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Former Chinese leader confesses to crimes

By VICTORIA GRAHAM Associated Press Writer

PEKING (AP) — Once the No. 4 man in China, ailing and feeble Chen Boda confessed in the Gang of Four trial today that he ordered the persecution of the late President Liu Shao-chi, the highest-ranking victim of Mao Tse-tung's 10-year Cultural Revolution.

aganda officer who is now a member of the party central committee, sources attending the trial said. The hearings in the Supreme People's Court are closed to foreign reporters. Chen, 76, was himself purged in 1973 and was thought by many to be dead until he was brought to trial. The sources said he appeared in "very bad physical shape," used a hearing aid and was so weak he had to be helped in and out of the courtroom by two bailiffs.

Shen decided that President Liu should be "reputated and struggled against." Liu's home was searched, he and his wife were denounced at a rally and both were physically abused, the indictment said. He died in prison in 1969, and the post-Mao government rehabilitated him with great fanfare last April. Liu, along with the late Premier Chou En-lai and Deng Xiaoping, urged that the development of the communist system in China be modified in the interests of economic development. But Mao and the radicals insisted that revolutionary change

have priority and launched the Cultural Revolution against their opponents. Chen also is accused of responsibility for the persecution of 84,000 persons and the death of 2,950 of them during the Cultural Revolution. But sources said those charges were not brought up today. Earlier this week, the court questioned the other four former political leaders on trial at the rate of one a day about the charge that they tried to convince Mao the late Premier Chou En-lai and his protegee Deng Xiaoping were plotting against him in 1974.

Two of the four, former party Vice Chairman Wang Hongwen and Yao Wenyuan, confessed to the charge. But Jiang Qing replied "I don't know" to all questions, and former Vice Premier Zhang Chunqiao refused to say anything. There has been no indication when the court will get to the most serious charges against the foursome, that they were responsible for the deaths of more than 34,000 people during the Cultural Revolution and that they plotted to take over the government after Mao died in 1976. They could get the death penalty on those counts. The parallel trial of five ex-gener-

als charged with plotting with the late Defense Minister Lin Biao to assassinate Mao in 1971 also continued today. Xinhua, the official Chinese news agency, said defendants Huang Yongsheng, the former chief of the army general staff, and Li Zuopeng, the former navy political commissar of the navy, were questioned today. The official report said Huang, who has already admitted his part in the plot, was questioned about allegations that he was in communication with Lin about plans for a coup. The plot failed, and Lin fled and was killed when his plane crashed in Mongolia.

Second response to Iran's demands may be sent soon

By KEVIN M. COSTELLOE Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Islamic militants deny reports that they have turned the American hostages over to the Iranian government, the State Department says its No. 2 man may return to Algeria soon with the next U.S. response to Iran's demands for ending the 13-month standoff. Spokesman John H. Trattner held out the possibility of a return trip by Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher after two days of talks with Algerian intermediaries ended Thursday apparently without bringing the 52 hostages any closer to freedom.



officer Sondra McCarty said U.S. officials had "nothing to confirm that the (Iranian) government has taken over responsibility for them." Trattner said such a move "would be helpful," but he emphasized that there is no sign the hostages will be released in the near future and said he is neither optimistic nor pessimistic at this point. "We're just beginning a process that we hope will result in the release of the hostages, and at the beginning of a process like that it's not advisable to project any kind of feelings of up or down," he said. Trattner said the clarification requested by the Iranians was at least more than a demand for a yes-or-no answer to their conditions. "I would like to steer you away from assuming there is a yes-or-no situation existing here," he said. "All the signs indicate that it is rather the other way."



A group of weary firefighters, with boxes over their heads, relaxes after fighting fires over the past few days in the area north of San Bernardino, Calif. Numerous brushfires remain out of control. Please see related stories, Page 7A. (AP Laserphoto)

Christopher flew to Algeria earlier this month to deliver the first U.S. response to Iran's four conditions for releasing the Americans. Meanwhile, one of the Islamic militants occupying the U.S. Embassy in Tehran denied today news reports that the 49 hostages held in the embassy had been delivered to the Iranian government. "We have not delivered the hostages to the government yet, and when we do we will issue a statement announcing it," said the militant, who was reached by telephone from Beirut, Lebanon. Both CBS and NBC quoted foreign sources Thursday night as saying the Iranian government has taken custody of the hostages from the militants who seized them Nov. 4, 1979. Three of the hostages are being held in the Foreign Ministry. CBS, quoting "usually reliable sources," said most of the hostages have been moved from the U.S. Embassy to Tehran's Evin Prison, which once held some of the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi's foes. NBC said the militants at the embassy claim they no longer are involved in the hostage matter. Iranian government sources denied that a hostage transfer had taken place, and State Department duty

The conditions set by the Iranian Parliament on Nov. 2 were return of the wealth of the late shah, dismissal of U.S. legal claims against Iran, a pledge of U.S. non-interference in Iranian affairs and release of more than \$8 billion in frozen Iranian assets in this country. The Algerians in their talks here had been seeking a clarification of why the United States says it cannot comply fully with the first two demands. The second two — a pledge of non-interference and freeing the assets — are not believed to be in dispute. The three Algerian intermediaries spent four hours with Christopher and other top American officials on Thursday, following 5 1/2 hours of meetings on Wednesday. The Algerians had no comment for reporters following the talks. Trattner refused to say whether the gap between the United States and Iran has narrowed, although at one point he said the Iranians have "taken pains to examine our response to their proposals very carefully."

Misery spreads in wake of quake

By CLARA HEMPHILL Associated Press Writer

NAPLES, Italy (AP) — "We don't need food or medicine...we need coffins. There isn't anybody left alive," said a volunteer relief worker as heavy rainstorms and the threat of snow added to the misery of an estimated 300,000 homeless survivors of the earthquake in the Naples-Salerno area. There were reports a "coffin racket" was thriving in the town of Lioni, east of Naples, and the head of rescue operations, Giuseppe Zamberletti, said people from other regions were trying to sell coffins for as much as \$1,800 apiece. Government tallies of the casualties in Europe's worst quake in 65 years ranged from 3,496 dead and missing to 4,468, with 7,751 injured reported. The state radio said 27 sur-

vivors were pulled from the rubble Thursday, four days after the quake Sunday. Among them were three doctors buried in the ruins of the hospital at San Angelo dei Lombardi. Zamberletti asked the government to provide 3,500 railroad cars to house quake survivors sleeping in tents or in the open. The government asked owners of campers to lend them for use in the quake zone. Column after column of relief supplies and personnel poured down the autostradas from northern Italy. But narrow roads, mud and debris from the quake slowed them down when they set out for the isolated villages in the mountainous quake zone. About 150 villagers demanding food, tents and other supplies sat on the railroad tracks at the station in Anagni, south of Naples, and blocked all trains to and from Sicily. "We have a thousand people with-

out roofs. We're sleeping in the open air. We haven't eaten in two days," said the mayor of Friguento, in Avellino, the hardest hit province. An elementary school in Salerno was crowded by survivors seeking shelter from the rain. Some families were camped in three unused trains on a siding in Naples. Others huddled in cars. U.S. paratroopers spent Thanksgiving teaching Italian soldiers how to put up 1,000 U.S. Army tents flown down from West Germany. Another shipment of 1,000 was on the way. Criticism of Premier Arnaldo Forlani's government increased. It fired its representative in Avellino, but Forlani refused to accept the resignation of Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni, who offered to quit Wednesday to appease the critics. "Accepting your resignation would mean increasing the difficulties of

those struggling to help suffering people," Forlani wrote Rognoni. Journalists and volunteers have gotten to many of the shattered villages before the rescue squads, sometimes as much as 24 hours ahead. In many places, lack of bulldozers and cranes delayed removal of wreckage, under which bodies or survivors were believed to be. Communist Party Secretary Enrico Berlinguer charged the government with "intolerable slowness" and said "once again the government is unprepared...despite its promises of a permanent alert system." Other opposition politicians said the most recent national seismic map was a military chart drawn up between World Wars I and II, that authorities allowed construction of houses without adequate seismic protection in an area jolted by quakes for 2,000 years.

Kidnappings escalate Salvadoran terrorist war

By EDUARDO VAZQUEZ BECKER Associated Press Writer

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Right-wing gunmen kidnaped six leftist leaders and murdered at least four of them, striking a heavy blow at their opponents in the terrorist war that has taken about 8,000 lives this year. But it appeared

that most or all of the victims were political leaders rather than guerrilla commanders.

A right-wing paramilitary organization, the Maximilian Hernandez Brigade, claimed responsibility for the kidnappings in a communique to several radio stations. The abductions were carried out at noon Thursday in a raid on a secret meeting at a Roman Catholic high school here. The brigade takes its name from a rightist general who led a campaign against leftist guerrillas in the 1930s. A spokesman for the Roman Catholic Church's Legal Aid Society said army troops surrounded the Externado San Jose High School and plainclothesmen carrying walkie-talkies and automatic rifles rounded up Enrique Alvarez Cordoba, president of the Democratic Revolutionary Front and the leading leftist; Juan Chacon, head of the Popular Revolutionary Bloc (BPR), the largest left-

wing group; Manuel Franco, a leader of the National Democratic Union; Humberto Mendoza of the Popular Liberation Movement, one of the most radical leftist groups; Enrique Barrera of the National Revolutionary Movement and Doroteo Hernandez, the leader of a small union.

The bodies of Chacon, Mendoza, Barrera and Hernandez were found a few hours later in Asino, a small lake spa 12 miles southeast of San Salvador. Sources at the funeral home where they were taken said there were no apparent signs of torture on the corpses.

There was no word of Alvarez Cordoba and Franco, but one high-ranking diplomat predicted they would "turn up dead." Defense Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia denied that any government officials, army troops or security forces took part in the kidnapping and

said the National Police were investigating.

"What we know is that a group of persons carrying weapons entered the building and seized Alvarez Cordoba, Chacon and the others," he said.

This small, impoverished Central American nation has been torn by bloody strife between leftists and rightists since a coup on Oct. 15, 1979, led by two moderate colonels threatened the small oligarchy of wealthy families and right-wing military men who have controlled El Salvador for years.

The new junta instituted a land redistribution program and promised other reforms, but the leftists interpreted this as a sign of weakness and stepped up efforts to replace the regime with a Marxist government. This touched off a fierce backlash from the extreme right.

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### Faces mirror moods on Salvation Army Day

The angelic faces of youngsters can quickly reveal a more devilish look, as evidenced at the Salvation Army Day Care Center at 3500 Park Lane. Today was Salvation Army Day throughout the nation. (Staff Photos by Brian Hender-shot)



## Midland's Salvation Army chapter beginning festivities

President Carter has proclaimed today Salvation Army Day and, in conjunction with that, the Midland chapter of the Salvation Army is beginning its Christmas program.

Bell-ringers will be in front of local stores, beginning today, collecting for the Christmas baskets distributed to needy families by the Army. Applications for the Christmas baskets, which include food and toys, will be taken beginning Monday.

Drives are under way to collect new toys for the baskets, and Salvation Army employees remind clubs, organizations and individuals of their "dress a live doll" program. An Army spokesman also said there were some baby dolls still available to be dressed to go in baskets.

The Salvation Army was launched 100 years ago by William Booth in the squalor of London's east end. In the 1940s, the Army first came to Midland as a service unit, providing basic emergency relief through volunteers working from homes and businesses.

The Salvation Army state office established a Corps Center in Midland in 1950 with Lt. and Mrs. Edward Laitly as its first commanding officers. Under their leadership, youth character-building classes were begun and the Army was temporarily located in a rented building on North Big Spring Street.

In January 1959, the Army moved to its location at 223 S. Lorraine St., where the Marathon Oil Building is now located. This made possible the establishment of a clothing room and emergency lodging.

In 1970, the Kimball Co., a wholesale grocery firm, donated its old warehouse at 300 S. Baird St. to the Army. The offices were relocated there and a thrift store was established to provide low-cost clothing and household items to the general public. Operation of the store provides employment for those needing it and the store is self supporting, along with providing funds for the general Army program.

In October 1974, Barbara Thomas, a full-time counselor, was added to the staff to handle increased caseloads and to work with resident family problems.

A heavy influx of people into the Midland area seeking employment and increased social work needs forced the Army to lease the old Buckner Hotel on North Fort Worth Street, across from the old central fire station.

Emergency housing and meals were provided from this location.

In 1975, the Salvation Army hired a professional consultant to conduct a survey in Midland to determine the social service needs in program direction. From that survey, two basic goals emerged — consolidate all downtown locations into one and build a west-side corps community and day care center.

In 1976, a successful Capital Campaign was conducted and new offices and lodging facilities were completed at 300 S. Baird St.

In 1979 the day care center was opened at 3500 Park Lane. Besides day care, the center provides evening programs and classes and a Sunday church calendar of meetings.

# Muskie to make Mexico visit Saturday

By GEORGE GEDDA Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie flies to Mexico Saturday for a review of the two countries' relationship, which has changed dramatically as a result of Mexico's new status as one of the world's leading oil producers.

Muskie plans a day-long round of talks with Mexican officials in his capacity as chairman of a U.S.-Mexican commission set up to review energy, trade, migration, legal and other bilateral issues.

He will be accompanied by Ambassador-at-Large Robert Krueger, a former Texas congressman who has served for the past 18 months as of Coordinator for Mexican Affairs.

Because of its new oil wealth, Mexico's global influence has increased sharply over the past four years. In that time, Mexican production has increased to 2.3 million barrels a day, exceeded only by the Soviet Union, Saudi Arabia and the United States.

Mexican oil sales have helped push two-way trade with the United States to \$29 billion.

In a wide-ranging interview this week, Krueger discussed Mexico's attitudes toward its northern neighbor, particularly as they relate to oil.

He said bilateral problems which frequently arise overshadow the positive aspects of the relationship, noting that more people legally cross the Mexican-American border than any other border in the world.

This, he said, "is basic testimony to communication, to mutual confidence and to the fact that we really have something to give one another." Here are some excerpts from the interview with Krueger:

Q: Do you have a sense that Mexico views the United States as a predatory neighbor intent on draining Mexico's oil wealth?

A: There are those who would view the United States as sort of having a straw with which we would like to suck their

soda dry. I think there is no validity to that notion.

Q: The Mexicans sell 80 per cent of all their oil exports to the United States, suggesting that they recognize this country is their natural market despite misgivings

about American intentions.

A: True, but it is not widely advertised in Mexico. But Mexico has led us to believe that the percentage of oil we get from Mexico will decline although it could be the volumes will remain

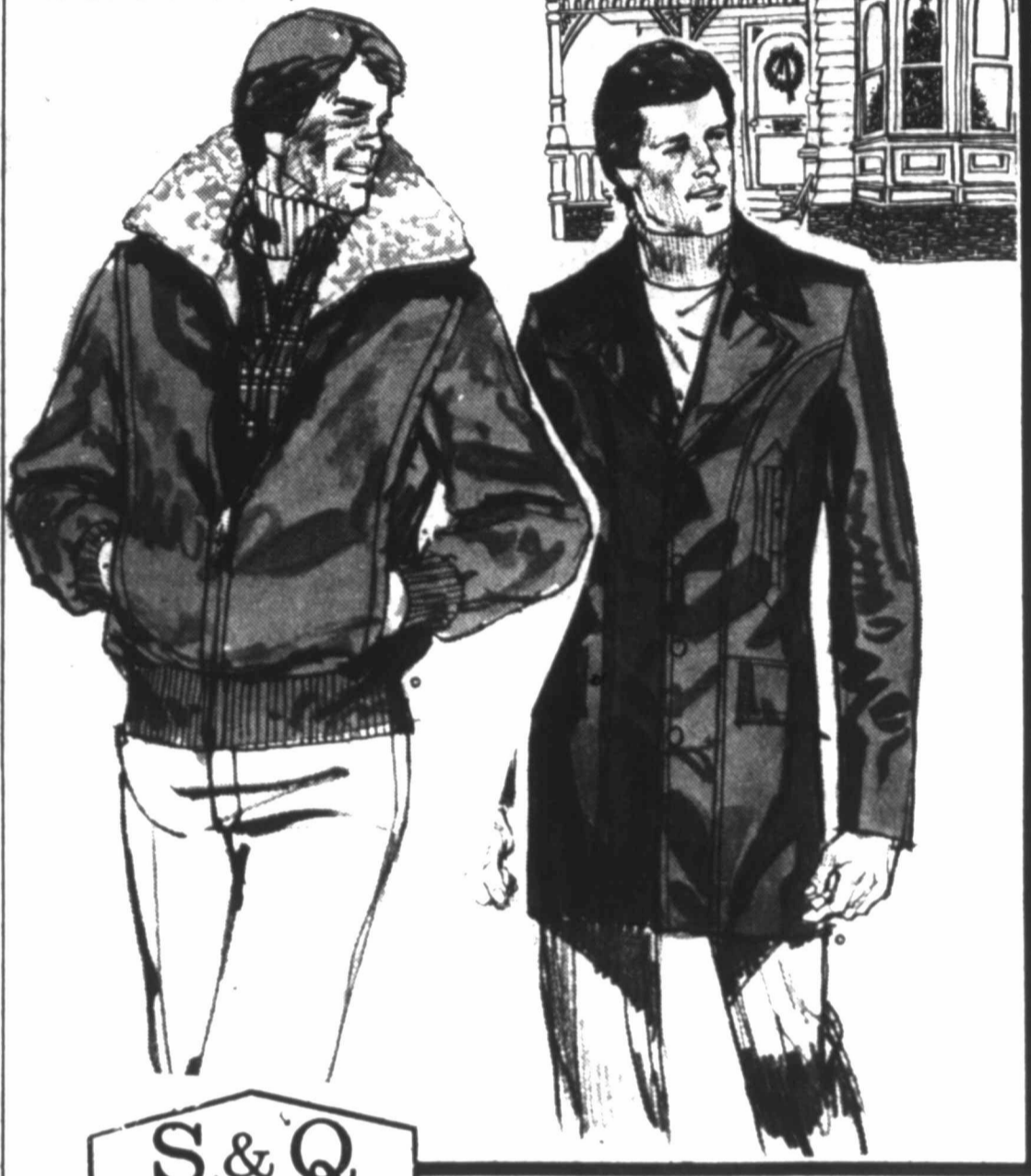
much the same.

Q: Do you have any thoughts on a statement by Henry Kissinger last year that it is politically impossible for Mexico to stake out a position on an international issue which is to the right of the American position?

A: I would say that it would certainly be by and large difficult. Beyond that, Mexico is proud of its revolutionary tradition. So I think there are going to be a number of instances in which we are not in complete alignment.

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By JF Assoc

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Starting next year, nine-digit ZIP codes will be used for mail and the future postal service. "All of us have so many numbers," said Postmaster General F. Lee Younger. "But the present five-digit numbers are essential for more efficient mail service."

Some 600 million ZIP codes are almost identical. Next fall all their new numbers will be mailed.

Before the business mail volume reaches 100 billion pieces a year, the Postal Service will be given the go-ahead by Congress to half-cut postage charges.

Conversion of ZIP codes to nine digits is being announced today. The Postal Service effort to reduce mail volume is more mail volume.

Postal office reduction in volume. But the volume levels are lower than would be the case.

The five-digit ZIP codes will remain in use until 1983, when they will be replaced by the new nine-digit codes. The 19.8 million ZIP codes will allow every residence on each side of buildings to have its own ZIP code.

Objections have been voiced by workers and mailers who want to change the lists.

One of the objections, said Geiger, editor of the Postal Service, is that the new ZIP codes will be too small to be used by many mailers who do not have the equipment to change the lists.

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## Rachel dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rachel Robinson, wife of the late Jackie Robinson, died of an Aca... at the age of 60.

Miss Robinson, 60, of the British Columbia former wife of the late Jackie Robinson, died of an Aca... at the age of 60.

An autopsy today, but suspect foul play.

## 'Sabbath switch' instal

BOSTON (AP) — The Orthodox Jewish community won't operate on the Sabbath in the new high-rise hotel. The Jewish community provided a convention center for their religious activities, pressing at the top or climbing stairs.

The Sheela hotel has "sabbath switch" of its elevators the weekend when the synagogue elevator will automatically stop at the 12 floors where the gates will be closed.

The Sabbath observance ends at sunset.

Although Jews won't use the mechanical or many rabbis law permit elevators to stop at the 12 floors where the gates will be closed.

About 400 Jews have booked the hotel for the biennial convention of the Orthodox Congregation.





# 'Devil winds' subside; Battle against brushfire 'optimistic'

By JOHN ANTCAK  
Associated Press Writer

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) — While capricious "devil winds" subsided, firefighters took to the air with water tankers and battled flames on doorsteps as they began to turn the tide in the fight against blazes that have scorched 80,000 acres.

"Overall, it is looking pretty optimistic," Joanna Guttman of the U.S. Forest Service said Thursday. Four people have been killed and 319 buildings damaged or destroyed since the rash of fires, one of the worst in Southern California history, began Monday.

Howling Santa Ana winds up to 100 mph had sent flames leaping over highways and surging through neighborhoods.

But the winds declined as the week wore on, and the 30 mph gusts Thursday enabled firefighters to make their first widespread use of air tankers to drop water and fire retardant on the seven blazes still burning. Three have been extinguished.

Firefighters raced from house to house Thursday to save buildings in the small community of Devore northwest of San Bernardino as the Panorama fire, the most destructive of the blazes, swept out of the hills.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr., meanwhile, joined several hundred firefighters for a Thanksgiving feast at the Sycamore fire camp north of San Bernardino. Special meals were prepared for all of the more than 6,000 firefighters, some of whom came

from as far away as New York and Texas. Brown also toured the fire-ravaged Northpark sector of San Bernardino — where 253 homes were destroyed or damaged on Monday — and said the area looked "like some kind of a war zone."

He said he hoped President Carter would make low-interest loans available to people who lost their homes. The state has asked that the federal government declare an official disaster in all six counties where the fires have been burning.

Residents of several endangered San Bernardino mountain communities were permitted to return to their homes on Thanksgiving Day as firefighters grew more hopeful they were gaining the upper hand in the fight.

The 19,950-acre Panorama fire, which has damaged or destroyed 271 structures, was 30 percent contained, and officials could not predict when they would have it under control.

A fire is contained when a fire line has been formed around it to prevent it from spreading. It is controlled when it has essentially been extinguished.

Two of the blazes, the Lakeland fire in Riverside County and the Sycamore fire in San Bernardino County, were 80 percent contained Thursday evening and full containment was expected today.

The mountain communities of Twin Peaks and Rim Forest along the northern perimeter of the Panorama fire had been evacuated, but residents were allowed to return Thursday.

"Rim Forest looks real good," said Ms. Guttman.



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Firefighters at the Devore fire basecamp near San Bernadino, Calif., Thursday were treated to all the Thanksgiving fixings — including pumpkin pie with whipped cream. (AP Laserphoto)

## Firefighters treated to turkey, other Thanksgiving trimmings

By JOHN ANTCAK  
Associated Press Writer

SAN BERNARDINO (AP) — It was round and frozen. It didn't look as if it had ever had feathers.

But to the firefighters at Glen Helen base camp, it was as close as they would come to a Thanksgiving turkey dinner this year.

"First time I ever had a round turkey in my life," said one firefighter as he passed the outdoor kitchen where boxes of turkey, dressing and pumpkin pies were being turned into the traditional meal.

Asked if he had tasted any of the pre-cooked turkey breast, firefighter Bob Konopka of Chico answered, "No, darn it. But it doesn't matter. I'm a vegetarian."

"Turkey?" asked a youthful firefighter from San Bernardino as he burst out laughing at the lump of white meat.

The camp was home for some 3,400 men and women fighting the Panorama and Summit fires that have burned 24,000 acres in one of the worst outbreaks of fires in Southern California history. The camp is in a valley between two ranges where the fires can be seen clearly.

Many of the men and women who risk their lives to stamp out those flames expressed a surprising admiration for the enemy.

"I've been fighting fires for 11 years," said Klamath fireman Clark Willis, "and I've nearly been killed, and some of my friends have died in them, so I have a healthy respect for them. But I still think they're beautiful, especially at night."

As the firefighters come off the line, grimy and bleary-eyed, they head first to a bulletin board to read newspaper accounts of the fire they were just fighting.

Noise and activity abound, but half the people are asleep; sociability is everywhere, but the men are too tired to talk.

People bustle around the command post, and a machine shop grinds out ax and pick handles. But just over a slight rise, hundreds of paper sleeping bags are scattered across the park.

Instead of sleeping on cots, the firefighters turn them on their sides for windbreaks. Tables and cardboard boxes serve the same purpose.

At midday Thursday, some firefighters were going to sleep while others were just waking up.

Down by Ash Cove, a crew was feeding a few ducks which had been scared out of a pond by helicopters landing to suck up water which would be dropped on the flames.

Across a parking lot, six men started a vain search for anyone with enough energy left to play baseball.

## Fire investigators returning today to historic Cannery Row

MONTEREY, Calif. (AP) — Investigators were returning to historic Cannery Row today to seek the source of a fire that gutted three buildings and caused \$1.5 million damage.

"The scene is still secured, and it will remain secured until the investigators sift through to find the cause," Fire Capt. Ray Savage said Thursday.

More than 30 firefighters battled the blaze for two hours Wednesday evening. Flames from the wooden two-story buildings could be seen more than five miles away.

Savage said eight small retail businesses were destroyed, and officials suspected the fire was deliberately set.

Two people were taken into custody for questioning but were later released, according to Fire Chief John Montero.

Thousands of tons of sardines were

canned inside the buildings in the 1930s and 1940s, but the area fell into disrepair when the fish mysteriously vanished from the nearby section of the Pacific Ocean.

The buildings were converted to antique, leather and gift shops catering to tourists.

The fire narrowly missed Doc Ricketts' laboratory, a commercial marine biology lab preserved from the day of author John Steinbeck. Steinbeck often visited the lab, and Ricketts was one of a number of colorful figures portrayed in Steinbeck's 1945 novel, "Cannery Row."

Steinbeck worked at one of the canneries, and his novels are credited with helping make the row a tourist attraction.

Fire officials said two years ago the row had been the site of at least 22 mysterious fires since the early 1950s.

## Boston fire officials probing brownstone office fire's cause

BOSTON (AP) — Fire officials today were investigating the cause of a blaze that heavily damaged an elegant, Back Bay brownstone housing the Atlantic Monthly magazine and a major education consulting firm.

The fire began in the cellar of the five-story building overlooking the Boston Public Garden and caused about \$250,000 damage, said Fire Commissioner George Paul.

Eight firefighters were injured, none seriously, in the 8 a.m. Thursday fire.

Harbridge House, an international educational consulting firm, lost "irreplaceable" research papers, said Charles Baker, chairman of its board of directors. The fire also destroyed its recent renovations valued at \$1 million.

Only minor water damage was reported in the offices of the Atlantic Monthly and its book-publishing oper-

ation. "It looks like it will take a couple of days to clean it up, but there should be no interruption at all in the magazine," said outgoing magazine editor Robert Manning.

The building also houses the offices of The World Paper and a dozen other small companies.

A security guard detected smoke from the fire, and cellar sprinklers touched off an alarm at fire headquarters, officials said.

"It went up the walls, blew out the second floor office, then went up to the roof and spread across both ways," Paul said. "The building has a mansard roof, and...there is so much wood in the roof for bracing that when fire gets into it, it's hard to get at. It can burn right around a fire wall."

Paul said the building was constructed soundly, and the burned central section could be rebuilt.

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# 12 die in holiday plane crashes

By The Associated Press

Airborne family expeditions to Thanksgiving celebrations ended in plane accidents in Idaho and Washington that killed a total of 12 people, officials say.

And the bodies of two people were visible in the wreck of a small plane when the cries of a lone survivor attracted passing hunters near Jacksonville, Fla.

In Washington, a twin-engine Beechcraft Baron carrying members of a prominent Yakima family to a Thanksgiving observance in Seattle went down in a spiraling, fiery crash near Mount Rainier National Park on

Thursday, police said. All six people aboard were killed.

In Driggs, Idaho, a twin-engine Beechcraft Duke plunged to the ground several hundred feet short of a runway at Driggs airport. All six people aboard were killed.

Teton County Sheriff Ted Trout said visibility was about 100 yards at the time of the Idaho crash Thursday.

"I'm sure visibility was probably a contributing factor, but we don't know yet what caused the crash," Trout said. Investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration in Seattle were trying to determine the cause, Trout said.

The victims were identified as the pilot, James Clay of the San Francis-

co Bay area; his three children, Stacey, 17, Cameron, 13, and Mitch, 11; and his brother, Charles Teague Clay of Lake Tahoe, Nev. The sixth victim was identified as Perry Anderson of California.

Trout said he did not know exactly where the flight had originated, "but it was somewhere in the Bay Area of California." Officials said the victims were on their way to a Thanksgiving celebration.

In Washington, Yakima County sheriff's deputies said the plane may have been making a desperate attempt at a crash landing when the accident occurred.

Weather in the area was "extremely bad, snow showers and low

clouds," O'Connor said.

The plane exploded in flames as it bounced across a ridge at the 5,000-foot level east of Mount Rainier National Park, deputies said.

Deputies identified the victims as William Cahoon, 39, a real estate agent and civic leader who owned the plane; his wife, Nyle; his mother, Mildred; and the couple's three children, Erin, 10, Doug, 16, and David, 12.

In Jacksonville, Fla., two hunters found an injured Ohio man in the woods a few feet from the wreckage of a small plane containing the bodies of his wife and law partner, authorities said.



Jesus Montes, left, from Mexicali, Mexico, and Efen de Loa, from Richmond, Calif., both 13 years old, meet for the first time this past weekend in Mexicali, Mexico. A month long search has led authorities to what is probably the real family of Efen de Loa who was accidentally switched with Jesus Montes soon after birth on Nov. 9, 1967 in a small hospital in Mexicali. The search began when Efen de Loa fell ill and his only hope for survival was a bone marrow transplant from a member of his family. (AP Laserphoto)

## Senator escapes spinal cord damage in one-car accident

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Hospital officials say State Sen. Bill Meier escaped spinal cord damage in a one-vehicle accident near Junction early Thursday that killed his brother-in-law.

"He is alert and can move everything," said a spokesman at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, where the 40-year-old Democrat from Euless was transferred after he was first taken to a Fredericksburg hospital.

Meier, who has been considering a race for lieutenant governor, suffered two broken vertebrae in his neck, a concussion, a broken rib and two broken fingers.

John Donald Burkett, 34, of Bedford was killed in the crash. Burkett's wife is a sister to Meier's wife.

Burkett was driving a new vehicle that went out of control on U.S. 290 about 30 miles east of Junction about

12:15 a.m. Thursday. Relatives said the two men left Bedford about 2 p.m. Wednesday to hunt deer near Marfa, near the Big Bend in far West Texas.

A spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety said the west-bound vehicle and a travel trailer it was towing overturned and flipped over the guard rail of a bridge, then struck a dirt embankment about 20 feet below the road.

Meier bought the vehicle earlier this week, and he and Burkett stopped at Meier's ranch near Austin to pick up the travel trailer, according to Larry Robison of Fort Worth, the father of both men's wives.

"They were very close. They were like brothers," Robison said.

Kimball County Justice of the Peace M.C. Blackburn pronounced Burkett dead at the scene.

## Real families of boys, switched at birth, may have been found

RICHMOND, Calif. (AP) — A Mexican family is getting bone marrow tests to see if they can save an ailing teenager who may be their own — but who was brought up by another family after a hospital crib mix-up 13 years ago.

It wasn't until Efen de Loa developed aplastic anemia — in which bone marrow stops producing blood cells — that doctors found he was not related to the family that raised him.

The de Loas and their seven other children were being tested as possible marrow donors when tissue studies revealed the youth was not biologically part of the family. Without a transplant, the boy has only a 15 percent chance of survival.

Through hospital workers and news reports, the 13-year-old's apparent biological family was located in Mexicali, Mexico, where de Loa was born.

The tests on Mauricio

Montes, his wife, Margarita, and their family were being completed this week at the University of California at Los Angeles to confirm their biological relation.

If they are related, a transplant operation could take place next month and increase the youth's chance of survival to 60 percent, doctors say.

Officials say the baby mix-up occurred after the boy's birth in Mexicali, when he inadvertently was placed in the same hospital crib as little Jesus Montes.

De Loa's mother, who had seen her son for only a few minutes after he was born, remembered a moment of confusion as she took one baby home, but raised the boy as her own.

Neither family will give up the boy raised as their own.

"I know that I am not the biological father of Jesus, but I saw him grow, I raised him and he stays with me," Montes said.

The de Loas, who

moved here from Mexicali in 1972, echoed that sentiment.

## DMSO believers can obtain miracle drug in open market place

DALLAS (AP) — Believers in dimethylene sulfoxide — DMSO — as a miracle drug for ailments ranging from arthritis to muscle strains are being allowed to acquire it in the open market place, but the vendors have to be cautious about how they distribute it.

The Federal Drug Administration has approved the use of DMSO for a rare bladder problem, but has declared it illegal for the drug to be used or sold for any other reason.

Many of those buying the drug want it for other reasons, which requires vendors to walk a delicate legal line.

An FDA spokesman said many roadside peddlers are selling laboratory and industrial varieties of DMSO instead of medical grade DMSO, but he said the sales are legal if the vendors are licensed and make no claim about the drug's medical value.

"I can only sell DMSO as a solvent," said Roy Stewart, who sells the drug from his car at a busy North Dallas intersection. "The FDA prohibits me from telling people its medical effects."

Stewart, 21, sells DMSO on private property adjacent to the intersection. A large hand-painted sign, "DMSO Sold Here," is propped against his car.

Two fur coat-wrapped women pulled their silver Cadillac off the road, rolled down the window, and asked what ailments DMSO can treat.

Stewart tells them he's not allowed to say, but pulls out a copy of "The Persecuted Drug: The Story of DMSO," and points out the pages touting its effectiveness for arthritis, pain, sprains, wound healing and headaches.

"I can't say anything about what it does medically, but I let them read about it," he said. "I want people to know as much as possible about DMSO. It benefits them and it also benefits me."

Stewart not only sold the women a \$17.50 bottle of DMSO, but also the \$4 paperback.

"In practical terms, what he is doing is misbranding the product," contends Bill Sedgwick of the FDA. "Most of them are very careful about not suggesting medical uses of DMSO. This changes it from a solvent to a drug, and makes the seller liable to criminal action and the product liable for civil seizure."

Misbranding a product is punishable by a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Most DMSO vendors are careful not to talk about the drug's curative powers — or to pass out literature, Sedgwick said.

Stewart said he's been selling DMSO in the Dallas-Fort Worth area about a year. He has been questioned frequently, but never arrested, he said.

"They couldn't do anything," he said. "By law I didn't do anything wrong. I'm just selling a solvent and a book that can be bought in bookstores."

Sedgwick said the way the drug is being sold amounts to "old-fashioned witch doctorism," but the FDA official added: "It's difficult to protect people who don't want to be protected."

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Parents Without Partners Inc. will meet at 7 p.m. today at 2506 Shell for a holiday treat. "Bring over your leftover Thanksgiving turkey and trimmings," said a club spokesman. "Leftovers are always better if you don't have to cook it yourself."

PWP is an international, non-profit, non-sectarian, educational organization devoted to the welfare and interests of single parents and their children. The group is required to maintain a balanced program of educational, family and social activities. All work is done by member volunteers. The group is concerned with providing supportive fellowship and opportunities for personal growth and strengthened family relationships.

Single parents with at least one living child are eligible. For more information, call 685-0804.

EDWIN G. LEEVER, Christian Scientist from Winter Park, Fla., will present a lecture on "Prayer is Effective in Our Economy" at 8 p.m. Dec. 9 in Midland Center. The public is invited.

CHRISTMASFEST '80, a yearly project of Las Manos, a service organization of the Museum of the Southwest, will be Dec. 4-6 at the Lancaster House, 1705 W. Indiana.

The Christmasfest will feature a variety of unusual decorations, ornaments, linens, gifts and Christmas ribbons. For those hard to find stocking stuffers, there will be toys and hand puppets to delight the children.

A wooden Christmas Advent Carrousel, valued at \$450, will be given as a door prize. Tickets for this door prize will sell for \$1.

The fest begins with a preview party Dec. 4 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission to the preview party is \$5.

It will continue Dec. 5-6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with free admission.

FANNIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is now utilizing a schoolwide discipline program known as "Assertive Discipline" techniques.

"Assertive Discipline," sponsored by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association, is a new approach to classroom and school management. The program advocates teaching, utilizing a systematic approach to discipline. This enables teachers to set firm, consistent limits for students and, at the same time, remain cognizant of the reality of each student's need for warmth and support.

The schoolwide discipline guidelines were presented to parents at the November PTA meeting by Bob Watkins, principal, and members of his staff. The Fannin staff also attended a workshop which provided them with the skills necessary to eliminate discipline as a problem in their classroom, thus allowing for maximum teaching time and resulting in maximum learning time for the students.

"The children know exactly what their school rules are, and they respect and are responding beautifully," said Watkins.

"MY WORLD, MY LIFE, MY WITNESS" will be the theme for the Week of Prayer held at First Baptist Church beginning Monday.

A film on mission in Brazil will be shown Monday at 10 a.m. in the Chapel. Mary Lucille Saunders, missionary in the Philippines and China will speak in the Chapel on Monday at 7:30 p.m. and again at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Ms. Saunders was imprisoned by both the Japanese and Communist Chinese.

Wednesday at 7 p.m., Jaxie Short will speak in the sanctuary. She is dean of religion at the Hong Kong Theological Seminary.

Former Midland school teacher Margaret McPherson will report on her work this past year as a Mission Service Corp volunteer in Gaza in the Chapel at 10 a.m. Thursday.

The public is invited to the daily prayer services.

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### Gibraltar's Investments president banquet speaker

A. Ford Madison Jr., president of Gibraltar Investments Inc. in Dallas, will be guest speaker at the Christmas guest night banquet hosted by the Christian Women's Clubs of Midland and Odessa.

The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Odessa Country Club on Highway 80.

In addition to Madison's address, featured on the program will be a fashion show for men and women presented by the J.E. Borron Shop in Midland, and music presented by S.L. Tate of Hobbs, N.M.

Madison, a native of Amarillo, attended Texas A&M University and majored in dairy manufacturing. In Colorado Springs, Colo., he began Scotland Pride Dairy and the Scotty

Stop Stores. He sold this plant and its 11 stores and in 1963 moved to Central America with his wife and five children.

He introduced the first refrigerated milk tank truck to Nicaragua which established a successful economic pattern for rural milk receiving stations that was subsequently duplicated by other Nicaraguan firms.

In 1966, the family returned to the United States and settled in Wichita, Kansas, where Madison founded the Shoppe Food Stores. He sold this 32-store chain in 1971 and then assumed full-time duties as president of Gibraltar Investments, a diversified real estate investment company headquartered in Dallas.

Currently, Madison is also involved

in business as a partner in the Odessa Shopping Center Live Oak Plaza, as well as an investor in Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburger franchises in Oklahoma.

He is on the board of directors for Mr. Steak, World Impact, Trinity Christian Academy and the Art of Family Living. He has been involved in community affairs through the YMCA, United Way, Rotary Club, Boy Scouts and his local church.

Banquet reservations are \$10.50 per person and may be made by calling Joan at 694-4054 or Debbie at 697-2425 by Monday.

Reservations not cancelled must be paid. No nursery will be provided for this event.



A. Ford Madison Jr.

### Cold spells dangerous to old people due to sensitivity

The next time a cold wind slices through your clothes, you may wish you could not feel the cold at all. But as many as one in 10 older people are in real danger because they are not sensitive enough to cold.

Sometimes people, especially those over age 65, have bodily malfunctions that keep them from noticing cold and regulating body temperature well. So when they stay in a consistently nippy atmosphere (sometimes no colder than 65 degrees fahrenheit) for a long time, body temperature can drop low enough to be fatal from a condition called "accidental hypothermia."

Since hypothermia's symptoms may be similar to those of some other diseases, no one knows positively how many people die from it yearly. But the risk is very obvious because thermostats are going lower as heating bills go up.

Instead of the often obvious symptoms (such as hard, white, numb areas) that can indicate frostbite, hypothermia symptoms can mimic other diseases and be less obvious. Meanwhile, the victim's body can

slow down until unconsciousness occurs and ultimately the heart stops.

Once the core of the body has gotten cold enough to be hypothermic, several days can pass before unconsciousness occurs. In the meantime, symptoms may include bloated face, pale and waxy or occasionally oddly pink skin, trembling in one part of the body, slurred speech, dulled awareness and slow response. (The victim probably will feel cold only before acute hypothermia occurs and not afterward.) Most hypothermia symptoms are signs of other diseases so a physician should be contacted to make an accurate diagnosis.

Protection against hypothermia includes wearing warm, multi-layered clothing, especially protecting the head, hands and feet, drinking warm liquids (except alcohol because it causes heat loss), proper nutrition, keeping the thermostat reasonably high and checking a room thermometer regularly. These are good ideas for anyone but are especially important for those older people whose natural warm methods are weakened.

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### Books are good gifts for wine lovers

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Books make excellent Christmas gifts for wine lovers, especially since you don't have to worry about getting the right vintage.

If your wine-collector friend has a number of older vintages in the cel-

lar, one appropriate gift might be Michael Broadbent's "The Great Vintage Wine Book" (\$25, Alfred Knopf). This erudite analysis of wines through the years rates each bottle on a five-star system, and rates the vintages of each district on the basis of general quality. One flaw: Italy is ignored.

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## BUSINESS MIRROR

# Financial centers have two questions

By JOHN CUNIFF  
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — In the nation's financial centers these days the two biggest questions are how long the Reagan stock market will continue, and how long the "recovery" will last if interest rates don't fall.

The two concerns are really one, and that much seems clear to anyone who managed a grade C in Economics 1. But it apparently isn't clear to those who have been vigorously buying stocks in the past few weeks.

The prime interest rate has ascended to 17 percent, and you don't have to look long in the literature of financial forecasting to find those who believe it will continue rising, maybe to 20 percent or more.

Meanwhile, inflation continues just as if it hadn't heard of the new president-elect and wasn't concerned about his promises to stand firm against its advance. Inflation is confident; it is used to winning.

What drives the stock market ahead, in spite of what used to be very serious obstacles, seems to be a widespread conviction that eventually Reagan will triumph over high prices, interest rates, and taxes.

That brings up the question of how much can the market discount and how far ahead can it look. Almost all analysts agree that no matter how successful Reagan is eventually, he faces serious problems immediately.

Value Line Investment Survey, the largest advisory service, observes that high unemployment, inflation and interest rates "will almost certainly be a deterrent to renewed economic growth." It adds:

"Rising interest rates directly affect almost all sectors of the economy. The recent upturn in these rates threatens to choke off the recovery

which only recently appeared."

The depth of the problem has been stated several times in the past few weeks by Henry Kaufman, a partner in the investment banking firm of Salomon Brothers and a profound commentator about credit markets.

"It would be dangerous for us as citizens and for our new political leadership to bask in the hope created by the election," Kaufman told the New York State Bankers Association on November 21.

Inflation prospects are almost everywhere, said Kaufman. In wage demands, in deregulated oil prices, in food products. And the credit system, he said in effect, is now unlike anything in our lifetimes.

He noted that debt continues to grow rapidly — at an annual rate of 11.5 percent in the 1970s compared with 7.5 percent in the 1960s.

"If this acceleration continues in the 1980s, then there will be no way out except through the destruction of values and damage to our economic and political system," he warned. That's just the beginning.

If the credit system, and the high interest rates and prices, remain uncorrected, he said, "the worth of financial savings will continue to diminish rapidly; the flight away from financial assets will become prominent; and confidence in political, economic and financial contractual arrangements will dissipate."

Fiscal policy, said Kaufman, must gain credibility, and quickly, if a successful economic recovery is to be launched.

Therein lies a challenge to the new administration, to the stock market and to that vague measure of well-being that is commonly called consumer confidence. All are riding high right now.

But so are interest rates.

# McClure not ready to go along with Reagan

By JOANNE OMANG  
and  
PETER BEHR

WASHINGTON — The Republican chairman-to-be of the Senate Energy Committee isn't all that sure he wants to go along with one of the main things Ronald Reagan promised in his presidential campaign — abolish the Department of Energy.

While James A. McClure is prepared to pare off some parts of the department he said "it is premature to judge" whether it ought to be completely dismantled, as Reagan has urged.

As chairman, the Idahoan will seek "as soon as possible" to abolish DOE's Economic Regulatory Administration, a major and controversial branch that regulates oil and gasoline pricing and allocation, he said in an interview. Beyond that, he intends to move carefully.

McClure, 55, seems to relish the prospect of bringing his conservative views to bear on the energy and public lands policies he has doggedly attacked during his eight-year Senate career.

Environmental laws will have to be revised in light of the overriding need to develop the nation's energy resources, he said.

"There won't be any wholesale demolishing of laws that deal with the protection of the environment," he said. "It's a matter of changes in balance." Environmentalists "have had their way pretty much in the last few years. They're not going to have it as totally as they have had. The pendulum is swinging."

He recommended former Wyoming senator Clifford P. Hansen to be Reagan's new secretary of the interior, an endorsement Reagan received "very politely," he said.

Like McClure, the 67-year-old Hansen represents a mineral-rich state where developers have been chafing under what they see as unreasonable environmental and land use restrictions on energy growth. Others rumored to be in line for the interior post include Rep. Manuel Lujan Jr., R-N.M.; House Minority Leader John J. Rhodes, R-Ariz.; and Richard Richards, a Utah attorney and state GOP chairman who coordinated the western states in Reagan's campaign.

McClure wasn't talking about his preference to head DOE, where the leading candidates are reported to include C. John Miller, president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, who has expressed interest in the post, and Rep. Dave Stockman, R-Mich., who says he does not want the assignment.

Reagan's main concern, McClure said, was to guarantee that both chiefs would be "policy-makers, not just administrators of policies decided by the domestic council or the White House staff."

Instead, McClure talked of a new balance for the energy-environment books.

"There's something wrong with a process that won't permit us to go ahead with energy development," he said.

The new balance, he said, will involve formal definition of "environment" to include jobs, education, street safety and housing as well as natural factors.

"The environment for a ghetto black is pretty bad and a large part of it is that he doesn't have a job; he has

no education, no skills, no hope," McClure said. "People being able to walk in the park safely is every bit as important as the pigeons and the trees."

In that connection, he favors transfer of many Environmental Protection Agency enforcement powers to the state and local level, leaving EPA the right to rule in regional disputes. "A community should be able to decide its own (power plant) stack emissions," he said. "If it wants dirty air as a tradeoff for jobs, it should be able to go ahead."

But if those emissions are proved to contribute to acid rain downwind, he said, then it would become a regional issue where EPA could step in.

The Clean Air Act and the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act, McClure said, will have to be reviewed in light of the incoming government's view that national energy self-sufficiency will have "the highest priority we can give it, right next to national defense." He said it is clear the Clean Air Act has restrained coal development and has been applied with "excessive" zeal, while the Office of Surface Mining is "a cumbersome monster" that cannot seem to make decisions.

Environmental laws have been used to stall development and not solely to guarantee consideration of environmental needs, McClure went on.

The near-term energy future will be coal and conventional nuclear power, he said, "and that's not fully accepted by the public." The nation needs to start building more nuclear plants soon, and that will require a review of licensing and regulatory procedure at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, he said.

McClure, a longtime booster of the breeder reactor program at Clinch River, Tenn., said again that a breeder program is needed but added he is not yet at the point of deciding whether newer technology might work better. He endorsed continuing research into solar and other alternative energy sources with some scrutiny of the programs that fund research projects in various states.

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