beforehand and had to be with outside assistance," said prison spokeswoman Lucy Justus. "The pistol almost had to be picked up in the area of the hospital."

"We don't know which one of them had the gun," she said in a telephone interview.

The van was recovered near Dublin, Miss Justus said.

Bethlehem Steel finds 18 'minor' PCB leaks at plant

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Bethlehem Steel Corp. found 18 small PCB leaks at its Sparrows Point steel plant, according to a report the company sent to state environmental officials.

The leaks were described as "minor" by Leroy Jonas, regional chief of enforcement for the Water Resources Administration, who released the details of Bethlehem's report Tuesday.

"This does not mean that there are PCBs all over the place," he said. The federal government has banned most uses of PCBs — polychlorinated biphenyls — because of the health risk involved in their use. The chemical compounds, found to cause cancer in rats, can still be used in insulating fluids contained within electrical equipment.

The state Water Resources Administration asked Bethlehem to survey its electrical equipment following the discovery of a small PCB spill at the plant in October.

"Any PCB leak that gets into the environment or exposes people is a potential problem," said Jonas. He said, however, his agency probably will not recommend any fines or action against the steel company because "the way they've explained it, there doesn't appear to be a problem."

In a letter sent to the Water Resources Administration, Bethlehem reported inspecting 136 electrical transformers and 617 smaller capacitors that contained PCBs mixed with other insulating fluids, Jonas said.

The company proposed a program to inspect for leaks, to repair faulty equipment and to clean up spills, according to Jonas.

Jonas, who said it would have taken his agency "months" to complete an inspection of the plant for PCBs, said he planned to send a state inspector to Sparrows Point to go over the company's findings.

Earlier this year, Food and Drug Administration officials discovered PCB-contaminated feed had reached 17 western states and two foreign countries. More than a million eggs and thousands of chickens were destroyed.

Superior Court Judge asked to halt Los Angeles busing

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Both the Board of Education and the anti-busing group Bustop have asked Superior Court Judge Paul Ely to halt mandatory busing in the Los Angeles School District because of the passage of Proposition 1.

In separate briefs filed Tuesday, they charge that extensive white flight has made desegregation impossible. Bustop says mandatory busing has the effect of "busing minority students from one minority segregated school to another."

Both briefs claimed that the California Constitution, as amended by Proposition 1, now forbids mandatory busing. Proposition 1 passed overwhelmingly in last month's statewide election.

Before Proposition 1, the state constitution required segregated schools to be integrated regardless of cause. Proposition 1 requires the state to follow federal standards, which have allowed court-ordered busing only when segregation has been caused by deliberate actions of school districts.

Impact of private support in fight against cancer, hospital's message

HOUSTON — The impact of private fund support in the fight against cancer will be the message William F. Roden of Midland will carry to Texas as a regional director of The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute's new annual fund committee.

The annual fund campaign is a project of M.D. Anderson's Board of Visitors, a group of nearly 100 concerned citizens interested in promoting quality cancer patient care, research, education and prevention.

Members of the Board of Visitors have actively assisted in furthering the goals of M.D. Anderson since 1957.

"The Annual Fund campaign will emphasize unrestricted gifts which help provide M.D. Anderson with the flexibility to meet new challenges on a timely basis," said J.K. Jamieson of Houston, who chairs the board. "Donations may be used to develop new, more effective cancer therapy through clinical research or underwrite laboratory research that will enable scientists to better understand cancer."

"These funds also help provide educational opportunities for a wide range of health-care professionals or to launch new programs in cancer prevention," he said.

"Contributions from the community have made the crucial difference between adequacy and excellence in the services M.D. Anderson has been able to provide more than 145,000 persons with cancer," said Dr. Charles A. LeMaistre, president of M.D. Anderson.

The annual fund campaign, under the leadership of Harlan Crow of Dallas, is a project of a group of associate members of the Board of Visitors. Roden became an associate member of the board in 1979.

MC schedules evening short courses

Midland College has scheduled two evening short courses beginning Tuesday. These will be the final courses of the fall semester.

Defensive Driving, taught by Larry Freeman, meets from 7 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for three evenings only.

Students who successfully complete the course and receive their certificates may be eligible for a discount on automobile insurance. The cost for Defensive Driving course is \$15.

A second three-evening course titled "Kitchen Decor" also meets on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Ellen Hinson discusses ways to renovate outdated or dull kitchens and emphasizes the use of materials already available.

Fee for the course is \$6.

Students may pre-register now in room 156 of the Midland College Administration Building between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. The office will remain open during the lunch hour.

Those taking the courses should meet in room 156-A 15 minutes before the start of the first class meeting.

The upcoming spring session short courses begin in mid-January. A bulletin listing the course schedule will be issued soon, MC officials said.

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West Texas areas gain wildcat tests

Permian Basin operator's staked wildcat tests in Crockett, Tom Green, Coke, and Menard counties.

CROCKETT VENTURES

Wessely Energy Corp. of Dallas will drill the No. 1 Shannon Estate as a 9,500-foot Ellenburger wildcat 1/2 mile east of the Enconrado (Pennsylvanian detrital) 22 miles northwest of Ozona.

Location is 2,130 feet from south and 2,050 feet from west lines of section 6, block 2, GC&SF survey.

C.F. Lawrence & Assoc.

C.F. Lawrence & Assoc. of Midland will plug back to 2,100 feet for tests as a wildcat at its No. 1-A Harwood, opener of the Harlow (San Andres and Grayburg) field, 16 miles east of Iraan.

Location is 467 feet from south and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 7, block GG, H&OB survey.

TOM GREEN ACTIVITY

Delta-Gulf Inc. of San Antonio spotted No. 1 J.W. Johnson as a 6,000-foot wildcat one and three-eighths miles south and slightly west of the lone

MGF to offer stock shares

MGF Oil Corp. of Midland announced it has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement relating to the proposed offering of one million shares of common stock.

Net proceeds from the sale will be used to reduce bank debt. Drexel Burnham Lambert Incorporated and Bateman Eichler, Hill Richards Inc. have been named managers of the underwriting group.

Operators announce wildcats, field projects

Wes-Tex Drilling Co. of Abilene plans to drill two 7,200-foot explorers, eight miles southwest of Maryneal.

The No. 1 Compton is 4,000 feet northeast of Canyon production in the JMM field and 2,300 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 49, block 1-A, H&TC survey.

The No. 1 Steward is four miles east of Strawn Reef production in the Nena Lucia field, four miles southwest of Maryneal.

Location is 660 feet from north and 467 feet from west lines of section 121, block 1-A, H&TC survey.

CHAVES WILDCATS

Harlow Corp. of Amarillo filed application to drill a 2,880-foot wildcat test five miles south of Elkins and two and one-half miles northeast of 2,600-foot San Andres production in the Twin Lakes field.

The No. 1-18 O'Brien Field is 330 feet from south and 953 feet from west lines of section 18-8S-29E, with ground elevation of 4,093 feet.

Dorchester Exploration Inc. of Midland will drill the No. 1 Brangus as a 9,000-foot wildcat, five miles southwest of Devonian oil production in the White Ranch, West field, 13 miles northeast of Dexter.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from east lines of section 18-12S-28E.

EDDY WILDCAT TESTS

H&W Enterprises of Artesia will drill a 1,800-foot San Andres wildcat, one mile northeast of Morrow production in the Riverside field, 19 miles west of Loco Hills.

Location for the No. 1 Lor Ann is 330 feet from south and 1,650 feet from east lines of section 7-17S-27E.

Marbob Energy Corp. of Artesia announced plans to drill the No. 1 Gray as a 5,000-foot wildcat, one-half mile north of Turkey Track (Queen) production, 11 miles southwest of Loco Hills.

Location is 330 feet from north and east lines of section 9-19S-29E.

CROCKETT DISCOVERIES

Cedar Oil Co. of Iraan completed the No. 1 H.M. Half Estate as an unidentifiable gas discovery, one-quarter mile northwest of production in the Noelke, West (880 gas) field, two miles southeast of Iraan.

Operator reported a calculated absolute open flow of 460,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through open hole section between 838 feet, where 5.5-inch casing is set, and 845 feet, total depth.

Location is 767 feet from south and 6,982 feet from east lines of section 70, block 1, I&GN survey.

C.F. Lawrence & Assoc. of Midland completed a Queen oil discovery at its No. 4 Williams, one location south of the Ecklar (San Andres) field, 14 miles north of Ozona.

On 24-hour pumping potential it made four barrels of 29-gravity oil and 37 barrels of water, through perforations from 864 to 872 feet, after an acid treatment of 6,000 gallons.

producer in the J.W.J. (Canyon) field, 4.5 miles east of Christoval.

It is 660 feet from north and 1,787 feet from west lines of section 7, block 24, H&TC survey.

A second wildcat in Tom Green County is Texcan Resources Corp. of Houston No. 3 Jones, 6,000-foot test one location south of its No. 1 Jones, a 6,675-foot failure and four miles northeast of the Atkinson (Strawn and San Angelo) field, six miles west of Christoval.

Location is 800 feet from south and 700 feet from east lines of L. Yarborough survey No. 35, abstract 7639. Ground elevation is 2,103 feet.

A third wildcat was staked by International Western Oil Corp. of Amarillo as a 6,000-foot try 1.25 miles east of the depleted Eliza Baker field, three miles west of Orient.

The No. 1 Gladys Lewis is 2,616 feet from north and 4,372 feet from east lines of section 6, G.D. Bell survey, abstract 5218.

COKE PROJECT

J.A. March of Dallas announced a 7,000-foot wildcat, one location east of a 6,925-foot failure and two miles southeast of the Fort Chadbourne multipay field, and 2.25 miles southeast of C. Copeland (Ellenburger) production, eight northwest of Bronco.

The operator's No. 1 Raper is 760 feet from south and 2,425 feet from west lines of section 336, block 1-A, H&TC survey.

MENARD WILDCAT

Morrow Resources Inc. of Odessa spotted a 2,400-foot wildcat, three and three-quarters mile northwest of the Bar F (Cross Cut) field, nine miles northeast of Menard.

The No. 1 Russell Callan is 467 feet from south and east lines of section 19, BS&F survey, abstract 166.

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The No. 1 Russell Callan is 467 feet from south and east lines of section 19, BS&F survey, abstract 166.

Drilled to 1,372 feet, 5.5-inch casing is set at 1,344 feet. Plugged back depths is 1,250 feet.

The following tops were picked on ground elevation of 2,530 feet; Yates, 640 feet; Seven Rivers, 765 feet; Queen, 855 feet; Grayburg, 1,090 feet; and San Andres, 1,340 feet.

Location is 551 feet from south and 330 feet from west lines of section 38, block OP, GC&SF survey.

LEA GAS DISCOVERY

Getty Oil Co. of Hobbs, N.M., completed the No. 1-29 J State as an Atoka gas discovery, six miles north of Atoka gas production in the Red Hills field and 26 miles southeast of Halfway.

The discovery fanned for 2,329,000 cubic feet of gas daily, through perforations from 14,310 to 14,364 feet and through an unreported size choke.

The producing zone was treated with 5,000 gallons.

Drilled to 17,652 feet, 7-inch liner was run to 16,932 feet. Plugged back depth is 15,000 feet.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and east lines of section 29-24S-33E.

FISHER OPENER

Maguire Oil Co. of Dallas announced discovery potential of the No. 1 Bowden, on the northeast edge of the Sylvester (Goen and Strawn) field, three miles southwest of McCaulley.

Operator reported a 24-hour flowing gauge of 90 barrels of 40-gravity oil and a gas-liquid ratio of 556-1. Production was natural through a 10/64-inch choke and perforations between 3,204 and 3,208 feet.

Scheduled as a 6,400-foot wildcat, total depth was reached at 6,405 feet, with 4.5-inch casing set at 3,545 feet. Plugged back depth is 3,250 feet.

Location is 467 feet from north and east lines of J.S. Lyon survey.

STONEWALL STRIKE

Jack C. Staley of Wichita Falls completed the No. 1 C.B. Long as a Bend conglomerate discovery, one and one-half miles east of the Kiowa Peak (Strawn and Caddo) field, 17 miles northeast of Aspermont.

The well potentialized to flow 74 barrels of 39-gravity oil and eight barrels of water, through perforations from 5,688 to 5,691 feet and a 6/4-inch choke. Production was natural.

Total depth is 5,800 feet, with 5.5-inch casing set at 5,790 feet.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and 1,320 feet from east lines of section 1, BBB&C survey, abstract 37.

EDDY EXTENDER

The Winchester (Morrow) field of Eddy County gained its ninth producer and a five-eighths mile north-east extension to the field, with the completion of Gulf Oil Corp., No. 1-L AV Eddy State, 14 miles north of Carlsbad.

The extender completed for a calculated absolute open of 3,256,000 cubic feet of gas daily, through perforations from 11,067 to 11,073 feet.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 27-19S-28E.



Dr. William R. Almond

Dr. Almond on program

The West Texas Geological Society will hold a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Midland Hilton.

The speaker will be Dr. William R. Almond, Petrology Research Manager with Cities Service Co.'s Energy Reserve Group in Tulsa, Okla.

Dr. Almond was first employed with Cities Service as a research geologist in 1974 after earning his Ph.D. in Geology at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Dr. Almond is an AAPG Distinguished Lecturer and will present a paper entitled "The Impact of Diagenesis of Exploration Strategy and Reservoir Management."

The cost of the luncheon is \$6.00. Members and guests must make reservations by telephoning 683-1573 not later than 12 noon, Friday.

Irion strike potentials

Alford Petroleum Corp. of The Woodlands completed the No. 1-790 Winterbotham as a Wolfcamp discovery, one location south of Canyon D oil production in the Irion County portion of the Dove Creek multipay field, 10 miles south of Knickerbocker.

Operator reported a 24-hour pumping potential of 90 barrels of 45.2-gravity oil and no water, through perforations from 5,173 to 5,180 feet, which had been washed with 500 gallons of mud acid.

Drilled to 7,450 feet, 5.5-inch casing is set at 7,302 feet. Plugged back depth is 5,230 feet.

The following tops were picked on ground elevation of 2,433 feet: Wolfcamp, 5,173 feet; Canyon, 6,471 feet; and Strawn, 7,138 feet.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and 1,866 feet from west lines of section 32, block 21, H&TC survey.

WARD TESTER

Gulf Oil Corp. of Monahan will drill the No. 1056 Hutchings Stock Association 1/2 mile northeast of production in the Wagon Wheel (Pennsylvanian) field of Ward County, two miles southeast of Wickett.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 5, block O, G&MMB&A survey.

Contract depth is 9,900 feet.

Eddy sector gets wildcat

Allen Garrett of Artesia, N.M., staked location for a 2,200-foot cable tool wildcat in Eddy County, six miles northeast of Artesia.

It is No. 1 Leon-State, 660 feet from north and east lines of section 32-16S-27E.

Operators schedule New Mexico wildcats

Wildcat tests were announced in Chaves and Eddy counties and a re-entry scheduled in Pecos County.

Yates Petroleum Corp. of Artesia will drill a 2,500-foot wildcat test in Chaves County, three and one-half miles southwest of San Andres oil production in the Linda field, 30 miles northeast of Roswell.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from east lines of section 3-7S-25E.

Sundance Oil Co. of Denver, Colo. will drill a 3,000-foot wildcat four miles northeast of San Andres oil production in an unnamed field of Chaves County, three miles northwest of Boaz.

The No. 1 Boaz-Federal is scheduled 660 feet from north and west lines of section 29-6S-29E.

EDDY WILDCATS

Harvey E. Yates of Roswell announced plans to drill the No. 1 Last Chance as a 10,900-foot wildcat, two miles north-northwest of Morrow gas

Deep Pecos project among new Permian Basin wildcats

Sanchez-O'Brien Minerals Corp. of Laredo announced plans to drill the No. 1 Glenn W. Hillger as an 8,000-foot wildcat, also 1/2 mile southeast of Black Lake, East (Wolfcamp) production, nine miles northwest of Garden City in Glasscock County.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and east lines of section 13, block 35, T-3-S, T&P survey.

PECOS WILDCAT

HNG Oil Co. of Midland will drill No. 1-11 Hudgins as a 14,500-foot wildcat, one and seven-eighths mile southwest of a 13,685-foot failure and three miles northwest of Devonian gas production in the Elsinore multipay field of Pecos County.

Well site is 2,384 feet from north and 2,496 feet from west lines of section 11, block 180, TCRR survey, 25 miles southwest of Fort Stockton.

LEA WILDCATS

Sun Oil Co. of Oklahoma City, Okla., will drill an 11,700-foot wildcat operation one location west of Wolfcamp production and two miles northwest of Devonian production in the Denton field of Lea County, two miles southeast of Prairieview.

The No. 1 J.C. Maxwell is 1,101 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 27-14S-37E.

NuCorp Energy, Inc. of Hobbs, N.M., will deepen to 13,000 feet for tests as a wildcat at the No. 1 Mona Wilson, 2.5 miles northeast of Devonian oil production in the Garrett, West field of Lea County.

Originally drilled by Hondo Oil & Gas as the No. 1 Wilson, old total depth is 9,048 feet.

Location is 990 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 21-16S-38E, five miles north of Knowles.

Fisher-Webb, Inc. of Abilene spotted a 7,850-foot wildcat one mile west and slightly south of the Swenson-Garza, Northeast (Canyon) field and 1/2 mile north of Ellenburger production in the Swenson-Barron field of Garza County.

Operating as the No. 1 Lewis, it is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 15, block 2, H&GN survey, 10 miles northeast of Post.

DAWSON EXPLORER

R.H. Engelke of San Antonio will drill a 12,000-foot wildcat operation, 3/4 mile south of the depleted Fusselman discovery well of the Willene field and one and 3/8 mile northeast of Smith (Sprabery) production, two miles west of O'Donnell.

The No. 1 Cecil Holt is scheduled 853 feet from south and 467 feet from east lines of section 70, block A, EL&RR survey.

Ike Lovelady, Inc. of Midland will attempt to reopen the Lindsey (Strawn) field of Dawson County, 14 miles west of Lamesa.

The No. 1 Lindsey is 853 feet from south and 2,173 feet from west lines of section 132, block M, EL&RR survey.

Contract depth is 11,500 feet, with ground elevation, 3,026 feet.

Lloyd Patton of Fort Worth will drill a 4,200-foot wildcat, 3/4 mile south of the depleted Big Ed (Gardner oil) field and one and three-eighths mile northeast of the current lone producer of the Rowena, North

production in the Crooked Creek field, 24 miles southwest of Lakewood.

Location spots 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 28-23S-24E.

Sun Oil Co. of Midland spotted location for a 9,700-foot opener, one and one-half miles southwest of Morrow gas production in the Cemetery field, 11 miles southwest of Lakewood.

The firm's No. 1 Chalotte McKay-Federal is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 25-20S-24E.

A re-entry of U.S. Smelting & Refining Co. No. 1 Flour, wildcat failure, plugged at 5,700 feet in 1963.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 106, block 8, H&GN survey.

(Gardner oil) field, five miles southwest of Ballinger.

Operating as the No. 1 Elsie Henkhaus, location is 467 feet from south-east and 2,000 feet from southwest lines of A. Klenecke survey No. 418, abstract 335.

Hameo Exploration & Development Co. of Dallas will drill No. 1 W.F. Minzenmayer as a 4,600-foot wildcat, 1/2 mile south of the N.A.M. (Fry oil) field, 5/8 mile southeast of Gardner oil production in the Wilmeth, South (Gardner) field.

Location is six miles west of Winters, 1,600 feet from north and 467 feet from west lines of section 58, block 63, HT&B survey.

A third Runnels County wildcat was spotted by Hanson Corp. of Midland as the No. 1 Willingham, 4,350-foot test, 3/8 mile north and slightly east of the Palo Pinto opener and lone producer of that pay and 1,500 feet east of a 3,918-foot failure, nine miles northwest of Ballinger.

Well site is 2,025 feet from north and 2,330 feet from east lines of Robert Ownes survey No. 436, abstract 394.

IRION EXPLORER

Texas Oil & Gas Corp. of Midland spotted location for a 6,800-foot wildcat in Irion County, 5/8 mile southwest and northwest of Canyon D production and one and three-quarters mile northwest of Cisco oil production in the Dove Creek field, nine

miles southeast of Mertzton.

The No. 1-G Winterbotham is 330 feet from north and 2,310 feet from west lines of J.H. Weisheit survey No. 782.

DRILLING REPORT

ANDREWS COUNTY
Olin George No. 1-X University, drilling 5022 feet in lime.

BREWSTER COUNTY
Texas Pacific No. 1 Madre Grande, drilling 7634 feet.

CHAVES COUNTY
Hanson Corp. No. 1 Lario State, id 9220 feet, waiting on pumping unit.

COCHISE COUNTY
Cola Petroleum No. 1 Daniel, id 12,000 feet, waiting on casing puller.

COKE COUNTY
NEM Petroleum No. 2 Harris, drilling 3900 feet.

CROCKETT COUNTY
Southern Royalty No. 1-35 Todd, drilling 184 feet in dolomite.

DAWSON COUNTY
BTA No. 2 Welch, id 7850 feet, ran logs, set 7-inch casing at total depth, waiting on pumping unit.

ECTOR COUNTY
Cities Service No. 13-A Bagley, id 4412 feet, pumped 40 barrels of oil and 2 barrels of water in 70 hours through perforations from 4285 to 4306 feet.

EDDY COUNTY
Morris R. Antwell No. 1 Indian Wells, id 10,855 feet, ran logs and location survey, perforated 1/2-inch liner from 10,500 to 10,612 feet, ran tubing and packer, set packer at 10,570 feet.

EL PASO COUNTY
Eddy Corp. No. 1 Mile Post, id 10,300 feet, moving off rig.

GAINES COUNTY
Cotton Petroleum No. 1-A Jenkins, drilling 4508 feet.

HOCKLEY COUNTY
South Ranch Oil Co. No. 1 Williams, id 4,361 feet, set 4.5-inch casing at 4,380 feet, waiting on cement.

HOWARD COUNTY
Campana Petroleum No. 2-A Road, id 9,810 feet, preparing to perforate.

IRION COUNTY
Cola Petroleum No. 1-S Tankersley, id 1,645 feet, pumped 35 barrels oil and 33 barrels of water in 24 hours, through perforations not reported.

MEADOE COUNTY
Meadoe No. 1-A 3065 Sugg, drilling 7,266 feet in sand and shale.

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Successful takeoff

DRACHTEN, Netherlands (AP) — Six young women caught stealing curtains took to their heels, pursued by several angry men. As the women ran, they began stripping, leaving their clothes behind them. The men were so embarrassed they gave up the chase and let the thieves escape — still clutching the stolen curtains.

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Carols owe much to accidents

WILMETTE, Ill. (AP) — Christmas carols have, many times, been the products of deadline pressures, streaks of luck, or unforeseen events. They owe their

origins as much to broken pipe organs and mail-order catalogs as to divine inspiration, according to the American Music Conference here.

For instance, the AMC points out, the beloved Christmas carol, "Silent Night," grew out of a mice-infested, inoperable old church organ.

Before Christmas, in 1818, in the tiny Austrian village of Oberndorf, Father Joseph Mohr discovered that his church's ancient pipe organ had finally wheezed its last, the group's historians relate.

THE ORGAN was in shocking shape, with church mice nibbling away inside it. All that could be done was to wait for spring, when the mountain roads were cleared of snow and the organ repair craftsman could make his annual visit. But how could the church hold Christmas service, with no pipe organ to guide the singing?

On Christmas Eve, Father Mohr was called to a remote mountain hamlet to baptize a new-born infant. On his return, as he traveled the snowy, still mountain passes, he composed "Stille Nacht," or "Silent Night." The carol was first heard on Christmas Day, 1818 — to the simple accompaniment of a guitar.

Christmas carols have been sparked by all kinds of deadlines, according to AMC researchers. A child's request for a new Christmas carol by the very next morning led to the 1749 composition of "Christians Awake" by John Byrom. Byrom had already formulated England's system of short-

hand, so he probably knew how to work fast.

ANOTHER child, the son of Martin Luther, heard his father extemporaneously compose "From Heaven Above" on Christmas Eve, 1534, to the accompaniment of a lute.

A church organist, faced with the deadline of Christmas morning to have his pastor's poem set to music, was saved by a last-minute inspiration.

In 1868, Lewis Redner was asked by his pastor, Phillips Brooks, to put a Christmas poem he had written to music. Redner struggled for days, but couldn't come up with anything, and finally went to bed Christmas Eve, convinced that he faced failure in the morning.

IN THE MIDDLE of the night, Redner awoke, a full-fledged melody ringing in his ears. The next morning, the children sang the newly harmonized poem, "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Redner always claimed he did not write the music for this famous Christmas carol. Instead, he insisted, it was a "gift from heaven."

The tune for another popular Christmas song, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," came from a highly unlikely source. After Charles Wesley wrote the words in 1739, he was hard pressed for suitable music. Wesley finally hit upon setting it to Mendelssohn's "Festgesang," music which originally commemorated the 400th anniversary of the invention of the printing press.

A Montgomery Ward's catalog provided the inspiration for an incredibly successful 20th-century Christmas carol, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." In 1949, songwriter Johnny Marks was thumbing through a mail-order catalog, happened to read a children's story about a shiny-nosed reindeer, and was struck with the idea for Santa's spunky helper.

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