Farmers get chance to take complaints straight to Congress

By DAVID ESPO

WASHINGTON (AP) — Protesting farmers, in Washington demanding higher price supports from the government, get an opportunity to press their case formally in Congress this week.

The House Agriculture Committee opens hearings Tuesday to review the nation's farm policy and proposed legislation, and members of the militant American Agriculture Movement are on the witness list for Wednesday and Thursday.

Thousands of farmers, dressed in blue jeans, work shirts and boots, spent last week demonstrating in Washington, complaining that crop price supports are too low.

Many of them ventured to Capitol Hill to talk with home-state congressmen and senators, and their leaders testified at a special hearing Friday before the Senate Agriculture Committee.

The farmers brought their protest to Washington a year ago, and nearly won congressional approval of legislation they were seeking. This year, their prospects for success are considered less likely, in part because many members of Congress fear higher price supports would spur inflation.

The Carter administration also has vowed not to raise price supports out of concern such a move would be inflationary.

Farmers aside, the action on Capitol Hill will be in the House of Representatives this week, as the Senate takes a one-week recess three weeks into the congressional session.

On Tuesday, the House is expected to approve its first legislation of the session, a minor measure loosening the conditions under which the government can sell rare Carson City silver dollars.

Officials say the Treasury could sell about one million coins for $20 million if current sales restrictions were lifted.

Also on Tuesday, a labor subcommittee will conduct hearings on the impact of the Carter administration's budget on the Humphrey-Hawkins Act. Approved by Congress last year, the measure calls for reducing inflation to 3 percent by 1983 and trimming unemployment to 4 percent.

The budget also will be the topic of continuing hearings by the House Budget Committee. The panel will take testimony on Wednesday from the secretary of health, education and welfare, Joseph A. Califano Jr.

Meanwhile, the House Ways and Means Committee has scheduled another attempt to approve legislation raising the nation's $798 billion debt ceiling by $98 billion. Treasury officials estimate the increase should carry the government through Sept. 30, 1980.

Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal has estimated the government will reach the current debt ceiling by March 9. One attempt to approve the measure last week failed when not enough members showed up to make a quorum.

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Khomeini seeks end to 'traitorous' acts

By ROBERT H. REID

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's new revolutionary government reported today that resistance by Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi's armed forces has ended, but that it was having trouble controlling its own supporters.

Thousands of armed youths roamed Tehran threatening symbols of the monarchy and its foreign allies. Three generals were reported slain, including Gen. Mohammed Amin Bigiari, deputy commander of the Immortals Division of the Imperial Guards, who was found shot to death in his Tehran home. Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini appealed to his followers for order and the surrender of thousands of looted weapons.

Khomeini's 14-year fight to convert Iran from a monarchy to an Islamic republic succeeded Sunday after two days of bloody street fighting in Tehran. The turning point came when the armed forces chief of staff ordered all troops back to their barracks and declared his support for the 78-year-old Shiite Moslem patriarch's revolution.

More than 200 persons were reported killed in Tehran, 150 in the northeastern city of Tabriz and 44 in the southern city of Shiraz.

Khomeini condemned "arson, destruction and cruelty" and said those indulging in such "savage acts" were "disobeying Allah's orders and are traitors to the Islamic movement."

The "provisional operational staff of the revolution" in a broadcast on Radio Tehran said "all Iranian armed forces have laid down their arms and declared their total solidarity with the revolution. There is not the slightest resistance by the armed forces."

The announcement called on the revolution's supporters "to stop surrounding barracks and government centers and not to use their weapons, except against the enemy."

An army spokesman said Gen. Abdul-Ali Badrei, a former commander of the Imperial Guard, was shot and killed as he tried to talk with a group of insurgents who surrounded the guard's barracks.

Gen. Bokrat Jafarian, the military governor of Khuzestan Province, was killed when his helicopter was shot down near Ahwaz, the spokesman said. He said he did not know who fired on the aircraft.

Meanwhile, the new government's armed guerillas, rushed to threatened sites all over the capital, trying to maintain order and ward off attacks.

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They took up positions around the 13-story Intercontinental Hotel, headquarters of most of the Western press, to protect it from a crowd threatening to burn it.

Radio Tehran said another crowd was marching on the shah's Niavaran Palace "bent on burning and destroying it." The broadcast said since the revolution had triumphed, the palace was "part of the wealth and riches of the nation" and should not be harmed.

Armed youths converged on Sultanabad Barracks, on the northern side of Tehran, in response to a false report that the Imperial Guard and American military advisers were attacking supporters of the revolution there.

There were no Americans at the base. The Iranian troops there put up no resistance, and guerrilla units obedient to the provisional government kept the crowd from looting the post.

Truckloads of armed guerrillas arrived at the Hilton Hotel and announced they were going to turn it into a hospital. They ordered the 400 guests, many of them Americans, to bring all their baggage to the lobby and searched it thoroughly, apparently looking for weapons. But it was unclear whether they would be forced to move out of the hotel.

The 7,000 Americans still in Iran were warned to remain in their homes, and there were no reports of attacks on any of them.

The anti-shah, anti-American Islamic People's Warriors, an underground organization whose guerrillas assassinated officials of the shah's regime and American military advisers in the past, announced it had taken over the policing of the capital "and all towns and villages throughout the country.

"The campaign must be continued until all the strongholds of the enemies of the people have surrendered or been destroyed," the guerrilla group said.

The Warriors stationed guards around government buildings and other installations and traded gunfire with looters who tried to enter Agriculture Ministry's glass amd steel tower.



Reflecting a nice turn in area weather, Arthur Bickford, 57, chose Young Park, Las Cruces, N.M., for his Sunday morning walk. Bickford, who usually jogs two or three miles daily, chose a slower pace while skirting the scenic lake. (AP Laserphoto)

Ration stamps not part of fuel future

By SALLY JACOBSEN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans won't need rationing stamps to fill up at the gas station, says a leading Senate energy expert who predicts that other fuel allocation measures are not far off, however.

Sen. Henry Jackson, chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, said Sunday the allocation program will start by prohibiting Sunday gasoline sales.

In an interview on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation," the Washington Democrat said the cutoff of oil from politically troubled Iran was forcing the United States to take strong steps to conserve fuel.

"There isn't any question that we will have to shortly undertake a program of allocations," he said. "It will start out with a prohibition on the sale of gasoline on Sundays. No doubt about it in my mind, it's a question (of) not whether but when. I think the sooner the better."

He ruled out rationing unless Saudi Arabia's oil exports are sharply curtailed, but did predict the price of gasoline could climb to $1 a gallon in a year.

Jackson's observations came on the heels of Energy Secretary James R. Schlesinger's Senate testimony last week that the Iranian oil situation is "prospectively more serious" than the 1973-74 Arab oil embargo. His pessimistic assessment was blamed for a decline in stock market prices and a sharp drop in the value of the dollar on foreign exchanges.

Iran formerly provided about 5 percent of the U.S. oil supply or about 900,000 barrels a day.

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Ector County couple fighting for houses

By GUY SULLIVAN
Staff Writer

GARDENDALE — A northeast Ector County couple may lose three rent houses because the federal government claims they owe income taxes on the property.

Buster and Peggy Hahn dispute that claim. And Sunday they said they plan to sue the federal government and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

The Hahns said they have spent most of their lives working in their Odessa vacuum cleaner sales and repair business to earn enough to pay off and keep up the three Odessa rent houses.

The houses, all located in Odessa, are slated to be sold at auction Friday.

Instead of "securing" the three rent homes, Hahn said, "They (the government) should concentrate elsewhere. People have rights whether they're rich or poor. No man has the right to dictate over another man's life."

HAHN CONTENDS THE government's action is illegal.

> *"People have rights whether they're rich or poor. No man has the right to dictate over another man's life."*

"The government has illegally seized my rent homes in Odessa. They are trying to illegally sell them and we're initiating a lawsuit against the government and the IRS," said Hahn, who added he plans to act as his own attorney.

"The government is absolutely in violation of my fourth and fifth amendment rights under the U.S. Constitution. We have not had due process of law," he said.

The IRS sent the Hahns a notice of deficiency saying the couple owes $37,873.59. The notice warned that if the money is not paid, the government would seize what property it can.

Hahn said he is trying to stop the property sale slated for 10 a.m. Friday outside the IRS office in the First National Bank Building in Odessa.

Hahn said the government should have started a civil suit or even a criminal procedure, instead of trying to take his property through seizure.

HE SAID THE NEXT step after stopping the sale, if he is able to do that, is to determine if in fact there is any tax liability involved and if so, how much money. He said he wants to settle the matter in court.

"On Jan. 10 of this year, they (the IRS) seized the three houses and posted notices to that effect," Hahn said. "The notices said the property had been seized for nonpayment of internal revenue taxes due from us by virtue of a lien issued by the district director of the Internal Revenue Service," said Hahn.

> *"I've spent all my life working so that when we get old we won't have to depend upon the federal government for a living."*

The document on each house was signed by Sam McKinney, Odessa-based IRS officer.

An IRS spokesman in Odessa today said no information could be given out regarding the case.

HAHN INSISTED: "If those homes are sold, they will be sold without due process of law and anybody who buys them will be tied up in court for the next 20 years.

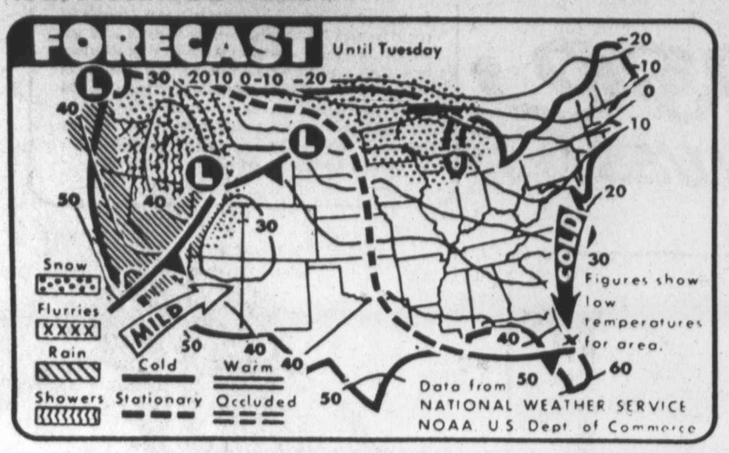
"I've spent all my life working so that when we get old we won't have to depend upon the federal government for a living," Hahn said.

He said he previously had worked 15 years in the lead and zinc mines of Oklahoma and the potash mines of New Mexico.

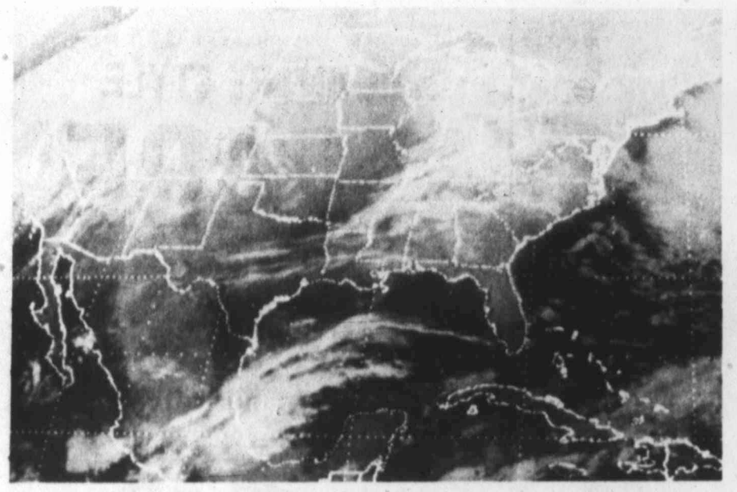
The Hahns have five children.

Hahn, 50, paused before sitting down to Sunday supper with his family and said, "I really don't want to have to depend on the government for a living when I get old. You know, when you're right, you are right. And I'm right and they're (the government's) wrong."

WEATHER SUMMARY



Rain and snow are expected until Tuesday morning, for most of the West. Snow is also expected from the northern Plains to the upper Great Lakes. Mild temperatures are forecast from southern California to Texas. Cold temperatures are forecast from the Atlantic coast states. (AP Laserphoto Map)



Today's satellite cloud picture shows high clouds streaking over most of the western U.S. ahead of some frontal rain clouds which are moving over the northwestern corner of the country. More high clouds form a band over Texas and the southern Mississippi valley leading to an area of snow clouds over the Ohio valley. (AP Wirephoto)

Midland statistics

MIDLAND, ODESSA, RANKIN, BIG LAKE, GARDEN CITY FORECAST: Fair skies through Tuesday, warmer Tuesday.Low tonight near 40. Tuesday's high near 80. Winds from the southeast at 10 to 15 mph, becoming light and variable tonight.

ANDREWS, LAMESA, BIG SPRING, STANTON FORECAST: Fair skies through Tuesday, warmer Tuesday. Low tonight near 40. Tuesday's high near 80. Winds from the southeast at 10 to 15 mph, becoming light and variable tonight.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:

Yesterday's High	70 degrees
Overnight Low	31degrees
Sunset today	6:33p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:33a.m.
Precipitation:	
Last 24 hours	noneinches
This month to date	18inches
1979 to date	31inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

noon	59	Midnight	43
1 p.m.	64	1 a.m.	41
2 p.m.	68	2 a.m.	45
3 p.m.	69	3 a.m.	37
4 p.m.	70	4 a.m.	35
5 p.m.	68	5 a.m.	35
6 p.m.	66	6 a.m.	41
7 p.m.	54	7 a.m.	34
8 p.m.	48	8 a.m.	31
9 p.m.	48	9 a.m.	35
10 p.m.	45	10 a.m.	46
11 p.m.	44	11 a.m.	54
		noon	60

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES:

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Abilene	69	43
Denver	58	35
Amarillo	65	32
El Paso	68	35
Ft. Worth	61	50
Houston	69	46
Lubbock	76	33
Marfa	70	21
Okla. City	56	39
Wich. Falls	67	36

Border states forecasts

By The Associated Press

Oklahoma — Partly cloudy through Tuesday. Warmer Tuesday. Lows tonight mostly 30s. Highs Tuesday mid 50s east to low 60s west.

New Mexico — Variable high cloudiness through Tuesday with slightly warmer daytime temperatures south and east. Increasing winds Tuesday. Highs Tuesday mostly 50s mountains and northwest and 60s or lower 70s elsewhere. Lows tonight 10 to 25 mountains and northwest, and mostly 30s elsewhere.

Louisiana — Fair to partly cloudy through Tuesday. Highs Tuesday in the 60s. Lows tonight upper 30s to upper 40s.

The weather elsewhere

By The Associated Press
(Monday)

	Hi	Lo	Pre	Otlk
Albany	5	-16		clr
Albu'que	61	29		clr
Amarillo	65	32		cdy
Anchorage	18	3		clr
Asheville	46	21		cdy
Atlanta	56	32		clr
AtlantieCty	16	8		clr
Baltimore	20	5		cdy
Birmngham	59	32		clr
Bismarck	3	-19	.17	sn
Boise	49	41	.03	rn
Boston	14	1		cdy
Brownsville	73	59	.01	cdy
Buffalo	6	-10		cdy
ChristnSC	48	33		clr
ChristnWV	24	23		cdy
Chicago	19	18	.30	cdy
Cincinnati	27	26	.01	cdy
Cleveland	19	8	.02	cdy
Columbus	16	15	.11	cdy
DalFt.Wth	61	44		clr
Denver	58	35		cdy
DesMoines	21	13		cdy
Detroit	13	7	.03	cdy
Duluth	13	-4		sn
Fairbnks	-23	-40		clr
Hartford	8	-13		cdy
Helena	47	28		sn
Honolulu	76	65		clr
Houston	65	54		cdy
Ind'apolis	28	26		cdy
Jacks'ville	60	29		cdy
Juneau	12	-4		clr
Kan'sCity	m	m		cdy
LasVegas	65	43		cdy
LittleRock	54	44		cdy
LosAngeles	75	52		cdy
Louisville	38	32		cdy
Memphis	54	44		cdy
Miami	m	m		cdy
Milwaukee	20	18	.16	cdy
Mpls-St.P.	15	10	.28	sn
Nashville	44	31		cdy
NewOrlns	63	35		cdy
NewYork	18	5		clr
Norfolk	25	17		cdy
Okla.City	56	30		cdy
Omaha	27	10		cdy
Orlando	68	39		cdy
Philad'phia	14	2		clr
Phoenix	75	46		cdy
Pittsburgh	11	9	.02	clr
Pland,Me	8	-11		clr
Pland,Ore	55	53	.46	rn
RapidCity	22	12		cdy
Reno	63	31		rn
Richmond	23	16		cdy
StLouis	43	33		cdy
StP-Tampa	66	41		cdy
SaltLake	50	30		clr
SanDiego	70	49		cdy
SanF'ran	61	53		rn
Seattle	51	43	.84	rn
Spokane	40	35	.06	rn
SStMarie	6	-8		cdy
Tulsa	46	30		cdy
Washington	21	13		cdy

Hi—Previous day's high.
Lo—This morning's low.
Pre—Precipitation for 24 hours ending 7 a.m. EST today.
Otlk—Sky conditions outlook for tomorrow.

Protesting farmers finding lobbying pickin's mighty slim

WASHINGTON (AP) — Protesting farmers, now in the second week of 1979 lobbying for higher grain support prices, have been working long days in the congressional field. Pickin's are mighty slim.

Protest leaders are still hopeful, however, saying acceptance of their ideas is wider than expected.

The legislation the American Agriculture Movement is backing this year is a resolution urging the Carter administration to raise the supports and basic market prices to 90 percent of "parity."

One hundred percent parity theoretically would give farmers a return on crops comparable to that received by growers in the 1910-14 period. But that sounds too much like a "guaranteed profit" they know they can't sell, leaders say.

A boost to 90 percent would mean, using January prices and costs, a government-backed support price for wheat of $5.05 a bushel compared with the 1978 support of $2.35 and an average selling price of $3.02. For corn, the support would go from $2 to at least $3.53 a bushel, compared with an average price of $2.10 last month.

A fundamental problem with the legislation is that other federal laws don't permit such a hike under today's economic conditions.

Minimum supports were fixed in 1977. And since they are the effective market floors for grains and cotton, supports cannot be raised if the higher level would overprice U.S. crops in world markets, which now have heavy supplies of the commodities involved.

A national emergency in which farmers would need to be encouraged to produce more, even with today's overflowing bins, is the only exception to that condition.

By Friday, the seemingly pointless measure had 37 sponsors in the 435-member House and 13 in the 100-member Senate.

Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland, emerging last week from meetings in remote offices with small groups of protesters, said each time: "We plan no changes in basic farm policy."

President Carter has proposed no new price-support legislation.

The House Agriculture Committee is holding three days of hearings this week and two next week on the resolutions and the protesters' complaints about farm programs generally.

Midland woman remains critical

A 27-year-old Midland woman remained in critical condition today in Midland Memorial Hospital with injuries she received in a car-pedestrian accident in the city Saturday night.

Velna J. Turner of 1200 E. Pine Ave. today was in the hospital's intensive care unit, undergoing treatment for a broken pelvis.

Police said the woman, who was attempting to cross Lamesa Road, was injured in an accident involving a car driven by William A. Callaway, 27, of Lamesa, shortly before 9 p.m. Saturday.

Callaway's car was northbound on Lamesa Road at the time of the mishap, according to reports.

Questions raised on safety options

By WARREN E. LEARY

WASHINGTON (AP) — A study questions the contention that automobile safety equipment should be optional, after finding most people injured in car accidents in the survey had no say in buying the vehicle when it was new.

The report, published Sunday in the American Journal of Public Health, said fewer than one-fourth of the injured occupants studied in a Baltimore County, Md., survey were the owners and original purchasers of the vehicles.

"Most of the injured would have had no opportunity to influence the choice of safety features, had such features been optional when the car was initially purchased," says the report.

Susan P. Baker of Johns Hopkins University says she conducted the study because no attempt has been made to see if the personal-choice argument is valid.

"An argument often made against requiring motor vehicles to meet federal safety standards is that purchasers should be free not to invest in their own protection," she says.

Because only one's own personal safety is at stake, the argument goes, a car owner should have the right to omit expensive safety features.

Ms. Baker says this contention rests on the premise that the person injured in the vehicle is the one who initially buys it. But her study says this is not the case.

The study looked at car crashes in which 172 occupants of 147 vehicles were injured.

Ms. Baker found that 21 percent of the drivers and 74 percent of the passengers injured neither owned the vehicle nor appeared to be related to the owner.

The study also found that no more than 51 percent of the injured were in vehicles owned by the original purchaser.

Ms. Baker says that even if one assumes that spouses helped decide about car options, not more than 28 percent of the injured were likely to have influenced the initial purchase decision.

Mideast talks to begin soon

By BARRY SCHWEID

WASHINGTON (AP) — The next round of Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty talks will begin Feb. 21 at Camp David, Md. It could be the last American attempt at driving the two sides into removing obstacles to completing their historic agreement.

Acceptances to invitations have been received from Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil and Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will be host for the talks at the snow-capped Catoctin Mountain site where President Carter and leaders of the two Middle East nations last September hammered out two framework agreements.

With the negotiations deadlocked over the Palestinian and other issues, Carter has suggested that unless a treaty is quickly completed, U.S. diplomatic efforts will shift to other world trouble spots. This could mean tossing the conflict into the lap of the United Nations or trying to set up a broader peace conference involving other Arab countries and possibly the Soviet Union.

American officials, disclosing the starting date, could not predict how long this round of negotiations would last. Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin said Sunday there would be a recess so Dayan and Khalil can consult their governments, indicating the talks would last longer than the three or four days originally planned.

Special U.S. Ambassador Alfred L. Atherton Jr., late last month undertook an apparently unsuccessful shuttle mission between Jerusalem and Cairo. Previous efforts by Vance and U.S. diplomats here and in the Middle East failed to resolve the outstanding differences.

Egypt wants to link the treaty with Israel to concrete steps establishing Palestinian self-rule on the west bank of the Jordan River and in the Gaza Strip. Israel has resisted, while insisting that Egypt allow the treaty to take precedence over its military ties with other Arab countries.

American officials, cautious about the prospects for success, are hoping the turmoil in Iran will influence both Egypt and Israel to settle their differences and restore an element of stability to the region.



Iranian insurgents take positions around an enlisted club at the Sultanaband Garrison, an American military advisor center in Tehran, today. Iran's new Islamic government claims that all military resistance has ended, but is having trouble controlling supporters as thousands of armed people roam in Tehran. (AP Laserphoto)

Public safety group recognizes need for better health warnings

By JEFFREY MILLS

WASHINGTON (AP) — An outgoing member of the Consumer Product Safety Commission says the public is confused by frequent warnings about cancer-causing substances and wants better guidance from the government on just what the dangers are.

"We can't all be crying wolf when nobody really knows what it all means. The public is turning us off because people don't know what to listen to," said Barbara Hackman Franklin, whose six-year term ends Friday.

Ms. Franklin noted in an interview that cancer warnings have lost enough impact in recent years that "Johnny Carson tells jokes about Canadian rats." Substances suspected of causing cancer in humans are often tested on rats and other animals.

"Cancer is a curious set of diseases where exposure to some substance today can mean cancer 20 or 30 years hence. It is hard to comprehend, ... so this is an area where government has to take some initiative. The government needs to focus on the problem much more clearly and with much more urgency than it has."

Cancer is the No. 2 cause of death in the United States, trailing only heart disease. A variety of federal agencies regulate suspected carcinogens, or cancer-causing substances, including the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The commission's best-known regulation of a carcinogen involved Tris, a flame retardant used in children's sleepwear.

It was to comply with federal flammability requirements that Tris came into widespread use. Later it was found to be a carcinogen and the commission banned it amid complaints over the inconsistency of government regulations.

Ms. Franklin said the Tris experience and others involving several agencies that regulate carcinogens in their specific areas led her to conclude that a single government-wide cancer policy is needed.

She noted there are inconsistent approaches between agencies. For the Food and Drug Administration to ban a product, for instance, it must only be shown to cause cancer in laboratory animals. The commission, however, must decide whether a product poses an "unreasonable hazard" to humans.

She has written President Carter several times to urge a stronger White House role in the regulation of carcinogens. "There has been some progress, but I had hoped the president would take a more personal interest and get things moving faster," Ms. Franklin said.

She was appointed by former President Richard M. Nixon when the commission was formed in 1973.

Promising young actor almost gets stewed as Air Force cook

By GREG THOMPSON

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Will Walker is a well-paid, energetic young actor who already has numerous movie and television credits — all at the Hollywood-tender age of 22.

So what's he doing with the skinhead haircut and ill-fitting blue uniform of an Air Force basic trainee? And with official orders, no less, to become an Air Force cook?

"A lot of people I respect a lot started in military films. I am impressed by the things I have seen, especially now when they are making so many contemporary films with real appeal," he said.

"It'll probably save me about 10 years (in my movie career)," added Walker, who hopes to use his experience in the Air Force's sophisticated film production to break into the difficult, high-stakes field of producing Hollywood films.

It took some quick shuffling, however, after Air Force officials routinely evaluated Walker's aptitude test scores and assigned him to cook school — instead of the audio-visual job Walker had hoped for.

"I saw my orders and almost died," he grinned. "That was kind of a shock."

THE AIR FORCE DISCOVERED Walker's film credentials and reconsidered, however, creating a job slot for him at the Aerospace Audio-Visual Service near Los Angeles. Walker graduated last week from the grueling, 30-day basic training at Lackland.

By now, you are no doubt wondering how a glib recruiter conned Walker into volunteering for the Air Force in the first place.

Walker said he had only wandered into a recruiting station in Van Nuys, Calif., late last year to discuss a USO show his agent had scheduled for him. He had just finished filming George C. Scott's new movie, "Hard Core," in which Walker plays the role of a man who lures Scott's movie daughter into a pornographic movie career.

During the visit, recruiters showed him "Air Force Now," a slick, well-financed, monthly information film put out by the audio-visual service.

"I was impressed by the quality. I went in there with an open mind. The recruiter was honest," he said. "There was no guarantee of a job in Air Force films. I had to take my chances.

"I had a gut feeling I would get a fair shake. I hoped they would listen and presented my case. Things worked out."

THE BLOND ACTOR INTENDS to continue his career during the Air Force hitch — even if he has to use only leave time to do it. He said he is scheduled next month to shoot an episode of the television show, "Stasky and Hutch," and is involved in the upcoming movie, "American Gigolo."

His movie credits already include "Towering Inferno," "White Buffalo," "The Driver," "Deathsport," and "Black Sunday." He's appeared in several television episodes and movies, including "Starsky and Hutch," "Baretta," "Emergency," "Journey from Darkness" and "Katherine."

"I'm established. I have the credits, so my career will not slide downhill in the four years I'm in the Air Force," he said.

"If nothing else, I'll take some leave time off to do some roles. I'm hoping to find some program in the Air Force that would want to sponsor me on something like that and get some press out of it."

Walker turned 18 years old on the set of "Towering Inferno," his first movie role. Actor Richard Chamberlain had seen Walker's lead performance in the American Conservatory Theater's "Romeo and Juliet," and asked him to join the cast.

HIS 18th BIRTHDAY present from Steve McQueen was a hair-raising motorcyle ride through San Francisco. "That sold me on motion pictures," said Walker, whose career had previously been solely on the stage.

Walker said he didn't tell any of his fellow basic trainees about his acting career. On weekends, the lonely basic trainees went — where else? — to the movies, where Walker watched his acting friends on screen.

"They never knew who I was. But by the 18th day, it started filtering down through the command about who I was," he said. "I try to play it down as much as I can. I have the "Hardcore" script in my portfolio and every time I leave, somebody will grab it and be reading it when I return."

But in all their trips to the movies, Walker's fellow basic trainees missed a chance to see "Hard Core."

The movie opened last Friday — Walker's graduation day — in several Texas cities, but it doesn't begin in San Antonio until next Friday.

Officials at a movie theater near Lackland said it was a snafu — military style.

WTSU professor slates talk here

Dr. Jack Hughes of West Texas State University will be guest speaker when the Midland Archeological Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Pioneer Natural Gas Co.

Hughes will speak on the problems in archeology in the Llano Estacado.

Dr. Hughes is a professor of archeology at WTSU. He received his bachelor and master's degrees in archeology from The University of Texas in 1941 and 1942, respectively.

He continued his studies through Columbia University while teaching at WTSU. In 1968, he received his doctorate in anthropology.

Dr. Hughes was involved during the 1950s in the excavation work at Scharbauer Site where the "Midland Man" was discovered.

The public has been invited to the meeting.

Temperature may soar Tuesday

It seems more and more as if spring may have come early this year.

That's if one studies the temperatures recorded in recent days by the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport — and the forecast for the next few days.

The mercury should rise to near 80 Tuesday. Tonight's high was expected to be in the 70s.

The weatherman said fair skies and warm daytime temperatures should greet the Permian Basin for the next few days, quite a change of pace from the freezing and drizzling weather that hit the area a week ago today.

Winds are expected to become light and variable tonight.

The National Weather Service recorded a high of 70 degrees at the airport Sunday. The record high for Feb. 11 is 85 degrees set in 1962.

The overnight low was 31 degrees. The record low for today is 14 degrees set in 1963.

New report alleges human rights violations in 'friendly' nations

WASHINGTON (AP) — While countries are paying more attention to human rights, a new report alleges serious violations are occurring in some small countries with close ties to the United States.

The State Department's annual report on human rights found incidents of human rights violations in El Salvador, Nicaragua and the Philippines — countries that traditionally have had strong links with the United States.

The report, released over the weekend, assesses the situation in 115 countries that receive U.S. aid or buy U.S. weapons. Not included are some countries most often accused of human rights violations, such as the Soviet Union, China, South Africa, Rhodesia, Argentina, Chile and Uruguay. Those countries do not receive American aid or arms.

Even before it was released, the study aroused much interest because of its charge that Israel mistreats Palestinians arrested on the West Bank of the Jordan River. That section was released early.

The full report, however, indicated other countries in the Middle East also have lapses in the human rights area.

For example, the report said, Islamic punishments, such as beheading and the severing of hands, still occur in Saudi Arabia. Political parties and union organizing are prohibited in that country, and women are segregated.

In Egypt, the study found the press is "under government influence," and bribery "is a fact of life."



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Joses Granado

McCAMEY — Services for Joses Jurado Granado, 87, of McCamey were to be at 10 a.m. today in Sacred Heart Catholic Church here. Burial was to be in McCamey Cemetery directed by Larry D. Sheppard Funeral Home.

Granado died Saturday in a McCamey hospital after a short illness.

He was born May 4, 1892, in Presidio. He was married to Elena Soto June 19, 1915, in Presidio. He had lived in McCamey 28 years. He was a retired construction worker. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife; eight daughters, Mrs. Gualberto Gonzales of Watsonville, Calif., Mrs. Lupe Valenzuela of Odessa, Mrs. Joe Molina, Mrs. Jesus Molina, Mrs. Albino Carrasco, Mrs. Matt Melchor, Mrs. Ross Trummel and Mrs. Willie Garcia, all of McCamey; four sons, Jose Granado Jr. and Felipe Granado, both of Odessa, Manuel Granado and Apolonia Granada, both of McCamey; two sisters, Maria Alaniz of Pecos and Martha Granado of Odessa; five brothers, Candelario Granado, Jesus Granado and Andres Granada, all of Presidio, Bernardo Granada of Lovington, N.M., Faustino Granado of Odessa; 62 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Rebecca Ross

GOLDTHWAITE — Services for Mrs. Ruby (Rebecca) Ross, 83, of Goldthwaite, sister of Bill Forehand of Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today in First Baptist Church here. Burial was to be in Goldthwaite Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Ross died Sunday in a hospital here.

She was born Sept. 15, 1895, in Mills County and lived there all her life. She was married to Joseph Ross Sept. 27, 1917, in Goldthwaite. She was a Baptist.

Other survivors include two daughters, two sisters and four grandchildren.

Survivor tells of Jonestown box, beatings

NEW YORK (AP) — The son of Peoples Temple leader Jim Jones says cult members were punished by beatings and solitary confinement, but Jones banned violence last year, possibly for fear of investigations.

Stephan Jones, 19, who escaped the mass suicide and murder at Jonestown, Guyana, because he was in nearby Georgetown, described life in the jungle compound in an interview to be published in the April issue of Penthouse magazine.

Jones said it was intimidation rather than violence which kept cult members in check.

"The worst thing anybody could have happen to him was to have Dad chastise him publicly. That was the worst fear ... that you'd be yelled at," Jones said.

"I've had guys come to me and say 'God, I'd rather be beat up than have him yell at me and humiliate me.'"

Asked if cult members were ever beaten, he replied, "Yes, sometimes," and related how a woman beat her son and even threatened to kill him because she feared Jones would publicly condemn her if she did not.

He said the solitary confinement "box" described by some former cult members was "like a cubicle. It was under the ground. There was no light."

But those who were put in the box sometimes stayed only a day, he added, and for longer stays "a doctor would come around every day and check vital signs."

"He's dead, and maybe I'm trying to save a dead man from a lot of disgrace, but I honestly feel that he thought it was a humane way of getting through to people," young Jones said of his father.

C. Gregg Allen

Services for C. Gregg Allen, 18, were to be at 2 p.m. today in St. Paul United Methodist Church of Midland, with the Rev. Thomas Nelson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park, directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Allen, a Midland College student, died Saturday following an automobile accident in Bastrop County.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Allen of 15 Metz Court; a sister, Lisa D. Allen of Midland, and his grandmother, Mrs. Karl Allen of Cherryvale, Kan.

Pallbearers were to be Lee Schweitzer, Brent McClure, B.J. Dixon, Jeff Lott, Tommy Younger and Doug Guthrie.

Honorary pallbearers were to be J.R. Stovall, R.A. Mendenhall, J.L. Harven, R.L. Glossop, Fred R. Kazel and E.A. Ewing.

Pam Forest

Services for Pam Forest, 19, will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church here with the Rev. Daniel Vestal officiating, assisted by Carl Forest.

Arrangements are being directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Miss Forest, a student at Texas A & M University, died Saturday following an automobile accident in Bastrop County.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Forest Sr. of 2206 Cimarron Drive; four brothers, Carl Forest, Ronald E. Forest, Donald G. Forest and Russell D. Forest, all of Midland; three sisters, Virginia Carol Potter and Mavis Ann Wickson, both of Odessa, and Debra Lynn Lewis of Midland, and several nieces and nephews.

U.S. government must warn blast witnesses

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The U.S. government must warn servicemen who witnessed a 1953 nuclear test without protection about the medical risks of their exposure, the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled.

Federal officials were not immediately available for comment on the possibility that they would appeal Friday's ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The ruling was made in the case of New Jersey pharmacist Stanley Jaffee, who contends he developed inoperable breast cancer after he was required as a serviceman to witness a nuclear bomb test at Desert Rock, Nev.

Jaffee's suit asked that the federal government be required to advise servicemen of the hazards of radiation exposure and to pay medical costs. He also sought monetary damages in his own case.

Dance-a-thon doubles goal

Participants in the Midland College dance-a-thon last weekend more than doubled their $3,000 goal, raising a little more than $6,200 for the American Heart Association.

Last year, the annual event raised $2,600.

Three couples and two individuals danced the entire 50 hours, ending at 9 p.m. Sunday. With $900 in pledges, Nuffie Carrasco and his partner, Cindy Morales, both Midland College students, won a weekend trip to Riudoso, N.M.

Also finishing the 50-hour stint were the teams of Jim Bynum and Michele Wheaton and Frank Estrada and Cathy Reyes, all Lee High School students; Midland College student James Cavanaugh and Lee High student Todd McMann.

Betting issue divides landowners

BY GUY SULLIVAN
Staff Writer

ODESSA — It doesn't take much horse sense to figure out that if pari-mutuel betting were legal in Texas last year, West Texas would have its share of racetracks.

One such facility might even have been built in Notrees, between Odessa and Kermit.

But although some Odessans speculate that probability, others deny it.

Texans last year in a non-binding referendum voted by a narrow margin their disapproval of legalized pari-mutuel betting.

Had a majority favored the idea, many observers were speculating, the Legislature likely would have followed suit with appropriate legislation.

Two Odessans who own substantial acreage in the Notrees area recently talked about the horse-racing prospects there.

S. F. "Sonny" Henderson of Odessa denied he has ever had plans of building a racetrack on his Notrees land were pari-mutuel betting legalized in Texas.

However, he said he owns about 20 quarter horses and is very much in favor of pari-mutuel betting.

AND MRS. JAY DEE Armburgey of Odessa, who says she owns about half the land in the Notrees area, has expressed vehement opposition to pari-mutuel betting in Texas.

She and her husband, a pioneer West Texas cattleman who now makes bowling balls for a living, both said they disapprove of pari-mutuel betting.

Whether or not Notrees becomes the site of a racetrack should pari-mutuel betting ever pass in Texas, the views of these people on the subject are strong and in opposing directions.

Both people are longtime West Texans. Both own land in the Notrees area. And each has a background in the area dating back to the turn of the century.

"We've had land out there (Notrees) for years," said Mrs. Armburgey. "It's a nice little town.

"We used to graze cattle out there, and I used to use a phone in the store."

Jay Dee Armburgey calls himself one of the last West Texas cowboys. Born in Odessa, he spent most of his life in Notrees.

"It wasn't a town back in 1907. It became one in the 1940s," he said.

"MY DAD, JOHN ARMBURGEY, taught the first term in Odessa's one-room schoolhouse," Armburgey said."

Mrs. Armburgey sees no reason for horse racing.

"I'm against pari-mutuel betting," she said. "I just don't think we need it here." Too many people would be adversely affected by a racetrack in Notrees, she said.

Henderson takes exception to her stand.

"Sure, I own about 13,000 acres of land near Notrees," he said. "I use it for grazing, and I take my quarter horses who are ailing out there to mend."

"I favor pari-mutuel betting in Texas, because I think it will provide more state income taxes and jobs and start a need for 'support services,' which could become an entire new industry."

Henderson said he has a 25-acre pasture in New Mexico where he keeps most of his racing quarter horses. His passion for quarter horses is reflected in the decor of his office in the First National Bank Building in downtown Odessa.

Walls and corners of the room sport photos or sculpted likenesses of his racing quarter horses and give the office a resemblance to a Western museum.

HE DENIED PLANNING to build a racetrack in Notrees.

"I think pari-mutuel betting isn't bad. We're one of the few states that doesn't assess state income tax," he said.

As for allegations that organized crime would encroach upon the sport, he replied, "I think organized crime is already here. Look at the Dallas Gambling Syndicate. They're probably making $1 million each year on football bets. I do not think organized crime would present a problem in pari-mutuel betting.

"I think Texans were shortsighted in turning down pari-mutuel betting. This is probably one of the most highly regulated sports in the country," he said.

When asked about corruption, he answered, "Scandals? There are scandals in all kinds of businesses. Even county and city governments have scandals."

He described his Notrees property as "kind of like a little hospital for horses."

Pausing, he said, "I love my horses. I know them all by name. They're just like people: They have their own personalities.

I regret that people in Texas opposed pari-mutuel betting,because I feel it's highly regulated."

Clements gets program list for approval

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN—More than $66,000 in criminal justice grant monies has been recommended for area law enforcement and court-related programs by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division Advisory Board.

The recommendations, approved Friday by the board, now must go to Gov. Clements for his final approval.

Included finally in the tentative grant approvals are:

—$1,133 to the West Texas Council of Governments for a secondary fuel supply at communications power stations on Rim Rock and Diabo Mountains.

—$14,494 to Colorado City for a full time investigator for criminal cases.

—$6,000 to the City of Kermit for a closed circuit television monitoring system for the jail.

—$20,838 to Ector County for a tape recording system for the Sheriff's Office to reduce writing of criminal reports.

—$938 to Reagan County for a dictaphone and transcriber equipment for the 83rd Judicial District Attorney's Office.

—$3,002 to Culberson County for a closed circuit television system in the county jail.

—$20,278 to Andrews County for a closed circuit television system for the county jail in Andrews.

Bad bridges in Fort Worth

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — In the 1930s, it was rare for two cars to meet on rural bridges, but some Tarrant County Commissioners say the narrow overpasses now threaten the lives of motorists.

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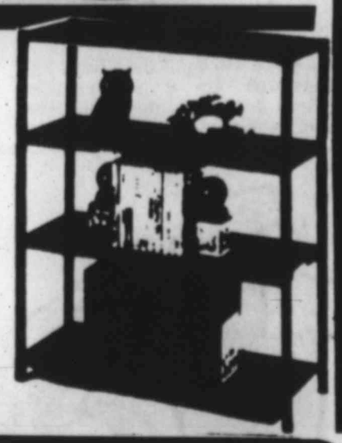
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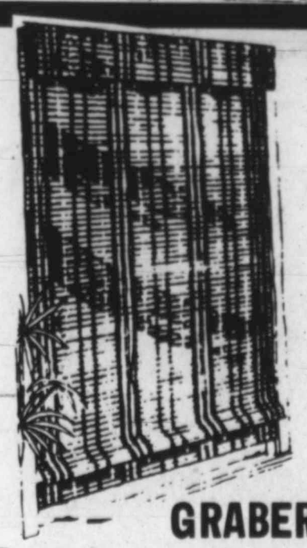
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'Twin plants' concept keeps El Paso economy in sunshine

By TOM DeCOLA

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — El Paso exists in splendid isolation, more than 250 miles from the nearest major American city, Albuquerque, N.M.

A fence separates it from the largest Mexican border city of Ciudad Juarez, and the two sport a combined population of 1½ million people.

So dependent are the sister cities on each other that they must be considered one entity to explain why things are going so well in El Paso.

Promoters call it "Sun City," and they use the lure of the weather and the action in Juarez to gain new money, be it from tourism or new industry.

Industry seems to be taking the bait, with 12 companies scheduled to move in by 1980, providing 6,000 new jobs.

To quite an extent, a concept begun by RCA in 1969 is responsible for much of the growth.

Damned by some and praised by others, the concept is called "twin plants" by most. One who doesn't like the name is Bill Mitchell, marketing director for an industrial park in Juarez and considered the liaison man for the "twin plants" that he prefers to call "in-bond" industry.

El Paso Mayor Ray Salazar says there are 99 "in-bond" plants in Juarez, employing 33,000 workers and pumping an annual $300 million into the El Paso economy.

The roll call of "in-bond" industries is impressive: Westinghouse, Sylvania, American Hospital Supply, Ampex and AMF are among the companies

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taking part. General Motors and General Electric joined the ranks in the past two years, and Chrysler is involved in opening an operation.

The promise is simple: The American companies farm certain work to a related plant in Mexico. The product is re-sent to the United States and duty is paid only on value added, taking advantage of cheaper labor in Mexico. A bond is posted with the Mexican government and used to offset any impact the product might have should it appear on the Mexican market.

Critics say the concept keeps jobs away from Americans, but Mitchell says it just isn't so.

Citing a recent survey among the "in-bond" industries, Mitchell said that if the operations were shut down, 60 percent of the companies involved would remain, but would order raw materials from outside the United States. He said the other 40 percent would move from the El Paso-Juarez area.

The "in-bond" plants on the American side employ about 2,000 workers.

Proponents argue that the border operations keep industries active in the United States — industries that would otherwise surface in Taiwan or other countries where labor is even cheaper and entire plants are proliferating.

That the "in-bond" concept benefits the Mexico economy is without question. Jobs are provided, and those who look to the future see even more benefits.

Many would like to see the Mexican portion of "in-bond" industry penetrate into Mexico's interior, and Mitchell says some Juarez operations are ready to spin off into more plants deeper in the heart of Mexico.

"The people working at the plants in Juarez are gaining the experience and expertise to run other plants," Mitchell said. "The United States could make money available for development in the interior. This would also help to keep down the numbers of illegal aliens."

Always, there is one opponent that "in-bond" operations can count on — big labor. "The unions apply heat every year," Mitchell says. "They spend lots of money."

The concept, though, seems solidly entrenched along the border.

If El Paso itself is an example, its success seems ensured.

NEXT: Why El Paso?

Council to review housing plan

A plan to make it easier for moderate-income families to purchase homes will be reviewed by the Midland City Council when it meets at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Presenting the plan will be the Housing Authority, which also will be asking the City Council for permission to amend its contract, enabling Authority members to investigate the program further.

The council also will set an election date for city elections, establish election precincts, polling places and name election officials.

Council members whose terms are expiring are Doris Howbert, Gordon Marcum II and Carroll Thomas.

Sale of the Wemple Property should be finalized during this session. Action was initiated on the sale at the council's Jan. 9 meeting. The property borders on Loraine and Main streets.

The remainder of that block already is under construction for the city's Exhibit Hall. A new Chamber of Commerce building also is planned for the north side of the block.

But the Council had claimed earlier that it needed the Wemple property to round out the Exhibit Hall concept. Underground parking in this section of land is being explored.

Pioneer Natural Gas also should get the final go-ahead on a rate hike as the City Council will consider the ordinance authorizing the increases on second reading.

At a Jan. 24 council meeting, the gas company was given a 14.88 percent increase, down from the 26 percent the firm had requested. Also set were rates for various types of service, service charges and length of free line.

Also on the agenda is an ordinance to amend the City Code to allow trapping and removal of birds in cases in which a large concentration of the feathered animals constitutes a public nuisance or health hazards.

An ordinance outlining one-way streets on portions of Illinois, Texas and Cuthbert avenues will be up for a second reading. If the ordinance is passed by the Council Tuesday, one-way signs should be installed and in effect by the first part of March, according to city officials.

Items for consideration from the aviation department include an amendment to HTB Construction Co.'s contract at Midland Regional Airport, a change order to BFW Construction's contract at the airport, an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration on leasing its new facility, and accepting a bid for construction of a general aviation taxiway at the airport.

Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc., will be asking for approval to proceed with a final design on the proposed FAA Flight Service Building.

Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission will be asking for additional office space.

The council will consider a bid for constructing a cart storage building at Hogan Park Golf Course.

Public hearings will be held on the request of D.L. Bradshaw to put a mobile home at 1111-A S. McKenzie St., and on zone change requests by HBF Corporation and Clyde Brown.

Preliminary plats of Crestgate Addition, Polo Club Addition and Pollard Addition will be considered.

Zone change requests from Andrew Kauffman and Morris Hamilton Jr., will be considered on second reading.

Persons eligible for Medicare may enroll for protection now

ODESSA — Persons who are eligible for Medicare but do not presently have this medical insurance protection may enroll for it between now and April 2.

According to Erven L. Fisher Jr., Social Security district manager in Odessa, persons eligible to sign up during the 1979 general enrollment period include citizens 65 years of age or over, and disabled people who have Medicare hospital insurance but who failed to sign up when they were first eligible, or who once had this protection but canceled it.

Protection will begin next July 1 for persons who sign up between now and April 2, Fisher said. Those who sign up during the general enrollment period may pay a higher premium if there was a period of 12 months or more during which they were eligible for medical insurance but did not have it, he added.

Full information about Medicare may be obtained from the Midland or Odessa social security offices, and staff members at each office will help eligible persons to sign up for the medical insurance protection, said Fisher.

The Midland office is in Room 108 of the Federal Building, 200 E. Wall St., and the telephone number is 683-3396. The Odessa office is in Room 516 of the First National Bank Building, and the telephone number is 332-9423.

Labor organization schedules rally to protest interest hike

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Proposals to raise the maximum legal interest permitted on home loans by 2 percent are a "disastrous rip-off of Texas home buyers," claims the Texas AFL-CIO.

The labor organization scheduled a rally at the Capitol today to dramatize its opposition to bills that would raise the maximum amount of interest allowable on home loans from the present 10 percent to 12 percent.

"Stop the billion-dollar lobby," is the theme of the AFL-CIO's campaign against the proposals.

State AFL-CIO President Harry Hubbard asserted at a Friday news conference that savings and loan associations have, in effect, gone on strike by withholding loan money until the Legislature raises the interest rate.

He said the legislative sponsors of the bill — Sen. Bill Meier, D-Euless, and Rep. Jerry Donaldson, D-Gatesville — each have received campaign contributions from supporters of the bill.

"Mr. Hubbard is attempting to stir up the politics of this measure rather than debate the obvious merits it has, especially to the many thousands of workers he purportedly represents that will lose their jobs if this bill doesn't pass," countered Meier.

Asked if higher rates might lead to more loans and more jobs, Hubbard said, "It's not true if history repeats itself."

Lending institutions, which often borrow the money they lend to homebuyers, contend that in periods of "tight money" they cannot profitably lend money at the current ceiling rate of 10 percent. There is no indication, however, loan rates would rise to 12 percent.

A Democratic-Republican election controversy also was surfacing, with arguments over a 1980 presidential primary and proposals to move party primary elections from May and June to July and August or later.

Court stops petition in center

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A Fort Worth woman trying to prevent further prosecution of millionaire Cullen Davis cannot use a shopping center parking lot to solicit signatures on petitions she is circulating in support of the industrialist.

Joy Smith has been barred from the Seminary South Shopping Center parking lot until a hearing in a Fort Worth state district court Thursday.

Mrs. Smith said she plans to fight for the right to distribute the petitions in the parking lot.

She seeks the signatures of two-thirds of Tarrant County residents who voted in the last general election. The petition asks for no further prosecution of Davis, whose recent murder-for-hire trial in Houston ended in a hung jury.

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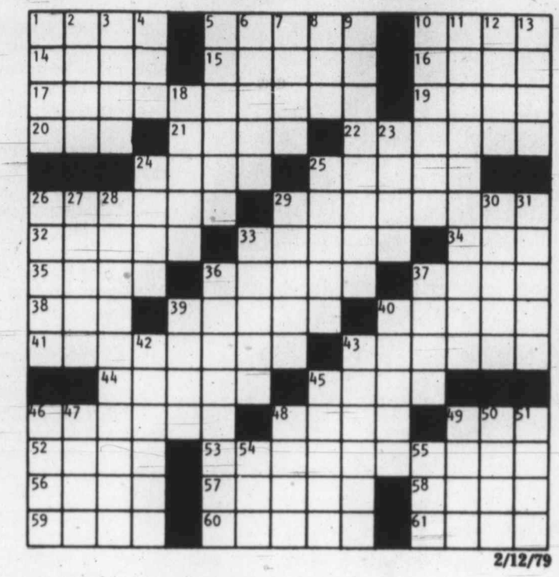
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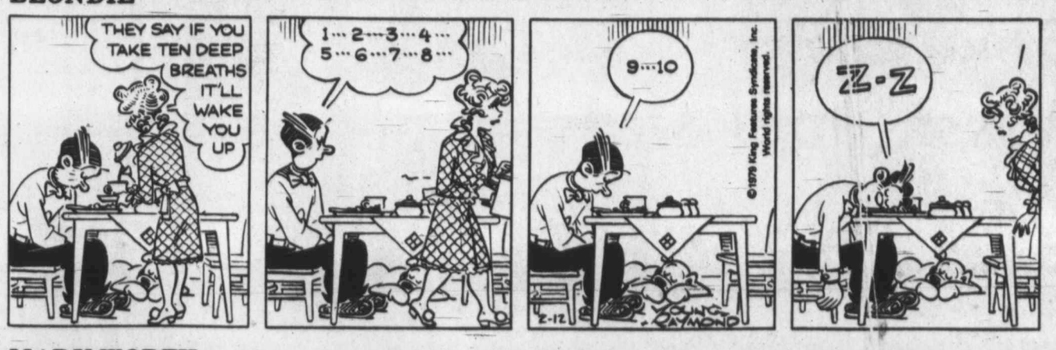


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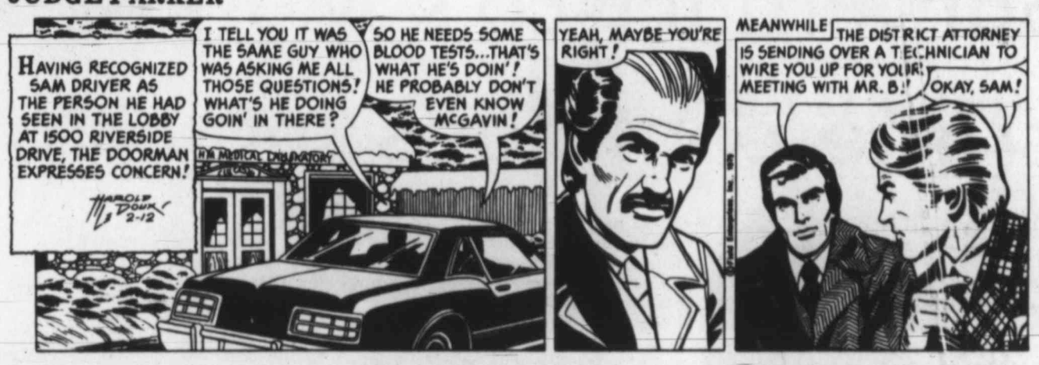
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At Hallidie Plaza, where thousands converge from a BART station, a cable car terminal and dozens of businesses, increased police presence plus staged events have combined to reduce petty crime, still a problem on San Francisco's Market Street.

San Francisco's Market Street crime continues major problem

By PHILIP HAGER
The Los Angeles Times

SAN FRANCISCO — A year and a half ago, Michael Thomas purchased the Strand Theater, a shabby haven for drunks, delinquents and derelicts that Thomas recalls as "the slimiest theater on Market Street."

The new owner quickly set about renovating the facilities and improving the clientele at a place where the previous manager had died of a heart attack trying to eject an unruly customer. Soon, orderly and appreciative audiences began to replace troublemakers and the theater went through 18 months without a robbery.

However, one night recently, a schoolteacher standing in line at the Strand, inexplicably was stabbed to death. Police later arrested a suspect they believed simply wandered out of a nearby hotel, attacked the teacher and then returned to his room.

"It was a terrible thing and discouraging," ackowledged the 31-year-old Thomas. "But we can't just give up. I'd like to think we can in some small way still do our part to change the face of Market Street. But we'll have to keep on our toes to do it."

THE INCIDENT served to underscore the fear and frustration that continue to plague the San Franciscans who are staging the comeback of Market Street — the famous, once-glorious boulevard angling through the heart of the city.

The shiny new skyscrapers, the millions of dollars worth of beautification projects, the renovated shops and theaters all stand in tribute to a decade of work to create what civic leaders hoped would be a "Champs Elysees of the West."

However, signs of Market Street's long, steady deterioration remain much in evidence. Market's blight contrasts sharply with its improved surroundings. Its violence has produced what one police official calls "the high-crime spot of the city."

"Practically all the misfits in San Francisco are attracted to Market Street," said Deputy Police Chief Jeremiah Taylor. "The street is well known to them and that's where all the people are....That's why it has the problems it has."

ACCORDING to Taylor, there were 171 reports of murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and car theft on Market in December 1978 compared to 170 for the same month in 1977. Arrests for prostitution, narcotics and misdemeanor assaults remained at roughly the same relatively high levels.

Civil officials and merchants say they now sense an easing of Market's crime problem, particulary in the crowded Hallidie Plaza area, where Powell Street joins Market.

"I'm not afraid to walk two blocks to the bus alone like I was before," said Patty Fitzpatrick, an assistant manager of The Gap clothing store on Market.

"We still have the junkies come in from the hotels. We try to treat them tenderly, sell them their jeans and steer them back to their hotels," she said.

"WE HAVE FEWER problems with shoplifters, although we still have some exciting moments chasing down the street after people who've stolen a pair of Levis."

However, there remains the all-too-visible presence of drunks, panhandlers and apparent mental cases whose bizarre, often aggressive behavior disturbs and discourages many. It is a phenomenon one civic leader delicately described as "our sociology problem."

In a brief walk down Market recently, for example, a visitor could encounter a man in a brown coat lurching toward passersby in Hallidie Plaza as he played a kazoo and sang — or shouted — "I did it my way!" or two taunting youths at a bus stop swinging their fists at a frightened old man just close enough to rip the brim of his hat. Or a disheveled, handless man asking a teen-aged girl to remove the cap of a whisky bottle in his coat pocket — and, in exchange for the favor, offering her the first sip.

There are still other sights, sounds and smells along Market that make it difficult to fully appreciate the street's comeback.

GRANITE BICYCLE racks that cost $1,900 each go largely unused. The $250 sycamore trees lining the thoroughfare seem, with amazing frequency, to serve as bull's-eye targets for spitters.

Bronze trash receptcles that cost $950 apiece overflow onto Market's new red brick sidewalks.

Kiosks placed up and down the street stand encrusted with pigeon droppings and fading political posters ("Albania is the bastion of society and world revolution!").

However, beyond Market's continuing problems, there clearly is beginning to emerge a vitality that has been sorely missed.

OVER THE DECADES, Market has suffered from the same urban blight found in most cities. Big stores and other businesses that had attracted shoppers in large number began to disappear and arcades, greasy spoons, flophouses and other tawdry enterprises began to proliferate.

Bay Area Rapid Transit District construction began in 1967, initiating what turned out to be years of torn-up sidewalks, piles of dirt and broken pavement and ever-changing barriers and detours along the street.

In 1968, the voters overwhelmingly approved a $24.5 million bond issue to beautify Market with new sidewalks, trash cans, clocks, benches, street lights, trees and other improvements to complement the new transportation system and what was hoped would be a rejuvenated commercial district. Another $10 million was supplied from the federal government to supplement the project.

At this point, said Bernard Averbuch, executive director of the Market Street Development Project, the beautification program is 95 percent complete and "a tremendous success."

THERE IS MUCH to see here that might help support Averbuch's contention.

At the lower end of Market, particularly toward the Ferry Building, hundreds of millions of dollars in new office buildings — both private and governmental — are emerging to dramatically change the city's skyline.

At Hallidie Plaza, where thousands converge from a BART station, a cable car terminal and dozens of shops and businesses, an increased presence of police and a series of staged events — such as band concerts — seem to have reduced the amount of harassment, degeneracy and petty crime passersby have had to endure.

Assorted acts of belligerence are still present, however, as evident one noon hour recently when a young man in a khaki coat amused himself by spitting over the railings at persons listening to a rock group below on the plaza.

UP AND DOWN Market, efforts are being made to revitalize existing businesses and replace the ones that have disappeared. Proposals have been drafted to take over and refurbish the large J.C. Penney Building that has remained vacant for more than seven years.

A plan for a two-block-long world trade, retail and residential development, including a 1,000-room hotel, on Market between 5th and 7th Streets has won preliminary city approval.

Individual businessmen like the Strand Theater's Thomas are doing their part. Thomas, who also owns the Egyptian and Warfield theaters, has sponsored personal appearances at the theaters by such entertainment figures as Jane Russell, Joan Fontaine and Josh Logan. He plans to present other stars in the future to attract what he calls "the nice people" back to Market Street.

SOME BUSINESS leaders see signs of new economic vigor on the street.

Nine large retail stores, most on Market or in the nearby Union Square area, reported sales of from 12 percent to 15 percent higher for four weeks in December, 1978, compared with December, 1977, according to Lloyd Pflueger, general manager of the Retail Drygoods Association.

Similarly, Greg Hurst, vice president of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, believes Market Street business has turned the corner.

"It's pulled itself together," Hurst said. "Market Street was 'up' for many years in the past. Then it went down. Now we're very definitely coming back up again."

A more cautious assessment comes from such authorities as Prof. Michael Becker of the University of San Francsio, who in a survey of shoppers on Market found that the street's positive aspects — good stores with a variety of products — came out only slightly ahead of its negative aspects — such as dirty, littered sidewalks and shabby, abusive drunks.



Bay Area Rapid Transit District passengers ride escalators from the subway to Market Street. (Los Angeles Times Photos by Cal Montney)

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Superinflation now adds substantially to expense of workers compensation

BUSINESS MIRROR

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — It began with medical malpractice insurance, and it spread to product liability coverage. And now it has enveloped workers compensation. "It" is inflation; superinflation.

Rising medical costs provided an initial thrust, of course, but the momentum has been maintained also by a rising number of claims and payouts, by legislation, and by poor housekeeping.

In 1977, according to Marsh & McLennan, the nation's largest insurance broker, total benefits amounted to $6 billion, compared with only $2.5 billion five years earlier.

The same firm estimates that premiums last year cost employers $10.2 billion, up 56 percent since 1975. Still, insurers claim they too are unhappy because they paid out more than they earn.

The rate of increase in maximum indemnity for "permanent, total injury," whose levels are set by legislatures, further shows the trend.

Since 1970, says Donald Lindow, an authority, such payment maximums have rocketed. Lindow, president of Michigan Mutual, listed these percentage jumps in a recent issue of Business Insurance magazine:

California 196 percent, Illinois 353, Minnesota 181, Pennsylvania 255 and the District of Columbia 425.

Simulataneously, says Marsh & McLennan, courts and others have raised benefits and enormously broadened the interpretation of what is and is not a work-related injury.

It lists these examples:

—A settlement of $97 a week, plus $14,000 in medical costs, to a Rhode Island man who lost his leg after becoming intoxicated at his employer's Christmas party and falling out a third-floor window.

—More than $10,000 to two Illinois assistant state attorneys who broke their arms while playing for their office in a softball game.

—Benefits for psychosomatic pain stemming from a job-related injury suffered earlier.

Myra Tobin, Marsh & McLennan vice president, says the original intent of compensation plans was to guarantee medical costs and a portion of income in return for a promise not to sue for negligence.

Now, she maintains, the plans are underwriting the costs "of a number of questionable categories of illness and circumstances," including "cumulative trauma," or psychological stress built up over years.

While some insurers and business people tend to view legislatures, big awards and legal interpretations as primary reasons for difficulties, others wonder if industry itself has let its housekeeping deteriorate.

In this instance, good housekeeping means vigilance against hazards. Sometimes a broader term, "loss control," is used to encompass other programs, including educational programs and morale building.

To avoid crises similar to those in medical malpractice and product liability insurance, says Miss Tobin, "companies must acknowledge the most crucial element of any enduring solution is loss control."

"Ultimately, workers compensation must be a top management concern,"she insists, but "too many companies delegate responsibility to managers with little training and experience in compensation."

Lindow says insurers also must do better, especially in communicating with employers, workers and government officials, and with the broader public, "the consumer, who eventually pays the cost of everything."

Investors neglect auto stocks in boom periods

By CHET CURRIER
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — At first glance, the company looks like it might be an interesting investment.

According to the quarterly report it issued on Feb. 5, it's making money at the rate of $11 million a day, seven days a week. Its profits for the fourth quarter and for all of last year set records.

It has a long record of leadership in its industry, and recently it has chalked up significant gains over its domestic competitors in its share of the vast U.S. market.

On top of all that, its stock, based on dividends paid in the last 12 months, is yielding better than 10 percent.

As it turns out, though, the company — General Motors Corp. — is drawing only lukewarm interest, at best, from the nation's investors these days.

GM shares, and those of the other leading auto manufacturers, have trailed consistently behind the market averages for the past several years.

GM stock, in the mid-50s lately, has been hovering around its lowest levels since the early 1960s, except for the severe drop it took in the bear market of 1973-74.

When the company announced its fourth-quarter earnings of more than $1 billion early last week, Wall Street seemed to respond with a resounding yawn. The stock dropped ⅝ last Monday and "rallied" ⅛ of a point the following day.

There are, of course, some fundamental reasons why auto stocks are selling at tail-fin-era prices: The energy crisis and increased competition from foreign car makers, to name two of the most widely publicized.

The record volume of total car and truck sales in this country last year may have come as a pleasant surprise to some investors.

But their enthusiasm was evidently tempered by doubts about prospects from here on out, on the presumption that at some point debt-laden consumers are going to have to cut back their spending.

"The year 1978 has faded into history, and the decline in new car sales that we had been predicting throughout the year never materialized," Harvey E. Heinbach, auto analyst at Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, said in his latest bi-monthly research report.

"We failed to foresee that in response to inflation, the consumer would step up his purchases of big-ticket items rather than pull back, as he historically had.

"Could demand remain strong in 1979? Yes, but we don't think it will. If we are right, auto sales will be turning down significantly in 1979, possibly by the second quarter.

"If we are wrong and inflation expectations are not reversed, sales can remain strong awhile longer. But this would only postpone and amplify the correction in consumer purchases and in the economy as a whole."

Heinbach said that in past cycles auto stocks have tended to start showing an improved performance relative to the over-all stock market about the time that auto sales are ending a decline and starting upward.

On that basis, he said he would want to see some evidence that a decline in car sales has started before considering taking a more positive view of the auto stocks' prospects.

"The sooner that downturn takes place, the sooner we will adopt more favorable investment opinions on the stocks," he concluded. "Conversely, the longer that inflation psychology remains prevalent and that auto sales stay high, the more negative our fundamental outlook for the 1980 and our investment outlook for the stocks."

Tailgate monitor being tried out in Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — What flashes and sounds horns, warns motorists they are following others too closely and costs $154,000 to buy and install?

If you figured it is a "following-too-closely monitor," you're right.

The Tennessee Department of Transportation has invested $154,000 of the taxpayers' money to see how well the device works on the state's most heavily traveled interstate highway stretch.

So far the jury is still out, department spokesman Paul Allen said in a telephone interview. He said the department had yet to compile accident statistics for the nearly one-year period the device has been in operation.

The device is labeled an FTC monitor — short for following-too-closely — by its manufacturer, Traffic Safety Systems Inc. of Richmond, Va., Allen said.

It consists of three warning boards suspended across the highway with lights and horns. The device flashes a warning if a driver passes over its pavement-embedded sensors within 1.5 seconds of the vehicle in front, and indicates a violation if a motorist is within .7 seconds of the vehicle in front, Allen said.

The device is geared to time because, he said, researchers have found that most drivers can judge time spans separating them from other moving vehicles more easily than distance intervals. The monitor works at any speed, including bumper-to-bumper traffic jams, Allen said.

Bumper-to-bumper jams occur daily where the device is located.

It is perched above a joint three-lane stretch of Interstates 40 and 24 leading into Nashville from the East. Allen said department traffic counts showed 1 million vehicles travel the stretch every 10 days, making it statistically Tennessee's busiest interstate portion.

"The accident rate in that stretch of highway is 50 percent above the average for the state and 65 percent of the wrecks are rear-end collisions," he said.

The rare, the lovely at Breakfront

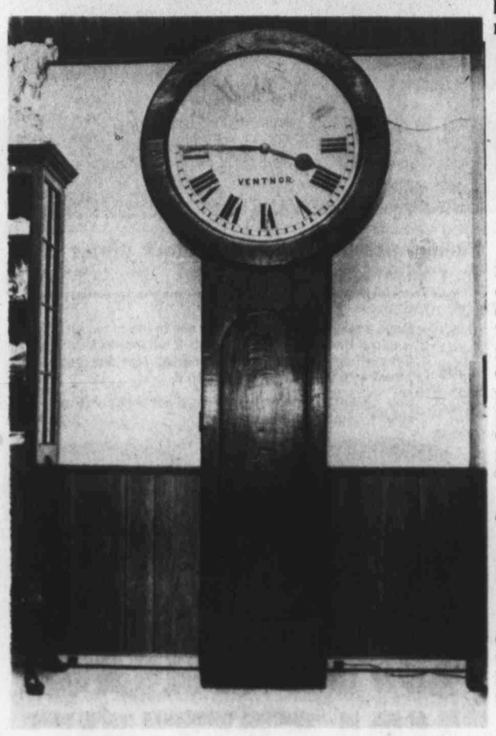
Soon after entering Breakfront, one of the first things you will see is a clock, over seven feet tall, and with case and frame measuring 30 inches wide. It once stood in a train station in Germany. It is one hundred and thirty-two years old, and still keeps good time. The face is of zinc - a rarity for many, many years. You will notice that the number four is made with four I's, rather than IV, to balance more aesthetically with the numeral VIII, its opposite member on the clock face. The over-all design is clean and functional. Its weights are 20# apiece, and the clock is wound every 5 days.

Breakfront is featuring small antiques, such as inkwells. They are true antiques, and make a conversation pieces par excellence.

Museum reproductions, with great appeal and fidelity to the originals, are among the new things which are also found at Breakfront. Most are sculpture pieces, but there are other things too, and more will be added soon.

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LARGE, PINE RAILROAD CLOCK stands among other rare and lovely things at Breakfront.

Pair accused

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A federal grand jury has accused a Fort Worth postal worker and his wife of a massive mail theft scheme.

The 11-count indictment names Isaac Stewart and his wife Ruby. Prosecutors said it took seven legal-sized pages to list the goods found by federal agents in the Stewart home Jan. 2.

The truckload of items included wrist watches, cowboy boots, a home computer, calculators, 78 women's rings, a diamond bracelet, toys, cheeses, jet fighter parts, cigarette lighters, pen and pencil sets, clothing and government microfilm.

ABA to re-examine ban on cameras

ATLANTA (AP) — Cameras in the courtroom, a concept condemned by the American Bar Association for 42 years, is being re-examined this week by ABA policy-makers who are expected to endorse the practice.

The association's House of Delegates was scheduled to open two days of deliberations today with a vote on a proposed amendment to the ABA's ethics standards that would allow film and tape coverage of trial proceedings.

Some resistance was expected but association leaders have predicted the proposal will pass easily, striking down a set of standards that has served as a model for federal and state courts.

Some states have already veered away from the ABA guidelines to tinker with experimental programs that allow some courtroom coverage by television, radio and still photography. Now 22 states allow some form of court coverage by cameras and microphones.

ABA delegates, nearing the end of a week-long national convention, also will decide whether the 250,000-member group should adopt these proposals as official policy:

—Sweeping changes in how the nation's courts treat juveniles. Approval of the proposed changes, the product of an eight-year study by judges, lawyers and legal scholars, would spark ABA lobbying efforts to have state legislatures adopt them as law.

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Quake shakes state

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — An earthquake measuring 4.4 on the Richter scale jolted residents of Southern California's lower desert, but authorities say no damage or injuries were reported.

Dennis Meredith, spokesman for the Caltech Seismology Lab in Pasadena, said the quake Sunday night was centered in unpopulated mountain terrain 17 miles south of this desert town 120 miles east of Los Angeles.

Numerous residents of Palm Desert, Indio and Thermal called the Riverside County sheriff's office at Indio, but none reported damage or injuries. Police said the quake was not even felt in nearby Palm Springs.

The Richter scale is a measure of ground motion as recorded on seismographs. Every increase of one number means a tenfold increase in magnitude.

An earthquake of 3.5 on the Richter scale can cause slight damage in the local area, 4 moderate damage, 5 considerable damage, 6 severe damage.



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American Security Council masion preferred by some dignitaries

By J. REGAN KERNEY
The Washington Post

BOSTON, Va. — When Ian Smith, the controversial Rhodesian prime minister, came to Washington last fall, he shunned the fashionable Madison and Hay Adams hotels that many visiting heads of state prefer.

Instead, Smith and his party headed directly from Dulles International Airport for a sprawling stone mansion overlooking the Blue Ridge Mountains 65 miles southwest of Washington.

It was the same place that Army Gen. John K. Singlaub headed for when President Carter fired him for criticizing the president's planned troop withdrawals from South Korea.

Smith, who visited here, and Singlaub, who got a public speaking job here, joined a parade of hundreds of congressional aides, retired military officers and corporate executives who each year come to this tiny, bucolic hamlet to talk about the Pentagon, Moscow, and ultimately, World War III.

For this is Boston, Va., home of the American Security Council, a place where the Cold War still rages.

Boston, Mass., may claim to be the home of the American Revolution. But in this Boston, which comprises little more than a post office, several churches and an American Legion post, the Russian revolution is a constant topic.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT John M. Fisher, who was a World War II bomber pilot and whose offices sit on a rolling, 850-acre former estate, puts it this way: "Here, we are interested in communism with a capital C."

His press liaison, former Newsweek foreign editor Philip C. Clarke, puts it more lightly. Directing a visitor to go a few miles west of Culpepper (Va.) up a country road to a pair of imposing brick pillars, he says with a chuckle: "It's the last left turn you'll make."

Inside the estate is a complex once billed as the nation's only private Cold War college. It has seminar rooms, plush dormitories and offices from which a staff of 30, using computers, generates millions of mailings each year on behalf of the council and its tax-exempt arm, the American Security Council Education Foundation. Each mailing carries the same message: Moscow is winning the Cold War.

It is, of course, a controversial message and one that draws frequent criticism from Pentagon and administration officials, But it wins praise from the right.

"They're very sharp activists," says William Rhatican, an associate of Richard A. Viguerie, the direct-mail wizard of conservative causes. "They're respectable both in terms of the New Right and Capitol Hill."

INDEED, THE COUNCIL has put together a group of 140 congressmen called the Coalition for Peace through Strength to oppose the current SALT talks results, and the council's masthead is peppered with distinguished names and a gleaming list of polished brass.

The leadership once included former Virginia governor Mills E. Godwin, and now claims several former chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, ex-ambassadors, corporate executives and professors. One staff member, Herminio Portell-Villa, is a former professor from Havana who once flunked Fidel Castro in history.

"They're not kooks," says Wes McCune, who watches the right for the left through Group Research, a Capitol Hill-based operation. "They're the cold warriors. I just plain call them The Military-Industrial Complex."

Perhaps because of its prominent leadership, the council recently has avoided the extreme right image of groups like the John Birch Society and the Liberty Lobby that are "still looking for a communist under every bed," according to a council member Elbridge Durbrow, a U.S. ambassador to Vietnam from 1957 to 1961.

But the red-under-the-bed syndrome was not too far distant in the council's past. Originally founded in Chicago in 1955 as the Mid-American Research Library, the council's initial function was to compile files on suspected communists who might apply for jobs at large corporations. The first council members included Sears, Roebuck & Co., where Fisher worked until 1961, Motorola Inc., and Marshall Field & Co., but grew to include more than 1,500 employers.

IN 1972, THE COUNCIL finally phased out its Chicago library, then believed to be America's largest private file on the political beliefs of individuals, and Fisher announced the council was shifting its focus to international security and nuclear strategy.

But the personnel records, which ran to over 6 million files cards and which a 1960 council brochure called a "specialized subversive activities library," were moved to Boston, Va., where the council was trying to set up its Cold War college.

Newspaper investigations in the 1950s said that many of the files had been purchased from sources such as Harry Jung, a right-wing publisher known during the 1930s for anti-Semitic and anti-labor sentiments. Fisher told a reporter in 1961 that he had tried unsuccessfully to obtain the files of the late senator Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., whose anti-communist tactics earned the censure of his Senate colleagues.

The personnel files are still here in Boston in the council's Sol Feinstone Library for the Survival of Freedom. Fisher says few requests for their use come in. A reporter who asked to wander in the stacks was allowed limited access only when escorted by the resident library director.

The personnel files were not shown to the reporter.

Mostly, the council has tended to stir squabbles over its hawkish politics, as was the case in 1970 when it launched Operation Alert, a national campaign that sought to discredit six U.S. senators up for re-election on the basis of their national security voting records.

ONE OF THE SENATORS, Maryland Democrat Joseph D. Tydings, was the subject of a particularly vitriolic campaign that used extracts from Operation Alert newspaper ads. Both he and New York Republican Charles E. Goodell lost their races, but what impact the ads had is questionable since the four other senators won re-election.

Fisher says council critics are just jealous of the council's professional work, which includes films about what the council deems is the impending Soviet dominance in the arms race.

"They're not bad films," says a dovish aide of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "They're really quite slick. What upsets a lot of us is that they're better than ours."

There was a brief stir in 1970 over whether the council should have to file contribution reports as a political organization under the Federal Corrupt Practices Act, and the post office that year accused it of abusing cheap mail rates accorded its tax-excempt arm when it mailed out more than 1.5 million pieces of literature before the election. The council prevailed on both points; never having to file as a political group and never losing its mailing rate.

And this fall there was a flap when Fisher and Lt. Gen. George Seignious, former head of The Citadel military college at Charleston, S.C., traded charges after Seignious said he had been lured into the Coalition for Peace Through Strength because Fisher had mislead him about the group's SALT position. Seignious, now head of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and the chief SALT negotiator, quit the coalition.



An 850-acre former estate in Boston, Va., is home of the American Security Council, headed by John M. Fisher, president. Some visitors prefer it to hotels. (Washington Post Photo)

WASHINGTON TODAY

'You have to spend money...' among Carter budget policies

By FRANK CORMIER

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter understands that sometimes you have to spend money to save money, or to make more.

That's why he borrowed heavily to buy a peanut sheller and make other improvements at the family business establishment at Plains, Ga.

And, according to White House aides, that's why Carter wants Congress to appropriate another $8.5 million to keep alive a rather obscure agency that is limping along under a March 31 congressional death sentence.

On the surface, it seems strange. Here is a president, who vows to hold down spending and eliminate needless agencies, seeking more money to keep one alive.

The agency in question is the Renegotiation Board, created in 1951 to eliminate excessive profits on defense and space contracts through informal, non-adversary proceedings. Any contractor who doesn't agree with an excess profits finding can take his case to the Court of Claims.

In seeking a supplemental appropriation of $1.1 million to help finance the board this year, and another $7.4 million for 1980, Carter argues that the agency reclaims far more in excess profits than it spends in its search for same.

Thus the latest federal budget notes that the board in 1978 pinpointed $31.5 million in claimed excessive profits — money it wanted returned to the government.

Since its creation, the budget says, excess profits determinations by the board have totaled $1.4 billion.

The budget is silent on the fact that about half the board's findings are overturned in the Court of Claims.

Nevertheless, Carter can argue that the tiny agency — it has fewer than 200 employees — generates for the Treasury far more money than it spends.

But there's another side to the story.

Sen. Alan Cranston of California, the Democratic whip and leader of a so-far-successful battle to kill the board, argues its abolition would save $120 million a year.

The claimed savings, which friends of the board say are exaggerated, would largely benefit contractors, who allegedly spend millions complying with the board's regulations and fighting its challenges.

But Cranston contends savings also would accrue to the Treasury, since the cost of compliance gets added to the cost of contracts.

The California Democrat also notes than when a contractor has to return money to the government, he amends his corporate tax return and gets a refund of up to nearly half the amount he pays out.

Carter's principal Senate ally against the Cranston position is Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., who sees the board as a safety net protecting taxpayers from any excesses by the military-industrial complex.

No other agency, he says, has the specific mission of squeezing excess profits out of defense and space contractors. His approach is more ideological than Carter's.

If the board is to stay alive, Congress must reverse its 1978 position and pass Carter's $1.1 million supplemental appropriation for 1979, plus a regular appropriation for next year.

And there's a further complication. With the recent resignation of Chairman Goodwin Chase, the Renegotiation Board has two members and three vacancies.

Since three members are required for a quorum, it is unable to transact any meaningful business.

The White House says Carter is looking for a new chairman and soon will send the Senate a nomination for the post.

But will the Senate, which has twice voted to send the board to bureaucratic heaven, expedite action on a nominee for a moribund agency?

Miracles do happen, they say, and whatever transpires, a miracle of sorts seems inevitable. The Renegotiation Board either will be raised from the dead — or one federal agency will go out of existence, which would be a miracle of another kind.

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Norway ready for war with costly bark beetle

By ERIK A. WOLD

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Norway will start a war this year — against the Ips typografus, better known as the bark beetle or bark engraver.

During 1978, millions of bark beetles destroyed 1.1 million cubic meters of valuable forest in southern and eastern parts of Norway. Forest owners suffered losses of at least $22 million, the Ministry of Agriculture said.

Forests in these parts of Norway are now so infested with bark beetles that the ministry decided something had to be done about it — and quickly. A fast-working expert group was appointed last October to suggest an action program for 1979 and the next couple of years.

The experts feared that damage to forests in 1979 might be even worse than in 1978 and concluded that a full-scale war against the bark beetles must start immediately.

They suggested that the government and forest owners share costs of the anti-beetle program, which it is estimated will cost at least $16 million this year.

"There is no fast and easy way to win this war and eliminate the bark beetles completely. The aim must be to get the stock of bark beetles down to what can be termed normal. As of now there is an abnormally high number of beetles in affected forests," said Agriculture Ministry information chief Per Erik Bjoerklund.

"The fight must go on over several years. The war against the beetles this year will be fought with both completely new methods and with previously known conventional methods," he added.

New weapons in the bark-beetle war are so-called bark-beetle traps and odor patches, both prepared with the bark beetle's own odor substance which scientists have now succeeded in developing.

Tests with the traps last summer proved so successful that Norwegian firms are now producing 650,000 such traps for use in the 1979 war.

In addition 700,000 odor patches — pieces of cloth prepared with bark-beetle odor substance — will be produced.

The beetle traps are perforated narrow plastic tubes treated inside with odor substance to lure beetles through a funnel, trapping them inside plastic bottles at the lower end of the tube.

The traps are placed in the forests on poles about 3 feet above the ground. Test traps used last summer lured 25,000 beetles in a short time, to be destroyed.

The odor patches are placed on "decoy trees" already felled and left on the ground. The beetles are drawn to such decoy trees to mate and hatch eggs there, thus preventing attacks on healthy standing trees.

Next summer decoy trees will be felled systematically and then removed from the forest soon after the beetle attack. The experts thus hope to destroy hundreds of thousands of beetles and spare tens of thousands of healthy trees.

More forest roads will be constructed also to facilitate the removal of sick trees much faster than before.

Removing sick trees is important because the bark beetles work fast. They cause damage to trees all through their life cycle.

From the moment male beetles start the damaging process early in the spring by penetrating the bark to build "mating chambers," until new beetles emerge later in the summer after passing the egg, grub and cocoon phases, an intricate network of mating chambers, mother channels, grub channels and cocoon chambers completely destroys the inside of the bark.

Craftsman, at 82, has stong hobby

By JOE McKNIGHT

UHRICHSVILLE, Ohio (AP) — If it weren't for friends, relatives and now, even strangers, Bill Cecil's woodworking hobby would be nothing more.

Because of them, he spends 10 to 12 hours a day in his backyard garage, among chisels, saws and the smell of walnut, maple, dogwood and sawdust.

It's a hobby he always wanted but never mentioned until he turned 70 a dozen years ago, sold his hardware store and retired. There's a stock of items he likes to make, like a box full of double-rollered rolling pins and a half-dozen Victorian-style jewelry cases.

Big items like grandfather clocks, dry sinks or corner cupboards are made on order.

"I wouldn't have started this schoolhouse clock if I'd known it was going to be such a bother," he said, bending to measure and mark on the octagonal frame for the clock's face. "It'll turn out OK, but these plans are a nuisance."

An erect 6-foot-1 at 82, Cecil would rather work from memory than a pattern.

"I've made 749 of these jewelry cases," he nodded toward a shelf where several sat wrapped in sawdust covered plastic. "My wife's grandmother gave her one a long time ago, and that's where I got the idea."

In the house, Cecil showed the original filled with his wife's jewelry. Though his handiwork is everywhere, there is little to attract him in there since Mrs. Cecil broke a hip and moved to a nursing home.

"This woodwork is all mine," he said, pointing to oak door framing and baseboards. "When we moved here back in the '30s, I took out the woodwork and put this in. It fits better."



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Amoco to re-enter project in Ward

Amoco Production Co. announced plans to re-enter a depleted Wolfcamp gas producer in Ward County and plug back to 7,700 feet for tests as a wildcat.

The project is No. 1-FG University, 990 feet from north and west lines of section 18, block 18, University Lands survey and nine miles northwest of Pyote.

WINKLER AREA

Gifford, Mitchell & Wisenbaker No. 1 Dull Knife, a project in the Cheyenne multipay area of Winkler County, 10 miles northwest of Kermit, will plug back from the Ellenburger for tests of the Fusselman.

Bottomed at 21,950 feet, the project will be plugged back to 19,722 feet for the Fusselman tests.

The location is 1,980 feet frm north and east lines of section 13, block 74, psl survey.

STONEWALL WILDCAT

Southern Ubion Exploration Co. of Dallas No. 1 Bilberry is to be drilled as a 6,400-foot wildcat in Stonewall County, five miles notheast of Swenson.

It is one location southwest of the depleted Gloria Gay, North (Ellenburger) field and 2,173 feet from south and 1,539 feet from east lines of section 139, block D, H&TC survey.

CONFIRMER FINALS

The Desana Corp. of Midland No. 40-122 Flat Top is a new well in the Biggs (Swastika) field of Stonewall County, 10 miles south of Old Glory.

The third well in the field, it finaled for a 24-hour pumping potential of 80 barrels of 41.2-gravity oil and 100 barrels of water, natural, through perforations from 3,211 to 3,213 feet.

The well is one location southwest of other production and 330 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 122, block 1, BBB&C survey.

Total depth is 3,320 feet and 4.5-inch casing is set at 3,319 feet.

The Swastika was topped at 3,209 feet on ground elevation is 1,681 feet. Other tops include the Flippen at 2,692 feet and the Gunsite at 3,112 feet.

DAWSON WELL

Bobby Bonner of Midland No. 1 Gillespie has been completed 1/2 mile northeast of the Felken (Spraberry) pool of Dawson County, 14 miles northeast of Lamesa.

It finaled for a 24-hour pumping potential of 70 barrels of 38-gravity oil and 32 barrels of water, through perforations from 7,389 to 67,395 feet after 500 gallons of acid and 19,000 gallons of fracture solution.

Hole is bottomed at 7,550 feet and 4.5-inch casing is cemented on bottom.

Location is 1,890 feet from north and 330 feet from west lines of section 16, block I. J. Poitevent survey.

STONEWALL AREA

Fisher-Webb, Inc., of Abilene will re-enter and plug back to 5,000 feet its No. 1 B. B. Bowles, recently completed reopener of the Old Glory, East (Bend conglomerate) field of Stonewall County, 9.5 miles northeast of Old Glory.

The project, bottomed at 5,940 feet, will be tested in the Strawn. If completed in that zone, it will be second well in the Old Glory, Northeast (Strawn) field.

Location is 660 feet from north and 4,622 feet from west lines of section 2, BBB&C survey.

It was completed in December for a 24-hour pumping potential of 120 barrels of 40-gravity oil, through perforations opposite the Bend conglomerate from 5,822 to 5,852 feet.

SECOND WELL

The Mengel (Tannehill and Canyon) field of Stonewall County has gained its second Tannehill producer.

The new well, Texas Pacific Oil Co., Inc., is 3/4 mile northwest of the other Tannehill producer and five miles south of Aspermont.

On 24-hour potential test it pumped 12 barrels of 38-gravity oil and 28 barrels of water, through perforations from 2,978 to 2,983 feet after 250 gallons of acid.

A re-entry project, it is bottomed at 4,604 feet. It originally was completed as a Canyon oil producer in the Guest (Canyon and Tannehill) pool.

Wellsite is 600 feet from north and 1,800 feet from east lines of section 20, block U, T&P survey.

IRION PROJECT

Simpson-Mann Oil Producers of San Angelo announced location for a 7,000-foot project 1/2 mile west of the Dove Creek (Cisco oil) pool of Irion County.

Scheduled for tests in Cisco, it is No. 1-785 Winterbotham, 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of F. Munk survey No. 785.

CROCKETT TEST

C. F. Lawrence & Associates, Inc., of Midland announced plans to re-enter a 1,605-foot wildcat failure in Crockett County, six miles south of Iraan.

Drilled by Monsanto Co. and plugged as No. 1 Halff, it will be operated byLawrence as the No. 2-E Halff Estate. Monsanto plugged the failure in February 1957.

Lawrence will deepen to 1,800 feet.

The location is 7/8 mile south of the Fergus (Grayburg gas) field and 660 feet from north and 6,000 feet from west lines of section 62, block I, I&GN survey.

EAST OFFSET

C. F. Lawrence & Associates, Inc., also will drill No. 1 Williams as an east offset to production in the Ecklaw (San Andres oil) pool of Crockett County, 14 miles north of Ozona.

The 1,500-foot test is 1,871 feet from south and 330 feet from west lines of section 38, block OP, GC&SF survey.

CROCKETT WELL

Odessa Natrual Gas Corp. of Odessa No. 1-4 Odessa and others is a new well in the Ingham (Devonian) area of Crockett County, 25 miles west of Ozona.

One and one-quarter miles south of other production in the field, No. 1-4 Odessa and others was completed for a calculated, absolute open flow potentia. of 2,050,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 8,272 to 8,304 feet. Operator washed with 2,000 gallons of mud acid.

Total depth is 9,050 feet and 5.5-inch casing is cemented at 8,442 feet.

The location is 990 feet from south and 7,500 feet from east lines of section 4, block FFF, GC&SF survey.

SCHLEICHER TRY

NRM Petroleum Corp. of Midland spotted its No. 1-A Mertz as a 1/2-mile north outpost to the three-well Mertz-Hamill (Strawn gas) pool of Schleicher County.

The project is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 9, block A, HE&WT survey.

Contract depth is 6,500 feet.

The location also is one and one-eighth miles southwest of NRM No. 1 Mertz, recent Strawn gas discovery and four miles southeast of Eldorado.

HENDRIX OILER

John H. Hendrix Corp. of Midland No. 1 ARCO-Martin is a new producer in the Camar (Strawn sand oil) pool of Schleicher County, nine miles northwest of Fort McKavett.

Extending the field 3/4 mile south, the well finaled for a daily pumping potential of 68 barrels of 36-gravity oil and 46 barrels of water, through perfortions from 4,356 to 4,359 feet. The gas-oil ratio is 1,470-1.

The pay section was acidized with 500 gallons and fractured with 7,000 gallons.

Location is 660 feet from south and 467 feet from east lines of section 30, block 8, TW&NG survey.

TWO WELLS

T. C. Meador of Eldorado reported potential tests on a pair of new wells in the Velrex (Canyon oil) pool of Schleicher County, 16 miles northwest of Eldorado.

His No. 13 Meador, 1/2 mile southwet extension, was completed for a 24-hour flowing potential of 60 barrels of 41-gravity oil and no water, through a 14/64-inch choke and perforations from 6,626 to 6,646 feet after 1,100 gallons of acid and 29,500 gallons of fracture solution.

The gas-oil ratio is 506-1.

Location is 550 feet from south and 1,650 feet from west lines of section 1216, TCRR survey.

Meador No. 1-14 Meador, one location north of other Canyon production, completed for a daily flowing potential of 55 barrels of 41-gravity oil and 26 barrels of water, through a 1/4-inch choke and perforations from 6,654 to 6,660 feet after 1,100 gallons of acid and 29,500 gallons of fracture solutiom.

the gas-oil ratio is 2,548-1.

Location is 1,667 feet from south and 467 feet from east lines of section 1200, Georgetown Railroad suvery.

HOWARD WELL

Campana Petroleum Co. of Midland No.3 Read is a new well in the Coahoma, North (Fusselman) pool of Howard County, five miles northeast of Coahoma.

The operator reported a 24-hour flowing potential of 98 barrels of 48.4-gravity oil and no water, through a 12/64-inch choke and perforations from 8,858 to 8,862 feet. The gas-oil ratio is 1,653-1.

The pay was acidized with 1,000 gallons.

Total depth is 8,910 feet and 4.5-inch casing was cemented on bottom. The plugged back depth is 8,884 feet.

The well is 1,980 feet from south and west lines of section 28, block 30, T-1-N, T&P survey.

STERLING TESTS

Cotton Petroleum Corp. of Midland No. 2-A Foster is to be drilled as a gas project in the Conger (Pennsylvanian) field of Sterling County, 12 miles southwest of Sterling City.

Scheduled for a 7,800-foot bottom, it is 1,325 feet from north and 1,181 feet from east lines of section 9, block 13, SPRR survey. It is to drill to 7,800 feet.

Wagner & Brown of Midland No. 1 Coulson is a re-entry project in the Conger (Pennsylvanian oil) area of Sterling County.

Originally drilled and plugged at 5,718 feet by Vickers Petroleum Co., Inc., as No. 1 Nora F. Coulson, it will be deepened to 8,000 feet.

Location is 660 feet from north and east lines of section 14, block 13, SPRR survey.



Randall L. Davis

Davis joins Monsanto

Randall L. Davis has joined Monsanto Co. as a landman in the Southwestern Region office in Midland.

He received a B.B.A degree from Texas Tech University and formerly was with a major oil company in Midland.

He is a member of the American Association of Petroleum Landmen and the Permian Basin Landmen's Association.



Jerry J. Langdon

Delhi names J. Langdon

Jerry J. Langdon joined the West Texas District office of Delhi Gas Pipeline Corp. as district manager of Gas Supply.

Langdon is a 1974 graduate of The University of Texas in Austin. Before joining Delhi Gas Pipeline Corp., Langdon was with Houston Natural Gas Corp. in Houston. He is the current chairman of the Natural Gas Men of Houston, Marketing and Distibution Chapter.

Chairman upcoming

HOUSTON — The El Paso Co. announced that Travis H. Petty will become chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the company succeeding Howard Boyd.

Boyd will become chairman of the newly-formed executive committee of the board. These changes will become effective in May.

George D. Carameros will continue as vice chairman of the board and chairman of El Paso LNG Co., a principal subsidiary.

Petty joined the company in December 1946. He was named a vice president in 1969, was elected to the board of directors in 1971, and became executive vice president in 1973. In 1978 he was named vice chairman of the board. He also serves as chairman of El Paso Natural Gas, one of the company's principal subsidiaries.

Midlander in new job

HOUSTON — Former Midland resident James A. Davis has joined Delta Engineering Corp. as vice president, Business Development, A.B. Coady, president, announced.

Davis will be responsible for all domestic and foreign business development and will be located at Delta's Houston office.

Davis has 26 years experience in technical management, marketing, and business development activities for various firms. He was recently associated with The Ortloff Corp. in Midland as director of Marketing.

Carter brass privately admit gas lines coming

By J.P. SMITH
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Carter administration officials are now privately conceding that the nation is likely to return to gasoline lines and Sunday gas-station closings if Iran's oil shutdown continues through the rest of the year.

This bleak assessment is offered on the heels of Energy Secretary James R. Schlesinger's remark last week that the Iranian oil shutdown was "prospectively more serious" than the 1973 Arab oil embargo. The new assessment stems from State Department and Central Intelligence Agency "best-case" analyses suggesting that Iran would return to its previous production levels by December. Many officials, including Schlesinger, have already ruled that out publicly.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., Sunday flatly predicted, "We will have to shortly undertake a program of (oil) allocations." Jackson, chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, went on to say "it will start out with a prohibition of gasoline sales on Sunday," and that gasoline prices could mount to $1 a gallon within the next year.

Energy and State Department officials and major oil-company executives meanwhile are saying that spot market prices for oil have risen so rapidly in recent weeks — nearly $6 a barrel in some instances — that the oil exporters may abandon their official posted prices that would have raised oil prices 14.5 percent by December, for still higher prices.

At the same time the ranks of the major oil companies that have begun to restrict sales of oil and petroleum products — many for different reasons — have widened to include Texaco, Continental Oil co., Exxon, Royal Dutch Shell, British Petroleum and Standard Oil Co. of Calif.

Another uncertainty in the increasingly taut world oil market is whether nations such as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Libya, Venezuela and Nigeria will continue the stepped-up production they initiated to make up for 5 million barrels a day in lost Iranian exports.

Last month, following a succession of mixed signals and flat denials out of Riyadh and the administration, the Saudis cut back their oil production nearly 1 million barrels a day and at the same time raised their oil prices significantly, suggesting that others, such as conservation-minded Kuwait, might also rein in exports.

Despite the talk of $1-a-gallon gasoline and gas-station lines, there is ample evidence that the world may not be sliding towards a crippling oil crisis.

The Iranian shortage, once additional production from other exporters is taken into consideration, is still only 2 to 3 million barrels a day, out of a free world market that produces, sells, and consumes more than 50 million barrels a day.

The shortfall in the United States is only about 500,000 barrels a day, compared to nearly 1.6 million barrels a day lost during the 1973 Arab oil embargo.

Explosions rock plant

By MICHAEL PATTERSON
Associated Press Writer

WHITING, Ind. (AP) — Thundering explosions rocked this small industrial town as a mammoth fire shot flames 100 feet into the air at a Standard Oil Co. refinery early today, forcing the evacuation of some 1,500 nearby residents, police said.

No injuries were immediately reported, but police said the blaze severed communications with the sprawling refinery.

The Whiting Fire Department, which supplies ambulances for the refinery, said they had received no ambulance requests.

Whiting is a town of 7,500 just across the Illinois-Indiana border from Chicago.

The fire began at 11:45 p.m. EST Sunday night and was reported contained in the area in which it orginated by 4 a.m. EST today, according to Whiting Fire Capt. John Hatczel. He would not say, however, that the fire was under control.

Fire officials reported at least six explosions at the plant as the blaze traveled through pipelines and in storage areas.

Frank Murzyn, an electrician in the refinery, said there was a danger of flaming fuel spilling out of the retaining wall of the ultra-former No. 4 unit were the fire started. The retaining wall is an earthen rampart surrounding the unit, where high-octane aviation fuel is produced.

Murzyn said if the flames spread, they might reach tank cars loaded with benzine on adjacent railroad tracks.

He also said a large tank containing propane sits in the middle of the burning area but that firefighters have been able to keep it from exploding.

Police said 10 square blocks of homes were evacuated. Some residents were taken to the Whiting Community Center while others went to stay with relatives or at motels, a Whiting police spokesman said.

The fire was being battled by fire units from the refinery. Whiting fire units were told to stand by in case they are needed, Hatczel said.

Some 100 firefighters from Whiting and surrounding municipalities were stationed outside the refinery in case the fire spread beyond the plant.

Fire Capt. Edward Hrabovsky said while the blast was centered in the No. 4 unit, an undetermined number of small storage tanks also exploded.

Snow was falling and winds were blowing from the east toward houses only two blocks from the fire, Hrabovsky said.

About 2,000 persons worked at the refinery, once the largest in the nation, he said.

Invitations extended

AUSTIN — Chairman John H. Poerner of the Texas Railroad Commission has extended invitations to 50 ranking executives of the U.S. petroleum industry and other key figures in energy matters to participate in the Commission's annual "state of the industry" conference here next month.

This year's session will be held at 9 a.m., March 20, at the Austin Hilton Inn.

Officials turn attention to anticipated struggle

By R. G. KAISER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — With Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping's visit behind them, senior officials of the Carter Administration have turned their attention to the anticipated politcal struggle over a new Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty with the Soviet Union.

On Monday afternoon, top level officials of all interested government agencies will gather around the conference table in the White House situation room to report to Hamilton Jordan, President Carter's senior aide on their preparations for the SALT fight. Jordan is running the "principals only" — that is, no aides or substitutes — task force that will manage SALT tactics for the president.

Next weekend Carter will make a major address on SALT and defense policy at Georgia Tech in Atlanta. Aides say this will be one of many presidential pronouncements on the arms agreement in the months ahead.

All that is missing to begin the ratification fight in earnest, officials acknowledge, is an agreement with the Soviets. Perhaps in reaction to the Teng visit here, Soviet negotiators have been moving slowly. The U.S. side hopes for answers from Moscow in the near future to the latest American proposals for completing a new agreement.

Senior White House officials — who volunteered to discuss their SALT plans with a reporter last week — remain confident that an agreement will be signed this spring and debated in the Senate this summer.

These officials dismiss rumors that they might withhold a new agreement until a clear majority of senators appeared favorably disposed toward it. "We'll send it up right away and take our chances," one authoritative official said. "there's no other way to do it."

Members of the small group of aides closest to Jimmy Carter discuss SALT II with a combination of fatalism and combativeness. Yes, they acknowledge, the first vote counts in the Senate will show them no better than even with the opposition with the largest number of senators undecided. Yes, this will be a fierce political battle. They add they are convinced the best arguments are theirs to make, and that they can achieve two-thirds support in the Senate.

The key question, one of Carter's intimates said last week, will be this: "Are we better off with this agreement, or is there some other circumstance in which we would be better off?" The onus will be on SALT"s opponents to describe the combination of policies that would make America more secure by rejecting the treaty than by accepting it, this official said.

"Individual senators won't be able to get up and say, 'if I had been the president negotiating this agreement, I would have insisted on this change . . .'" the same official said. The question before the Senate, he added, will be to reject SALT II and take the consequences or to accept it.

(Some SALT opponents have discussed having amendments or "reservations" to the treaty that would make it more attractive to the United States Administration officials say any substantive changes would be rejected by the Soviets, thus killing the agreeement.)

Carter's aides point to other grounds for their optimism. One they note is the debate this year on the defense budget, in which the president will be defending his proposed increases in spending against dovish critics. "It will be hard for Republicans to be arguing at the same time that this administration is weak on defense," one White House aide said.

These officials are also confident that Defense Secretary Harold Brown — to date largely a silent partner in the public SALT debate — will prove to be an articulate and persuasive advocate for the treaty. They argue that Brown has impeccable credentials, broad knowledge of the issues and credibility borne of his restraint in not speaking out thus far.

Administration officials point repeatedly to public opinion polls that show overwhelming popular support for a SALT agreement. Unlike the Panama Canal treaties, they say, this pact will enjoy public support that can be exploited to pressure on certain senators.

White House officials assert that the president has been at his very best in recent foreign policy briefings for members of Congress at which he has argued emotionally for SALT II. Several aides told with satisfaction the story of Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., a moderate senator still undecided on SALT, who appealed to the president at one of these briefings not to put senators in the impossible position of deciding between a less than perfect SALT agreement and a renewal of the arms race with the USSR.

In fact that is the choice, administration officials argue, and the possiblity of a renewed arms race is exactly what they hope will persuade two-thirds of the Senate to endorse their SALT agreement.

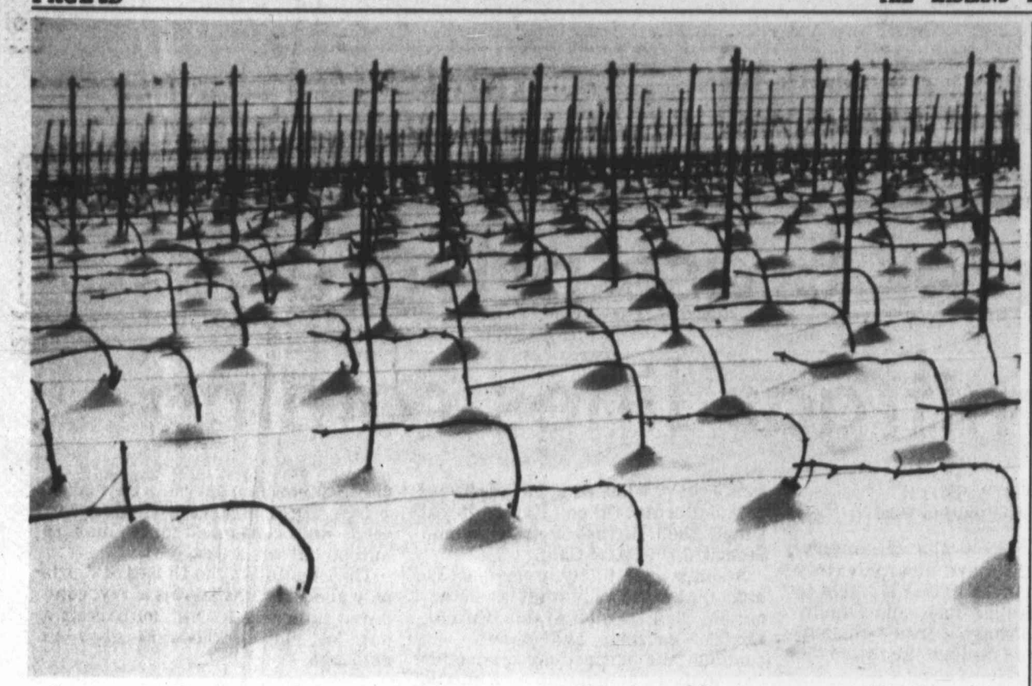
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Valentine of lead delivered by mob 50 years ago

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN

CHICAGO (AP) — Fifty years ago, on a day when Cupids are supposed to shoot arrows of love, mobsters delivered a Valentine of lead.

Seven men associated with George "Bugs" Moran were lined up against a brick wall inside a North Side garage and riddled with machine gun slugs.

The St. Valentine's Day massacre, Feb. 14, 1929, was Prohibition's goriest gangland crime. It awakened the public's fear of organized hoodlums and was instrumental in bringing the federal government into the Chicago crime picture.

The massacre climaxed 10 years of gang battles for control of illicit beer and whiskey profits. The warfare had narrowed to a fight for supremacy between Al Capone's South Side mob and the henchmen of Moran, the North Side booze czar.

The massacre still is listed in police files as "murder by persons unknown." No one was ever brought to trial, but gangland vengeance erased 22 men whose names popped up in the investigation.

"Machine Gun" Jack McGurn, who had been in contact with Capone, was believed to have mastermined the hit. He and John Scalisi of the Mafia were indicted for the murders and released on $50,000 bond.

Scalisi later was slain, and the state lacked enough evidence to bring McGurn to trial. Seven years after the massacre, McGurn was machine-gunned down at a Northwest Side bowling alley.

Police blamed the Capone mob for the massacre, but couldn't prove it. The garage had served as Moran's booze depot, and Moran missed being there by a stroke of luck. Afterward, Moran told police:

"Only the Capone gang kills like that."

But Capone himself had an iron alibi. At the very time that tommy gun slugs were ripping into the seven victims, "Scarface Al" was chatting with the district attorney in Miami, Fla., where he was vacationing. Told about Moran's accusation, Capone replied:

"They don't call that guy Bugs for nothing."

Earl Aykroid, retired Associated Press staffer, was one of the first reporters to enter the garage after the shooting. "Inside was a scene of carnage rivaling a battlefield," he recalls. "Six men lay dead along the north wall of the building, their bodies riddled by machine gun bullets. A seventh man, fatally wounded, was being carried to an ambulance by two patrolmen. He lived only briefly."

But the attempt to rub out Moran's gang was a botched job, according to various accounts. Only two of Moran's toughest musclemen were killed — Frank and Pete Gusenberg. The other victims were Johnny May, a mechanic who kept the bootleg trucks working; James Clark, Moran's brother-in-law who once was tried for murder; Adam Hyer, a trained accountant who has served time for embezzlement and now handled the gang's finances; Albert Weinshank, operator of a speakeasy, and Dr. Reinhart Schwimmer, an optometrist strangely fascinated with underworld factions.

What brought them together? One account is that a hijacked truckload of whiskey was being brought in for sale. Other accounts say that was a phony report spread to get the Moran boys together.

Across the street, two brothers identified as Phil and Harry Keywell of the Purple Gang, which had interests in the Detroit bootlegging racket, watched the garage from a rented boarding house room.

They saw Moran's boys go in at about 10 a.m. The last was Weinshank with his German shepherd dog, High Ball, on a leash. Weinshank looked like Moran. Police think the watchers mistook him for the big boss.

The brothers telephoned the Circus Cafe 20 blocks south and said Moran and six others were inside. The cafe contact went to a small garage and said, "He's there and he's got six of them with him."

Two men dressed like policemen and two in street clothes piled into what looked like a detective bureau car and drove to the garage.

The "policemen," brandishing revolvers, entered the building and went to the back, where the trucks were. The two others followed, one with a package wrapped in newspaper. Moran's men thought it was just another raid. They were ordered to line up against the wall, and did.

The man with the package ripped off the newspaper. It was a tommy gun. He sprayed the seven men with slugs, back and forth, back and forth, and squeezed a torrent of shots into them after they fell.

Most of the victims were bundled in overcoats and wore fedoras. There was no heat in the garage.

The dog High Ball barked and snarled. He had been tied to a truck and kept lunging the length of his leash, but could not break free.

A landlady saw two men leave the garage with hands raised, followed by two policemen with guns. "Just another arrest," she thought.

But the shots and the dog's howls had drawn attention. Police found four men lying face up, blood pouring from their heads. Another was face down against the wall. A sixth was sprawled over a chair.

Crawling out from the entanglement of bodies was Frank Gusenberg, with 22 slugs in him. He lived for 90 minutes and was asked who shot him. True to gangdom's code, he replied: "Nobody."

Moran and two of his top boys were reportedly nearing the garage on foot when they saw the execution squad's parked car. Thinking it was a police shakedown, they went to a restaurant nearby. Afterward, they went back and found the street cluttered with police. They scattered.

Moran bootlegged until repeal, then turned to other crimes. In 1957, at 64, he died of cancer in prison, serving time for a bank holdup. Capone, who served time for income tax evasion, died in 1947.

The garage was used by a moving and storage firm until 1967, when it was torn down to make room for apartments for the elderly.

The bullet-scarred bricks were sold to a Canadian food executive, George Patty of Vancouver, who planned to reconstruct the wall of his den with them.

Federal lawmakers focusing on budget's big money issues

By CARL C. CRAFT

WASHINGTON (AP) — After spending the opening weeks of this 96th Congress hearing President Carter's plans and getting themselves organized into committees where legislative work begins, federal lawmakers are starting to focus on big money issues.

Here is the status of major legislation:

Fiscal 1980 Budget

Congressional committees are considering Carter's proposed budget for federal fiscal 1980, the year beginning Oct. 1, 1979, calling for the government to operate at a $29 billion deficit, spend $531.6 billion and collect $502.6 billion in revenue.

In handing the new budget plan to Congress, the administration estimated the fiscal 1979 deficit eventually will be $37.4 billion — with $493.4 billion in spending and revenue of $456 billion — compared with fiscal 1978's $48.8 billion deficit.

Last September, Congress had figured on a fiscal 1979 budget containing a $38.8 billion deficit.

When he sent his fiscal 1980 budget plan to the lawmakers Jan. 22, Carter termed it "lean and austere," with an emphasis on restraining spending while fighting inflation.

The biggest boost he proposed is for defense, representing "real growth" of 3.1 percent after allowing for inflation. Total military spending would be $122.7 billion.

Anti-Inflation

The tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee completed a round of hearings last week on a key element of Carter's anti-inflation effort.

He asked Congress Jan. 17 to set up a special program of "wage insurance." The most any worker could get would be a payment of $600, and — like the wages it would replace — it would be taxable.

The program would use the tax system to give breaks to groups of workers who cooperate with Carter's anti-inflation program by accepting a pay raise averaging 7 percent or less this year. It would cover the first $20,000 of wages and any inflation between 7 percent and 10 percent.

For example, if prices go up by 8 percent in 1979, a qualified worker making $20,000 would get a payment of $200.

The Treasury Department estimates 47 million workers — roughly half the nation's work force — would participate in this program, which the president calls "a novel approach to the inflation problem."

With the administration expecting about 7.5 percent inflation, down from last year's 9 percent, such a program could cost the government about $2.5 billion.

Social Security

The lawmakers are reviewing Carter's ideas for cutting what he calls some "unnecessary and windfall" Social Security benefits in fiscal 1980. He said enactment could help make it possible to consider reducing Social Security taxes in 1981.

He suggested ending the minimum monthly $122 benefit, eliminating Social Security benefits for college students, getting rid of the $255 lump-sum death benefit, cutting off a parent's benefit when the youngest child reaches age 16 instead of 18, and reducing benefits for retired persons who also draw federal civil-szrvice pensions.

Education Department

Following his government reorganization victory in the 95th Congress on creation of an Energy Department, the first new Cabinet agency in more than a decade, Carter wants the 96th Congress to establish a separate department of education.

The president's proposal, delivered to the lawmakers last week, is a reduced version of a measure that failed to survive in the 95th Congress.

Health Care

Carter lists containment of hospital charges as "one of my highest legislative priorities for this year" and among "the clearest tests of the seriousness of the Congress in dealing with the problem of inflation." He says costs grew last year by about 13 percent.

Rejecting administration arguments in the final hours of the session last year, the 95th Congress refused to put federal curbs on rising hospital costs. A Senate-approved bill died in the House.

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Called meeting Keystone Chapter No. 172 for degree work. Dec. 12, 1978, 7:30 PM. Stated meetings 1st Tuesday of each month. 7:30 PM for Chapter & Council. Vern Adams H.P., Poin Meyers. T.I.M., George Medley, Sec. REC., All York Rite Masons welcome.

Acacia Lodge No. 1414, A.F.&A.M., 1000 Upland. Reg. stated meeting 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM. Combined meeting Feb. 9th with Midland Lodge #623, Grand Masters visit, dinner 7 PM, open meeting following. All Masons invited. H. H. Miller, W. M., Al Talbot Secretary.

Midland Lodge #623 A.F. & A.M., 1600 W. Wall, 682-3292. M M Degree Thursday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 PM. Regular Stated Meeting Thursday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 PM. Grand Master's Visit Friday, Feb. 9. Meal at 7:00 PM Open Meeting Following. Bobby Z. Ellis, W.M. George Medley, Secretary.

Midland Commandery #84, Knights Templar. Stated Conclave, February 20, 1979, at 7:30 p.m. All Sir Knights invited and urged to attend. J.A. Bobbitt-Commander George Medley-Recorder.

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