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The balloon Kitty Hawk, piloted by Maxie Anderson, 45, and his 23-year-old son Kris, drifted over eastern Canada early today, making a safe landing near Matane, Quebec. The Andersons' flight is the first transcontinental balloon journey. (AP Laserphoto)

Record-setting balloon flight ends Andersons land in Canada, report safe journey

MATANE, Quebec (AP) — Maxie Anderson and his son Kris safely landed the "Kitty Hawk" near the St. Lawrence River in eastern Canada today, completing the first non-stop balloon flight across North America.

The balloon floated down in rainy weather at 7:25 a.m. EDT on the wooded edge of a clearing six miles east of Matane in Quebec at the end of a 3,000-mile journey that began last Thursday in San Francisco.

The father and son, unshaven and reddened by the weather, were fatigued, but neither was hurt.

"We cycled from the heights of elation every day to the depths of depression," said Maxie Anderson, who hadn't slept in two days. "To me and Kris it was an adventure. I think it tests your mettle."

Matane is about 285 miles northeast of Bangor, Maine, and about 1,100 miles north of the planned landing site in Kitty Hawk, N.C. Unexpected winds had carried the balloon far north of the plotted flight path for the last half of the trip.

There were tough times, Anderson said. Their water froze when temperatures outside the gondola plummeted to 40 degrees below zero.

"We lived for three days on oxygen," he said. Anderson said he got a "little sick" last night from a heavy meal and high altitude.

When the 20-story tall balloon's landing ropes got caught in trees on the edge of the landing site, helicopters moved in and blew the airship free with their

rotors. "Trying to get into the clearing was a problem," Max Anderson said of the landing. "The helicopter pilots helped us get out of the trees."

He apparently referred to Canadian armed forces helicopters who had been stationed in the area since early this morning to await the landing.

Maxie Anderson, in a navy blue parka and a green striped turtle-neck shirt, was ferried by helicopter to the airport at Matane, where he embraced his wife Patty. His son stayed with the balloon.

Asked what his next goal was, the elder Anderson replied, "I think I'm going to go home to bed."

Anderson, who won fame two years ago with two other men by becoming the first to cross the Atlantic in a balloon, said crossing the continent was tougher.

"In the Atlantic you just get up and go," he said. "There is no altitude problem." Matane is on the Gaspé peninsula, near where the St. Lawrence meets the Atlantic Ocean.

Because of the hilly, wooded terrain of the area, Anderson, 45, and his son, 23, apparently considered landing in the river. But after dawn they decided they could make the clearing.

The Andersons had announced their landing plan in a radio message that was monitored aboard the plane taking Mrs. Anderson to the remote area.

Cuba's indirect apology noted by Bahamas

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — Cuba indirectly apologized today for the sinking of a Bahamian gunboat by Cuban MIG warplanes, but insisted its fighter pilots thought they were attacking a "pirate ship."

Bahamian Prime Minister Lyndon O. Pindling termed the claim "a cover-up" but said he would accept the Cuban statement as an apology.

"There's no way that they could mistake two ensigns and a Bahamian national flag as a Jolly Roger flag," said Pindling, who was returning to the Bahamas today from London.

In Washington, the State Department issued a statement saying the initial reports indicated Cuba was guilty of a "gross violation of international law."

U.S. Coast Guard and Bahamian forces were searching for four missing seamen from the Saturday night sinking of the 103-foot gunboat Flamingo just south of Cay San Domingo, the Bahamian National Security Council said.

The incident was sparked by the seizure of two Cuban fishing boats suspected of poaching in Bahamian waters.

"If the boat sank was a Bahamas patrol boat, we sincerely regret the incident," the Cuban government said in a statement published by the Communist Party newspaper, Granma. The statement was broadcast by Havana radio and monitored in Miami.

"We will never be arrogant with the Bahamas," the statement said. "It is a small country recently arrived at independence and they always can count on our solidarity and our respect."

Though the statement did not respond directly to Bahamian demands for reparations, it did say Cuba wanted the incident "properly clarified and settled friendly and honorably between the authorities of Cuba and Bahamas."

Cuba said its MIGs were called out after one of the two boats radioed that it "was being attacked by a pirate ship." The fighter pilots opened fire when the "pirate" ignored signals to stop, the statement said.

Cuba said the Bahamian gunboat

"could be the one sunk by our aviation."

Cuba said 12 of its fishermen were missing. Bahamian authorities said only eight were in custody.

Told of the Cuban statement, Pindling said, "It would be just good sense and decency to accept that as an apology."

The Bahamian council said that after the sea incident, Cuban jets, a transport plane and a helicopter made simulated rocket runs just above the treetops of Duncan Town for several hours Sunday morning. The settlement is located on Ragged Island, some 65 miles north of the eastern Cuba coast.

The helicopter landed, then took off without incident, according to a 5-page statement the council issued early today after a 12-hour meeting in Nassau.

The statement said the Flamingo "was of classical naval design, was painted gray naval colors, was flying the Bahamian flag and bore other marks of identification that would clearly distinguish her as a government ship," the council protested.

The government gave this account:

The two Cuban fishing boats were seized 1½ miles south of Cay San Domingo, a tiny island midway between Ragged Island and Cuba. Eight Cuban fishermen were arrested, the statement said.

The security council said the vessels were "within the undisputed territorial waters of the Bahamas."

One boat was towed, and defense force sailors took over the second for the trip back to Duncan Town, some 30 miles to the north.

Two Cuban MIG jets began firing machine guns at them, but turned back after a few minutes, the government said. No one was injured at that point, but the jets returned a short time later, firing what were believed to be rockets.

The Flamingo was hit and took on water rapidly. The crew abandoned ship and swam toward one of the Cuban fishing boats as the jets continued strafing the waters.

Four crewmen did not make it to the fishing boat.

Fundamentalists win majority in Iran's parliament

By The Associated Press

Hard-line Islamic fundamentalists including advocates of spy trials for the American hostages have won a majority in the new Islamic Parliament which Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini says will decide the fate of the captives, Radio Tehran reported.

The official Iranian radio said that with returns in from all but 25 of the 247 seats being filled now in the Majlis, or Parliament, the Islamic Republican Party had won a total of

110 and Moslem fundamentalists running as independents had won enough more to give the IRP a majority.

The IRP won 50 of the 98 seats decided in the first round of voting March 14. In runoff elections in 149 other districts Friday, Radio Tehran said the IRP had won 60 of the 124 seats decided by noon Sunday, and most of the others went to independents.

The Majlis at full strength is to have 270 members, but the runoffs in 23 districts were postponed because of

unsettled conditions or charges of irregularities in the first round of voting. But the constitution provides that the legislature can convene as soon as two-thirds of the members, or 180, are elected.

Khomeini and other leaders of his revolutionary regime have said that the Majlis will decide what is to be done with the 53 members of the staff of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran who today are spending their 191st day as hostages. But no decision appears likely before late June or July.

The U.S. government had hoped that supporters of President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr would win a sizable bloc of seats since he is considered a pragmatic moderate who wants to end the hostage crisis so he can get on with trying to restore the shattered Iranian economy. But many of the Islamic fundamentalists want the hostages tried as spies unless the United States forces Egypt to return Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi to Iran and also turns over the royal family's holdings in the United

States.

The Swiss Embassy in Tehran, which represents the United States there, said it was pressing the Iranian government for information on a 54th American prisoner, freelance writer Cynthia Dwyer of Buffalo, N.Y., but has not been able to find out where she is being held.

Mrs. Dwyer was reported arrested last Monday night by three revolutionary guards in Tehran, and a local newspaper said she was accused of being a CIA spy. Informed sources in

the Iranian capital said she was turned over to the Foreign Ministry on Tuesday.

Elsewhere: The White House denied a report in the London Sunday Times, quoting Irish diplomat Sean MacBride, that presidential aide Hamilton Jordan and Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh "messed up" an agreement MacBride and New York attorney Leonard Boudin had nearly completed with Bani-Sadr for the release of the hostages.

Rebels claim control of East African nation

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — Rebel military officers led by Uganda's army chief of staff claimed control of the East African nation today but for the time being let President Godfrey Binaisa keep his title and the presidential residence where he was under the protection of Tanzanian troops.

An aide claimed Binaisa was still exercising his presidential powers and was conferring with officials at his residence in Entebbe, on Lake Victoria 21 miles from Kampala, the capital.

A spokesman for the rebels led by Brig. David Oyite Ojok said the military commission of the Uganda National Liberation Front, the political coalition that named Binaisa president 11 months ago, "is in charge and in control of the security and stability of the whole nation." He said this meant Binaisa was no longer in charge of national security.

There was speculation Ojok was acting on behalf of former President Milton Obote, a close friend who has been living in exile in Tanzania since Idi Amin ousted him in 1971. Rumors have been circulating for weeks that Ojok, who is believed to command the personal loyalty of a large part of Uganda's 5,000-man army, was planning a coup to return Obote to power.

But Obote denied there was going to be a military coup or that he would accept an invitation from the army to take over.

"I'd rather go to the people," he said.

Obote said earlier he would return

to Kampala from Tanzania on May 27 to run against Binaisa in the presidential election later this year.

The military commission appeared to be moving cautiously in its attempt to strip Binaisa of his powers. Some observers believed it was unsure of the reaction from the 10,000 Tanzanian troops who remain in Uganda after driving Amin out a year ago.

Binaisa, a lawyer who spent most of the Amin years in exile in the United States, received Tanzanian support when he succeeded Yusufu Lule, Uganda's first postwar president who was forced out in a power struggle between civilian and military factions after only two months in office. But Binaisa has failed to curb inflation, large-scale corruption and repeated waves of revenge killing and armed robbery.

Binaisa on Saturday fired Ojok as the No. 2 man in the army command, blaming him for military brutality to civilians, and named him ambassador to Algeria. But the military commission rejected the dismissal.

Binaisa's lines of communications to the people were cut on Sunday when Ojok's troops seized the government radio station in Kampala, barred the president from broadcasting and also took over the central postoffice.

"The military authorities are the ones making announcements on the radio," said an employee at the broadcasting center. "We don't know what is actually taking place."

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Libyan students establish 'people's bureau' in embassy

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — A group of 150 Libyans, most of them university students, took over the Libyan Embassy here today and formed a "people's committee" to handle its administration, police reported.

The group, chanting slogans hailing Libyan leader Col. Moammar Khadafy, declared that the embassy will now be called a "people's bureau."

The Libyan ambassador to Turkey, Saadeddin Abushweeb, said he had turned over his duties to a five-man committee chosen by the Libyan nationals in Ankara. The envoy said he would return to Tripoli.

A similar incident was reported in Vienna today. A caller who identified herself as an Austrian employed at

the embassy told The Associated Press that members of a people's committee from Libya had taken over the embassy and transformed it into a People's Bureau.

"Everything happened suddenly. We ourselves do not know what happened. The old embassy staff was ordered to leave and the members of the people's committee took over," she said.

The takeovers appeared to be in line with the orders Khadafy issued last fall for takeovers of Libyan diplomatic missions elsewhere in the world. At that time several Libyan embassies in European capitals, including those in London and Rome, were turned over to the so-called "people's committees."

Carter, ambassadors review Mideast problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the Israeli-Egyptian talks on Palestinian autonomy suspended, President Carter is meeting with America's ambassadors to Cairo and Tel Aviv for a review of the obstacles to reaching a settlement by the May 26 target date.

Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie summoned the envoys home over the weekend for today's session with the president, although U.S. officials insisted there is no crisis. "The meeting is urgent only in the sense that May 26 is fast approaching," said one official, who asked not to be identified.

The new secretary of state is due to fly to Brussels Tuesday for a meeting with West European foreign and defense ministers. He will then go on to Vienna for talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

"The president wanted to see him before all that," the official said of the reason for the meeting with Muskie.

Ambassadors Alfred L. Atherton Jr., who is based in Cairo, and Samuel W. Lewis, in Tel Aviv, returned over the weekend. Sol Linowitz, Carter's special Mideast mediator, is joining the two and Muskie at the White House session.

The negotiations had been set to resume today in Cairo, but instead Egyptian President Anwar Sadat ordered a suspension to consider the situation. He is due to make a speech to the Egyptian people Wednesday, and U.S. planning could be affected by any surprises he might announce, including the possibility that he will

take over as prime minister from Mustafa Khalil, who is also the chief Egyptian negotiator at the autonomy talks.

Both Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin have indicated their willingness to extend the autonomy talks beyond May 26, the target set under the September 1978 Camp David accords.

Khalil said last week that the only points on which there had been agreement in the now-suspended talks were the importance of continuing negotiations and formation of a ministerial committee to discuss security.

One option open to Carter for stepping up the pace is to hold another summit meeting at his Maryland mountain retreat with the Egyptian and Israeli leaders. But officials here said such a move was unlikely.

The object of the negotiations is to translate Begin's promise of autonomy for 1.2 million Palestinian Arabs living under Israeli control into reality. The major obstacle is how to deal with Israel's security concerns.

Egypt wants a council to be elected by the Palestinians vested with legislative and executive powers while Israel ends its military control over the west bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza district.

Israel has indicated its willingness to set up a Palestinian police force, but wants it subordinated to Israeli authority. Behind Begin's negotiating position is a fear that a strong Palestinian authority would evolve into a state threatening Israel's existence.

DEATHS

Perry L. Bradford

BIG SPRING — Services for Perry L. Bradford, 81, of Big Spring will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home Rosewood Chapel. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

He died Sunday after a lengthy illness.

Bradford was born July 6, 1898, in Menard. He was married Dec. 31, 1921, to Anna Bell Strawn in Lamesa. The couple moved in 1934 from Lamesa to Big Spring where he was owner-operator of the Bradford Grocery Store for several years. He then went to work for the Texas and Pacific Railroad, retiring in 1967 after 25 years of work. Bradford was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Bobby Bradford of Big Spring; three daughters, Mrs. Rayford (Wanda) Gillihan of Big Spring, Dorothy Long of Capitola, Calif., and Mrs. Jimmy (Debra) Felts of Pampa; two sisters, Linnie Kayal of Lamesa and Mrs. Johnny (Margie) Burnett of Rocky Mountain, Va.; a brother, Clint Bradford of Lamesa; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Rachel Monroe

IRAAN — Services for Rachel "Raye" Monroe of Iraan were to be at 11 a.m. today at Iraan Church of Christ with burial in Restland Cemetery in Iraan under the direction of Larry D. Sheppard Funeral Home of Cranne.

Mrs. Monroe died Friday in a San Angelo hospital after a brief illness.

The daughter of the late Samuel and Elizabeth Black Sr., she was born June 8, 1920, in Thurber. She was married to H.C. "Son" Monroe Jr., on May 4, 1940. She was a teacher, having taught in McCamey for two years and in Iraan School District for 20 years. She was a member of Iraan Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Karen Lynne Tyson of Palma de Mallorca, Spain; a son, Clay Monroe of Silver City, N.M.; two sisters, Betty Browning of Fort Worth and Monnie Boyd of Ozona; five brothers, Bill Black of Fort Worth, J.D. Black and John Black, both of Abilene, Sam C. Black of Santa Clara, Calif., and Lee Black of Iraan; and seven grandchildren.

Catalina Rodriguez

SWEETWATER — Services for Catalina Rodriguez, 77, of Sweetwater, mother of Amos Palma of Midland, were to be at 3 p.m. today in McCoy's Chapel of Memories with J.W. Treat of Abilene and Carlos Bermea, ministers of Lamar Street Church of Christ here, officiating. Burial was to be in Sweetwater Cemetery.

Mrs. Rodriguez died Sunday in an Abilene hospital.

She was born Feb. 13, 1903, in Parra, Mexico. She was married to Cenovio Martinez in 1932 in Sweetwater. A Sweetwater resident since 1933, she was a homemaker and a member of Lamar Street Church of Christ.

Other survivors include three daughters, three sons, 23 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Fred Staggs

BIG SPRING — Services for Mrs. Fred (Mary) Staggs, 87, of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with burial in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Staggs died Sunday in a Big Spring hospital following a lengthy illness.

She was born Jan. 14, 1893 in Batesville, Ark. She was married to Fred Staggs Nov. 14, 1909. He died Jan. 18, 1968.

Survivors include two sons, Charles N. Staggs of Lake Kiowa and Martin T. Staggs of Big Spring; a brother, Melvin Miniken of Yuma, Ariz.; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Earl Berry

OZONA — Services for Earl Berry, 84, of Ozona were to be at 10 a.m. today in Ozona Church of Christ with burial in Fairmont Cemetery in San Angelo directed by Sheppard Funeral Home.

Berry died Friday in an Odessa hospital.

He was born Jan. 29, 1896, in San Angelo. Berry was married to Olive Wills July 10, 1934, in Carlsbad, N.M. He was a rancher and a member of Ozona Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Oliver Earl Berry of San Angelo; and three grandchildren.

Luxury car sales have declined, but percentage of market up

By DOLORES BARCLAY

NEW YORK (AP) — In Beverly Hills, where Ferraris, Lamborghinis and Bentleys are as common as palm trees, a wealthy accountant who wanted something a bit different ordered a \$55,000 Evolution 1 — a car custom-designed by Pierre Cardin.

The accountant is among the well-heeled few who are keeping the luxury car market alive — if barely — at a time when American auto sales are collapsing.

"As far as our share of the luxury market, we're doing better now than a year ago. There are fewer total buyers in this market, but we're getting a good share," says a spokesman for Cadillac in Detroit.

The same is true across the industry. Fancy-car sales are down, but their percentage of the total market is up, probably because for many of those who think about buying a luxury car, money is not an issue.

Many even pay the full price — up to almost \$150,000 for the top Rolls Royce — in cash.

Car sales in the United States fell from an annual rate of about 10.8 million before March 14 to about 8.3 million in April. The Carter administration's crackdown on credit has squeezed many potential car buyers out of the market. Limits on overall growth in lending has led banks to impose tougher standards on borrowers, require higher down payments and in some areas to stop making retail or dealer loans alto-

gether. But Rolls Royce sales in the United States will be down by only about 100 from last year's 1,100, said Reg Abbiss of Rolls Royce, Inc. About one-third of the British-produced cars are sold in the United States, he said.

"It's a mixture of old and new money," Abbiss said, "celebrities, pop groups. The biggest sales in the United States are in Newport Beach and Beverly Hills, Calif."

The cheapest — if that's the word — Rolls Royce is the Silver Shadow II, which sells for \$85,300. The Corniche convertible is the most expensive at \$148,400.

Mercedes-Benz sales in the United States were down 2 percent for the first quarter, a spokesman said. Thirteen percent of the German cars are

sold in the United States. The price range is \$17,500 for the 240D to \$43,000 for the 450 SL.

Sports car sales are down too. According to Ward's Automotive Reports, sales of Alfa Romeo for the first quarter this year were 747. For the same quarter last year, 896 were sold. Lancia sales totaled 631 in January, February and March after 447 for the same quarter last year.

Some luxury cars have been harder hit. Robert M. McElwaine, president of the American Imported Automobile Dealers Association, said Porsche sales for April were down 44 percent from April 1979 and Jaguar sales had plunged by 40 percent. The Porsche ranges in price from \$16,700 to \$37,900. The Jaguar XJ12 four-door sedan is about \$25,000.

Car production declines further

DETROIT (AP) — U.S. car production for May is threatening to fall to its lowest pace in 19 years.

The five U.S. manufacturers now plan to build only 1,696,000 cars from April through June, the industry weekly Ward's Automotive Reports said Saturday. It marks the sixth time since early March that production plans have been trimmed.

The latest figure is 2 1/2 percent less than last week's production estimate of 1,744,000 cars; 20 percent below where second-quarter plans stood in early March, 2,120,000 cars; and 31 percent below the output of last year's second quarter, 2,460,000 cars.

May production now is estimated at 544,000 cars, close to the 542,000 produced in May 1961. In 1961, 1.55 million cars were built in the second quarter.

In March of this year, manufacturers thought the usual spring selling season was upon them and planned 2,120,000 cars, 14 percent below the 2,460,000 produced in the 1979 second quarter.

The latest cuts were 35,000 by General Motors Corp.; 6,000 by Ford Motor Co. and 3,000 by American Motors Corp. Chrysler Corp. made no change in its schedule and Volkswagen of America still has the demand to run at capacity.

Industry observers said Chrysler was waiting for a decision on its application for loan guarantees before deciding about production schedules. The government announced approval of the loans late Saturday.

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Severa Lopez

RANKIN — Services for Severa Lopez, 55, of Rankin were to be at 3 p.m. today in St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Big Lake with the Rev. Larry Droll of Ozona officiating. Burial was to be in Glenrest Cemetery at Big Lake directed by Gutierrez Funeral Home of San Angelo.

She died Friday in a Big Lake hospital after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Lopez was born Nov. 6, 1925, in Villa Union, Mexico. She was married to Daniel T. Lopez. A Catholic, she had lived in Rankin the past 18 years.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Lorena H. Lopez of the home; four sisters, Dora Vargas of Big Lake, Angelita Chavarria of Del Rio, Angelica DeLone and Eufemia Hernandez, both of Villa Union, Mexico; and three brothers, Pedro Hernandez of Big Lake, Beto Hernandez of Villa Union and Felipe Hernandez of Piedras Negras.

Annie B. Pounds

LAMESA — Services for Annie B. Pounds, 91, of Lubbock and formerly of Lamesa, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Second Baptist Church here with the Rev. Clifton Igo, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Lamesa Cemetery directed by Branon Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pounds died Sunday in Lubbock after a long illness.

She was born in Llano and was married to Joe Pounds in December, 1904 in Haskell. He died in 1961. Mrs. Pounds, a 51-year member of Hancock Baptist Church, lived in Lamesa from 1921 to 1941 and in Artesia, N.M., and Roswell, N.M., until six years ago when she moved to Lubbock.

Survivors include two sons, L.C. Pounds of Roswell, N.M., and Roy Pounds of Visalia, Calif.; three daughters, Mrs. O.A. Kinnison of Lake Ransom Canyon, Mrs. Sam Wyatt of Brush, Colo., and Mrs. Clovis Johnson of Martinez, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Lee Berger of Eules and Mrs. Nona Phillips of Longview; a brother, Frank Lane of Riviera; 17 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

HOW TO CREATE A DISASTER . . . A DIME AT A TIME

An Open Letter to the Public

We, the Texas Oil Marketers Association, hereby express our total and absolute opposition to the proposed 10¢ per gallon Gasoline Conservation Fee, to be imposed on May 15, 1980.

We believe the negative impacts of the program on all Americans far outweigh any possible reduction in crude oil imports and energy conservation. Specifically, President Carter's ten-cent per gallon gasoline fee will:

- Result in serious supply shortages in rural America and in agricultural communities.
- Drastically reduce 1980 farm crop output and raise food prices for American consumers.
- Add \$10.3 billion to the cost of gasoline during the first year of the program and unnecessarily increase the price of all other petroleum products.
- Place a disproportionate economic burden on low income families, rural areas and small businesses.
- Increase nationwide inflation the first year by at least 1%.
- Make it impossible for small businesses to assimilate the overnight increase of 8% in gasoline product cost.
- Bring about disastrous effects on American farms, businesses and consumers; no economic analysis of these effects has been prepared.
- Constitute taxation without Congressional representation.
- Inequitably places this tax on gasoline, which is only 45% of a barrel of crude.

For these reasons we have asked that President Carter withdraw the Petroleum Import Adjustment Program and the Gasoline Conservation Fee prior to its scheduled implementation on May 15, 1980. Absent Presidential action we have further requested that the United States Congress take appropriate and swift action to spare all Americans by halting this inflationary program.

It's not too late to stop it! Write your Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515, and your Senator, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C., 20510.

Respectfully,

John Calhoun
President
Texas Oil Marketers Association



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DR. NEIL SOLOMON Mother's drugs can harm infant

Dear Dr. Solomon: What is meant by "congestive heart failure?"—Ms. K.D.

Dear Ms. D.: "Heart failure" refers to a condition in which the heart is unable to pump the required amount of blood. This often leads to congestion because of fluid accumulating in the abdomen, legs and lungs.

Dear Dr. Solomon: My sister tells me I should cut down on my daily intake of eight to 10 cups of coffee while I am nursing my baby, since caffeine can be transferred from the mother to the infant. Is this true? What about other drugs?—Mrs. J.K.L.

Dear Mrs. L.: Just as the fetus may be affected by drugs used by a pregnant woman, so, too, may a newborn infant be exposed to drugs secreted through the mother's milk. Caffeine is one of these drugs.

Not all drugs that are detectable in the mother's milk are necessarily harmful to the nursing infant. On the other hand, even small amounts of a drug can adversely affect a baby who is exposed to it during the course of several feedings over an extended period of time.

The concentration of a drug in breast milk is related to the amount in the mother's blood. This, in turn, depends on such factors as when she took the drug, the form in which it was taken, and the amount and kind of food she has eaten. Potentially dangerous drugs are not limited to those only obtainable by prescription, but include some over-the-counter preparations as well. Some of the ingredients found in laxatives, for example, are believed to affect the

baby's bowels.

In regard to hard drugs, a nursing mother who uses heroin may cause her baby to become addicted, too. Conversely, if the mother takes methadone, a drug used to treat heroin addicts, the infant may be enabled to avoid withdrawal symptoms. This is not a recommended form of treatment because babies have been known to die from methadone received while nursing.

Among the standard drugs known to be passed from nursing mothers to their babies is phenobarbital. This drug affects the baby in the same way it affects the mother — that is, it makes him drowsy. Caffeine, on the other hand, has an opposite effect.

One of the more common drugs, reserpine, which is widely used in the treatment of high blood pressure, is said to cause weight loss in nursing children whose mothers take it. Even so popular a drug as penicillin, if absorbed by an infant over a period of time, might eventually lead to the development of an allergic reaction.

What all this points up is the advisability of discussing with your physician the amount of coffee you are accustomed to consuming, as well as any prescription or over-the-counter medications you may be using. You will then know whether the caffeine or any other drug you may be taking poses a danger to your baby, and be able to act accordingly.

(If you have a medical problem, see your doctor. If you have a medical question, write to Neil Solomon, M.D., 1726 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, Md. 21208. Dr. Solomon cannot give personal replies but will answer as many questions as possible in his column.)

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Cheer up; God has it under control

I have spoken of these matters very guardedly, but the time will come when this will not be necessary and I will tell you plainly all about the Father.

Then you will present your petitions over My signature! And I won't need to ask the Father to grant you these requests.

For the Father Himself loves you dearly because you love Me and believe that I came from the Father.

Yes, I came from the Father into the world and will leave the world and return to the Father.

"At last You are speaking plainly," His disciples said, "and not in riddles.

Now we understand that You know everything and don't need anyone to tell You anything. From this we believe that You came from God."

"Do you finally believe this?" Jesus asked.

"But the time is coming—in fact, it is here—when you will be scattered, each one returning to his own home, leaving Me alone. Yet I will not be alone, for the Father is with Me.

I have told you all this so that you will have peace of heart and mind. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows; but cheer up, for I have overcome the world."

John 16:25-33

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Wetland dumping fast becoming major problems for many U.S. ports

By GARRY MITCHELL

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — A barefoot wader in a farm pond giggles when that oozy stuff squirts between his toes.

William H. Black only frowns. As an engineer and chief administrative officer of the Alabama State Docks, Black must find suitable areas to dump more than one million cubic yards of that oozy stuff each year.

Scoped from the bottom of the Mobile River ship channel by the Army Corps of Engineers, the ooze is called dredge material. The channel must be dredged to maintain a depth appropriate for ship traffic.

But Black is running out of places to dump dredge material, a common problem for many ports.

"If we don't use Pinto Pass, the port of Mobile will close in a couple of years," Black says.

Pinto Pass is a tiny stretch of land connecting Pinto Island with Blakeley Island, both located across the river from Mobile at the harbor's entrance.

Myrt Jones, president of the local Audubon Society, charges that the use of Pinto Pass "is a political maneuver to gobble up more wetlands."

"That's asinine," Black counters. "We're caught in the middle," says Sam Green, spokesman for the Corps of Engineers. "Federal law requires us to maintain that channel."

From Green's office overlooking the harbor, a nearly full disposal site can be seen on Blakeley Island.

"We can get about one more dumping there," Black says.

Federal laws also require the Corps to investigate any alternatives to wetland dumping. Those laws were passed after Pinto Pass was approved as a dumping site. Now the dumping permit must be re-issued to consider the alternatives.

Alternatives to dumping dredge on wetlands include ocean dumping. Black says this method is impractical

for the State Docks and very expensive.

Mrs. Jones suggests that the state could better use the dredge material within a 125-mile radius to build roadbeds.

In its evaluation to the Environmental Protection Agency, the Corps wrote: "Destruction of the wetlands within Pinto Pass can be justified based upon, to some extent, the type of wetlands affected, the large capacity of the area, the potential for creation of additional wetlands, and the fact that there are no other more suitable sites with long-term potential."

Pinto could best be described as a fresh water marsh of the outer coastal plain. It is home to muskrat, woodrats, mice, raccoon, opossum, and several species of snakes, turtles, salamanders, and birds, not to mention creatures like clams, snails, grass shrimp, blue crabs, and various fishes.

"Some people are always going to object," Black says. "If we construct an island, some object that you'll change the currents."

Environmentalist challenges to Mobile Bay industrial development go back to the early 1970s, when it became apparent that the upper reaches of the bay were polluted.

About 50 industries congregate around the port.

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