

Houston's Goodwill has holiday problem — too much giving

By MICHAEL O'CONNOR

HOUSTON (AP) — One of the lessons of the holiday season is that it's better to give than to receive, but Houston residents have been so giving the local Goodwill Industries can't receive it all.

"We've got a horrendous problem here, one that's almost bigger than we can solve," said William Lufburrow, president of Goodwill. "We're just swamped, but we're glad to be swamped. It's the best season we've ever had."

He said collection boxes are running over, and drivers who used to make 50 pickups a day are lucky if they can make 30 now because of Houston's infamous traffic and the deluge of donations.

Lufburrow said some supermarkets have become irate about the overflowing collection boxes in their parking lots.

"Sometimes we empty boxes four times a day," he said. "When one store complained, we removed the box, but people kept putting stuff where the box had been."

It's even harder getting to all the people who have items at their homes they would like Goodwill to pick up, Lufburrow said.

"When I came here in 1963, if we got 150 telephone calls a week it was

something, but now we're getting 1,000 calls a week," he said. "We make about 300 people mad at us a week because we can't get to them."

He said the biggest problem was getting the donated material into the Goodwill warehouses and getting it sorted. Workers sort 10-12 tons of clothing day alone, he added.

But they also have to tackle an assortment of donations ranging from art to automobiles.

"It's amazing what gets thrown away in Houston," he said. "We have a fantastic jewelry collection. It's not uncommon for people to give us fur coats or a house full of furniture. We've gotten three automobiles in the last two months."

"And the stuff is so much higher quality here, I think it really says something about the economy," Lufburrow said.

The Goodwill president said no other city in the country has this problem. For some, he said, just the opposite is true.

"Most of my colleagues around the country are trying to figure out where to get material next week. Even my colleague in Dallas can't believe what's happening here," he said with a laugh. "Nobody is having the kind of problem we have here."

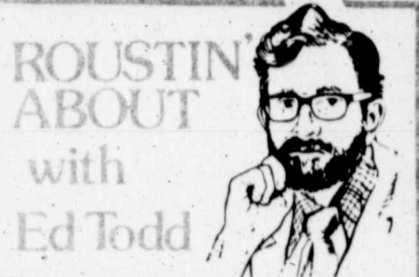
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STANTON — From the way she was going about her business, Donna Gossett appeared to enjoy working in the drug store, which she would classify more as a museum than a modernistic pharmacy.

Could be she's right. She's a "soda jerk," which is much more descriptive of what she does than just about any euphemism you could conjure up.

She concocts savory sodas and "shakes" in an atmosphere she would call antiquated. You get the impression she halfway thinks she really does work in a museum.

The chrome dispensaries behind the fountain bar are from an era unknown to this 17-year-old gal.

Glenn Brown, who operates the only drug store in Stanton, calls it old-fashioned.

He's right. His place, so to speak, is right out of Fort Davis, which, too, has one of the few old-timey soda fountains in the land. The specialty there is fountain Cokes.

But Ms. Gossett doesn't seem to be quite impressed with the antiquated set up.

"How I feel about it all is that it is not 'old-fashioned,'" she allowed. "It's out of date."

To those prone to the nostalgia, it's charming — even though the contraption which makes the carbonated water is broken down, and Brown can't seem to find anyone who knows how to fix it.

Old-fashioned soda-fountain repairmen are about as rare, or more

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Disrupting life, and death, Monday's flooding of the Ohio River covered a historic New Richmond, Ohio, graveyard. Mike Dittman, 27, while search-

ing for his relatives' gravesites, checks an 1839 gravestone. Related story and photo, Page 6B. (AP Laserphoto)

Vance, attending Meir funeral, stresses flexibility in negotiations

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Shutting Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance called on Israel to be flexible in negotiations for a peace treaty with Egypt, said he discussed "some new ideas" with President Anwar Sadat and reported "good progress."

Vance made his comments at a news conference in Cairo Monday, flew to Israel today for the funeral of former Prime Minister Golda Meir, then flew back to Cairo for more talks with Sadat. He returns to Israel on Wednesday.

During today's stopover in Israel, Vance said Mrs. Meir was "an outstanding figure, one of the great leaders of the world. In her memory, we rededicate ourselves to her goal and our goal of finding a lasting peace in the Middle East."

Before the services he conferred for an hour with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan over coffee at a Ben-Gurion Airport lounge. No details were released, but there seemed little doubt that Vance and Dayan surveyed prospects for wrapping up an agreement by Sunday, the target date set in the Camp David accords. Israeli sources said Defense Minister Ezer Weizman also attended the Vance-Dayan meeting.

Vance remained at the airport to greet Prime Minister Menachem Begin on his return from the Nobel Peace Prize ceremonies in Oslo, Norway. Begin and Sadat won the 1978 prize for their Mideast peace efforts. Sadat, who conferred with Vance Sunday and Monday, sent an aide to represent him in Oslo.

At his Cairo news conference Monday, Vance called on Israel to "approach the negotiations in a flexible fashion," and said "good progress" was made on the "possibility of interpretative notes or an exchange of letters on a number of items" still outstanding.

Vance is proposing compromises to try to break the deadlock that recently developed over two main issues.

Egypt has proposed a timetable be set for elections leading to Palestinian autonomy in the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River and Gaza Strip, but the Israelis are resisting, saying the issue is too complex and a failure to meet the timetable would give Egypt an excuse to abrogate the treaty.

Cyanide forced on some cultists

NEW YORK (AP) — At least 70 of the Peoples Temple cult members who died in the mass murder-suicide at Jonestown, Guyana, were given cyanide by injection, the New York Times said today in a story that quoted Guyanese officials.

The Times said the disclosure came from well placed Guyanese government sources who said the placement of the injections, high on the upper arm, made it unlikely that they were self-administered.

Most of the 70 persons injected were adults and among them was Christine Miller, the one woman identified by survivors as having been openly

against the mass suicide plan of cult leader the Rev. Jim Jones, the report said.

The Times also reported the discovery that several small bottles labeled as liquid Valium, a tranquilizer, the contents of which evidently were swallowed by cult members, actually contained cyanide.

It also said that authorities have not positively established that Jones, one of two persons found dead from gunshots, actually took his own life. The other gunshot death was that of Annie Moore, the commune's senior nurse, who was found in Jones' house, near a safe in a file cabinet. Authorities said

her position indicated she was shot from behind as she turned, the Times said.

In reconstructing the death ritual, authorities have concluded that it took about five hours to complete the task of administering poisoned punch and lethal injections to the more than 900 cultists who died.

The poison drink brought death in about five minutes. Those who drank the cyanide were led away to the perimeter of the settlement and helped to sit down and die so that bodies did not pile up around the tables where the poison punch was dispensed.

Airport expecting Concorde to land about noon today

With strict security precautions in effect, an SST Supersonic Concorde was to land about noon today at Midland Regional Airport during a required proving flight for the aircraft, marking a first for the Midland-Odessa area.

The stopover was announced last week by Col. Wilson Banks, director of aviation, and Mayor Ernest Angelo Jr.

The plane is owned by Braniff Airlines and is being checked out before beginning European flights out of the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport. It is a British Airways plane and will have a Braniff crew and Federal Aviation Administration personnel on board.

The Midland airport is one of few in Texas that can accommodate the Concorde, Banks said. Completion of new ramps during the renovation and expansion at the airport has made this possible within the past few weeks.

Midland earlier was not on Braniff's list of stops. But Banks was called about a week ago to see if he would want to include the city and

Banks said he "jumped at the opportunity."

The Concorde has been at the center of controversy on the East Coast concerning noise pollution and other factors. Banks said the landing in Midland is a move to show the aircraft can land at other airports inside the United States.

It also is promoting the planned move by Braniff to begin service to the Midland-Odessa area shortly after the first of January. The Civil Aeronautics Board is expected to sign the authorization for the service later this month, according to Angelo.

The Concorde is one of the largest and fastest airplanes extant. Its wing span is 83 feet, 10 inches, about the same as the 727. It is 204 feet long, much longer than other commercial aircraft.

Maximum take-off weight when fully loaded with passengers, baggage and fuel is 400,000 pounds. Maximum landing weight, with fuel par-

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Agency's legal status discussed

By JIM STEINBERG
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The Midland Community Action Agency is not dependent on local governmental bodies for its existence, a federal poverty program funding administrator said Monday night.

"We have been somewhat surprised and displeased to see this agency (the MCAA) used as a political football during the recent political campaign for the county commissioners race," Love Johnson, field representative of Community Services Administration, told members of the MCAA executive board at their regular monthly meeting.

"One of my reasons for being here tonight is to explain the legal status of the agency," he added.

"Community action agency is something of a misleading term to be used in connection with this agency, for it is actually a 'limited purpose agency,' not required to comply with the same regulations and guidelines established for community action agencies," he explained.

The basic difference, Johnson said, is that a limited purpose agency such

as the MCAA is not designated at the request of local governments and therefore does not rely on their support for continued existence.

Johnson told MCAA board members that in view of the history of the agency, the CSA at one point viewed continued funding here with "trepidation."

He said it was County Commissioner Charlie Welch who persuaded CSA that the needs of the area justified giving the agency a "second chance."

And of that "second chance," Johnson said, the CSA was "somewhat pleased...but we don't believe that enough progress has been made."

Johnson told board members he would like to see the agency make "a greater impact on the community."

He challenged executive board members to look at the present budget and think of ways to accomplish the same goals with greater efficiency.

Johnson also stressed the importance of funding programs that would lead to making people more self-suffi-

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New notices of increase in valuation required

Midland County commissioners Monday learned a new state law will require them to send an additional set of notices to property owners' whose property has been increased in value by more than \$100.

The new notice must be sent out before the Board of Equalization meeting and specify the value of the property the preceding and current years and the amount of taxes due for the preceding and current years, County Tax Assessor-Collector Elmo Linebarger told commissioners at their regular meeting Monday.

The commissioners instructed Linebarger to determine how much it would cost to get Pritchard & Abbott valuation consultants to handle the new notices.

Commissioner Win Brown said it probably will cost a minimum of \$1 per notice, counting the cost in labor and postage for the county and Pritchard & Abbott. Since the county taxes only 32 percent of assessed

value, said Brown, an increase in value of \$300 would be required to pay the cost of the notice alone.

That notice is in addition to a notice now sent out 10 days before the board meets to property owners whose valuations have been increased.

Also Monday, the commissioners agreed to renew a contract with Rusty Gifford to assess personal property. The service will continue to cost \$700 per month, Linebarger said.

In other action, the Commissioners Court accepted donated easements to widen an extension of Industrial Avenue from 60 to 120 feet between Holiday Hill Road and FM 1788.

Brown said other property owners along that route have agreed to donate the land needed to widen the road leading to the site of land recently purchased by Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. for a fiberglass plant.

Also Monday, the commissioners accepted plats for Ridge Heights Annex and Metro Industrial Park.

DEATHS

Leroy Cole

BIG SPRING — Services for Leroy Cole, 47, of Gretna, La., and formerly of Big Spring will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Birdwell Lane Baptist Church in Big Spring. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park directed by Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

He died Saturday in a New Orleans hospital following an illness.

He was born March 6, 1931, in Carrollton, Ga. He was an electrician at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring and had transferred to the 8th District naval support facility in New Orleans 18 months ago.

Cole was a member of the Birdwell Lane Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; a daughter, Cindy Cole; five brothers, Woodrow W. Cole of Biloxi, Miss., Tommy Cole of Romance, Ark., Kile Cole of Troy, Ala., Nile Cole of Big Spring and Maxie Cole of Oklahoma City, Okla.; four sisters, Elise Grizzard of Big Spring, Reba Parrish of New Boston, Virginia Pachall of Port Arthur and Joyce Grizzard of Texarkana, a grandson and several aunts, uncles, nieces and cousins.

Steven Fine

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Graveside services and burial will be held in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Fine died Monday in a Big Spring hospital following a brief illness.

He was born Jan. 17, 1949, in Germany. Fine worked as a salesman in a department store. He was a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church. Fine was married to Carolyn Russell on June 6, 1977, in Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn; a stepson, Lance Newell of Big Spring; his father, David Fine of Las Vegas, Nev., and two sisters, Vivian Fine of Las Vegas, Nev., and Victoria Worrell of Richardson.

Tiny Griffith

ANDREWS — Services for L.E. "Tiny" Griffith, 66, were to be at 2:30 p.m. today in Means Memorial United Methodist Church. Burial was to be in Andrews Cemetery directed by Singleton Funeral Home.

He died Sunday in an Andrews hospital after a brief illness.

Griffith was born March 8, 1912, in Jamestown, N.Y. He was a retired sales engineer from Dowell Chemical Co., having worked for the company 26 years.

He married Melisse Perry Dec. 16, 1936, in Shawnee, Okla. He was a graduate of the Oklahoma Military Academy. He attended Oklahoma City University and the University of Tulsa. He was a 32nd degree Mason of El Paso and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City. He was a veteran of World War II and served in the Seabees in the South Pacific.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Lynn Sutton of Dallas, and a grandson.

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Tragedy of Jonestown may benefit Guyana

BOSTON (AP) — The horror and tragedy of the Peoples Temple cult in Guyana has placed the troubled South American nation in the public eye — and Guyana may benefit, its minister of state says.

"For better or worse, Guyana has been brought to the attention of the American people," Christopher A. Nascimento said Monday in remarks at the Boston University School of

Public Communication.

He said the media have produced "millions of words" and "miles of film" on the Jonestown tragedy, but have ignored Guyana's stagnant economy — a major reason the cult was welcomed by the government.

"The things we export are depressed on the market," he said, "and the things we import are inflationary. We are on the verge of being driven

to bankruptcy."

Nascimento said U.S. tariff barriers have priced Guyana and other Third World countries out of world trade.

"To understand why we would welcome a group of Americans like the Peoples Temple, you have to understand that we are at the stage of economic development that Americans were when they were pioneering the West," Nascimento said.

The cult offered Guyana agricultural talent to stimulate the nation's economy, he said.

"They proved to be very productive and if anyone asked me a week before the tragedy if it could happen, I would have laughed at them," Nascimento said.

Meanwhile, a federal grand jury investigating the Guyana slayings of U.S. Rep. Leo Ryan has subpoenaed former cult member Terri Buford,

believed to have been a top aide to the Rev. Jim Jones, U.S. Attorney G. William Hunter said Monday.

Hunter declined to say when Ms. Buford, 36, would appear before the secret panel, which next meets in San Francisco on Wednesday.

The grand jury is investigating whether a conspiracy to kill Ryan was hatched in this country.

Ms. Buford, who de-

fected from the temple in October, asked for immunity from prosecution but was refused, Hunter said.

Her lawyer, Mark Lane, was in Jonestown with attorney Charles Garry on Nov. 18 when Ryan and four others were gunned down. Jones, leader of the Peoples Temple, and more than 900 followers later died in a ritual suicide. Lane has not been subpoenaed to testify before the grand jury, Hunter said.

Eleven surviving Temple members who had returned from Guyana were summoned last Friday to appear before the panel. Most of them said they felt they needed legal counsel and were allowed to delay their appearances until Wednesday.

The U.S. Public Defenders Office said 10 attorneys, chosen from a volunteer panel, will advise the witnesses.

Venus probes give rise to new speculation

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) — Scientists, their theories about the origin of the universe al-

ready unsettled by information from the Venus probes, expect more revelations from the mass of

newly obtained data on Earth's nearest planetary neighbor.

"There is a rich spectrum of material still there waiting to be analyzed," said Harvard University physicist Michael McElroy, one of scores of scientists gathered at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Center here.

But it may be weeks before the mass of information is examined.

First reports from the project came in Saturday when the five probes — variously shaped metal packages of data-gathering instruments — hit the surface of Venus.

All the probes consist of a forward heat shield and a pressure vessel, both made of titanium,

and an afterbody made of aluminum.

The information, showing 100 times more of the inert gas argon-36 in Venus' atmosphere than Earth's and as much as 1,000 times more than in the atmosphere of Mars, caused scientists to speculate the planets were not created in same way, as had been previously believed.

Argon-36 cannot be created after a planet's formation, and if Venus was formed the way Earth and Mars were, it probably would have about the same amount.

That means, the scientists said, that either Venus was formed from different substances than other planets in the solar system or that the

Letter bombs hurt 2

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Christmas letter-bombs blew up in the face of a prison

officer's wife and in the hands of a postman today, seriously injuring them. Police later defused another bomb.

The Provisional wing of the Irish Republican Army warned of a renewed terror campaign 16 days ago after it killed the deputy governor of the Maze prison on the doorstep of his Belfast home.

The prison officer's wife was in her North Belfast home when the letter-bomb in the morning mail blew up in her face, police said.

Warnings were broadcast through local radio stations but they were too late to help a postman who was making the rounds of East Belfast when the letter-bomb he was carrying blew up.

First Lt. Charles E. Patterson recently was promoted to that rank under orders of the Adjutant General of Texas.

Patterson serves as civil defense liaison officer for the Fourth Military Police Group based at the Midland Army as part of the National Guard.

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Letter bombs hurt 2

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Christmas letter-bombs blew up in the face of a prison

officer's wife and in the hands of a postman today, seriously injuring them. Police later defused another bomb.

The Provisional wing of the Irish Republican Army warned of a renewed terror campaign 16 days ago after it killed the deputy governor of the Maze prison on the doorstep of his Belfast home.

The prison officer's wife was in her North Belfast home when the letter-bomb in the morning mail blew up in her face, police said.

Warnings were broadcast through local radio stations but they were too late to help a postman who was making the rounds of East Belfast when the letter-bomb he was carrying blew up.

First Lt. Charles E. Patterson recently was promoted to that rank under orders of the Adjutant General of Texas.

Patterson serves as civil defense liaison officer for the Fourth Military Police Group based at the Midland Army as part of the National Guard.

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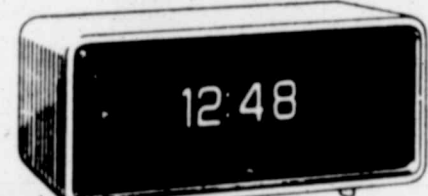
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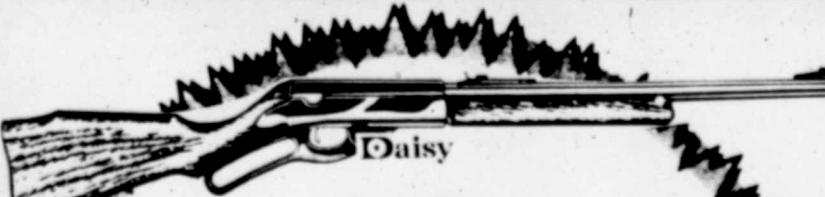
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Iranian Shiite Moslems whip themselves with chains in Tehran's bazaar Monday in processions mourning the martyrdom of Iman Hossein, grand-

son of the prophet Mohammed and founder of the sect. The man in the center is reading the Koran, Islam's holy book. (AP Laserphoto)

Iranian Army back on streets after anti-Shah demonstration

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The army returned to Iran's main streets after two days of huge nationwide demonstrations against Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi in which five persons were reported killed in Isfahan and property was damaged in other cities.

The governor of Isfahan reported new fighting for two hours there today between anti-shah protesters and the army but denied a report that hundreds were killed.

"The fighting was brought under control by troops with no deaths or serious injuries," said Gov. Manuchehr Hagdan. He attributed the report of heavy casualties to "certain residents of the city who telephone friends to pass on wild rumors of death and destruction."

The tanks and columns of troops rolled back through Tehran Monday evening, restoring the 9 p.m.-5 a.m. curfew and the ban on public demonstrations after hundreds of thousands of fist-waving Iranians streamed through the streets chanting "Down With The Shah!"

Troops and police were withdrawn to side streets to avoid bloodshed during Ashura, the 48-hour peak of the Shiite Moslem holy month of Moharram in which the faithful usually scourge themselves to mourn the 7th century assassination of their founder, Imam Hossein, grandson of the prophet Mohammed. But this year instead of whips the marchers carried banners and placards attacking the shah and portraits of their exiled religious leader, Ayatollah Khomeini.

The Tehran demonstrations were peaceful, but official sources said at least five persons were killed and many others wounded in the main square of Isfahan when troops opened fire on thousands of rioters after tear gas failed to disperse them.

The sources said the crowd turned violent during a protest march, damaged banks and public buildings, including the headquarters of the secret police, SAVAK, and tore down statues of the shah and his father, Reza Shah, who founded the Pahlavi dynasty in 1925.

Marchers in the cities of Yazd, southeast of Isfahan, and the holy city of Mashhad, in northeastern Iran, also attacked banks and public buildings and tore down statues of the shah. On Sunday the rioters stormed the Hyatt Hotel in Mashhad, wrecked the ground floor and tried but failed to set the hotel's nightclub afire, sources said.

Oil industry sources said the Ashura period exacerbated the 9-day-old oil workers' strike and that production was down to 1.3 million barrels daily, compared to 6 million normally. One source said he expected

output would remain at 1.3 million-barrel level until the weekend before it picks up. The strike is costing the government \$60 million a day in lost exports. A 15-day oil strike last month cost the shah's treasury more than \$1 billion.

Moslem religious leaders are fighting the shah because of his Westernization program, which they claim is eroding traditional Islamic values. Leftist political leaders have joined forces with them after years of ineffective protests against the shah's 37-year authoritarian rule, secret police repression and official corruption.

"We will continue until the victory is won!" opposition leaders proclaimed to a huge throng massed about Tehran's towering, arch-like Shayad Monument, the symbol of the shah's rule.

They demanded "the fall of the dictatorial monarchy," establishment of an Islamic republic headed by Ayatollah Khomeini and "an end to foreign exploitation...by imperialists of East and West."

Many of the marchers on the 5½-mile route through Tehran carried placards reading, "Criminal Americans Go Home" or "Iran Will Become Another Vietnam." An estimated 6,000 women and children among the 41,000 Americans in Iran have fled the country in the last two months, along with 9,000 other foreigners.

Rhodesian guerrillas burn oil storage depot

SALISBURY, Rhodesia (AP) — Guerrilla rockets set off a huge fire that roared through Rhodesia's main oil storage depot, consuming precious fuel reserves of Prime Minister Ian Smith's embattled regime, security sources said today.

The blaze was brought under control 12 hours after an explosion about 9:15 p.m. Monday set off blasts in a number of tanks in the depot about four miles from the center of Salisbury.

"Evidence of terrorist involvement in the fire... has been found," said an army communique. "Security forces are engaged in extensive follow-up operations."

1500 arrested in Indian fighting

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — At least 1,500 persons were reported arrested in Lucknow by police breaking up street battles between the Shia and Sunni Moslem sects on the Shiite holy day of Ashura.

At least 50 injured were reported in the fighting Monday, including 16 policemen. The situation today was "tense but under control," said a government spokesman in the city 250 miles east of New Delhi.

Ashura is the climax of the Shiite month of Moharram, which mourns the assassination by the Sunnis of Imam Hossein, the grandson of the prophet Mohammed and the founder of the Shia sect in the 7th century.

Shiites traditionally march on Ashura, scourging themselves. The Times of India reported that the Lucknow Shiites defied a government ban on religious processions, Sunnis tried to block the street processions and fighting ensued.

It was the boldest urban sabotage in the six-year guerrilla war by black nationalists who reject the present biracial government's plans for universal-suffrage elections because the whites will retain a veto over the government.

There were no reports of any casualties.

Security sources said it appeared two rockets were fired from outside the security fence around the depot and hit a tank which caught fire immediately.

Fireballs mushroomed hundreds of feet into the air, lighting up an area 10 miles around the depot and drawing every available fire truck, dozens of ambulances and thousands of spectators. About 20 gasoline tankers were driven to safety by civil defense workers and bystanders.

An adjacent fertilizer factory packed with explosive nitrates also was threatened. But the nearest residential area was a mile away.

"We were all going about our normal nighttime duties when we heard what sounded like a rat-tat-tat sound," said Michek Sakarombe, who was working at the depot when the blaze erupted. He said he was not sure if the noise was gunfire.

A U.N. oil embargo has been in effect against Rhodesia since 1966, but white-ruled South Africa ignores it and supplies its landlocked neighbor. Spokesmen for the oil companies refused to discuss the fire, and there was no indication of how much of the country's rationed petroleum reserves were lost or whether military operations against the guerrillas might be affected.

The depot is maintained by the Rhodesian subsidiaries of British Shell, British Petroleum, Mobil and Caltex, but the British and American oil companies claim they have no control over the Rhodesian firms.

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Return of kidnapped son would be best Christmas gift

By PATRICK ARNOLD

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Tucked away among department store Christmas ads in a number of newspapers here and in nearby states is a school photo of a tiny, grinning boy. For his parents, he would be the greatest holiday gift possible.

The boy is Cary Sayegh and his parents — wealthy carpet store owner Sol Sayegh and his wife, Marilyn — are offering \$50,000 for his safe return. So far, there have been no takers.

Cary, 6, was abducted 47 days ago from the Albert Einstein School, prompting one of the largest investigations in Nevada history. The FBI now says little more than "the investigation is continuing."

The child was taken from the playground of the private Jewish school on Oct. 25. About three hours later his parents received a demand for \$50,000 but no instructions on how to pay. No further messages have been received.

Except for one tearful, shattering public plea made five days after the kidnapping, the Sayeghs, who have two other children, have made no statements. They have offered the \$50,000 reward and have been running daily advertisements in a number of newspapers.

"We wish that somebody, including God, would come down and tell us what to do," said Ed Gallagher, the veteran FBI agent directing the investigation into the kidnapping.

"We've used planes, helicopters, supersonic planes with infra-red,

hypnotists, polygraph machines, mediums," Gallagher said. "Everything, excluding Custer's 7th Cavalry, has been called in."

Twenty-three FBI agents from offices around the country still are in Las Vegas to assist the local staff in the investigation and have put in "thousands of man hours," Gallagher said. Added to that are the efforts of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police officers assigned to the case.

The agents have interviewed hundreds of persons and checked out numerous leads, Gallagher said.

Leaders hope new Congress will cut waste

WASHINGTON (AP) — Responding to what they see as demands from voters for less costly government, the leaders of both parties in the House of Representatives say they hope the 96th Congress will spend more time cutting government waste than creating new programs.

"People want more for their money," said Rep. John B. Anderson of Illinois, the No. 3 Republican leader in the House. "I would like to see us convene an oversight Congress."

Democratic Rep. Richard Bolling of Missouri, an advocate of congressional oversight, said many of the House members elected in November are pragmatists who will be willing to do legislative oversight work.

Food oil adds to shortage

SUMMIT, N.J. (AP) — An energy consultant says the oil Americans use for eating is adding to the oil shortage.

"We're now starting to feel it in a most unexpected place — the local food store," said Leslie G. Cook, president of L. G. Cook Associates, Inc. In a research report titled, "The Energy

Crunch," Cook said Americans invest 10-12 calories of oil in tractors, trucks, fertilizers and refrigeration to put one calorie of food on their plates.

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A Luftansa German Airlines employee shows FBI men at Kennedy Airport in New York where he and other employees were bound and handcuffed during the course of a robbery Monday. Police said the loot may have been as much as \$5 million in cash and jewels. (AP Laserphoto)

Bandits get 'negotiable loot'

NEW YORK (AP) — Bandits who used guns, handcuffs — and perhaps inside information — to pull off the theft of \$5 million in cash from Kennedy Airport may be able to spend the loot as easily as they pulled off the daring heist, authorities say.

"It went off like clockwork," said one official. "It was well-planned, well-organized and well-executed."

The bandits — said to number five by police but put at seven by some witnesses — breached security at a Luftansa Airline cargo hold early Monday and made off in a black van with jewels and sacks of foreign and U.S. currency that had been flown from Frankfurt, Germany, for transfer to the Chase Manhattan Bank and the Federal Reserve here.

Bankers call the cash "old money" — not easily traced and readily negotiable.

Karl Koepcke, a Luftansa spokesman, put the value of the jewels at \$300,000.

"They were so well prepared that they even had enough handcuffs for all the employees," said John Connolly, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which runs Kennedy Air-

port.

If the \$5 million figure is confirmed, it would be the largest cash theft in U.S. history — topping the \$4.3 million loss at Purolator Security in Chicago in October of 1974. The famous 1950 Brink's robbery in Boston netted \$2.4 million — \$1.2 million of that in cash — and a 1971 theft at the Hotel Pierre in New York totaled about \$5 million in jewels and cash.

The thieves overpowered and handcuffed 10 workers in making their way into the vault of the German airlines without tripping an alarm, authorities said.

The precision, early morning heist left many questions unanswered.

How did the thieves pick a bonanza night for the theft; how did they know to bring handcuffs for every guard; how did they reconnoiter the hangar and its security system and — the biggest one of all — where did they go?

And two other questions: Why did a Brink's truck sent to haul away \$3 million in cash fail to make its pickup; and why did authorities drop pursuit of a black van near the airport about an hour after the thieves — in a black van — made their getaway?

One Chase Manhattan Bank official said the theft appears to be an "inside job."

Bank officials say they don't know why only \$2 million of a \$5 million shipment from the Commerzbank of Germany was delivered to Chase Manhattan last week.

A spokesman for Brink's, the firm hired to take the money from the airport to the bank, said he did not know. A truck was sent to the hangar Friday, waited for the shipment, and left without it, he said.

Sources in the Queens District attorney's office said the Luftansa cargo supervisor assigned to the transfer apparently was busy when the Brink's truck arrived. The New York Times reported today.

A Chase Manhattan spokesman said most large money transfers are made on paper, but currency is transferred physically on occasion.

The theft was reported to police minutes after the

bandits left, and a Port Authority policeman spotted a black van near the airport about one hour later.

Authorities said the officer did not give chase because he was told the van didn't match a description of the getaway vehicle.

The bandits — armed with a shotgun, a .45-caliber pistol and three .38-caliber revolvers — arrived at the Luftansa hangar about 3:15 a.m. Monday, police said.

Two men went to a back entrance, broke a lock without triggering the alarm, and gained entry. Once inside, they pistol-whipped guard Kerry Whalen, who later received six stitches for a head wound.

The men forced one of the 10 workers to reveal the combination to the 14-by-14 foot cinderblock vault, handcuffed the employees and locked them inside a second-floor cafeteria.

It took about one hour to clear the vault of 35 metal boxes, police said.

Swamp owner claims King George III statue

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The state Supreme Court, ruling in a dispute that began 202 years ago, says part of a statue of King George III — defiled by patriots and tossed in a swamp by British loyalists — belongs to the swamp's current owner.

The court rejected a claim by the man who found the 20-pound fragment, which apparently was tossed in the swamp near Wilton, Conn., in a dispute between Revolutionary War patriots and Tories.

The metal fragment, part of a likeness of the British monarch during the Revolution, once stood in a New York City park.

On July 9, 1776, a band of patriots — on learning that the colonies had declared their independence — toppled the statue and hacked it to pieces. They planned to haul it to Litchfield, Conn., where it would be converted to bullets.



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Court rules exhibit doesn't need 'balance'

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a modern version of the Scopes monkey trial, a federal judge has decided the Smithsonian Institution doesn't have to thump the Bible alongside its exhibit on evolution.

U.S. District Judge Barrington D. Parker ruled Monday against a Washington-area man and two religious groups who complained the museum "presents evolution as the only credible theory of the origin of life."

Dale Crowley Jr., one of the plaintiffs, had asked the judge to stop a planned \$463,200 evolution exhibit or to compel the Smithsonian to spend an equal amount for one on the biblical account of the origin of man.

Crowley's suit against the Smithsonian and its officials contended that the evolution theory "is based on the assumption that man and all life on earth is the consequence of a series of accidents of molecular combination in the dateless past."

That was reminiscent of a case brought by the state of Tennessee in 1925 against high school biology teacher John T. Scopes. He was convicted of violating a law forbidding him to teach "any theory which denies the story of the divine creation of man as taught in the Bible, and to teach instead that man is descended from a lower order of animals." The conviction was later overturned on a technicality that did not test the law itself.

Crowley, in an interview, said he will appeal Parker's ruling.

"I object to the idea that my children go through this museum and are indoctrinated in sheer speculation presented as fact," he said. "They're impressionable and they're teachable. To go into such a powerful medium of education ... and be indoctrinated in evolution is very offensive to me and unfair."

But Judge Parker said, "This is not a situation where the Smithsonian has put an unconstitutional condition on plaintiffs' exercise of their belief."

The plaintiffs can carry their beliefs into the museum with them, though they risk seeing science exhibits contrary to that faith.

Crowley, 50, is executive director of the National Foundation for Fairness in Education, and his father heads the National Bible Knowledge Association. The two groups also were plaintiffs in the suit.

"We're taxpayers and citizens and we're Bible believers and we also are very scientifically inclined and we know evolutionism hasn't been proven scientifically," Crowley said. "That's a fact. There is no legitimate bona fide proof for evolution."

He said there are "several million Christian Bible believers throughout the United States who are offended because taxes are being used to promote hostility toward their religious faith."

Evolution, he said, is a matter of faith. "If we believe we descended from animals, we are going to act like animals," he said. "We believe definitely that one of the reasons for the breakdown in morality in our country is that people have accepted the philosophy and viewpoint that there is no creator-God, that everything just came about by a series of chance mutations and therefore we are not accountable to any deity or creator."

Judge Parker said the effect of the Smithsonian's exhibits "is not to advance a religious theory or to inhibit plaintiffs in their religious beliefs....The museum deals with evolution, appropriately, as a subject of natural history."

Eastern Airlines plans purchase of National

MIAMI (AP) — Eastern Airlines, which dodged bankruptcy two years ago, has announced an ambitious plan to buy its neighbor, National Airlines, for \$425 million.

"We have the process in motion and we're confident we can come up with the money," Eastern Chairman Frank Borman said Monday in a dramatic move that pits Eastern against two other carriers wanting to buy National.

Pan American World Airways owns about 22 percent of National's outstanding stock and has agreed with National's management to pay \$41 a share.

Eastern, National's prime competitor on the profitable routes between the Northeast and Florida, offered \$50 a share. Borman said much of the money would be borrowed.

Texas International also wants to acquire National. The Houston-based regional airline owns about 24 percent of National's stock but hasn't made a firm offer for the balance.

National Chairman L.B. Maytag acknowledged receipt of Eastern's offer but said no comment would be made until the proposal is "fully studied and considered."

If Eastern buys National, Borman said the airline would become the second-largest U.S. carrier, second only to United Airlines.

Pan Am Chairman William Seawell said the Eastern proposal "is obviously anti-competitive." There was

no immediate comment from Texas International.

Looking to expand Eastern's service, Borman said his proposal "will promote competition, especially across the Atlantic."

Any merger is subject to approval by the Civil Aeronautics Board and President Carter.

Borman, the former astronaut who rescued the company from near-bankruptcy in 1976 and turned it into a profitable business, said attitudes toward airline mergers among federal authorities have changed.

"I think there's a whole new ballgame," said Borman, who has opposed past plans for airline mergers. "We think the era of deregulation has come."

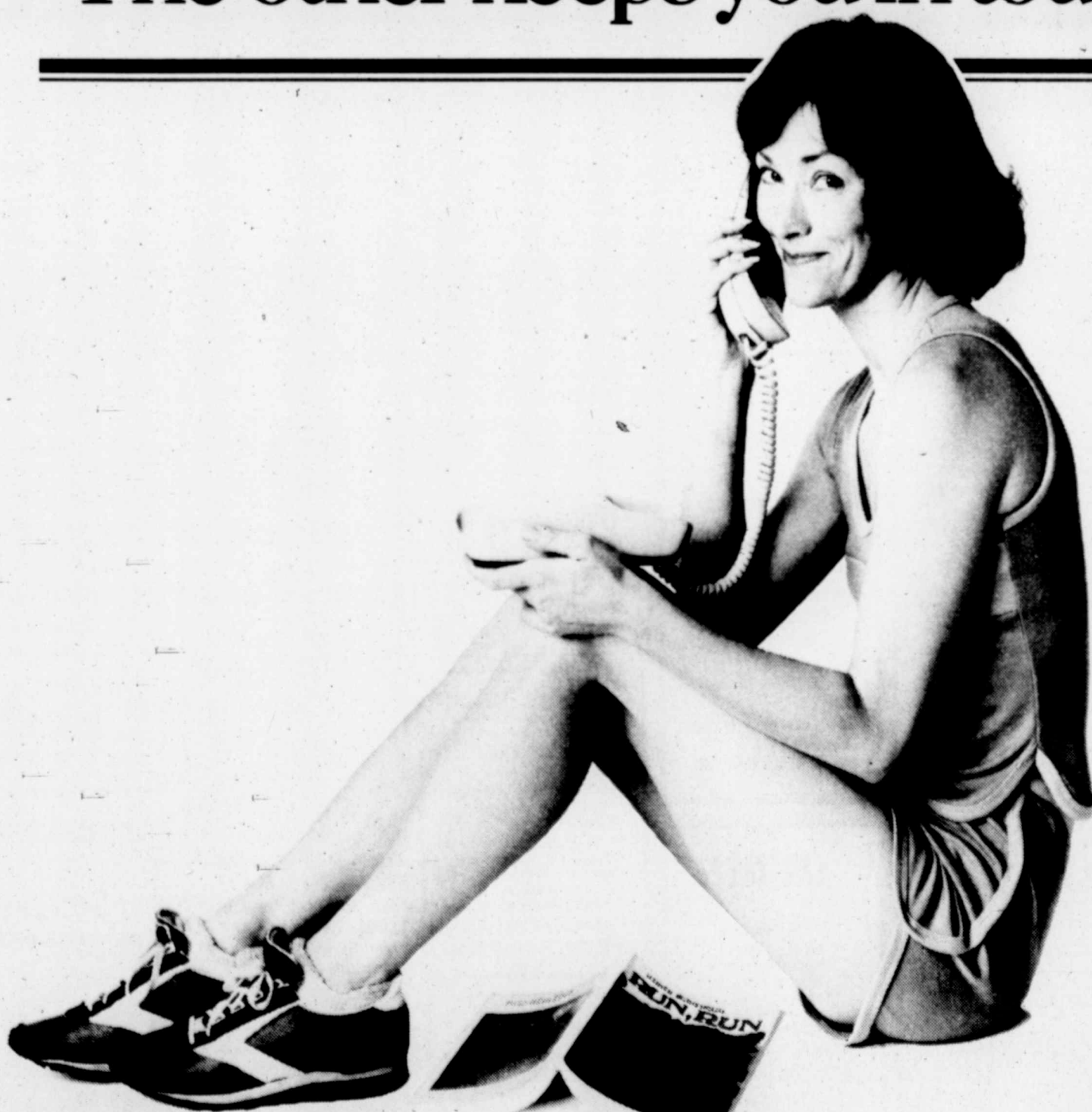
Asked how the purchase would affect the Miami economy, Borman said it would lead to added employment "because National farms out a great many of their facilities — like their engine shop — which we would do right here."

He said Eastern had been looking at likely acquisition targets for five years, but that the National offer had germinated in the last several weeks.

Borman said he hoped the CAB would consider the plan in March and vowed, "we're going to do it."

An Eastern spokesman denied that the offer was an attempt to derail Pan Am's plan to buy National, saying such a maneuver would be "an awful big bluff."

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Menard hit by gas shortage

MENARD, Texas (AP) — Residents of Menard have appealed for state and federal help for a severe natural gas shortage that has hit the west-central Texas community of 3,000 persons.

Gas service is sporadic. Mayor Macy Haygood said it has been reduced to almost nothing at peak times, such as early morning and after 5 p.m.

The Menard county hospital and nursing home was without gas for about five hours Friday. The gas went out again at 3 a.m. Saturday and didn't come back on until 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

The natural gas well which provides the city's gas is almost depleted, and it will take about \$100,000 — money the town doesn't have — to build a pipeline to a second well.

Haygood said he called officials with the Texas Railroad Commission and also the offices of U.S. Rep. Bob Krueger, U.S. Sen. John Tower and Congressman-elect Tom Loeffler for help.

"We need emergency money from the federal government — we don't need money next year, we need it now," Haygood said. "This is the first really cold spell. As the weather gets worse, we'll just be in worse shape."

Residents have gone to electric heaters, butane tanks and extra blankets to fight the temperatures that have dropped as low as 13 degrees in the past week.

Blimp-like silver butane tanks stand beside many of the houses in Menard. City councilman Dan Feather said some of the hook-ups were done as temporary measures, and he and Haygood both said they fear faulty hook-ups may cause an explosion.

Switching to butane would be difficult for the hospital, since the facility is located in a fire zone and the boiler is in the basement — rather than above ground level as butane fuel boilers are required to be.

Hospital patients are allowed to use electric heaters and blankets, but state regulations forbid their use in nursing homes because of the hazard of fire.

Connie Elliott, a nurse at the nursing home, said it has been too cold inside for the staff to give patients proper care.

"It's too cold in the rooms to bathe the patients. And besides, there is no hot water half the time."

"These poor old folks can hardly stand it half the time. They're also cold natured, but there's not anything we can do except try to keep them warm."

In 1976, Menard took over operation of the gas company serving the community. Fixing the badly leaking gas lines left Menard \$200,000 in debt, and now that the pipes are patched, the gas well is nearly depleted.

Tom Hill, an official in the gas utility section of the Texas Railroad Commission — the state agency which oversees energy resources — said Menard will have to file a written request with the commission before a second pipeline can be approved.

Haygood said if the money to build the pipeline doesn't show up, Menard will have to close the gas company and default on its loan.

In the meantime, the city is trying to cope. But it's not easy when the mercury dips down to 13 degrees as it did Friday night.

But residents said they are tired of being cold, of not having hot water, and of not being able to cook.

A spokesman for the W.R. Loveless Butane Co. estimated that about 20 new customers converted to butane in the past month.

"People have been waiting to see if the gas comes through, but now they're starting to come in," he said.

Texas gas yield drops

AUSTIN — Texas oil and gas wells produced 550,592,012 Mcf of gas in Sept. 1978, down 8.12 percent from field runs a year earlier.

Marketed gas production totaled 462,465,710 Mcf and reflected a 8.58 percent decrease from the September 1977 volume. Marketed production is the total gas to transmission lines, carbon black and plant fuel and lease use.

Gas exported from Texas in September totaled 219,483,167 Mcf and included 64,942,043 Mcf of imported gas.

President announced

HOUSTON — M. Frank Miller has been elected president, and Milton O. Johnston, executive vice president, by the board of directors of the United General Insurance Co.

Miller, formerly executive vice president of the company, received a business degree from Southwest Texas State University in 1961. He began his insurance career with Aetna Casualty and Surety Company and later became the youngest sales manager ever appointed by Liberty Mutual. After serving as national sales manager for Tips General Agen-



Deputy Energy Secretary John F. O'Leary testifies before the Senate Energy Committee in Washington Monday on the possibility of gasoline shortages in the U.S. in the near future. (AP Laserphoto)

Jackson hands Carter unwelcome prediction

By J.P. SMITH
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., handed the Carter administration a piece of bad news Monday by predicting the Senate would veto the proposal President Carter is expected to send Congress to end controls on gasoline prices.

"There will be gasoline decontrol in time, but the time is not now," Jackson said in an interview following hearings before the Senate energy committee which he chairs. Jackson, who until Monday had not expressed an opinion on deregulating gasoline prices, said lifting price controls on gasoline would result in unwarranted increases in inflation.

"The timing would be bad... this is a substantial part of the consumer price index, and the psychological impact would be adverse," Jackson said.

The Energy Department, in a study released last month, says that it would raise prices at the pump by as much as 4 cents a gallon. DOE and other senior administration officials have been saying privately that they expect the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to raise oil prices at their price-fixing meeting this week. The hike is expected to raise the gallon price by two cents.

Two other senators, Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, and John Durkin, D-N.H., Monday called for vetoing the gasoline decontrol proposal. Metzenbaum also said that "there are rumblings the administration is preparing to withdraw the proposal" in face of congressional opposition.

Under a 1975 law, either house can veto the proposal.

At the Energy Department, Deputy Energy Secretary John F. O'Leary indicated that the administration was going to press for decontrolling gasoline prices. "It is too early to make a head count on a veto," O'Leary said, adding, "when our proposal goes up, the Senate and House members can concentrate on it."

Exports of Texas-produced gas in September totaled 153,541,124 Mcf and reflected a 17.17 percent decrease from the year earlier month. Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America was the month's largest exporter, moving 64,350,279 Mcf of gas of which 32,643,933 Mcf was Texas-produced gas.

Texas gas production in September came from 196,140 oil and gas wells.

In August 1978, Texas wells produced 595,164,715 Mcf of gas. Marketed gas production in August totaled 503,737,118 Mcf.

Johnston, secretary-treasurer of the company since 1976, joined United General in 1975 as an account executive in the Midland office. His prior insurance experience included Northwestern National Life, Employers Insurance of Wausau and the Sol L. Wisenberg Insurance Agency.

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O'Leary's assessment was echoed by Jack Blum, a representative of the Independent Gasoline Marketers Council, who said, "I think Jackson's assessment is wrong, we haven't gotten to the count of new members."

Jackson's opposition came as a surprise to some oilmen who had expected more problems for the decontrol proposal from the House than from the Senate. So far there has been no organized opposition in the House, but Rep. John D. Dingell, D-Mich., has called for hearings on gasoline next week before his subcommittee on Energy and Power. Dingell, so far, has not expressed public opposition to decontrolling gasoline prices.

In testimony before the Senate Energy Committee Monday, O'Leary said the nation's overall gasoline supplies "appear to be adequate" but added that supplies of gasoline "might be tight by next summer" if demand for gasoline continues to run high. Because of good weather this autumn, gasoline demand is up 2 to 3 percent over last year.

O'Leary said that the shortages of unleaded gasoline facing companies such as Shell Oil Co. "appear to be unique." Shell, the nation's largest gasoline marketer, has been allocating — in effect rationing — gasoline to its dealers for the last two weeks with DOE approval.

At the hearing Shell Vice President J.H. Denike denied that the company was holding back gasoline supplies from its dealers to win congressional approval for the deregulation measure at DOE.

"We are not holding back supplies to increase prices," Denike said, adding that the projected shortages resulted from the effects of Energy Department and Environmental Protection Agency, and energy mileage efficiency regulations.

During the morning hearings Sen. Durkin, tongue-in-cheek thanked the oil industry for the limited shortages of unleaded gasoline saying it will help win support for stopping decontrol of gasoline.

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Unleaded gasoline may cause market problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — A shortage of unleaded gasoline may cause "market disruptions" by 1982 unless price controls are lifted, says Deputy Energy Secretary John F. O'Leary.

O'Leary told a Senate Energy Committee hearing Monday, "We are going to be in deep trouble by 1982" without decontrol.

Although the Carter administration has made no formal proposal yet for deregulating gas prices, the legislation is expected to be submitted to Congress next year.

However, committee members gave a cool reception to the idea of price decontrol.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., the committee's chairman, said unless O'Leary can explain the causes of current tight supplies, decontrol "will encounter serious difficulty in the Congress."

However, O'Leary said the current supply problems of four refiners do not mean there is a general nationwide shortage of gasoline at the moment.

Shell Oil Co. said last month it was rationing supplies of unleaded gasoline to its wholesalers and retailers.

Texaco, Conoco and Arco also have indicated supply problems.

O'Leary said an Energy Department investigation shows the problems of those refiners "appear to be unique and are not in themselves an indication of a general supply shortage."

Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, a critic of the oil industry, questioned Shell's problems. He suggested that despite industry claims, the refiners are not producing as much gasoline as they could.

Metzenbaum said Shell and other producers assured the Energy Department as recently as last August that supplies were adequate to get through the fall and winter. He added that he suspects the tight supply is contrived to encourage decontrol of prices.

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In announcing the sale, Texas International's President and Chairman of the Board, George Platt, said, "This is an important first step in our previously announced program to simplify our lines of business and to concentrate our resources in other sectors of the energy field." Platt added that the proceeds from the sale would be used to virtually eliminate the company's existing bank debt, thus reducing current annual interest costs by approximately \$12 million, and improving the corporation's overall profitability.

Purchase pact inked

HOUSTON — Galveston-Houston Co. has signed a purchase agreement for the acquisition of 100 percent of the stock of Gulf Coast Premix Mud Services, Inc., and Gulf Coast Premix Trucking, Inc., operating under the name of Guco Services, Inc., for \$25 million in cash.

The closing of the acquisition is subject to certain conditions, including the obtaining of suitable financing by Galveston-Houston Co. Guco is headquartered in Lafayette, La.

Guco markets a complete line of drilling fluids, mud products and technical planning service for oilfield drilling, workover and completion. Mud products include water-based, oil-based, and inverted emulsion muds. Rental equipment includes portable mixing plants, centrifugal pumps, trip tanks, and a complete kill plant for controlling blowouts.

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ANDREWS COUNTY
Fasken No. 14-29-Y Free; drilling 4,500 feet in time.

Fasken No. 15-2-Y Free; id 4,002 feet; recovering load, through perforations at 4,772-4,784 feet, which have been flushed with 998 gallons.

BORDEN COUNTY
Harvey Yates No. 1-23 Key; drilling 4,370 feet.

CHAVES COUNTY
Depco No. 3 Midwest-Federal; drilling 7,225 feet.

COCHISE COUNTY
Hendrix No. 1 Beard; drilling 8,175 feet.

Union Texas No. 77 Slaughter; id 5,100 feet; pumped 51 barrels of water in 13 hours, through perforations at 4,315-4,316 feet.

Union Texas No. 78 Slaughter; id 5,100 feet; in acid; acidized perforations at 4,323-5,019 feet, with 230 gallons.

COKE COUNTY
Rankin No. 1 Calla Mae; drilling 6,188 feet.

CROCKETT COUNTY
Resources Investment No. 1-18 University; drilling 2,730 feet in time.

Southland Royalty No. 1-36 Todd; drilling 465 feet in time.

Southland Royalty No. 1-47 Todd; drilling 940 feet in time and anhydrite.

Southland Royalty No. 1-70 Todd; drilling 679 feet in shale.

Texaco No. 7-D Kincaid; id 8,208 feet, shut in.

DAWSON COUNTY
IHMI No. 1 Merrill; id 5,037 feet; has been plugged and abandoned.

Getty No. 1 Graham; id 11,680 feet; running retrievable bridge plug and packer.

Harvey Yates No. 1 Depco-Federal; id 11,816 feet; preparing to fracture treat perforations at 971-981 feet.

Flag Redford No. 121 McDonald; id 11,155 feet; preparing to swab; perforations have been acidized with 3,000 gallons.

9,560 feet; shut in for pressure build up.

Barnes No. 2 Big Chief; drilling 11,572 feet in time and shale.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY
Texaco No. 2-B Glasscock; id 8,254 feet; pumped 11 barrels of oil and 98 barrels of fresh water in 24 hours, through unreported perforations; now preparing to pull the pump.

Soblo No. 2-A Williams; id 8,516 feet; waiting on cement; set 4 1/2-inch casing at 8,315 feet.