

Congressmen oppose new FBI guidelines

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of Congress say they will challenge the Reagan administration's decision to expand FBI infiltration and monitoring of U.S. groups that allegedly advocate violent social and political change.

Attorney General William French Smith broadened the FBI's authority for domestic spying Monday when he issued new guidelines for FBI domestic security and domestic terrorist investigations.

Smith's new rules, which take effect March 21, replace guidelines issued by Attorney General Edward Levi in 1976 to halt abuses turned up by congressional committees. Levi's rules have come under attack by conservative groups.

The congressional panels found that during the 1960s and early 1970s the FBI infiltrated anti-Vietnam war groups, civil rights organizations and the women's liberation movement, and attempted to disrupt their activities and discredit their leaders, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Although the new rules do not need congressional approval, several efforts were immediately announced in Congress to alter them or at least clarify Smith's intentions.

Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., chairman of the House Judiciary subcommittee on civil and constitutional rights, said the new FBI powers could chill the exercise of free speech. He called on Justice officials

to explain them at hearings in the next two weeks.

Sens. Charles McC. Mathias, R-Md., and Walter Huddleston, D-Ky., chairman and vice chairman of the special committee that investigated the FBI's Abscam investigation, said through spokesmen that they and other senators will introduce legislation to restrict the use of FBI informants and infiltrators even more sharply than Levi had.

A leading conservative critic of the Levi rules, Sen. Jeremiah Denton, R-Ala., chairman of the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on security and terrorism, hailed the new rules as "a step in the right direction." But two Democratic liberals, Sens.

Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Joseph Biden of Delaware, said through spokesmen that they would use Denton's March 16 hearing on the rules to question whether Smith had discarded too many protections against government interference in legal political dissent.

A spokesman for Sen. Dave Durenberger, R-Minn., said the Senate intelligence subcommittee on the rights of Americans, which Durenberger heads, also would review the new guidelines.

Outside government, Jerry Berman, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, said some of the changes are "detrimental to civil liberties" and could allow

the FBI to "slide back into the business of investigating people who engage in heated debate and espouse unpopular ideologies."

Smith said the new guidelines already had been altered this past week in response to some private criticisms from Congress. He said the new rules "clarify the standards governing these investigations and reaffirm the importance of gathering criminal intelligence about violence-prone groups, while retaining adequate protections for lawful and peaceful political dissent."

Smith said using informants and infiltration in preliminary inquiries would enhance the FBI's ability to prevent violence and show that "we

are not waiting for the ticking to start" before the government acts.

John B. Hotis, special assistant to FBI Director William H. Webster, said the new preliminary inquiries would have a narrower purpose, focusing on whether crimes were imminent rather than on basic intelligence about the infiltrated group.

But Berman said Smith will allow informants and infiltration "where the bureau may be acting merely on unsubstantiated information and allegations."

Spokesmen for Mathias and Huddleston pointed out the Senate Abscam panel had unanimously recommended tougher, rather than looser, rules for informants and infiltration.

Church leaders urged to take stand on arms

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — President Reagan called on evangelical church leaders today to use their pulpits against opponents of his defense build-up and "those who would place the United States in a position of military and moral inferiority."

He also urged the evangelicals' convention, which will take up proposals calling on the United States and the Soviet Union to freeze their nuclear arsenals, not to ignore "the aggressive impulses of an evil empire."

On domestic issues, Reagan repeated his opposition to abortion, efforts to ban school prayer and attempts to limit an administration rule requiring parental notification when teen-agers receive federally sponsored birth control information or devices.

Reagan also said he was horrified at "the resurgence of some hate groups preaching bigotry and prejudice" and told his audience to "use the mighty voice of your pulpits and the powerful standing of your churches to denounce and isolate these hate groups in our midst."

But Reagan, who has been criticized by conservative leaders for offering what they call "rhetoric" but little other support for anti-abortion and school prayer efforts, made little reference in his speech to the National Association of Evangelicals to specific actions he plans to take beyond submitting proposed legislation and constitutional amendments.

As activists both supporting and opposing efforts to impose a moratorium on nuclear weapons develop-

ment gathered in Washington, Reagan told the church leaders that "in your discussions of the nuclear freeze proposals, I urge you to beware of the temptation of pride."

He described this as "the temptation blithely to declare yourselves above it all and label both sides equally to fault, to ignore the facts of history and the aggressive impulses of an evil empire, to simply call the arms race a giant misunderstanding and thereby remove yourself from the struggle between right and wrong, good and evil."

"I urge you to speak out against those who would place the United States in a position of military and moral inferiority. I ask you to resist the attempts of those who would have you withhold your support for this administration's efforts to keep America strong and free while we negotiate real and verifiable reductions in the world's nuclear arsenals and one day, with God's help, their total elimination."

In arms talks with the Soviet Union in Geneva, Reagan's negotiators have proposed reducing strategic nuclear weapons arsenals to equal levels before freezing them, while opponents of this proposal have suggested an immediate freeze at current levels and then negotiations to reduce weaponry.

While Reagan has spoken frequently about school prayer and abortion, he has left most of the administration's side of the debate on the parental notification rule to aides.



Forlorn farmers
Solemnly, these Dawson County cotton farmers listen as Department of Agriculture representatives advise them not to grow as much cotton this year as part of the administration's Payment in Kind program.

Farmers learn about 'crop swap'

By PATRICK DEAREN
Staff Writer

LAMESA — Jump down, turn around, PIK a bale of cotton.

Johnny Cash crooned it two decades ago, while Dawson County farmers have been doing just that for decades planting, increasing acreage, striving for peak yields.

Now, the federal government wants to pick those bales and leave empty rows in their wake.

Payment In Kind — the Department of Agriculture's controversial "crop swap" program — piqued the interest of more than 100 farmers who gathered Monday at Dawson County Community Building for the annual meeting of Lamesa Cotton Growers Association. On hand to explain the "nuts and bolts" of the program were Washington, D.C. agriculture officials Charlie Cunningham and John Ford.

"The basic problem is surpluses: cotton, feed grains, wheat, rice," said Cunningham, deputy director of the analysis division of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

"PIK is an effort to reduce acreage and production in order to get rid of those surpluses. What we're doing is (asking) producers...to agree to reduce their acreage an additional 10 to 30 percent above the regular program or go the whole basis, while PIK will receive — in return for laying that land out — commodities, which everyone will get."

Those commodities, added Cunningham, would be made available "about the same time that crops would have been harvested if they'd been planted, so that we don't thoroughly disrupt the market.... It will help us get rid of those surpluses, which then will permit prices to increase and help the farmers to get back on their feet."



"The higher the participation, the quicker we can get supplies down and prices up."
— Charlie Cunningham

In a taped message specifically directed to the association, Secretary of Agriculture John Block strongly urged Dawson County cotton farmers to sign up for PIK by its Friday deadline.

"In all my years associated with agriculture, never has there been a more crucial (time) for farmers to make the right decision," he said. "If

we don't make PIK work then we will be the victims of our own inaction. We must face reality... We cannot depend on a sudden increase in exports to pull us out... We cannot gamble on Mother Nature to administer involuntary increase reductions... The Payment in Kind is a life preserver that we must cling to now."

Farmers, said the secretary, hold "their own destinies in their own hands. We have a chance, a tool, to turn this surplus situation around. I only hope that we are willing to make a commitment to use those tools."

Block originally had been scheduled to speak in person at the association meeting, but decided to remain in Washington and push for PIK sign-up nationwide through telephone conferences.

Native Panhandle cotton farmer John Ford, now an assistant deputy to Block, delved into his own background to sympathize with any potential resentment toward meddling by the government. "There's a natural instinct, even in these times, even in this condition, for people to want to farm, not to take government programs," he said. "That's why you're in this business, and that's why you like to do it."

"But you have to... come to the realization that too many people in too many different commodities and too many different counties have gotten into farming, and decide how to get these horrible surpluses off our back to make farming profitable... PIK is no solution to anything; PIK is merely the vital and necessary first step."

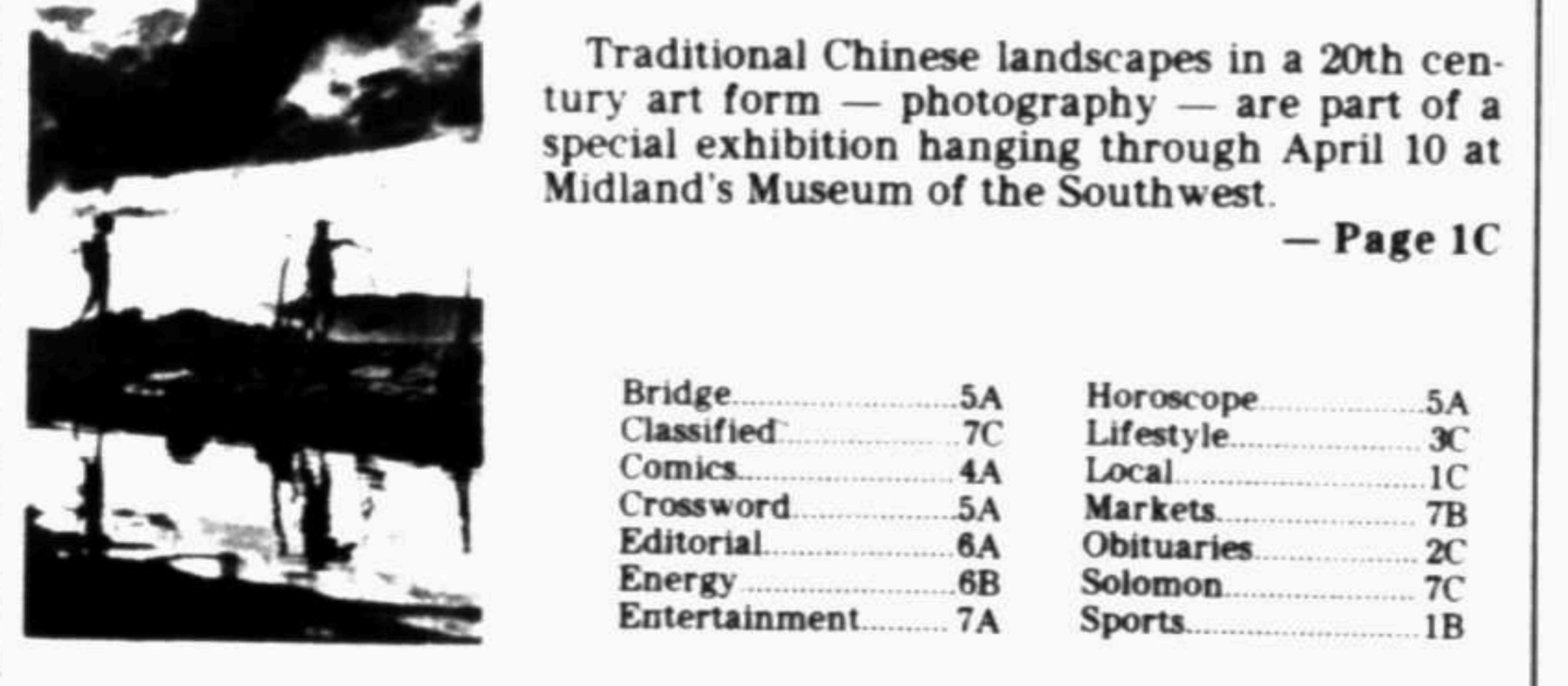
In Dawson County, PIK promoters are having to deal with an unlikely problem — voluminous winter precipitation, allowing for the possibility of an excellent crop this year.

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INSIDE TODAY

The land of China

Traditional Chinese landscapes in a 20th century art form — photography — are part of a special exhibition hanging through April 10 at Midland's Museum of the Southwest.



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Stripling watches as 'Golden Boy' loses his glow

EDITOR'S NOTE: The 1930s and '40s were a period of self-examination for America as the fear of communism spread. This is the third of a six-part series on Midlander Robert Stripling's experiences amid this political climate through two decades in Washington. Today's article deals with the Alger Hiss case.

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

It began with a telephone call one morning in 1947.

"Come over to the State Department today at 10 o'clock and hear the communist," said the voice at the other end.

Receiving the call was Robert E. Stripling, counsel and chief investigator of the House Un-American Activities Committee, whose focus was



Stripling's Washington
part three

"HIS WAS A brilliant man, a golden boy of the New Deal," recalls Stripling. "He exerted tremendous influence on the Department of State. When (Franklin) Roosevelt went to Yalta, Hiss went with him. The United Nations charter was

drawn up by Hiss and he was chief organizer of the U.N.'s founding conference at San Francisco."

That phone call led Stripling into one of the most historic cases in America's 20th Century and an eventual rift with a HUAC committee member, Richard M. Nixon.

Now 70 and a retired oilman who splits his time between Midland and California; Stripling attempted to follow that lead on Hiss but ran into a dead end.

He had heard that a man by the name of David Whittaker Chambers had some information on Hiss, but two of Stripling's investigators failed to get it from him.

The investigation on Hiss was dropped until the next year in August when avowed Communist Elizabeth Bentley told HUAC about government employees and spy rings. "After Bentley testified in 1948, it was pretty hot stuff. What she said was pretty shocking. To verify it, I subpoenaed Chambers," Stripling said.

This time, Chambers — a senior editor at Time magazine — appeared in Stripling's office with an attorney

and a three-page statement written on yellow tablet paper. "It was absolute dynamite," said Stripling. "It had the names of Alger Hiss and his brother, Donald Hiss."

SHOWN TO MEMBERS OF HUAC in executive session, they felt it should be made public record. "So Chambers testified in public and named Hiss" as a communist.

Hiss had left the State Department and was president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. When Chambers' accusations appeared on the news that night, Hiss called the committee and asked to be heard, recalls Stripling.

"We heard him on a Friday. He came before the committee and put on a great performance, said he'd never heard of Chambers."

(See COMMITTEE'S, Page 2A)

NEW YORK (AP) — 11 a.m. national prices for New York Stock Exchange issues. Table listing various stocks and their prices.

Stock market gains Private sector jobs increase

By JOHN CUNIFF NEW YORK (AP) — When President Reagan talks about cutting the bureaucracy he generally means cutting the number of government workers. But, it is alleged, government bureaucracy has invaded the private sector also.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table listing various mutual funds and their performance metrics, including categories like Federal Funds, Fidelity Funds, and American Funds.

American Exchange

NEW YORK (AP) — 11 a.m. national prices for American Exchange issues. Table listing various stocks and their prices.

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Market index

Table listing various market indices and their values, including Dow Jones, S&P 500, and NYSE.

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Table listing cotton futures prices and market activity, including New York (AP) and London (AP) prices.

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Portraits of China

Landscape painting has for centuries served a two-fold purpose in China. It has been central to the Chinese concept of art as well as serving to quintessentially express Chinese philosophy.

Its theme revolves around expressing the belief in an inner harmony and balance among all things in the world by creating a feeling of union between the human spirit and energies created by the wind, water, mist and mountains. As early as the 3rd or 4th century A.D., the art of landscape painting was practiced in China, reaching its golden age during the Sung dynasty, 960-1279.

But its history goes much farther back in time. This genre grew out of the spirit of Taoism, which holds that the ch'i, or energy within things, is their most fundamental essence.

Taoism itself refers to a Chinese religion which began sometime around the 100's B.C., as well as to a philosophy which appeared during the 300's B.C. Throughout the centuries that have followed, the Tao philosophy has influenced numerous Eastern and Western artists and writers.

Today the landscape tradition is once again being carried on in China in a 20th century art form — photography. A special exhibition which reflects this artistic mode is on display through April 10 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Guided tours are being provided Sundays at 3 p.m. In addition, the museum is hosting guest lecturers, including Georgia Chamley-Brevik, who will speak at 7:30 p.m. Thursday on "Chinese Landscape Painting: Tang Through the Ching."

The museum also is providing free movie showings, beginning with the 7:30 p.m. March 17 presentation of "The Adventures of Marco Polo."

Organized by Willa Percival, curator of the International Photography Society, Washington, D.C., in conjunction with the Embassy of the People's Republic of China and the Chinese Exhibition Agency, Beijing, China, this exhibit is traveling under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service.

"China From Within" seeks to affirm a continuity of the Chinese artistic and philosophical tradition

that predates post-World War II East-West relations.

Chosen by the Chinese government, these photographs reflect that government's purview. All were taken by members of the Chinese Photographers' Association, the central agency created by the government to support and direct photography in China.

Membership in this organization is mandatory for professional Chinese photographers. Strict codes governing photographic subject matter are enforced by the processing labs in China.

Another vital aspect of the Chinese landscape tradition which is visually apparent in "China From Within" is the idea that certain categories of things carry symbolic significance.

"This interest in symbols dates back to the 'Book of Changes' or 'I-Ching,' a highly stylized visual code encompassing an ancient cosmology," states Sandra Matthews in the Smithsonian's accompanying brochure.

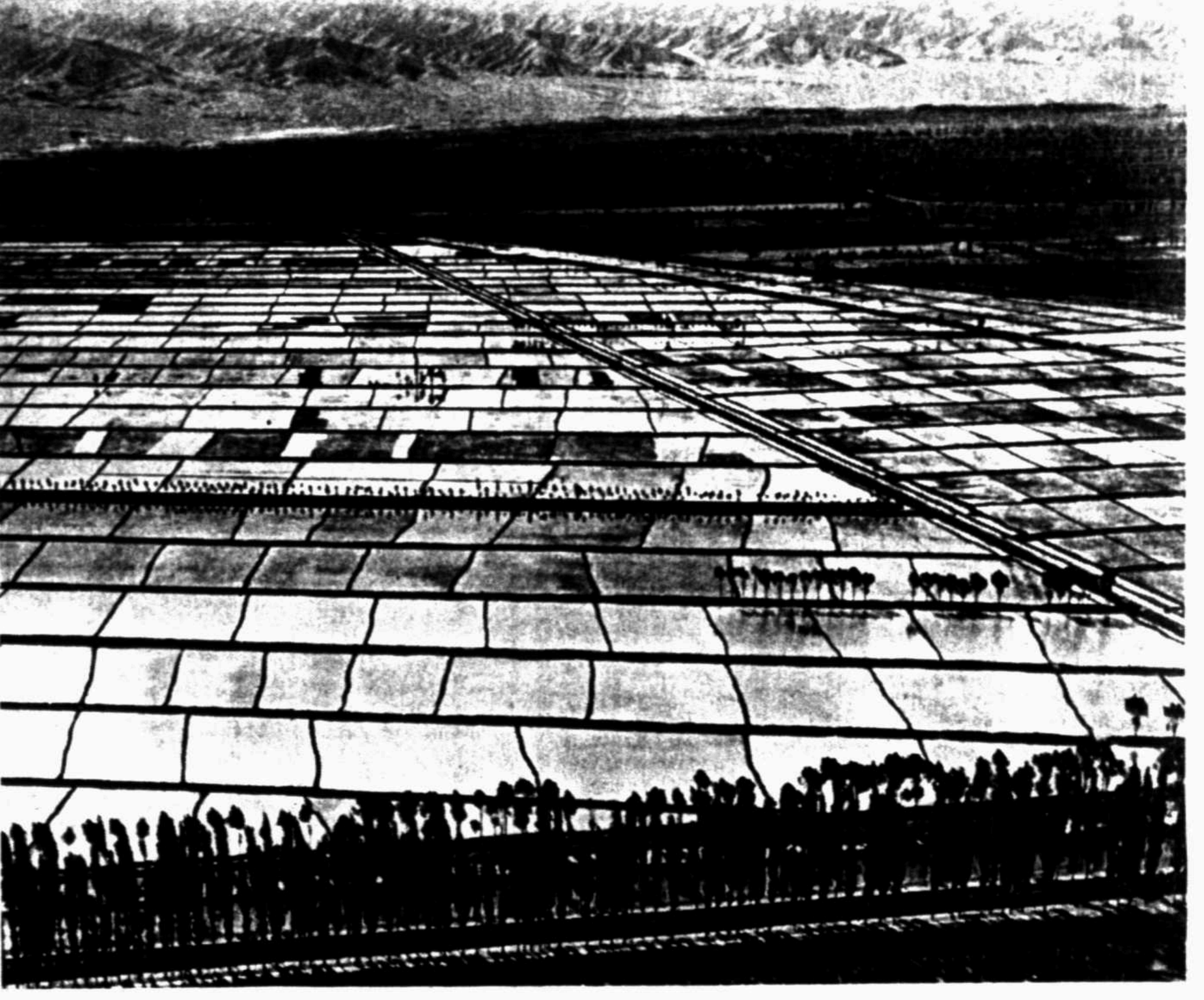
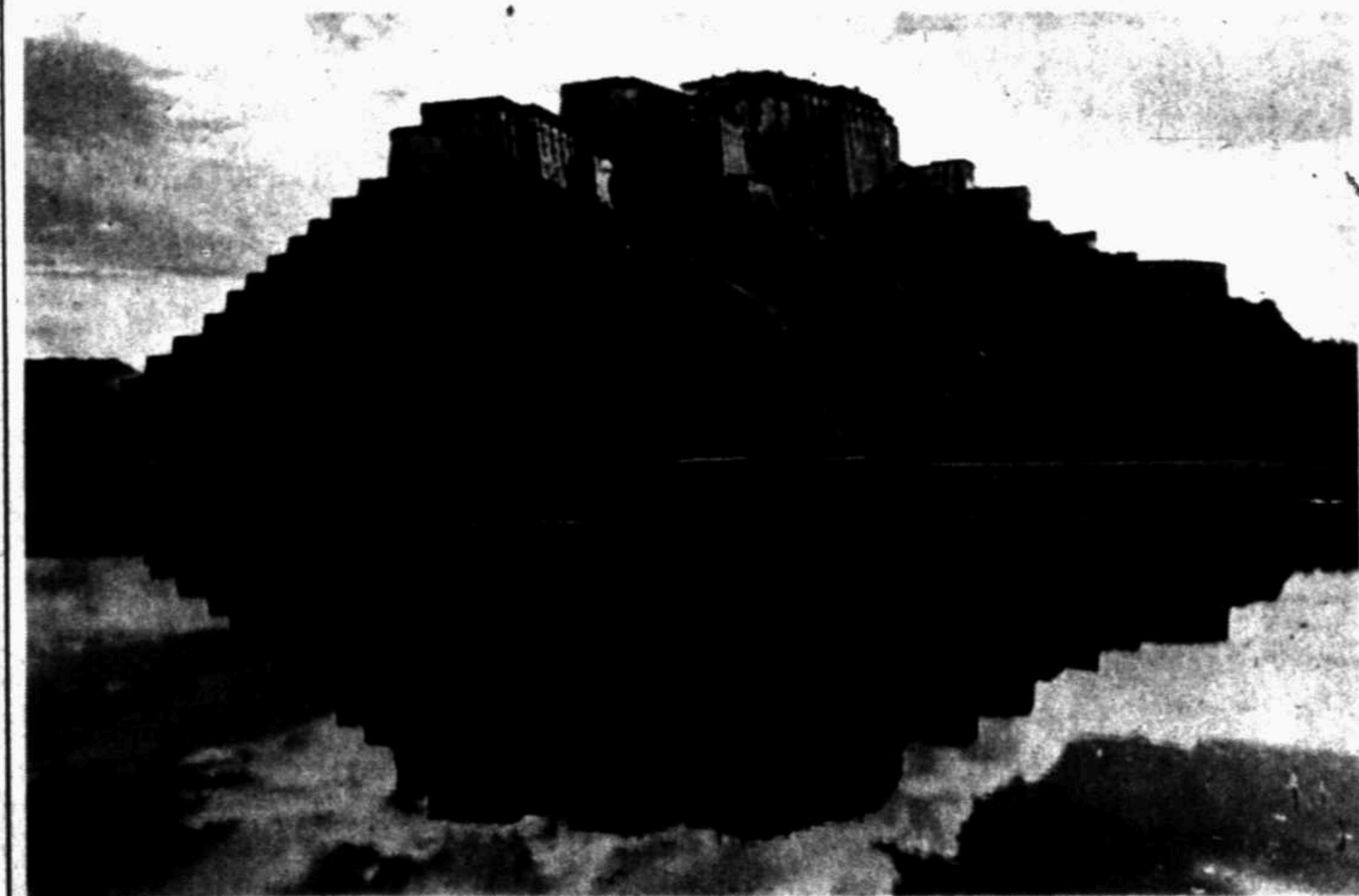
Certain natural elements, believed to have metaphysical power, receive preeminent treatment in this genre.

For example, stone, the Earth's bones, and water, the Earth's blood, are the most fundamental, states Ms. Matthews. "Mist functions as water in the form of breath, in addition to allowing the presentation of multiple views that appear to float together in a single image."

"The Chinese view of nature — a concept of place in the cosmos — utilizes a system of intuitive, natural perspective keyed to the character of the land," Marilyn Wong Fu states in the same brochure. "A mountain with a frontal emphasis would illustrate the theme of height (called a 'tall distance,' gaoyuan); a series of horizontal land masses would illustrate the theme of lateral extension (called a 'level distance,' ping yuan)."

To succeed in the tradition he has embraced, the Chinese photographer must move beyond all the requisite techniques involved in mastering the camera.

He must see, as Ms. Wong Fu states, "the product as a vehicle to convey the transient but timeless aspect of nature, making of it an expression of human feelings rather than a record of mere fact."



The top photo is a rare example in the Museum of the Southwest's "China From Within" exhibit of a landscape painting which reflects Mao's philosophy of downplaying the environment while emphasizing workers. Middle left, a represen-

tative example of Chinese landscape photography which combines the elements of man and nature — water, boats and mountains. Also representative of the genre is the human's small size. Bottom left, water, considered the earth's blood by

the Chinese, plays a vital role in Chinese landscape tradition, as in this photo of Potala Palace, Tibet. Above, "Skillfully Embroidering the Earth" reminds the viewer that the farmer is the most enduring of artists.

Text by Georgia Temple

Photos by Paul Gilbert

Even Ozzy can't avoid the flu; Singer cancels

By GEORGIA TEMPLE
Entertainment Writer

Now that the show is on, Ozzy Osbourne is a no-show.

After weeks of what seemed months of controversy, the Ector County Commissioners' Court appeared hopelessly mired between opposing forces — the Odessans for Decency, who were against Ozzy's Ector County Coliseum concert, and the Ozz Patrol, which wanted the concert allowed.

Feb. 7 the Commissioners' Court, rather than barring Osbourne from his Odessa show (which had a signed contract to back it up), voted 5-0 to lateral the decision to U.S. District Judge Lucius D. Bunton — whose decision not to decide dropped it back into the commissioners' none-too-eager hands.

After all that...Well, it's hard to believe, but it's reportedly true.

Sorry fans, but Ozzy got bit.

No, it wasn't a retaliatory bat. (For those who don't know, Osbourne bit the head off a bat at a concert. That trick cost him rabies shots. It has been reported that Osbourne said of the incident he didn't know it was a real bat.)

It seems the English rock star, whose actions — supposed and otherwise — have caused such a maelstrom of local controversy, is not impervious to the garden variety flu bug.

The news came to Ector County Coliseum around 3 p.m. Monday. Bill Martin, the coliseum's manager, said, "As I understand, he has the flu."

When asked how he felt about the no-show, Martin said, "I don't feel negative or positive about it. From the beginning it was just another show. And now it's just another cancellation of a show. Those things happen."

Approximately 3,000 tickets had been sold. Martin said he figured the concert would have heavy walk-up traffic, which is not unusual for rock concerts. He felt the coliseum would have sold 5,000 to 6,000 tickets and "might even have sold out."

Refunds will be made at the point of purchase. And this time ticket holders have an option. They can use their tickets for the April 6 Hall and Oates concert — same price, same promoter, Stardate.

Randy Sheldon, promoter for the Ozzy concert, was unavailable for comment.

Since the Odessa concert finished up Ozzy's current tour, the gig was cancelled outright rather than postponed, Martin explained, adding that Osbourne might play Odessa during his next U.S. tour.

That statement was followed with a pause.

Then he quipped, with the hint of a chuckle in his voice, "Or he might even play Midland."



The spring-like weather was too much for 7-year-old Robbie McCullough and 4-year-old Debra Warner to resist Monday, so they went to Waco's Cameron Park and tried out their balancing skills on a swing built for one.

Location change granted for Sharp trial

KERMIT (AP) — Prosecuting and defense attorneys have one week to choose a site for the trial of Michael Eugene Sharp, accused in the June stabbing death of a Kermit woman, Brenda Kay Broadway.

State District Court Judge James Clack granted a change of venue Monday for the capital murder trial. Sharp was convicted in Lubbock of murdering 8-year-old Christie Michelle Elms, Mrs. Broadway's daughter.

Mrs. Broadway and her two daughters were abducted from a Kermit car wash the same day as the killings. Selena Elms, 15, managed to escape from her abductor, but her mother and younger sister were stabbed to death.

Clack granted the motion filed by Sharp's lawyer, Glen Williamson, and gave both sides one week to decide where the trial should be held.

Clack agreed that Sharp probably could not receive a fair trial in Kermit.

Williamson had presented affidavits from two Kermit residents stating that pretrial publicity in Winkler County precluded Sharp getting a fair trial there.

District Attorney Mike Fostel opposed the change and had three affidavits signed by Kermit residents stating that prejudice against

Sharp in Winkler County "would not deny him a fair and impartial trial."

Sharp was arrested June 16, 1982, five days after the bodies of Mrs. Broadway and Miss Elms were discovered in rural Winkler County.

Selena Elms is expected to testify at his trial.

Sharp was brought under heavy security from the Andrews County jail to Kermit shortly before court opened.

Legislators discuss price for quality teachers

AUSTIN (AP) — Two legislators sponsoring a \$1.6 billion proposed salary increase for Texas teachers say that if officials want excellence in schools, they are going to have to fund a 30.7 percent pay raise, even if it means new taxes.

"In this state, the people who hold public office are either going to have to put up or shut up," said Senate Education Chairman Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur.

"Either find the money or quit talking about excellence in education. You can't have a Cadillac system on a Model T budget," Parker said.

The Texas State Teachers Association wage proposal was announced Monday at a news conference by TSTA President Barbara O'Neal and bill sponsors Parker and Sen. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin.

Under the TSTA plan, a beginning teacher with a bachelor's degree would make \$14,500 next year instead of the current \$11,110. A teacher with an master's degree and 30 years experience would make \$27,250 next year instead of \$21,100.

The plan "increases beginning teachers' salaries dramatically to attract the brightest minds into the teaching profession," said Ms. O'Neal, "and realistically rewards our experienced teachers so they can afford to continue to teach."

Human rights issue ready for debate

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate has ready for debate a measure that would let state and local human rights boards handle employment discrimination complaints the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is now processing.

The Senate State Affairs Committee approved the bill 10-0 Monday. There was no opposing testimony.

"This is probably the first time you will hear a federal official admit that you can do as good a job as we can at the federal level," testified EEOC representa-

tive Cathy Shattuck of Washington.

"It would be much more efficient to process complaints at the local level. We have approved 97 percent of the decisions made by local commissions."

Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, who is sponsoring the bill with Sen. Craig Washington, D-Houston, said it would set up a nine-member state commission and staff to receive and investigate employment discrimination complaints. If possible, the complaints would be referred to local commissions.

Alleged attack upon charged man to be investigated

RICHMOND, Texas (AP) — A judge says he will ask the district attorney's office to investigate allegations that a Mexican man charged in a Salvadoran's death was attacked by a deputy sheriff.

State District Judge A. Reagan Clark on Monday overruled a motion for a mistrial by attorneys for Juan Ramon Ortiz, 26, of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, who claimed the sheriff refused to let him attend church services.

Defense attorney Charles Cates sought a mistrial after Ortiz testified he injured his head when thrown against a wall by the deputy.

Earlier Monday, the judge also dismissed a mistrial motion by Cates, who alleged that chief prosecutor Don Bankston questioned a witness about "the murders" of three other Salvadorans.

Cates said the prosecutor had mentioned extraneous crimes in the presence of the jury.

Ortiz is charged with the murder of Roman Turcios, one of four Salvadorans discovered in July bound and shot to death on the banks of the Brazos River in Fort Bend County.

Prosecutors have said the four Salvadorans were slain to avenge the death of a member of an illegal alien smuggling ring who had demanded more money from a relative of two illegal aliens.

Twelve other Mexicans also have been charged in the murders.

Ten are believed to be hiding in Mexico, one was sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to kidnapping, and one is awaiting trial on kidnapping charges, prosecutors said.

Gerardo Origel Perez, 17, of Mexico, testified last week that he crossed the Rio Grande in an inflatable raft July 2 and was driven to the same Houston apartment where other illegal aliens were held captive and tortured.

Convict granted wish to be in federal prison

A convicted bank robber who told U.S. District Judge Lucius D. Bunton that he preferred to be confined in a federal penitentiary rather than a state prison so that he might earn a higher education on Monday was granted his request.

Along with it came a 20-year prison term, which was the punishment Bunton gave the 31-year-old defendant, Robert Max Macklem, for using a 12-gauge sawed-off shotgun in holding up the Odessa Savings Association last May 13 and fleeing with \$3,911.

Since then, Macklem has been convicted in Tennessee following a kidnapping and a planned bank heist. He was serving a state sentence there when he was brought to Midland on the federal charge, to which he pleaded guilty.

"I'd like to spend my time in the federal pen, where I'd have the opportunity to do some college work," Macklem told the judge prior to sentencing. Maximum penalty for the federal offense is a 25-year prison sentence and a \$10,000 fine.

His court-appointed attorney, Brian Martin, told the judge that Macklem is "a personable person."

"His mother still believes in him and believes that he has potential in his future...He wants to be rehabilitated."

Bunton didn't deny that the defendant has potential. But he noted that Macklem "took the law in your own hands" and said that there is no way the court "could condone anyone sticking up somebody with a sawed-off shotgun..."

"You could have killed somebody."

But the judge did cite two "redeeming" facets of Macklem's life: his military service and his attempt to gain an education.

Sims named to two committees

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Sen. Bill Sims of San Angelo has been named to serve on the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Southern Legislative Conference by Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby.

A third-generation West Texas rancher, Sims will be on the Agriculture, Food Policy and Nutrition Committee of the national conference, which has jurisdiction over agricultural exports, prices and price supports and other rural issues.

In the Southern Legislative Conference, he will serve on the Southern Growth Policies Board and the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee.

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DEATHS

W.W. Labaume

DUDLEY — Services for W.W. Labaume, 52, of Dudley, father of Elaine Haskell of Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Harrell Funeral Home Memorial Chapel here with the Rev. Pat Cummings officiating. Burial was in Old Dudley Cemetery.

He died Sunday in a Stephenville hospital.

Labaume was born March 21, 1900, in Taylor. He was an Erath County commissioner for 20 years.

Other survivors include two daughters, a son, two brothers, two sisters, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

dant of Big Spring for two years. He was a Baptist.

Grace Martin

BIG SPRING — Graveside services for Mrs. T.W. (Grace) Martin, 87, of Big Spring will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Trinity Memorial Park, directed by Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

Mrs. Martin died Sunday night at a local hospital.

She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1905. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Jim Raoul

BIG SPRING — Graveside services for Mrs. Jim (Jo) Raoul, 67, of Big Spring, will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Mount Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

Mrs. Raoul died Monday morning in a local hospital.

She had been a bookkeeper and a resident of Big Spring since 1931. She was a member of the First Christian Church.

R.L. Martin

BIG SPRING — Graveside services for R.L. "Bob" Martin, 67, will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Fort Bliss National Cemetery under the direction of Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

Martin died Saturday in a local hospital.

He had been a roofer and a resi-

Man placed on probation

A 26-year-old Fort Stockton man who pleaded guilty to concealing knowledge of a felony by not reporting the transport of illegal aliens from Mexico into Texas last Aug. 24 on Monday was placed on a five-year supervised probation and was fined \$500 by U.S. District Judge Lucius D. Bunton.

The judge had sentenced the defendant, Jesus Jose Calderon, to three years in prison but suspended that term.

Before the judge sentenced him, Calderon, in speaking through his

bilingual attorney, Tony Chavez of Odessa, told the court that whatever the judge decided on punishment "will be the right decision."

"He has been through quite a bit," Chavez told the court. "He asked for it."

Last month, when Calderon had pleaded guilty to the offense, his attorney told the judge that Calderon "knew that transporting illegal aliens was against the law" but that he was unaware that "not reporting it was against the law."

Bill would legalize therapy

AUSTIN (AP) — A legislator wants to legalize "chelation therapy" for heart patients, but the Harvard Medical School says the method is not proven effective and any patient who chooses it is a "guinea pig."

Houston Rep. Senfronia Thompson introduced a bill Monday to legalize the drug ethylene diamine tetracetic acid, or EDTA, for use on heart disease. EDTA is given intravenously in "chelation treatments" that can last several hours.

The term "chelation" derives from

the word chelate, a chemical term used to describe an agent that forms bonds with certain metals and then carries them out of the bloodstream.

The drug is believed by its users to unblock arteries clogged by calcium deposits, but some medical authorities believe it is unsafe and ineffective.

Ms. Thompson said her bill is needed because the therapy is not covered by insurance due to its questioned status.

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