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A warm January sun silhouettes welders atop the Paragon building near downtown Midland Wednesday. The Paragon, an 11-story, \$18 million building located at Marientfeld Street and Louisiana Avenue, is one of several major office complexes now under construction in Midland. (Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert)

Texans react to decontrol

By The Associated Press

President Ronald Reagan's early decontrol of crude oil prices will mean about \$150 million more this year for the state's coffers and trigger a 3- to 10-cent boost in gasoline prices, experts say.

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said Wednesday that the decontrol of crude oil means the state's 4.6 percent tax on the market value of oil will produce about \$3.1 billion over a two-year period starting this September.

William R. Edwards, president of Edwards Energy Consultants, said the move will push gasoline prices at the pump up from 5 to 10 cents by the peak spring-summer driving season.

"If phased decontrol had continued as planned," he said, "we would have had about half of that by that time anyway."

But William Johnson, Tenneco Inc. economist and former advisor to former Secretary of Energy Secretary William Simon, said he didn't think prices would rise by that much.

"There will be a fairly sizable increase," he said, "but not that great."

Reaction from energy officials in the state to Reagan's announcement was generally positive, with many executives saying the move was long overdue.

"This nation will never adequately develop its domestic energy resources until it has free competition among all fuels, based on price, and decontrol of crude oil and product prices is the first constructive step toward this goal," said J. Hugh Liedtke, Pennzoil Co. chairman.

A Gulf Oil spokesman said moving the decontrol timetable ahead gives the United States valuable time and momentum in the effort to reduce dependence on foreign oil.

But not all oil company executives were pleased about the stepped-up decontrol timetable.

"Those of us who are in a small refiner classification are vitally concerned and in hopes something will be worked out," said Joe Moss, American Petrofina vice president in Dallas.

He said the end of the federal allocation program originally aimed at keeping an equitable share of crude distributed among all refiners will create a supply problem.

Howard McClung, a Howell Hydrocarbons vice president in San Antonio, said he preferred the original phased decontrol plan instituted by former President Jimmy Carter.

He said crude oil price hikes will hit the small refiners hardest because they will have to compete with major refiners while absorbing a 25 percent cost increase.

"There are a lot of small ones (refiners) that will go out of business," he said. "We just don't have the buying power."

Reagan's announcement was greeted with enthusiasm by the heads of the two largest oil trade groups in Texas.

Edwin L. Cox, president of the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association, said the action will bolster the nation's free enterprise system.

"The removal of price controls, which have existed 9 years, will permit the petroleum industry in this country to operate in the same manner as other U.S. businesses," Cox said.

L. Frank Pitts, president of the Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association, based in Dallas, said the move was best for the nation's oil users.

Analysts see good news, bad news with decontrol

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans could be paying a dime a gallon more for gasoline and heating oil as a result of President Reagan's decision to abandon price controls on the nation's oil supply, industry analysts and government officials say.

But the move should also help the United States conserve oil, spark increased domestic production and reduce the imports that now provide nearly 40 percent of the country's petroleum needs, they said.

Shortly after the decision was announced, Exxon Corp. said that, effective today, it was raising wholesale prices of gasoline 2 cents to 3 cents a gallon and increasing those for home heating oil and diesel and jet fuel 1.5 cents to 3 cents a gallon.

However, a spokesman for Exxon, the nation's largest oil company, said the increase, which can be passed on by retailers, reflected past crude oil price increases and was not sparked by Reagan's action.

Reagan decided Wednesday to lift controls eight months before they were due to expire. President Carter began lifting the controls in June 1979, and industry spokesmen estimated that only 20-25 percent of America's

crude oil remained under control by Wednesday.

U.S. fuel use already has dropped sharply after more than two years of sharp price increases, and Energy Secretary James Edwards said the early lifting of petroleum regulations would cut consumption 50,000 to 100,000 barrels a day more — or as much as 0.5 percent.

The expected drop in consumption "will take some pressure off world oil markets," said Daniel Yergin, director of the International Energy Seminar at Harvard University's Center for International Affairs.

"The war still goes on between Iran and Iraq," cutting off 3 million to 4 million barrels of oil exports a day, "and there's still the threat of a tightening in oil supplies by spring or summer," Yergin said.

The precise effect of decontrol on prices was not known.

Standard Oil Co. (Ohio) said "the near-term impact on the consumer could be an increase of 7 to 10 cents per gallon" in the prices consumers pay for fuels.

However, Edwards said motorists may pay 3-5 cents a gallon more for gasoline and the impact on home heating oil prices would be negligible,

if any.

Energy Action, a consumer group, said heating oil prices could jump by more than 10 cents a gallon in February. Consumer groups also said the increase in gas prices could be as much as 12 cents a gallon.

The Consumer Energy Council of America, one of the groups unhappy with Reagan's decision, estimated that immediate decontrol could cost the average family between \$100 and \$200 over the next eight months.

With U.S. gasoline demand already 6 percent behind levels of a year ago, consumers might not see new increases resulting from Reagan's action right away, said William Brown, an economist at Chase Econometric Associates.

"We'll probably see some increases as we move into the end of this quarter," however, as warmer weather lures more drivers onto highways, he said. Brown said the economic forecasting service expects the price of gasoline to average \$1.50 a gallon by late 1981.

The trade publication Lundberg Letter said the national average price of a gallon of gas was \$1.272 at the beginning of this week, up from \$1.227 in mid-December and an average of 70 cents in 1979.

Fighting terrorism tops Haig's policy concerns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig, sounding a hard line in his public debut as a diplomat, says combating international terrorism rather than promoting human rights will be the top foreign policy concern of the Reagan administration.

Interwoven with that declaration Wednesday was a charge that the Soviet Union's policies "foster, support and expand" international terrorism and a warning that the United States will take that into account in its overall dealings with the Soviets.

"International terrorism will take the place of human rights in our concern because it is the ultimate abuse of human rights," Haig said. "It's time that it be addressed with better clarity and greater effectiveness by western nations and the United States as well."

In his first news conference as secretary of state, the former four-star general put the Soviet Union clearly on notice that any progress toward arms limitation agreements will be firmly linked to all Soviet activity throughout the world.

He said terrorism is "hemorrhaging around the world" and the Soviets have been little help in dealing with it.

"I think it is clear that we have an unprecedented, at least in character and scope, risk-taking mode on the part of the Soviet Union, not just in this hemisphere but in Africa as well," he said. "It is a subject which will be high on the priority of our national security and foreign policy agenda."

An additional subject related intimately to this in the conduct of Soviet activity — in terms of training, funding and equipping — is international terrorism.

Haig noted that President Reagan has stated repeatedly the United States will not contemplate ratification of arms control agreements "ex-

clusive of consideration of the conduct and activities of the Soviet Union outside the sphere of arms control."

"That's the shorthand for linkage," Haig said.

At the same time, Haig said the Reagan administration has not scrapped the Carter administration's quiet policy of abiding by the terms of SALT II even though the arms agreement was not ratified.

He said the new administration is reviewing the question, adding: "I would hope that in the meantime the Soviets would do nothing to exacerbate the kind of mutual restraint that both sides should pursue."

Haig expressed "utmost concern" over continued "exploitation of the Cuban proxy" to achieve Soviet objectives in the third world and said the recent incursion of Libyan troops into Chad is a "grave turn of events."

On other topics Haig said: "He welcomes an initiative by President Giscard d'Estaing of France to hold an international conference in an attempt to effect the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan."

"The United States government will fulfill its obligations in accordance with both international law and the accepted norms of domestic legal practice" in carrying out the complex agreements that led to the freeing of the 52 American hostages from Iran. He said the government wants to be sure the Iranians also will abide by the financial obligations they agreed to.

"There was 'no deal' linking the visit of South Korean President Chun Doo-hwan to see Reagan here next week to the Korean government's decision to commute the death sentence for opposition leader Kim Dae-jung to life imprisonment."

"He will travel extensively throughout the world, including a NATO ministerial conference in Europe in the spring."

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Ecuador, Peru renew dispute over Amazon River access

LIMA, Peru (AP) — An old dispute between Peru and Ecuador over access to the Amazon River erupted in bloody border fighting between the two South American neighbors.

Ecuador said two of its soldiers were killed and others injured during eight air attacks by Peruvian helicopters and planes on a remote border post Wednesday. It claimed two of the helicopters were shot down and accused Peru of trespassing on Ecuadorian territory.

Peru announced it was conducting a military operation to drive Ecuadorian forces from its territory. It said both countries suffered casualties but did not say whether any Peruvians were killed.

The political committee of the Organization of American States held an

Freed hostages top off homecomings with hats

By The Associated Press

A pair of former hostages are back in their native Texas today after receiving thunderous welcomes in the state's two largest cities that included marching bands, cowboy hats — and a \$17,000 Cadillac, wrapped in a yellow ribbon.

The car was a gift of Mrs. Roy Hofheinz, widow of a wealthy Houston civic leader, and several other Houston residents who donated the money for its purchase.

He also received a certificate of deposit from a Houston savings company for \$444 — one dollar for each day of his captivity in Iran.

McKeel was escorted by an honor guard of six Marines on his flight, and

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accompanied by his parents, Wynona and Johnny McKeel Sr., of Balch Springs, a Dallas suburb.

As the Boeing 727 that brought him to Dallas-Fort Worth Airport taxied to the terminal, the plane's co-pilot opened his window, leaned out and slipped a huge yellow ribbon on the aircraft's windshield.

Inside, the Kimball High School band, its instruments festooned with yellow ribbons and small American flags, played "The Yellow Ribbon" as McKeel walked into the terminal.

Hand-made signs that read, "Baseball, Hot Dogs, Apple Pie And Welcome Home," "Walkin' Proud, Talkin' Loud, We're American," were carried by members of the crowd.

One attractive blonde woman held up a sign that said, "Chase Me, Johnny," a reference to McKeel's earlier remarks that he was going to "drink beer" and "chase women" when he got home.

As McKeel left the airport for his home, the band began playing "When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again."

Royer walked between ribbon-bedecked police barricades as he left the airport for his drive home.

Both men were handed cowboy hats as they stepped out of their planes — and both hats were too large.

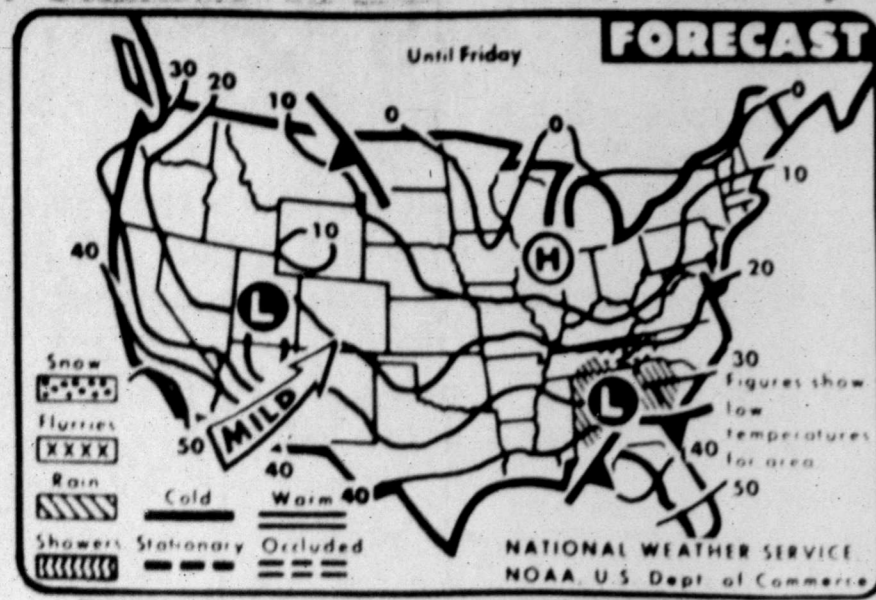
McKeel cracked a huge smile as the hat slipped down over his "white-wall" Marine haircut.

Royer told the well-wishers gathered at Houston Intercontinental Airport it was "mind-boggling to be back home."

"If our ordeal has united this country and has brought out all the warmth of the people I have seen, it was worth it."

The State Department employee had

WEATHER SUMMARY



Milder weather is expected in the forecast period today until Friday morning, for most of the country. Weather is expected to remain cool in the northern Plains and Northeast. Rain is forecast in the Southwest. (AP Laserphoto Map)

Midland statistics

Partly cloudy through Friday with cooler temperatures tonight and Friday. Low tonight near 30. High Friday in the mid 50s. Winds will be northeasterly 5 to 10 mph tonight, becoming southeasterly, 10 to 15 mph on Friday.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS: Yesterday's High 72 degrees, Overnight Low 30 degrees, Sunset today 5:26 p.m., Sunrise tomorrow 7:44 a.m., Precipitation 0 inches, Last 24 hours 0 inches, This month to date 0 inches, 1960 to date 0 inches.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES: 6 a.m. 32, 7 a.m. 34, 8 a.m. 36, 9 a.m. 38, 10 a.m. 40, 11 a.m. 42, noon 44, 1 p.m. 46, 2 p.m. 48, 3 p.m. 50, 4 p.m. 52, 5 p.m. 54, 6 a.m. 56.

Extended forecasts

West Texas: Continued cloudy and cool through Monday. Chance of rain or snow north and rain south through the weekend. Lows upper 20s north to near 40 south. Highs high 40s north to near 60 south.

North Texas: Chance of rain Saturday. Cloudy and cold Sunday and Monday. Highest temperatures in the 50s. Lowest temperatures mid 30s to mid 40s.

South Texas: Mostly cloudy and cool Saturday and Sunday with a chance of showers or thundershowers. Clearing and cooling Monday. Highs lowering from the 60s and 70s Saturday into the 50s and 60s Sunday and Monday. Lows in the 40s and 50s Saturday, 60s extreme south, lowering into the 40s Sunday, 50s extreme south and into the 30s and 40s Monday.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Partly cloudy through Friday cooler north today and most sections Friday. Highs 40s north and far west to mid 50s south. Lows 30s north to low 40s Big Bend. Highs Friday 40s north to near 70 Big Bend.

North Texas: Partly cloudy and unseasonably mild today. Mostly cloudy and turning cooler tonight, decreasing cloudiness and colder Friday. Highs 40 to 75. Lows 33 northwest to 40 southeast. Highs Friday 30 northwest to 64 southeast.

South Texas: Partly cloudy through Friday, warm today, cooler north and northeast Friday. Highs low 70s east to near 80 west and south. Lows near 50 north to near 60 south. Highs Friday 60s north and east to mid 70s south.

Fort Arthur to Port O'Connor: Southerly winds near 15 knots today, becoming east to southeast 10 to 15 tonight and easterly near 10 Friday. Seas 3 to 5 feet today and 2 to 4 tonight.

Cold weather to come tonight

The warm weather should come to an end tonight as colder temperatures move into the Permian Basin, according to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport.

The cold front is expected to bring a low tonight near 30 degrees, accompanied by chilling northeasterly winds of 5-10 mph.

Friday's high will reach the mid 50s as winds become southeasterly, 10-15 mph.

Wednesday's high of 72 degrees came close to the record 79 degrees set for the date in 1950. This morning's low was a warm 39 degrees compared with the record of 2 degrees set on the date in 1948.

Four Odessans arrested on attempted burglary

Responding to a burglar alarm at 4 a.m. today at Dayton Tire Co., Garden City Highway and Interstate 20, city police arrested four Odessa men on charges of attempted burglary.

Nothing appeared to have been taken from the company, and the four suspects, who range in age from 18 to 22, are expected to be formally charged later today.

In other police activity during the past 24 hours, a purse containing keys and assorted credit cards was reported taken from the Mobil Oil Corp., 205 W. Wall Ave. Steven McCallie of 1504 E. Highway 80 told officers a combination radio-tape player of undetermined value was missing from the Petroleum Building, 249 N. Big Spring St.

Ken Riley of 2601 N. A St. said two champagne glasses, a belt sander and several hand tools were removed from a self-storage building at 211 N. Colorado St.

City firemen reported heavy damage to kitchen cabinets and a vent hood in a house fire at 4512 Anetta about 9:30 a.m. Wednesday. Overheated grease on a stove was listed as the cause of the blaze.

Slight damage to the floor of a water heater closet in a house trailer at the Rankin Highway and County Road 143 West resulted when the heater apparently became overheated. The trailer's owner was listed as Ken McCarty.

Firemen also responded to a grease fire on a stove at 4409 Pasadena shortly after 6 p.m. Wednesday. Slight damage was reported to the vent hood. Overheated food was given as the cause of the fire.

In addition, firemen responded to two grass fires and a dumpster fire Wednesday.

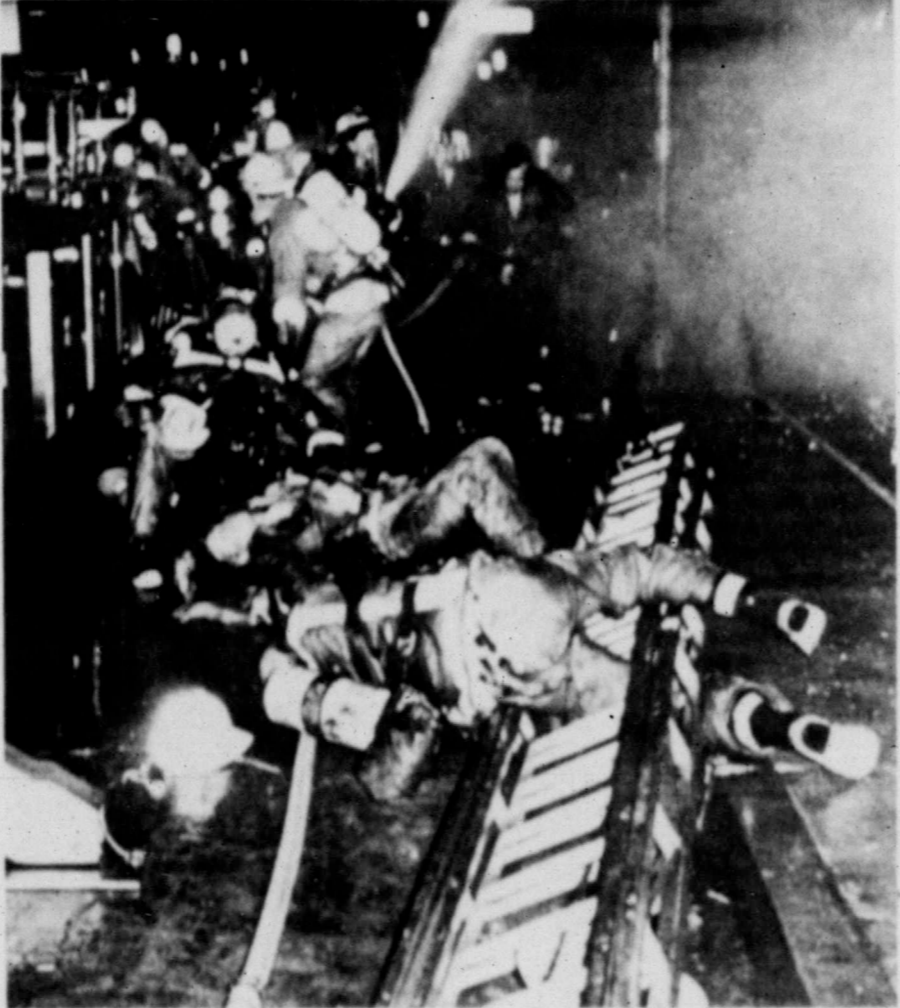
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Two Los Angeles city firefighters cling to the roof of a burning restaurant, (in top photo) after it collapsed, killing another firefighter in the early-morning blaze in North Hollywood, Calif. Heat and fumes forced the two to drop 20 feet to the pavement. The ladder being used to rescue them fell, (in left photo) entangling the firefighters. The two injured are identified as Capt. Michael Reagan, and fireman Burt Sander. (AP Laserphotos)



Ma Bell gets nickel-a-month hike

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Consumer groups are praising the Public Utility Commission for holding Southwestern Bell to a nickel-a-month increase for most residential customers. Bell officials, however, say they might sue.

pointed" by the order and "wouldn't rule out" a lawsuit challenging the PUC action.

"To raise local service by five cents is woefully inadequate," Roth said. "My Sunday newspaper gets raised from 30 cents to 75 cents by a small article in the paper saying the rate will go up next Sunday."

He said the company would immed-

ately begin working on another increase — "We'll have to."

PUC Chairman George Cowden recommended approval of Examiner Phil Ricketts' report, with minor changes. Commissioner Moak Rollins also voted for approval.

Perpetual dissenter Garrett Morris voted no.

"I would deny the rate increase,

period, in toto," said Morris.

PUC ordered Bell to make refunds to customers who have paid the increased rates collected since November. Bell put its proposed rates into effect under a bond to guarantee refunds if the rates were not approved. Ten percent interest will be added to the refunds.

Bell's rate request, filed last July, spawned a seven-week hearing last year, longest in PUC history. Ricketts' 55-page report recommended a 14.1 percent rate of return to stockholders, compared to the 16.8 percent Bell said was needed.

Roth said the order would mean Bell stockholders would earn less than the 14.1 percent recommended by Ricketts.

"Investors tell us they expect a 16.8 to 17 percent return," Roth said. "There's no way they can meet investors' expectations like that when you earn less than 14.1 percent."

Residential customers will pay a 25 cents a month more if they have company-owned telephones. In homes with an extension, that increase will be offset by PUC's order ending the 50-cent monthly charge per extra phone.

Mother indicted in baby's murder

Tammy Jane White, 17-year-old mother of Misty White, was indicted for the murder of her daughter by the Midland County grand jury Wednesday.

Ms. White, of 902 1/2 W. Kentucky Ave., is alleged to have beaten her 9-month-old daughter into unconsciousness.

The child was admitted to Midland Memorial Hospital Jan. 8 with severe head trauma. She remained on life support systems until her death Friday. She never regained consciousness.

Ms. White remains in the County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 bond. She was arrested on charges of injury to a child on Jan. 9.

Midlanders to get credit on past phone service

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Midland residents will pay \$7.20 for basic monthly residential telephone service under a \$114 million rate hike granted to Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. Wednesday by the Public Utility Commission.

The \$7.20 figure is the basic monthly rate that residential customers will pay for phone service if they have one standard rotary dial telephone.

Rates for other residential customers would vary depending on the number and type of telephones each customer has.

According to a spokesman with Southwestern Bell in Midland, Tall City residents currently pay \$7.70 a month for one standard rotary dial telephone. This means that Bell Telephone will have to refund Midland customers 50 cents.

That refund, said the spokesman, will be in the form of a credit on the customer's bill.

The new rates will take effect in a few weeks. "The tariff on the new rates have to be approved first."

The \$7.70 rate was put into effect Nov. 11 while Bell was awaiting the PUC's decision. The refund will date back to that time. The spokesman said he didn't know what bill would reflect that credit.

Daniel trial not likely before May

LIBERTY, Texas (AP) — The Liberty County district attorney's office says the murder trial of Vickie Daniel, the widow of slain former Texas House Speaker Price Daniel Jr., probably won't be held until May or June.

A county grand jury indicted the attractive blonde widow on a charge of murder Wednesday night, after hearing a marathon nine hours of secret testimony.

"The grand jury indicted Vickie Daniel for first-degree murder," dis-

trict attorney Carroll Wilborn told newsmen minutes after jurors filed from their private chambers.

"I would anticipate the earliest possible trial date as May or June," he said.

He said the penalty upon conviction could range from five years to life imprisonment, and that she could get probation.

"There is some indication there was some premeditation or motive," Wilborn said, without elaboration.

The 12-member panel heard 19 wit-

nesses, including Vickie Daniel's 11-year-old daughter by a previous marriage, and rendered its decision shortly before 11 p.m. Wednesday.

Mrs. Daniel, 33, charged last Friday with the Jan. 19 slaying, declined an invitation to appear before the grand jury — not uncommon for the accused.

She is free on \$50,000 bond.

Midlander jailed

Robert Anthony Sullivan, 18, of 2438 Whitmore, remained in the county jail this morning under \$5,000 bond after being charged with felony theft late Wednesday afternoon.

Justice of the Peace Robert Pine set the bond on charges that Sullivan stole several rolls of copper wire from his employer, Kay & Company Electric, Inc., 794 Johnston.

Sheriff's deputies said they stopped Sullivan near Midland College Tuesday night on a traffic violation. The wire was allegedly found in Sullivan's vehicle and deputies said he told them his employer gave him the wire. Company officials, however, said the wire was stolen.

Snelson bill gets Senate approval

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — The Senate Wednesday passed and sent to the House SB 148 by Sen. Pete Snelson, Midland, to give the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation authority to lease property to non-profit public health-related groups.

Snelson, during a committee hearing on the bill Monday, said a number of such requests have been received by MHMR, including one from a private non-profit group in the Kerrville area for a long-term lease to construct a sheltered workshop for the

mentally retarded on Kerrville State Hospital property.

MHMR currently has authority to make leases for commercial and agricultural purposes.

There was no opposition to the measure.

The Senate Education Committee, which Snelson chairs, Wednesday recommended approval of Snelson's SB 179, which would repeal various obsolete or unnecessary education laws.

The clean-up measure has been recommended by the State Board of Education and the Texas Education Agency.

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Cuba's influence could be revived

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jamaican Prime Minister Edward Seaga is telling President Reagan a recent decline of Cuban influence in the Caribbean could be reversed unless there is a sharp increase in assistance by the United States and other capital exporting countries.

The Cubans are standing in the wings, waiting to see what happens," Seaga said Wednesday night. "They are still poised in terms of contacts with mass-based political parties. They are still capable of making a comeback."

Seaga, interviewed on the Public Broadcast Service's "McNeill-Lehrer Report," is one of six moderate leaders in the Caribbean area who won election victories last year over leftist opponents.

His comments on the interview came after separate meetings earlier in the day with Reagan, Treasury Secretary Donald Regan and House and Senate foreign affairs committee members.

The 50-year old Jamaica Labor Party leader was winding up his official visit here today. He is the first foreign head of government to visit the Reagan White House.

After his luncheon meeting with Seaga Wednesday, Reagan said Jamaica can count on "the good will, cooperation and moral and material assistance of the United States."

U.S. officials, who asked not to be identified, said Seaga made an extraordinarily good impression during his talks. The decision to invite him here just eight days after Reagan's inauguration is a reflection of his role as one of the few democratic, pro-Western, anti-Cuban and pro-free enterprise leaders in the Third World.

Before Seaga's television appearance, both Reagan and Secretary of State Alexander Haig, in separate statements, expressed concern about Cuban activities in Latin America and the Caribbean.

But Seaga said the United States and its allies can keep Cuba from enhancing its influence in the English-speaking Caribbean by sharply increasing economic assistance to the region.

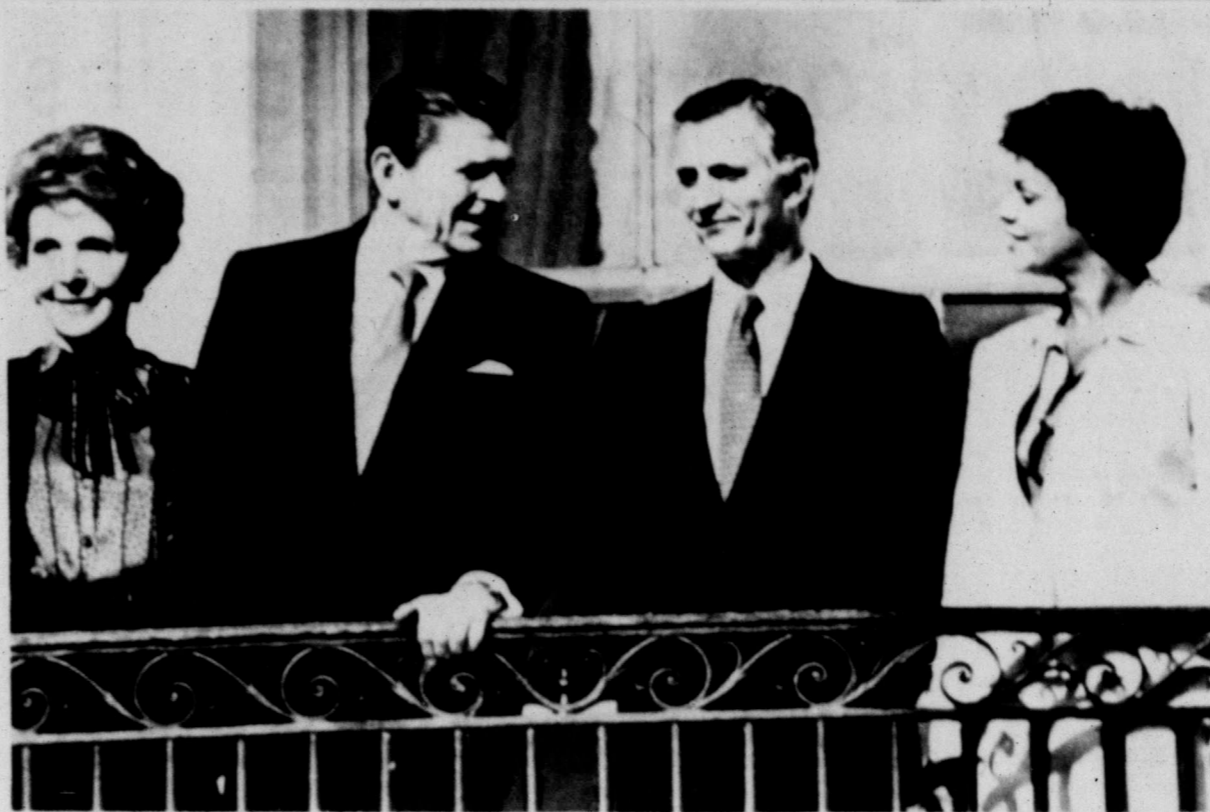
Seaga, whose victory last fall ousted the pro-Cuban government of Prime Minister Michael Manley, said, "The next step has to be taken and taken rapidly."

He called on other countries to match the \$800 million in credits the oil-producing countries of Venezuela, Mexico and Trinidad now are providing to the English-speaking Caribbean.

Such a commitment would enable the Caribbean countries to develop economically, he said.

He added that the Cubans are waiting to see whether political moderation in the Caribbean "is being translated into economic betterment."

"If it is, then they will receive a further setback. If it is not, then they stand poised to be able to make gains once again."



President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan, left, pose with Jamaican Prime Minister Edward Seaga and his wife, Mitsy, right, in

Washington Wednesday. Seaga is the first foreign head of government to visit the Reagan White House. (AP Laserphoto)

House Democrats block Republican appointment

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats, wielding their slim majority effectively, beat back a final attempt to get more Republicans on a key tax-writing committee.

The vote Wednesday on whether to add one Republican member to the Ways and Means Committee broke down on strict party lines: 221 Democrats opposed and 172 Republicans in favor.

Finally completing its organization, the full House then ratified selections made earlier by respective Republican and Democratic caucuses which assigned each member to specific committees.

Republicans contended their increased numbers in the House — they now make up 44 percent of the membership — entitled them to additional representation on Ways and Means.

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Donovan near confirmation

WASHINGTON (AP) — After weeks of responding to allegations and two long, public sessions before a congressional committee, Raymond Donovan is at the threshold of Senate confirmation as labor secretary.

The Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee arranged a vote today on Donovan's nomination, with aides for senators of both parties predicting approval.

Republican aides also said GOP Leader Howard Baker of Tennessee hoped to have the full Senate vote on the New Jersey construction executive later in the day or Friday at the latest.

With his confirmation, Donovan would finally be in charge of a department that has been without a secretary since Reagan took office Jan. 20. Alfred M. Zuck, an assistant secretary during the Carter administration, has been at the helm in the interim.

Meanwhile, the full Senate was expected to vote later in the day on Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, 54, the Georgetown University professor nominated as U.N. ambassador.

With the majority Republicans solidly behind Donovan, the only unanswered question in the labor committee was how many — if any — of the

panel's seven Democrats, most of them liberals, would vote against the nomination.

Democrats Harrison Williams of New Jersey, Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island and Jennings Randolph of West Virginia were expected to vote to confirm Donovan. Democrat Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio reportedly was leaning toward voting no.

The other Democrats — Sens. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, Thomas Eagleton of Missouri and Donald Riegle of Michigan — were said to be undecided.

The confirmation was held up twice so the FBI could investigate numerous charges that Donovan and his firm had illegally bought union peace and had business and social ties to organized crime figures.

Donovan steadfastly insisted he and other officials of his firm, Schiavone Construction Co., were innocent and the FBI failed to verify any of the charges.

But some Democrats apparently were concerned because the FBI received allegations about Donovan from as many as six or seven separate informants, although none of the reports could be verified.

Some Democrats also were said to be uneasy about voting for Donovan for fear that damaging information might come to light in the future.

Eagleton suggested Donovan take a lie-detector test to help establish his innocence and reassure the committee, but the idea was rebuffed.

Foreign aid cutbacks asked by Reagan aide

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Foreign aid cutbacks totaling \$2.9 billion by 1985 and a pullout from UNESCO were proposed by President Reagan's budget director to help trim the federal budget and to concentrate aid on a few "key" countries, the Los Angeles Times reported today.

"The primary impact of this proposal would be to eliminate or reduce U.S. participation in a range of multilateral organizations which are not responsive to U.S. foreign policy concerns and which in many cases may be ineffective in producing sound economic development," said the plan reportedly circulated by David A. Stockman, the director of the Office of Management and Budget.

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DEATHS

Joseph L. Brown

Memorial services for Joseph L. Brown, 73, of 1610 Harvard St., were to be at 2 p.m. today in the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity with the Rev. Derrill Manley officiating.

Brown died early Wednesday in an Odessa hospital. He was born Dec. 20, 1907, in Gloster, Miss. He was a graduate of Louisiana State University where he played varsity football and was a member of Sigma Chi social fraternity. Brown worked for Shell Oil Co. for 33 years until his retirement. He moved to Midland in 1948 from Houston and had previously lived in Southern California.

Brown was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, Acacia Lodge 1414, Midland Commandry No. 84 and Suez Shrine Temple.

Survivors include his wife, Alberta Brown; a son, William J. Brown of Midland; a daughter, Mary E. Brown of Houston; and two brothers, John M. Brown and Sam L. Brown, both of

Gloster.

The family has requested memorials be directed to the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity.

Dorothy Dickinson

Services for Dorothy Smith Dickinson, 69, of 200 Howard Drive in Midland, were to be at 3:30 p.m. today in the Robert Massie Riverside chapel in San Angelo with the Rev. Harold Odeum, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial was to follow in Calvary Cemetery in San Angelo.

Mrs. Dickinson died Tuesday in a San Angelo hospital. Born July 27, 1911, in Sherman, she had lived in Midland 20 years. She had also lived in San Angelo and Christoval.

Survivors include three sons, Don Dickinson of Austin, Bobby Dickinson of Littleton, Colo., and James Dickinson of Midland; a sister, Virginia Logan of San Angelo; and four grandchildren.

Committee gives Senate bill OK

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Administration of Texas' much-criticized pardons and paroles system would be reorganized under a bill approved by committee and ready for Senate debate.

Quick approval, by a 9-1 vote, was given Wednesday afternoon by the Senate State Affairs Committee to a measure by Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, to reorganize the State Pardons and Parole Board system.

Also cleared for floor debate, 10-1, was a measure by Sen. Bill Meier, D-Eules, that would have the state take over funding of criminal justice grants now coming from the U.S. Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. The LEAA is being phased out by the federal government.

Both proposals had been declared emergency measures by Gov. Bill

Clements.

Farabee and Meier said it would be at least next week before either bill is offered for Senate floor debate. If approved by the Senate, the measures would go to the House.

Farabee's bill reorganizes the state parole system. Currently there are three Pardons and Parole Board members, plus six parole commissioners appointed by the governor, chief justice and presiding judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals.

"Today's commissioners are often not answerable to anyone," said David Dean, chief legal counsel for Clements. "This bill makes clear they (commissioners) would be state employees under the board and serve at the board's pleasure."

Another provision of the bill provides \$4 million to \$5 million for local halfway homes to take some pressure

off the crowded prison system.

Pardons and Paroles Board chairman Ruben Torres said all three members supported the measure and had recommended it earlier.

Meier's bill would provide an additional \$9 million annually to fill the gap left by cancelled LEAA funding. The money would come from increased court costs and not from general revenue. The money would be spent 75 percent locally and 25 percent at the state level.

Senate committee amendments provided that the 21 members of a Criminal Justice Advisory Board to oversee the grant program be appointed by the governor, lieutenant governor and speaker, instead of all being named by the governor. Another change said all appointments must be confirmed by two-thirds of the Senate. The governor would get to name the advisory board's chairman

and vice chairman.

The only witness against the new funding was John Duncan of the Texas Civil Liberties Union.

"This amounts to a political slush fund for the governor," he said. "Each separate program should have to come before the Legislature."

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East Texans oppose nuclear waste dumps

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — East Texas lawmakers, backed by constituents opposed to nuclear waste storage in their counties, want the State Health Department to stop issuing permits until the Legislature looks at bills to tighten state control.

Television personality John Henry Faulk of Madisonville, "moderator" for the Wednesday news conference, said companies that "obviously don't have the foggiest idea of what the devil to do with" radioactive wastes are seeking permits for dumps.

Faulk said his top concern is the groundwater East Texans depend on for farming and household use. Leon County residents are trying to prevent a company from storing nuclear waste on a 400-acre tract it recently purchased.

"We must at all costs protect this precious natural resource that is threatened on all levels," said Faulk.

Rick Lowerre, Sierra Club lobbyist, said Nuclear Sources and Services, which bought the land, has mishandled radioactive waste at other sites.

"You can't trust these birds that are asking for these permits," Faulk said.

Sen. Kent Caperton, D-Bryan, is carrying legislation that would give the state more control of nuclear waste sites and where they are placed. Present law, said Caperton, is "inadequate at best."

"One extremely important new part of the law allows for citizen input in the process. Current law does not require any kind of public hearings to be held," Caperton said at the news conference.

"We are not trying to hinder the necessary and beneficial use of radioactive materials, but the health, safety and protection of citizens from the potential long-term hazards of nuclear materials must go hand in hand with its use," he said.

Oil company agrees to pay settlement in smog violations

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — An oil company has agreed to pay \$100,000 in settlement of charges that it violated state anti-smog laws, the largest payment ever made by an oil company in a pollution case, officials said.

The state Air Resources Board said Wednesday that Pacific Refining agreed to make the payment following a state investigation last August that disclosed the alleged violations.

The inquiry "uncovered sales of gasoline to 13 independent service stations that did not conform to the state standard" on vapor pressure and fuel evaporation, according to the board.

The company was not immediately available for comment. In a written response to the board, Pacific said the sales of gasoline were "inadvertent" and the result of faulty testing equipment, according to state officials.

Hospitalized former hostages both 'feeling much better'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The two hospitalized former hostages were both reported improving today.

Officials at Walter Reed Army Medical Center said Col. Leland Holland, admitted Wednesday for bronchitis, is "feeling better."

Holland's temperature was down and he spent a comfortable night, officials said.

A spokesman said he

wasn't sure how long Holland, 52, would remain at the hospital, but said his stay would probably last only a few days.

Meanwhile, Robert Ode, 65, remained in good condition at the National Hospital for Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation in nearby Arlington, Va.

The oldest of the ex-hostages, Ode was hospitalized Tuesday for ex-

haustion and bronchitis. Hospital officials said today that Ode is resting and feeling more comfortable. He will probably be released Sunday or Monday, they said.

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Prison site purchase dragging on in court

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An assistant attorney general says the 3rd Court of Civil Appeals shouldn't "hamstring" officials trying to buy land in Grimes County for a prison, even if the purchase isn't legal.

Jerry Cain told the court Wednesday no injunction should be issued because "even if (the purchase) is illegal, no one will be hurt."

Ten Grimes County residents have sued state officials to stop the proposed \$6.7 million purchase of 5,968 acres. The residents are challenging the way the state decided to buy the land. They also contend the prison would harm their community.

A state district court in Austin last week rejected their request for an in-

junction. "Don't hamstring elected officials who are trying to do their jobs. If it is illegal, you can fix that later," Cain said.

"At this stage, not anybody's going to be hurt," Cain said. "An injunction is to keep a bad thing from happening, but ain't nothing bad gonna happen."

Attorney Karl Hoppess, representing the Grimes County residents, said failure to immediately halt the acquisition would mean his clients could no longer pursue the case.

"What we are saying is that this acquisition is illegal, and we have the right to prevent it from taking place," Hoppess said. "But once the money has been spent, we won't have that right. The issue will be moot."

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Union chief warns about wildcats

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Both the government and moderate leaders of Poland's independent labor movement sought today to stem a growing rash of wildcat strikes taking millions of workers from their jobs and raising new fears of Soviet intervention.

The government sent a negotiating delegation to one major center of labor unrest, the southeastern city of Rzeszow, where some 300 peasants and workers have been occupying the official trade union's former headquarters since Jan. 3 demanding talks on the delay in granting a charter to an independent farmers' union and other grievances.

A union leader in Rzeszow said Lech Walesa, the national chief of Solidarity, and the other 10 members of the big independent labor federation's presidium would negotiate for the peasants and workers while Stanislaw Ciosek, the minister of trade union affairs, headed the government team.

Local labor leaders called a general strike Wednesday in the Rzeszow and nearby Jaroslaw areas, and Warsaw Radio said millions of workers there and elsewhere stayed off the jobs. With the wildcat strikes threatening to get out of control,

Walesa and other moderate Solidarity leaders launched a two-prong campaign to try to regain control.

To appease their 10 million union members, they called a nationwide one-hour warning strike next Tuesday and threatened a general strike if the warning did not get results. They also blamed the current strikes on the government, accusing it of failing to carry out the promises it made to end the strike wave last summer.

However, Solidarity's national leaders also called on the local unions to stop the wildcat strikes immediately. It said they "deepen the social and economic chaos and are dispersing the power of the unions."

Meanwhile, about 10,000 students continued occupying university buildings in Lodz, Poland's second largest city, demanding an end to compulsory courses in Marxism, relaxation of censorship, access to printing facilities and release of political prisoners.

The current strike wave started with national Saturday work boycotts called by Solidarity in sup-

port of its demand for the five-day week promised after the strikes last summer. A commentary on Warsaw Television said this was a "weak reason for calling strikes" and questioned whether "the underlying aim of the intensification of the conflict is to gradually erode the power of the state."

The effect of that, it warned, would be the destruction of the Gdansk agreement that established the legality of trade unions independent of the Communist Party for the first time in the Soviet bloc and promised a number of other political and economic reforms.

"The writers of history will have to decide whether those who first created and then destroyed a great chance for Poland in 1980 and in 1981 took into account the conceivable results of their actions, or whether they pushed forward driven by good intentions with fatal results," the commentator said.

The government contends that it must postpone the introduction of the five-day week because the desperate state of the Polish economy and a foreign debt to Western countries totaling \$23 billion requires maximum production.



Ronald Harns, 23, jumps from the roof of his four-story apartment building in Brooklyn, N.Y. apparently after a quarrel with his mother, Pearl and stepfather. Harns missed airbag by about five feet and was taken to St. John's Hospital where he is listed in stable condition. His mother said Harns had gotten "bad drugs" over the weekend. (AP Laserphoto)

Man injured in leap

NEW YORK (AP) — A 23-year-old Brooklyn man who had gotten "bad drugs," according to his mother, jumped from the top floor of a four-story high fire escape, missing an air bag set up by police below.

He suffered internal injuries and fractures of both legs.

The man, Ronald Harns, was listed in fair condition today in St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Brooklyn.

Police said Harns jumped Wednesday despite efforts by his mother, Pearl, his stepfather, Walter Hill, and officers to talk him out of it.

Harns had quarreled with his parents and allegedly pulled a knife on them before patrolmen arrived, police said.

The Emergency Service Unit set up

a 20-by-20-foot air bag below, but Harns, who was standing on the fire escape fence, hurtled his body out and missed it by five feet.

Career planning

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. (AP) — After William F. Martin graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1939, he joined a petroleum company here at a salary of \$125 a month.

His main impetus for selecting the company was its basketball team, the Phillips '66ers.

Martin started as a clerk, and went on to become chairman of the company, which now has annual revenues of \$12 billion.

Chun greeted by supporters, protestors

LOS ANGELES (AP) — South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan was greeted here by a throng of cheering supporters and a smaller group of protestors who called him a "vampire" and chanted "Down With Chun."

Chun and his wife arrived here Wednesday for a two-day visit on the first leg of a tour of four U.S. cities.

A crowd of some 1,000 supporters traveled in chartered buses from Orange, San Bernardino and Santa Barbara counties to welcome Chun.

Some 200 people, including members of the United Movement for Democracy of Korea, staged a peaceful airport demonstration. They chanted "Down with Chun" and "Restore democracy in our homeland," and displayed three empty coffins, symbolizing those killed last June in an uprising in Kwangju.

Chun told the airport crowd he was optimistic about continuing strong economic ties with the United States, which he called "an important trading partner."

He said he was honored "to be the first president invited to visit Washington D.C. so soon after America's president was inaugurated."

After Chun's motorcade passed through the Korean area of town, a street brawl erupted between protestors and supporters. Police broke up the melee without making any arrests.

Later at a reception banquet at the Biltmore Hotel, about 50 anti-Chun pickets outside the hotel carried placards calling Chun a "vampire" and showing him with blood streaming from his mouth. The demonstrators blocked the entrance to the hotel until they were moved by riot helmeted police.

Chun was to meet on Monday with President Reagan, and he was expected to ask Reagan not to remove any of the 40,000 U.S. troops stationed in South Korea.

Chun, until a year ago a little-known general in the south Korean army, came to power after the assassination of President Park Chung Hee in 1979 and vaulted into the presidency five months ago.

He has purged the government of thousands of politicians and civil servants and dismantled old political parties. He is likely to be elected overwhelmingly to a seven-year term in a Feb. 25 electoral college vote.

Highway is closed

VALDOSTA, Ga. (AP)

— An accident involving six trucks and a car killed one person and injured seven early today when smoke again obscured visibility on Interstate 75, the Department of Transportation said.

Department spokesman Harry Murphy said a 10-mile stretch of the highways was closed just as the collision occurred about 3:30 a.m. north of the Cecil exit.

The state police said it had no details on the accident or the name of the victim. Crews were working to clear the wreckage.

Interstate 75 was closed both Saturday and Sunday mornings because of the smoke hazard.

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Broil meat in skillet, drain. Stir in burrito filling mix and heat through. Dampen each tortilla with water. In a hot, ungreased skillet, heat and turn each tortilla until soft and pliable. Place the meat mixture and other desired fillings, approximately 1/2 cup, on a warmed flour tortilla. Fold in two opposite sides and roll. Cover and keep warm until serving time. Garnish as desired. 8 to 10 burritos.

2. SOPA De La CASA

- 8 slices of bacon, diced
- 1 1/4 cups finely chopped onion
- 1/2 cup green pepper, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 cans (14 1/2 oz. each) chicken broth
- 1 can (31 oz.) DEL MONTE Refried Beans
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 2 Tbsp. chili powder
- Tortilla chips
- Shredded Monterey Jack cheese

In soup pot, cook bacon until crisp. Drain half of bacon drippings. Add onion, celery, green pepper and garlic, cook until tender. Blend in chicken broth, refried beans, pepper and chili powder. Bring to boil, remove from heat immediately. Garnish with chips and cheese. 8 cups.

3. SOUR CREAM NACHOS

- 1 can (11 1/2 oz.) DEL MONTE Whole Jalapeno Chiles
- 12 corn or flour tortillas
- 1 cup salad oil
- 1 can (31 oz.) DEL MONTE Refried Beans
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 pt. sour cream

Preheat oven to 450° F. Drain chiles and slice crosswise, mince carrot and onion pieces. Fry tortillas in hot oil, one at a time, until golden brown on each side. Drain on paper towels. Place tortillas on baking sheets and spread with refried beans. Top with cheeses and sour cream. Garnish with chile slices, minced carrot and onion. Bake until cheese melts, about 5 minutes. Cut each tortilla into 4 wedges. Serve immediately. 48 appetizer wedges.

Variations: Top with cooked shredded chicken or beef for a main dish or entree.

4. JALAPENO BEAN DIP

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 Tbsp. margarine or butter
- 1 can (7 1/2 oz.) DEL MONTE Sliced Jalapeno Chiles
- 1 can (17 1/2 oz.) DEL MONTE Refried Beans
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- Tortilla chips

In skillet, cook onion in margarine until soft. Drain chiles, reserving liquid. Dice chiles including the carrot and onion pieces. Add with beans and reserved liquid to skillet, mix well. Heat. Top with cheese. Serve with tortilla chips. Approximately 2 1/2 cups.

MICROWAVE DIRECTIONS: In 1 1/2 quart casserole, cook onion in margarine 2 to 3 minutes, stirring after 1 minute. Drain chiles reserving liquid. Dice chiles, including the carrot and onion pieces. Add with beans and reserved liquid to casserole, mix well. Cook 4 minutes, stirring after 2 minutes. Top with cheese. Serve with tortilla chips.

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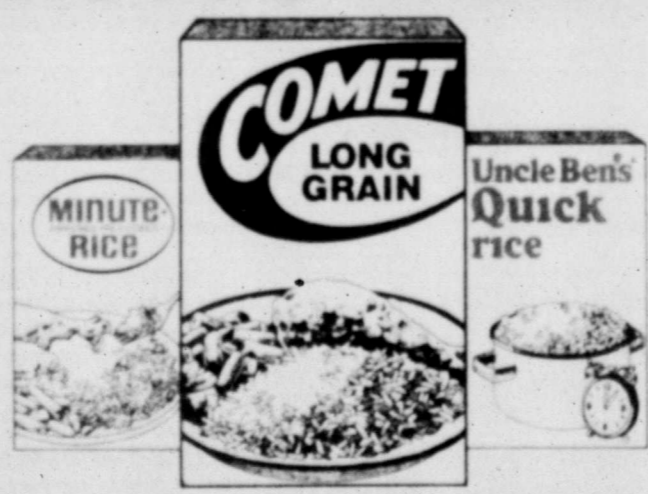
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MITCHELL EXPLORER
Sun Oil Co. spotted location for a 27,500-foot wildcat eight miles northwest of Silver in Mitchell County.

PECOS WILDCAT RE-ENTRY
Adams Exploration Co. of Midland announced plans to re-enter a project in Pecos County, six miles south of Coyanosa and test it as a wildcat.

GLASSCOCK PROSPECTOR
Nortex Gas & Oil Co. of Midland No. 1-9 Edwards is to be drilled as a 7,500-foot wildcat in Glasscock County, 16 miles northeast of Garden City.

LUBBOCK WILDCAT
Triax Oil & Gas, Inc., of Midland No. 1 Holleman is a re-entry wildcat in Lubbock County, 1/2 mile east of Lubbock.

DAWSON EXPLORER
Durham, Inc. of Midland No. 1 Cline will be drilled as a 9,100-foot wildcat three miles east of Lamesa in Dawson County.

DAWSON FIELD TEST
C&K Petroleum, Inc., No. 1 Wright is to be drilled as a 7,550-foot project in the Felkin, South field of Dawson County, 16 miles northeast of Lamesa.

HALE PROSPECTOR
Marborn Exploration Co. of Amarillo announced location for a 5,600-foot wildcat in Hale County, 23 miles northwest of Plainview.

BORDEN TESTER
Gulf Oil Corp. staked its No. 1 L. F. York as an 8,300-foot wildcat Borden County, 14 miles east of Gall.

CROCKETT WILDCATS
Harrison Interests, Ltd., Houston No. 21-32-20 University Land is to be

drilled as a 9,400-foot wildcat 16 miles west of Ozona in Crockett County.

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Harrison Interests will drill its No. 20-20-33 University Land as a 3 1/2-mile northwest outpost to Pennsylvanian gas production in the Howards Creek field.

EDWARDS TESTER
C. F. Lawrence & Associates, Inc., of Midland No. 1 Red Oak is to be dug as a 2,200-foot wildcat in Crockett County, 16 miles east of Iraan.

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Amoco No. 1 David Fasken "BL" id 12,400 feet, waiting on completion unit, set 5/8 inch casing at 11,812 feet.

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Amoco No. 1 State "IT", Salado Draw (Delaware), sidetrack id 12,300 feet, waiting on cement, set 7/8 inch casing at 12,500 feet.

Regal Development, Inc., of El-dorado No. 4 W. L. Miers is to be drilled as a 6,300-foot wildcat 16 miles north of Rocksprings in Edwards County.

UPTON WILDCAT
Earle M. Craig Jr. Corp. of Midland announced location for a 12,000-foot wildcat in Upton County, three miles northeast of Rankin.

TOM GREEN TRY
Coral Petroleum Development Inc. of Houston No. 1 Barron Ranch will be drilled as a 5,300-foot wildcat in Tom Green County, 18 miles southeast of San Angelo.

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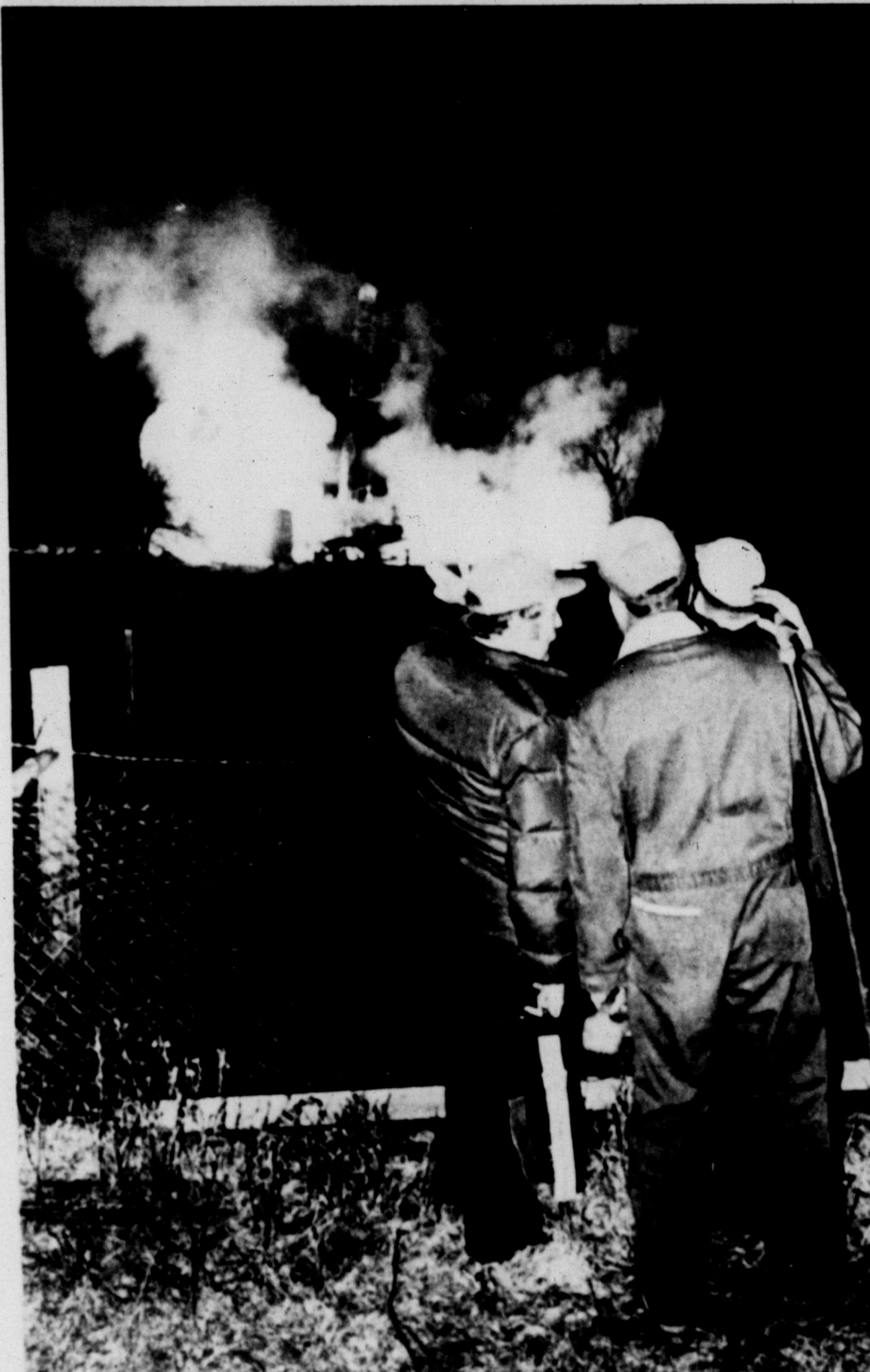
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Gage & Co. No. 1 J. S. Walker (Canyon), id 7,184 feet, waiting on completion unit, set 5/8 inch casing at id.

ROCKWELL COUNTY
Amoco No. 1 Federal "BU", Gem, East (Morrow), id 4,487 feet in lime, waiting.

STONEMAN COUNTY
Amoco No. 1 State "IT", Salado Draw (Delaware), sidetrack id 12,300 feet, waiting on cement, set 7/8 inch casing at 12,500 feet.



Unidentified officials monitor a gas well which erupted into flames near Haskell, Okla., Monday night. The well was snuffed out Tuesday. The identity of the operator of the project has not been reported. (AP Laserphoto)

Exxon announces 31 percent increase

NEW YORK (AP) — Exxon Corp. profits for 1980 were up more than 31 percent over 1979 despite the first quarterly earnings slump in three years; the oil company has announced.

The company's 1980 earnings were equivalent to \$13.01 a share and came on sales of \$110.46 billion. In 1979, Exxon earned \$4.295 billion, or \$9.74 a share, on sales of \$84.97 billion.

Worldwide chemical earnings, amid a recession in the United States and Europe, and a retroactive price increase for crude oil by Saudi Arabia also affected the final quarter's earnings.

OPEC hike brought 5-cent increase

NEW YORK (AP) — The average retail price of gasoline in the United States has jumped nearly a nickel a gallon since OPEC's last round of crude-oil price increases began in mid-December, an industry analyst said.

The controls started to expire last January. President Reagan lifted all crude oil price controls Wednesday.

The Lundberg Letter surveys about 14,000 filling stations nationwide. Results of the latest price survey prepared for delivery to a chamber of commerce meeting in San Diego today, were provided by The Associated Press.

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