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Carter predicts passage of plane sale

By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter is predicting Senate approval of his controversial plan to sell sophisticated U.S. warplanes to Israel and two of its Arab neighbors.

On the eve of the showdown vote, scheduled for late today following several hours of debate, Carter lobbied his $4.8 billion plane sale proposal with a number of senators.

He telephoned them Sunday from the presidential retreat at Camp David, Md., where he spent the weekend.

Then, in a statement issued before he returned to the White House, Carter said he thinks the Senate will approve the proposed sale to Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

The president said he had been "impressed by the sincere desire of senators I have talked with this weekend to rise above partisanship and political concerns." He called the sales "crucial to our efforts to secure a just and lasting peace in the Middle East."

Senate Democratic Leader Robert Byrd of West Virginia also foresaw victory. "I think we have the votes to allow the sales to go forward," he said.

Two opponents, meanwhile, predicted a close vote.

Republican Sen. Jacob Javits of New York said the resolution to disapprove the sale would be decided by "one or two votes on either side." And the assistant Democratic leader, Sen. Alan Cranston of California, said the situation in the Senate was "extremely fluid." Cranston broke with the administration on the warplane deal, saying the White House offer of 20 additional planes later on for Israel was "insufficient." He also said the assurance that the planes sold Saudi Arabia would not be used against Israel was "undependable."

Carter wants to sell 60 F-15s to Saudi Arabia, 50 less advanced F-5Es to Egypt and 15 F-15s and 75 F-16s to Israel.

Meanwhile, in a letter to Carter released Saturday, King Khalid of Saudi Arabia said he wanted "to emphasize that the planes are being acquired for defense" and that his country urgently needs the planes "because of the continuing, and recently stepped up, communist expansion in the area."

His remarks came shortly after Carter told a group of editors that Cuban military forces are operating in South Yemen.

The House International Relations Committee votes on the warplane sale Tuesday. Unless both houses disapprove the sale by May 28, however, Carter is free to go ahead with the sales.

In other action in Congress this week:

—House-Senate energy conferees may vote on Tuesday on a proposal to deregulate natural gas prices by 1985. Conference leaders said last week they still needed one vote from the House conferees for approval. Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill predicted the compromise will pass, ending nearly six months of stalemate on Carter's energy bill.

—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee scheduled a vote today to formally reject Carter's plan to lift the three-year-old arms embargo against Turkey.

The panel last week rejected an end to the embargo, but that vote was not official because of the lack of a quorum. A reversal of the committee action today was considered unlikely.

—On Tuesday the Senate expects to take up controversial labor law revision legislation which includes timetables for union representation elections, provides for 1½ times back pay for workers fired illegally during union organizing drives, and allows the federal government to deny contracts to companies which are repeated labor law violators.

The AFL-CIO says the bill would make it easier for workers to exercise their rights to unionize, but business groups say it would mean compulsory unionism. Opponents have vowed a filibuster.

3,500 evacuees return to homes

NACOGDOCHES (AP) — About 3,500 persons evacuated when railroad tank cars carrying volatile chemicals derailed returned to their homes today in this East Texas town, police said.

An evacuation order was lifted at midnight Sunday, a police spokesman said, about eight hours after 16 cars of a 117-car Southern Pacific freight train went off the track. Eleven of the 16 burned following three explosions, Southern Pacific spokesman Joe Bart said, and nine were still smouldering today.

About 180 persons evacuated from two nursings homes were not brought back until this morning, the spokesman said.

Firemen kept watch on the smouldering cars.

About 35 persons — mainly law enforcement officers and firemen — were treated for smoke inhalation and released. The four train crewmen escaped injury.

Some of the cars were known to contain highly corrosive acetic acid and butadiene, a flammable chemical used in making rubber.

There were three explosions after the derailment, witnesses and officials said, and black smoke billowing upward could be seen for miles.

The evacuation order covered a two-mile radius of a business-residential area on the southeast side of the city, whose population is 24,000.

Eyewitnesses Capt. Rusty Sanders of the fire department and Officer Joe Owens of the police department, who were off duty, had parked their car about 150 feet from the track Sunday afternoon to go snake hunting in nearby woods.

"I heard the train making more noise than it usually makes," Sanders said. "I turned and saw a big boxcar rolling side to side and I noticed its wheels were wobbling.

"I saw the car start to derail and I knew what was going to happen. We turned and ran."

Owens lost a boot and Sanders his rifle as the pair fled.

"I looked back and saw the cars rolling off the track. I turned around and we jumped across a branch (stream) and we could feel the heat on our backs."

The heat from the explosions melted the plastic lights on Sanders' car.

Cause of the derailment was not known immediately.

Meanwhile, 90 miles to the northwest, still more East Texans were awaiting word on whether a poison gas well capped Saturday night would allow them to resume their daily schedules.

Firefighter Red Adair's crew capped the well after the deadly hydrogen sulfide fumes had caused a 300-square mile weekend evacuation. No one was injured in that incident.

Some officials have expressed concern over the reliability of the cap, and said Sunday it could be two or three days before residents could return to their homes to stay.



Although several of the 16 derailed cars of a 117-car Southern Pacific freight train which derailed near Nacogdoches Sunday continue to smolder, most evacuated residents have been allowed to return to their homes. Witnesses said the fire broke out following three explosions among the derailed cars. Some were known to contain acetic acid and butadiene. (AP Laserphoto)

Miss Hearst to resume her sentence

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A radio station reported that Patricia Hearst would return to prison today to begin serving the remainder of a seven-year prison sentence for a bank robbery staged in 1974 by the terrorist Symbionese Liberation Army.

Radio station KCBS, quoting an unidentified source close to the case, said the newspaper heiress was to return to the Federal Correctional Institution at Pleasanton, 30 miles east of here, under terms of an agreement between U.S. District Court Judge William H. Orrick and her attorneys three weeks ago.

But Dennis Harvey, executive assistant to the Pleasanton warden, said there was no notification to the prison — as would be the normal procedure — that Miss Hearst was due to arrive today.

Early vote supports Moro's party

By MICHAEL J. DUFFY

ROME (AP)— Initial returns from Italian local elections showed a strong swing today to the Christian Democrat party whose leader, Aldo Moro, was slain by the terrorist Red Brigades.

Even as the votes were counted, the Brigades struck again, seriously wounding an official of a car factory in Bologna.

In the area of Trent, the northeastern city where Red Brigades leader Renato Curcio spawned his terrorist philosophy, partial returns from Sunday's voting showed the Christian Democrats scoring a strong increase in their share of the vote while the Communists and Socialists lost some ground.

Political analysts had predicted a strong sympathy vote for the Christian Democrats after the Red Brigades kidnapped and killed former premier Moro, the president of the party, but the shift seemed to be even stronger than predicted. Moro, 61, was kidnapped March 16. His bullet-riddled body was found in Rome last week after the government refused to deal with the terrorists who demanded the release of some of their comrades.

The government is Christian Democrat but is supported in Parliament by the Communists, the nation's second strongest party.

In the main voting center of the Trent area, Rovereto, the Christian Democrats increased their share to 45.7 percent from 39.1 percent in 1974 local elections; the Communists dropped from 18.5 to 17.8; the Socialists fell from 14.4 to 11.7, and the rest of the votes were divided among smaller parties, with none getting more than 10 percent.

The trend was similar in other towns reporting from the area, with the Christian Democrats taking 51 percent in Avis, 33.2 in Besenello, 70 in Amblar and 42.5 in Telve.

Trent was the only area reporting returns this morning, with voting continuing through the day in 800 other cities representing every section of the country.

A total of 3.8 million voters, or 10 percent of the national total, were balloting.

In the Bologna incident, police said three men and a woman jumped out of a car, shot 48-year-old Antonio Mazzotti as he was entering the Menarini car body factory and fled in the car. It was found abandoned in the vicinity a few minutes later.

Mazzotti, who heads the Menarini personnel department, was wounded in the legs, stomach and chest, police said. He was reported in very serious condition.

A few minutes after the attack an anonymous telephone caller told the Bologna office of the Italian news agency ANSA: "This is the Red Brigades. We have executed Dr. Mazzotti of the Menarini, a servant of the state."

It was the eighth such terrorist attack in 10 days. The Red Brigades let up Saturday, when the government held a state funeral for Moro, and on Sunday, when voting began in the local elections.

Early today a police station in downtown Rome was firebombed, but damage was slight and no one was hurt. A telephone call to the Italian news agency ANSA said the bombing was the work of a leftist splinter group called the Armed Proletarian Formations.

Colby now believes war was mistake, book reveals

By PETER ARNETT

NEW YORK (AP) — In the days when the CIA's paramilitary skills were freely in use around the world, he sent the first sabotage teams into North Vietnam.

From those clandestine beginnings grew the intense American bombing of North Vietnam and the commitment of 550,000 U.S. ground troops. The man who admits to starting it all, William Colby, later director of the CIA, now believes it was all a mistake.

In his book published today by Simon & Schuster, "Honorable Men: My Life in the CIA," Colby argues that "whether we would have won or lost," the only way to have sensibly fought the Vietnam war was at the village level as a political struggle against the communists, using only Vietnamese forces.

As CIA station chief in Saigon in 1963, Colby writes of attending a Hawaii conference where plans were discussed to escalate the war. He tried to convince then Secretary of Defense Robert MacNamara that the sabotage teams sent into North Vietnam had disappeared quickly from radio contact and possibly were captured "and that putting such teams into the north did not and would not work."

Colby wrote that MacNamara "listened to me with a cold look and he rejected my advice. The desire to put pressure onto North Vietnam prevailed, and there and then the United States military started the planning and activity that would escalate finally to fullscale air attacks."

Colby criticizes the late President John F. Kennedy for going along with "what I still consider the worst mistake of the war, the American-sponsored overthrow of President Ngo Dinh Diem," and writes that earlier two "high ranking" United States officials clearly implied that the CIA should assassinate Ngo Dinh Nhu, Diem's brother and opponent of American plans for reform.

WEATHER

Fair and warmer through Tuesday. High Tuesday in the upper 90s. Details on Page 2A.

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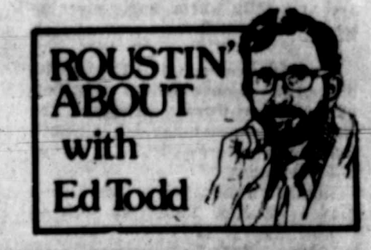
BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, (AP) — A long, cylindrical object fell to earth May 6 and disappeared in dense jungle near the Argentine-Bolivian border, Argentine newspapers reported today.

The English-language Buenos Aires Herald, in a report from the border province of Salta, 1,200 miles northwest of here, said American experts from the National Aeronautics and Space Administrtion arrived in the area today to investigate the sighting.

There was no immediate confirmation from NASA headquarters in the United States.

Witnesses in the sparsely-populated region, inhabited mostly by Indians, reported hearing an explosion as the object hit the ground, the newspaper said.

Here's a chance to get saddle sore, education



An old cowhand, who has been saddle sore so often that it no longer pangs him, might scoff at the very idea of some young dude getting college credit for riding a durned old pony over a well-planned trail.

Many a cowpoke worth the leather and the mount he sits atop probably has earned — or feels like it — a Ph.D. many times over. Knowledge and practical know-how aren't always learned (or taught) in the classroom, anyway.

Ask any bored genius who flunked out.

Or ask some twinkled-toed dreamer who tried and tried again so many times that he proved that success isn't always to be had by trying and that academe isn't, after all, the solution to his aspirations, should he indeed have goals.

But had either one taken a week's trip by horseback, maybe there would have been a shift in the stars and the course of their lives would have changed.

That's nebulous perhaps.

What's really down-to-earth is an upcoming horseback ride over mountainous trails in southern New Mexico. It's called the annual Billy the Kid Trail Ride, and it's sponsored by the Roswell campus of Eastern New Mexico University. For $185, it'll make for a fairly inexpensive vacation; an outfitter will pack the equipment andfeed the horses and will cook the meals for the trail riders. A wrangler will help with the mounts. Just bring your bedroll, your canteen, raingear and other garb and few tales to keep things lively.

And if you don't want to hike, you might bring your mount, which must be shod and which must not be a stallion; only mares and geldings are permitted on the trail ride. Now, should you happen not to have a horse to bring along, an academic "outfitter" may have one to rent you on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The Billy-the-Kid Trailride in June and July will take the adventurers into the White Mountain Wilderness, where, says a course description, the trail rider will be "completely out of contact with man, beast or machine." It's hard to imagine a Western wilderness without beasts.

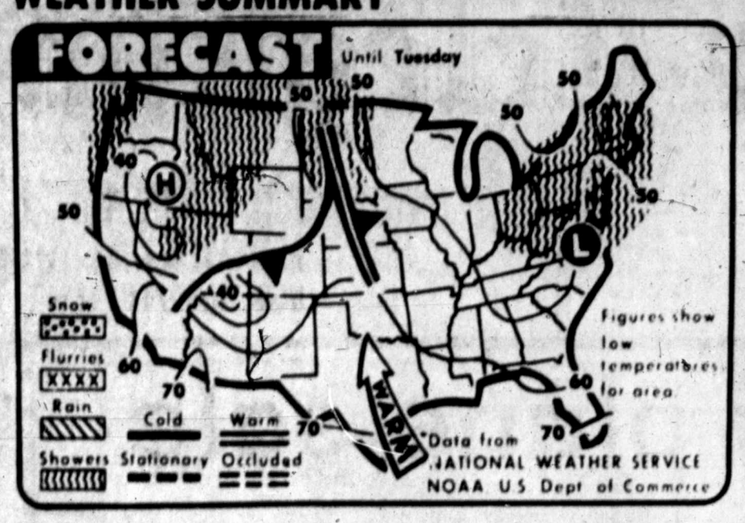
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If you don't want to ride the trails, you might try The Mountain Man Wilderness Trek in July. It's a six-day backpacking hike into Carlsbad Caverns National Park, the Lincoln National Park, and into Guadalupe Mountains National Park.

Survival techniques will be taught on the trek, but you'll not be put to the test. Yet bring your own gear and chow.

It'll be worth the money if you've the time and a flair for roughin' it. And you can do it in the name of education.

WEATHER SUMMARY



AREAS of showers are forecast today across the northern tier of states from the Pacific to the Northeast. Cool weather is expected for the same areas. Warm weather is forecast from the Southwest to Florida. Clear skies are forecast for the area. (AP Laserphoto)

Midland statistics

MIDLAND, ODESSA, RANKIN, BIG LAKE, GARDEN CITY FORECAST: Fair and warmer through Tuesday. Low tonight in the middle 60s. High Tuesday in the upper 90s. Winds southerly, diminishing to 10 to 15 mph tonight.

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High	90 degrees
Overnight Low	59 degrees
Noon today	degrees
Sunset today	8:39 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:51 a.m.
Precipitation:	
Last 24 hours	none inches
This month to date	.71 inches
1978 to date	1.36 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

noon	90	Midnight	71
1 p.m.	93	1 a.m.	70
2 p.m.	87	2 a.m.	68
3 p.m.	89	3 a.m.	66
4 p.m.	89	4 a.m.	65
5 p.m.	90	5 a.m.	61
6 p.m.	90	6 a.m.	60
7 p.m.	88	7 a.m.	60
8 p.m.	85	8 a.m.	65
9 p.m.	81	9 a.m.	73
10 p.m.	76	10 a.m.	80
11 p.m.	73	11 a.m.	84
		Noon	87

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES

	H	L
Abilene	94	71
Denver	84	53
Amarillo	94	64
El Paso	97	77
F. Worth	90	59
Houston	92	68
Lubbock	93	65
Marfa	91	59
Okla. City	89	60
Wich. Falls	97	68

The record high temperature for May 14 is 100 degrees set in 1960.

The record low temperature for May 15 is 40 degrees set in 1967.

Texas Thermometer

City	High	Low	Pr.
Abilene	94	71	.00
Alice	96	63	.00
Alpine	93	M	.00
Amarillo	94	64	.00
Austin	90	61	.00
Beaumont	81	69	.00
Brownsville	96	69	.00
Childress	94	67	.00
College Station	93	66	.00
Corpus Christi	92	68	.00
Cotulla	92	66	.00
Dalhart	94	55	.00
Dallas	89	67	.00
Del Rio	93	69	.00
El Paso	97	77	.00
Fort Worth	90	59	.00
Galveston	82	68	.00
Houston	85	68	.00
Junction	95	63	.00
Longview	84	62	.00
Lubbock	93	65	.00
Lufkin	87	54	.00
Marfa	91	59	.00
McAllen	96	68	.00
Midland	90	59	.00
Mineral Wells	94	63	.00
Palacios	85	69	.00
Presidio	100	M	.00
San Angelo	92	65	.00
San Antonio	87	60	.00
Shreveport, La.	87	62	.00
Stephenville	90	60	.00
Texarkana	83	60	.00
Tyler	M	M	.00
Victoria	96	65	.00
Waco	90	63	.00
Wichita Falls	97	58	.00
Wink	95	66	.00

Weather elsewhere

Monday	HI	LO	PRC	Otlk
Albany	69	49	.51	rn
Albuquerque	90	53		clr
Amarillo	94	64		clr
Anchorage	62	40		cdy
Asheville	56	47	.03	cdy
Atlanta	72	44		clr
AtlantieCity	61	52	.43	rn
Baltimore	66	57	1.15	rn
Birmingham	73	45		clr
Bismarck	69	50		clr
Boise	83	62		cdy
Boston	58	49	1.01	rn
Brownsville	96	69		clr
Buffalo	60	51	.97	rn
CharlstnSC	79	62		cdy
CharlstnWV	52	47	.10	cdy
Chicago	69	49		cdy
Cincinnati	47	45	.20	cdy
Cleveland	58	49	.04	cdy
Columbus	49	44	.55	cdy
DalFt Wth	90	59		clr
Denver	84	53		clr
DesMoines	72	49		cdy
Detroit	50	36	.21	cdy
Duluth	66	43		clr
Fairbanks	67	44		cdy
Hartford	71	49	.02	rn
Helena	87	48		cdy
Honolulu	86	73		cdy
Houston	92	68		cdy
Ind'apolis	51	47	.13	cdy
Jacksville	81	56		clr
Juneau	70	44		rn
Kan'sCity	73	48		cdy
LasVegas	98	73		clr
LittleRock	80	59		clr
LosAngeles	83	62		clr
Louisville	56	51	.16	rn
Memphis	78	52		clr
Miami	85	68		clr
Milwaukee	47	46	.25	clr
Mpls-St.P.	71	49		clr
Nashville	60	49	.14	cdy
NewOrleans	83	63		clr
NewYork	64	51	3.38	rn
Norfolk	76	60	.19	rn
Okla.City	89	60		clr
Oakland	M	M	M	M
Omaha	74	48		clr
Orlando	85	68		clr
Philad'phia	67	52	.31	rn
Phoenix	102	70		clr
Pittsburgh	57	47	.21	rn
P'tland,Me	56	45	.01	rn
Portland,Ore	55	47	.53	cdy
RapidCity	81	51		cdy
Richmond	74	52	.02	rn
St.Louis	69	49		clr
St.P.Tampa	90	67		clr
SaltLake	88	61		cdy
SanDiego	73	65		cdy
SanFran	66	55	.02	clr
Seattle	53	47	.33	cdy
Spokane	54	47	.33	cdy
SteMarie	56	49	.21	cdy
Tulsa	83	55		clr
Washington	69	58	1.35	rn

Hi—Previous day's high.
Lo—Previous day's low.
Prc—Precipitation for 24 hours ending 8 a.m. EDT today.
Otlk—Sky conditions outlook for tomorrow.

Extended forecasts

Wednesday through Friday
North Texas

Partly cloudy and warm Wednesday through Friday. Chance of thunder storms Thursday and Friday. Highest temperatures mid 80s to lower 90s. Lowest temperatures mid 60s to mid 70s.

South Texas

Chance of mainly afternoon and evening showers and thundershowers. Continued warm to hot days and mild nights. Highs mostly in the 90s to between 100 and 105 from along the Rio Grande to the Edwards Plateau and brush country. Lows in the 60s and 70s.

West Texas

Chance of thunderstorms Wednesday becoming fair and not quite so warm toward the end of the week. Highs near 80 in the Panhandle to the low 90s south and over 100 in the lowlands of the Big Bend. Lows lower 50s to near 60 north and 60s south.

Temperatures in upper 90s should keep fans running

Midlanders might be well advised to keep the fans running and plenty of cool drinks on hand because the weatherman predicts high temperatures will reach the upper 90s through Tuesday in Midland.

Skies should be fair through Tuesday. The low temperature tonight is expected to drop to the middle 60s with southerly winds diminishing to 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday's high temperature was 90 degrees, according to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Air Terminal. The overnight low temperature was 59 degrees.

All area towns reported clear skies and unusually warm, early morning temperatures today.

Torrential rains that tied up traffic, disrupted airline schedules and created flash flood threats throughout the Northeast abated today, but intermittent showers were expected to persist until Thursday.

Sunday's rainfall set a record for a May 14 in New York City with an accumulation of 3.38 inches reported.

Flash flood watches were in effect today for the New York City area, where the rain stopped by morning, and for central Pennsylvania, where the heavy downpour threatened to break a dam near Philipsburg.

In Pennsylvania, the threat of a dam break on Coldstream Creek forced about 25 persons living in low-lying areas to evacuate their homes, state officials said. But officials said the situation eased by 4 a.m. EDT, as the rain subsided.

On Sunday, hundreds of cars in the New York area stalled as streets and highways flooded. Airline schedules were disturbed, with many landings and takeoffs delayed and some planes being diverted from Kennedy and LaGuardia to other airports.

In Massaachusetts, a 72-foot trawler with four fishermmen aboard sank in 8-foot seas Sunday night after striking rocks on the Sow and Pigs Reef off the coast, the Coast Guard said. The fishermen were rescued by a Coast Guard cutter.



SOUTHSIDE LIONS CLUB leaders peer through brooms as they and other club members get set for launching the club's 24th annual house-to-house mop and broom sale Monday evening. They are, from left, Joe Ellis, co-chairman and team captain; Fred Johnson, president, and Don Tergerson, team captain. The sale will continue through May 27. Proceeds will go to the club's special projects fund. (Staff photo)

Britain joins atomic challenge

By ARTHUR L.GAVSHON

LONDON (AP) — Britain lines up today with its major European allies in a new challenge to President Carter's campaign to limit the production and use of plutonium for nuclear power because it also can be used for nuclear weapons.

The House of Commons is scheduled to give the go-ahead for construction of a $1.2-billion nuclear reprocessing plant at Windscale, in northwest England, and a new generation of fast-breeder reactors.

This will put the British alongside the French in rejecting Carter's plea last year to shelve plans for reprocessing and fast-breeder plants until completion and evaluation of the International Fuel Cycle Evaluation Program now under way in Vienna.

The French have already started a reprocessing and fast-breeder project at Cap La Hague, near Cherbourg.

France and Britain contend they must have fast-breeder reactors to avert crippling energy shortages later this century. Carter contends that the reactors will produce a surplus of plutonium that could multiply the number of nations with nuclear weapons or the capability of producing them.

Dr. Walter Marshall, the deputy chairman of Britain's Atomic Energy Authority, disputes Carter's argument.

"The fast-breeder reactor does not use plutonium to 'breed' plutonium like rabbits breed rabbits," he says. "The analogy is much closer to the way human beings breed human beings in full knowledge of birth control techniques."

He contended that fast breeders, when properly adjusted and controlled, use up the plutonium they produce.

The Carter administration also has failed in its attempts to avert the sale to Pakistan and Brazil of French and West German plants to reprocess enriched uranium after it has been used for nuclear fuel. These plants will manufacture plutonium as a by-product.

Differences, difficulties and arguments have developed between Carter and his European allies on at least four other major nuclear issues:

1. The French are keeping the European Atomic Energy Authority, composed of the nine Common Market nations, from discussing renegotiation of its contracts for the purchase of U.S. enriched uranium. A new U.S. law directs the president to cut off supplies to foreign customers until they agree to new safeguards against use of the uranium for weapons.

2. EURATOM is also stalling on application of new safeguards and security standards formulated by the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna. These include introduction of new tamper-proof equipment, television monitors and other American-developed instruments to control the movement of sensitive materials and account of it. As nuclear weapon powers, Britain and France are exempt. But West Germany and other EURATOM members argue that their safeguards are as good as IAEA's or better.

3. British Nuclear Fuels Ltd., the government company that runs Windscale, has offered to sell Brazil a "hex" nuclear plant transforms uranium oxide into uranium hexafluoride, a gas used in enriching uranium for civilian or military purposes.

4. Because of the new U.S. law, Brazil has contracted to buy a supply of enriched uranium over the next 10 years from a British-West German-Dutch consortium known as Eurenco.

'Tougher' Carter foreseen

WASHINGTON (AP) — Will the real Jimmy Carter please stand up?

He certainly will — and the American public will notice the difference, says Carter's chief political adviser, Hamilton Jordan.

Jordan, in a copyrighted interview in U.S. News & World Report, said Americans are going to see a much tougher president in the future. They'll see more of the Jimmy Carter who pointedly attacked doctors and lawyers during his recent tour of Western states.

"In the first year or so in office, maybe we were a bit too accommodating," Jordan said. "We were the new guys in town, and we were trying to get along with everybody.

"That learning process is over, and from now on I think you're again going to see the real Jimmy Carter. Tougher, yes . . . because that's the way he really is."

Jordan said Carter's drop in public opinion polls indicates the president is "a little bit out of sync with the country."

"My own reading of the political situation is that we've got an activist president when the mood of the country is somewhat passive.

"Americans want it both ways: they want to pay less taxes and have less government interference, but they want more government services. They want detente, but they want us to be tough with the Soviets. They want us to have more weapons systems, but they want us to cut the defense budget."



MIDLAND JUNIOR ACHIEVERS who attended the National Junior Achiever Conference held at Bloomington, Ind., are pictured in the JA Center here. They are, from left, Chris Parker, Kia Stump, Chris Smith, Patty Adams, Tim Norman, Steve Black, Stacy Hall, Rae Wright, Bill Creager, Teresa Landis and Karen Cook. Brandy Phillips, not pictured, also made the trip.

5 held hostage

CARSON, Calif. (AP) — Three men held five employees of a suburban Los Angeles supermarket at gunpoint for 6½ hours before releasing their captives and surrendering early this morning, sheriff's deputies said.

No one was injured.

The siege ended when police, who had been in telephone contact with the gunmen throughout the incident, persuaded them to give up, officials said.

It was not immediately known whether the gunmen made any demands.

All three gunmen and a fourth accomplice, who was taken into custody when he emerged from Von's supermarket earlier, were taken to the Carson sheriff's substation for booking. Carson is about 15 miles south of downtown Los Angeles.

The names of those arrested and their captives were not immediately available.

Jim Borland, sheriff's information officer, said the gunmen barricaded themselves inside the supermarket Sunday night after two California Highway Patrol officers, on a coffee break nearby, thwarted an alleged robbery attempt.

Borland said two men entering the supermarket aroused the suspicion of the CHP officers. When one of them emerged a few minutes later armed with a shotgun, the CHPlofficers took him into custody, he said.

Sheriff's deputies said a Special Weapons and Tactics unit was in position outside the supermarket, but no shots were fired during the incident.

Strangler case still not solved

VENTURA, Calif. (AP) — A dead man who was investigated in connection with the Hillside Strangler case has been ruled out as a possible suspect in the 1977 strangulation murders of three alleged prostitutes in Ventura County, authorities say.

Richard Reynolds Jr., 37, a registered sex offender, died May 1 in an exchange of gunfire with a woman he apparently was trying to abduct, authorities said.

Reynolds, who lived in Oxnard as a youth and attended Oxnard High School, was linked to the Oxnard killings by a composite picture of the suspect. But Ventura County authorities said Sunday the composite was not a strong link to Reynolds.

And, they said, fingerprints and other evidence taken at the murder scenes in Oxnard, Port Hueneme, and an unincorporated area failed to link Reynolds to the crimes.

Reynolds was found shot to death in the driver's seat of a blood-spattered car belonging to a Glendale housewife and supermarket checker, Roxanne Barnwell, 29, who was in the seat beside him. She had been shot to death, and two small caliber handguns were found in the car, Glendale authorities said.

Health seminar slated Tuesday

A seminar on health insurance needs and problems of senior citizens will be held Tuesday, beginning at 9 a.m. in the youth lounge of the First Christian Church.

The seminar, sponsored by the Senior Services Offices, Midland Association of Life Underwriters and the Better Business Bureau, is free.

Speakers will be Don Crawford, Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Texas; Hugh B. Gilmour, Equitable Life Assurance Society, and Allen L. Beatty, Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin, Inc.

The speakers will cover such topics as what to look for in a policy, how to purchasing Medicare Supplement insurance, sources of information about insurance companies, what to insure against, causes of complaints, what kind of information a salesperson should provide you with, how to avoid being victimized and where to go for help.

A question and answer period will follow the presentations.

The seminar is designed to help senior citizens evaluate their own insurance needs and how best to meet them, said Marion Fisher, director of Senior Services.

Senior citizens wishing to attend should preregister by calling 682-7577, if possible, Mrs. Fisher said.

DEATHS

E. Crittenden

BIG SPRING — Services for E.E. Crittenden, 88, were to be at 4 p.m. today in Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home with burial in Trinity Memorial Park.

Crittenden died Saturday in a Big Spring hospital following a lengthy illness.

He was born July 31, 1889, in Leighton, Ala. He married Mollie Byron in 1910. He had been a Howard County resident since 1923, moving here from Clarksville. He was a member of the Baptist Church. He was a retired farmer and carpenter.

Survivors include six sons, Curtis Crittenden, Morris Crittenden and Donald Crittenden, all of Big Spring, E.E. Crittenden Jr. of Ackerly, George Crittenden of Denver City and James Crittenden of Farmington, N.M.; four daughters, Charlene Shipp of Sheffield, Inez Underwood of Fort Worth, Alma Shafer of Vincent and Dorothy Lanier of Albany, Ga.; two brothers, Archie Crittenden of De Leon and Paul Crittenden of Las Vegas, Nev., 28 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

William Richards

LUBBOCK — Services for William Morris Richards, 65, of Lubbock, brother of Lois Newbold of Midland and Ruth Appleton of Coahoma, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Henderson Funeral Home.

The Rev. Gene Sanders, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, was to officiate with the Rev. Sam Laine, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, assisting.

Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Richards died Friday in a Lubbock hospital after a sudden illness.

He was born in Grapeland and moved to Lubbock 18 years ago from Sweetwater. He was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene of Lubbock and the Lubbock VFW post.

Other survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter, a brother, one other sister and four grandchildren.

U.S. Savings Bond sales continue steady growth

By LOUISE COOK
Associated Press Writer

Sales of U.S. Savings Bonds are growing at a steady pace, despite the increased array of other investment opportunities for consumers.

The Treasury Department reports Savings Bond sales in the first three months of 1978 topped $2.1 billion, up 4 percent from the first quarter of 1977. The first-quarter total was the highest since the War Bond drive of 1945.

A study conducted for the Treasury Department last year by the Survey Research Center at the University of Michigan showed that 35 percent of all families questioned owned Savings Bonds. The study also showed, however, that most people are unfamiliar with the value of their investment. Only 15 percent of those polled said they knew the annual interest rate on the bonds and less than 15 percent gave the right answer — 6 percent when the bonds are held to maturity.

To help you learn more about Savings Bonds, here, in question and answer form, are some of the basics:

Q. What kind of Savings Bonds are sold today?

A. Series E and Series H. Series E bonds are sold at a discount and can be redeemed at face value when, in five years, they reach maturity. There are eight denominations, ranging in price from $18.75 (face value $25), to $7,500 (face value $10,000). Series H bonds, in denominations from $500 to $10,000, are sold at face value. Interest is paid semiannually and the bonds reach maturity in 10 years.

Q. What if I want to cash in the bonds early?

A. You must hold Series E bonds for at least two months. After that, you can cash them in at most banks and many other savings institutions. You must provide proof of ownership. You also can exchange Series E bonds for Series H bondw which can be redeemed at face value at any time six months after the issue date.

Q. Can I keep them after they reach maturity? TA. Yes. Both Series E and H bonds may be held for at least 10 years after their original maturity date and you will keep getting interest at the annual rate of 6 percent.

Q. Many investments offer tax breaks. What about Savings Bonds?

A. They provide several tax advantages. The interest you earn is subject to federal income tax, but is exempt from state and local income levies. In addition, with Series E bonds, you can defer your federal taxes until you actually cash in the bonds.

Q. What about buying bonds in my children's names?

A. Another potential tax break since the tax due in any given year is unlikely to exceed the child's exemption. The first year you do this, however, make out an income tax form for your child, listing the interest earned. This establishes your intent to pay.

Q. Where can I buy Savings Bonds?

A. Series E bonds can be bought at most banks and other savings institutions or through a Payroll Savings Plan run by your employer. Series H bonds are sold by Federal Reserve Banks and their branches and the Bureau of the Public Debt, Securities Transactions Branch, Washington D.C., 20226.

Former prime minister dies

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Sir Robert Gordon Menzies, Australia's longest serving prime minister who guided the country's postwar development, died today at his home in Melbourne, the government announced.

Sir Robert, the son of a country storekeeper, was 83 and had been living in retirement since 1966.

Known as the Australian Winston Churchill, he dominated Australian politics as prime minister from 1949 to 1966 and also headed a wartime coalition government from 1939 until 1941.

Nursing home hearing slated

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — A June 9 hearing is set in Midland to consider proposed nursing home rules dealing with employee training and annual medical examinations of residents.

The Midland hearing, scheduled by the Health Department's Bureau of Long Term Care, will begin at 10 a.m. in The Midland National Bank building.

The proposed rules on orientation and training of nursing home employees will apply to any employee who has direct contact with residents.

The rules specify the number of hours of orientation and training and prescribe the basic curriculum to be followed.

Other rules to be aired deal with annual medical examinations for nursing home residents. The proposals would require each patient to be examined at least once a year by a family physician or other designated doctor.

These examinatins must be documented by written reports as well as must other physician visits, according to the proposed rules.

The Midland public hearing, one of six statewide, will be open to any interested person, the Health Department says.

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Cuban 'mischief' now in Arabian Peninsula

By HUBERT J. ERB

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter's casual remark that Cubans are operating in South Yemen is the first indication that Fidel Castro's ambitions have now moved beyond Africa to the Middle East.

A State Department official, who asked not to be identified, estimated that 500 and 600 Cubans are in South Yemen, "some as civilian advisers, some training paramilitary forces."

Analysis

The Cubans are among more than 1,000 foreign communists, also including Russians and East Germans, who are serving in the Marxist nation, which guards Western shipping lanes to the Red Sea and the Suez Canal from the northern coast of the Gulf of Aden.

The Cuban contingent in South Yemen, which the State Department official said has been there since the early 1970s, was increased earlier this year during the Soviet-Cuban buildup in Ethiopia.

Neither the State Department official nor the president, during a meeting with Hispanic journalists on Friday, made any reference to the strategic importance of the Soviet-Cuban presence on the Arabian Peninsula opposite the Horn of Africa, where they now are operating in strength.

But Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., said on Sunday that it "quite clearly indicates the Cubans have become surrogates for mischief in Africa and now the Middle East."

The Soviet-Cuban deployment in South Yemen, he said, "is part of an encircling effort to deny oil to Western nations."

Carter mentioned the Cuban presence in South Yemen as an example of "unnecessary and excessive use of military forces by Castro" overseas, primarily in Africa but "to some degree lately in the Middle East, like in South Yemen."

The State Department has said Cuba has between 38,000 and 39,000 military personnel and 6,000 civilians throughout Africa, including an estimated 17,000 military personnel in Ethiopia.

Ethiopia, situated on the Red Sea, is about 300 miles west of South Yemen and its port of Aden, once a major British base guarding the eastward route to India. The Soviets are known to have been operating from South Yemen for some time.

The 17,000 Cubans and an estimated 1,500 Soviet advisers in Ethiopia have backed that country in its war with neighboring Somalia. They also are believed preparing to help the Marxist regime in Addis Ababa in its battle against secessionists in Eritrea province in northernmost Ethiopia.

Soviet dissident leader enters innocent plea

By SETH MYDANS

MOSCOW (AP) — Yuri Orlov, founder of the Soviet Union's best known dissident group, pleaded innocent today to charges of "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda," Tass reported.

The Soviet news agency said questioning of Orlov began after he made his plea at the opening of his trial in a Moscow courthouse. His wife and two sons were admitted to the courtroom, but his friends and foreign reporters were barred.

Tass said Orlov agreed with the facts stated in his indictment but not with the interpretation placed on them.

Two founders of the Georgian branch of Orlov's also went on trial today in Tbilisi, but Tass said they pleaded guilty to the charges of anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda. Like Orlov, they could be sentenced to seven years in a labor camp plus five years "internal" exile to a remote area of the Soviet Union.

Orlov, a 53-year-old physicist, founded a group to monitor and publicize the Soviet government's failure to comply with the human rights provisions of the Helsinki Agreement. He was arrested in February 1977 and held incommunicado for 15 months while the government prepared its case against him.

The indictment said that from 1975 to 1977 Orlov prepared and circulated documents that "slandered the Soviet Union's political and economic system, its domestic and foreign policies and called for the overthrow of the system and struggle against it."

Policemen who surrounded the Lyublino district court in southeast Moscow allowed Orlov's wife, Irina, and two sons to enter. Nobel Peace Prize winner Andrei D. Sakharov, about 20 more of Orlov's friends and 50 foreign reporters were refused admission, but Tass described it as an "open trial" and said "representatives of public opinion" were allowed in.

Orlov was represented by Soviet lawyer Yevgeny Shalman after failing to get permission to be represented by London attorney John McDonald. McDonald planned a mock trial in London today to focus attention on the trial in Moscow and said he hoped it would help reduce Orlov's sentence.

The defendants in Tbilisi were Zviad Gamsakhurdia and Merab Kostava, both 39. Gamsakhurdia worked on underground journals and wrote articles on prison conditions and economic problems. Kostava is a musicologist who wrote for dissident publications.

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U.N. forces surround Lebanese guerilla group

By FAROUK NASSAR

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — U.N. peacekeeping forces have surrounded a band of about 50 heavily-armed Palestinian guerrillas that slipped through U.N. lines in southern Lebanon and occupied positions abandoned by Israeli troops, U.N. sources reported today.

U.N. officials have been negotiating with the radical Palestinians since they were discovered Saturday but the guerrillas have refused to leave, the sources said.

French, Senegalese and Swedish troops in the U.N. force ringed an area seven miles east of the port city of Tyre after the guerrillas were spotted, the sources said.

The leader of the guerrillas claimed his men did not violate the U.N. ban on armed irregulars crossing U.N. lines. He said his men had been in the area for 45 days, and he regrouped them east of Tyre when Israeli troops completed the third phase of a partial withdrawal in southern Lebanon two weeks ago.

The sources said the trapped guerrillas are members of a radical Palestinian movement whose leaders have vowed to cross U.N. lines to attack Israeli forces still in Lebanon.

United Nations officials are determined to make the guerrillas leave, the sources added. Israel has made its withdrawal conditional on the U.N.'s ability to prevent guerrillas from returning to positions they held before the Israeli invasion March 15.

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Back to a republic

Copy of a letter written by James W. Steward of Abilene to Congressman Jim Collins of Dallas has been referred to the editor by John M. Mothershead of Midland.

The letter undoubtedly will be of interest to others. It reads as follows:

"I could hardly believe my eyes when I read that you have publicly advocated that the State of Texas become a republic again.

"Well, let me tell you - I am all for it.

"We are being driven - pell mell - down the 'road to socialism, chaos and possibly revolution by a bunch of socialistic, venal, self-serving politicians; some of whom, like Goethe's 'Doktor Faustus' would sell their souls. We have a president, who is not only incompetent, but a demonstrable liar; four times, that is, according to William Safire, with respect to Marstongate. Further, President Carter lied to the governors of Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana when he assured them that he would work to deregulate natural gas.

"We are being taxed to death. The serfs during the Middle Ages were better off than I am. They only had to work for their feudal masters three months out of a year. I have to work like hell six months of the year to pay for welfare, food stamps, and all the other giveaways, and every year some nut in Congress thinks up something else to hand out to the drones. But, really, these guys aren't stupid. All of these people with their hand out - vote.

"The State of Texas is being robbed of its hydrocarbons because the Northern politicians want to warm the backsides of their constituents during the winter time at bargain rates. Just think of the hundreds of thousands of royalty owners who are getting the shaft because of controls - whose mineral estates are being depleted, never to be replenished.

The Southern States, ever since Appomattox - a Carthaginian peace if there ever was one - have been treated like Colonies.

The Northern states are slipping into a decline while Texas has the best political climate and the most appealing business opportunities of any other state. They may need us, but we don't need them.

"Let's get out before we are dragged into the gutter of socialism."

Congressman Collins undoubtedly appreciates Steward's support, along with his overall views.

PBPA names officers

Congratulations are in order for A.W. Dillard, long-time Midland independent oil operator, who Friday was elected president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association at its annual meeting here.

He has been an active member and supporter of the association for years and he will do an excellent job in heading up the organization during the coming year. All best wishes for a most successful term are beamed his way.

At the same time, a sincere vote of appreciation is due Charles D. Fraser, executive vice president of The First National Bank of Midland, for his outstanding performance while serving as president of PBPA during the last two years. His two-term administration was marked by a number of state and national emergency situations detrimental to the petroleum industry and opposed by PBPA. Fraser was never too busy to go to Washington, Austin or elsewhere to fight the battles of the association and the industry which it serves. He did a great job and members of the association and others are grateful for his unselfish, effective service.

Congratulations also are extended to the other officers, including Ben Alexander of Hobbs, N.M., Delmon Hodges of Fort Stockton, Clyde Hamblin of Midland and Wayne Jones of Odessa, area vice presidents; Art Dinsmore of Midland, secretary, and Arden Grover, Midland, treasurer. Ed Thompson is executive vice president.

BIBLE VERSE

"For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels." — Luke 9:26. —

IS THERE A DAVID FOR THIS GOLIATH?



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CHARLEY REESE SAYS:

Limitation agreement is termed national suicide

By CHARLEY REESE
Sun Belt Syndicate

ORLANDO, Fla. — The tentative agreement reached by the Carter administration and the Soviet Union to limit the total number of Soviet and American bombers and missiles to 2,250 each is national suicide.

You don't have to be an expert to figure that out. Think for a moment. What is the purpose of our bombers and missiles? To deter a nuclear attack by the Soviet Union.

What is our policy on a pre-emptive first strike? We reject that. That means that we have a policy of accepting a nuclear surprise attack and then retaliating. And that means that what counts, in terms of deterrence, is not the number of bombers and missiles we start with, but the number we have left after a Soviet attack.

So up front, if we start off "even Stephen" we start off in the hole since we are committed by our own policy of accepting some losses before we push the button.

Ofcourse, too, there is no way in the world to verify this or any other arms agreement with the Soviet Union. The Soviets operate a closed and secret society. There will be no on-the-ground inspections, you can bet on that.

So the only clues we'll have will be satellite photography which cannot: (1) account for mobile missiles; (2) reveal what kind of missile is in the silo; (3) measure refire capability, or (4) keep track of submarines.

That means you will have to take the Soviets' word that they are abiding by the agreement and if there is any group in the world whose word is more worthless than Jimmy Carter's it's the Soviet leaders.

But there's more bad news. Soviet military doctrine, unlike ours which was created by civilians, is based on the following premises: (1) nuclear war is likely; (2) nuclear war can be won, and (3) in a nuclear environment, the pre-emptive first strike is essential.

If you match that doctrine with their actions, you can see why they have: (a) spent considerable sums on civil defense; (b) developed large megaton warheads, the only logical purpose of which is to destroy our missiles in their silos; (c) deployed the world's most extensive aerospace defense force, and (d) outrun us in developing orbital bombs and anti-satellite weaponry.

It doesn't look good, folks.

Now, while they have been building up their military power, we have been tearing ours down. We have no air defense worth the name. There are about 330 fighter-interceptors, 57 radars, and zero surface to air missiles and zero anti-ballistic missiles. In contrast, the Soviets have 6,500 radars, 2,600 fighter-interceptors, and 12,000 surface to air missiles. Around Moscow, there are 64 anti-ballistic missiles.

How much bad news can you take? The Soviets have over 800 strategic and medium bombers capable of reaching the good old U.S. while we have just over 300 B-52s that are 15 to 20 years old.

You see, we've either been hiring foxes to guard the hen house or have discovered the dumbest breed of watchdogs in the history of the animal kingdom.

We'd be okay if it were really true that arms races lead to war because there is hardly a race anymore, but the trouble is that isn't true. War comes when one side wins the arms race and the Soviets are sprinting toward the finish line.

A few of us have been trying to wake people up to the fact that they'd better pay attention to politics and that there were more important issues that the Equal Rights Amendment or whether a nightclub comic can cuss on television. When the bombs go boom, I hope I'm around long enough to say, "See what we meant."

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND



Labor racketeers infest unions

By JACK ANDERSON

WASHINGTON — Two decades ago, the late Sen. John McClellan, D.-Ark., the embodiment of righteous wrath, held hearings that shook the labor movement. He exposed links between labor bosses and crime lords. His investigation led to the conviction of Teamsters President Jimmy Hoffa.

The flamboyant Hoffa has been liquidated, according to underworld informants, by the mobsters he befriended, and McClellan has succumbed to old age. But little else has changed. The labor racketeers still infest the unions.

We have sought to bring the story of labor racketeering up to date. The Teamsters, for example, brought in the former All-American football player, Daniel Shannon, to clean up its Central States Pension Fund, which allegedly has made illegal loans to gangsters.

Last year, he testified before the Senate Investigations Committee about the mobsters he had discovered in the shadows. He blasted Allen Dorfman, a convicted racketeer, by name. Intelligence documents in our possession describe Dorfman as "the man to see to get a loan."

Shannon was forced to resign as a pension fund trustee, say our sources, because he dared to stand up to the mob. Now we have learned that Shannon has received death threats. In view of Hoffa's experience, these cannot be dismissed lightly.

The Justice Department and Senate Investigations Committee are conducting a low-key investigation of the death threats. The federal authorities will try to determine whether they are related to Shannon's previous testimony and are intended to prevent him from testifying again.

Since he is still under Senate subpoena, it would be a federal crime to prevent him from testifying. Our sources believe this should deter any underworld hit men. But as a precaution, the government is protecting him.

We have also been checking into Local 210 of the International Laborers Union, a brass-knuckles local, which controls the construction industry in Buffalo, N.Y. We have identified Local 210 as the power base of the late Stephano Magaddino, who has been named in Senate testimony as the former boss of Buffalo's "powerful, well-entrenched organized crime syndicate."

The syndicate's "principal remaining source of power," according to the Senate testimony, "is complete control of a single, though important union local." We have determined this is Local 210. It was run by Victor Randaccio whose brother, Freddy, is listed in federal records as a Mafioso.

A Mafia killer, whom our sources have identified as Dan Domino, is carried on the union payroll as a "custodial" worker. "He specializes in enforcer-type activities, end he is believed to have been responsible for some four unsolved murders," testified Robert Stewart, who heads the federal organized crime strike force offices in Buffalo and Newark. Earlier, Domino was "convicted of bank robbery in 1968."

Labor Department records show he started out as a "business agent" for the notorious Local 210. But the Labor Department forced the union to oust him after he was convicted of "making a false loan application to a federally insured bank." The local immediately rehired him for two "custodial" jobs, paying him a combined annual salary of $18,500.

A companion local in Niagara Falls, according to Senate testimony, is also dominated by an organized crime figure. Without naming the union, Stewart testified: "There have been persistent rumors over the past five years of extortionate demands upon industry, acts of property destruction and assorted misconduct.

"Authorities have found it impossible, however, to develop a viable prosecution because the atmosphere of intimidation is so complete that no one is willing to testify." We have identified this racketeer-ridden union as Local 91, which is run by Michael "Butch" Quarcini.

Stewart summarized the problem in urgent language. "Unless there is a drastic improvement in the enforcement capabilities of the federal government," he declared, "the trend created ... by the labor racketeering problem cannot be reversed."

Footnote: Our associate Marc Smolonsky tried without success to get comments from the two locals. An attorney for Local 210 said only: They "didn't know what Stewart was talking about." An official of Local 91 said: "There is no one here, and I can't talk to you." He refused to put Smolonsky in touch with anyone else who could speak for the union.

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ANSWER TO MARCOS: We recently reported that Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos had secretly started to recover the World War II booty that the Japanese buried in the Philippines. The treasure allegedly was stolen by Japanese conquerors when they occupied China, Burma and other Asian countries.

Marcos' former ambassador to the United States, Amelito Mutuc, admitted to us over the trans-Pacific telephone that he had participated in the fabulous treasure hunt. But Marcos denied our story, calling it our own "concoction."

Now we've learned that Marcos admitted at a 1970 press conference that he possessed some of the treasure.

NICK THIMMESCH

Expanding clout of Human Rights Office questioned

By ROWLAND EVANS
And ROBERT NOVAK



Evans



Novak

WASHINGTON — The State Department's Office of Human Rights has now reached such policymaking eminence that a protest from its boss, Pat Derian, raised the possibility of postponing Vice President Walter Mondale's recent visit to Manila.

Actually, Assistant Secretary of State Derian fought hard not just to postpone Mondale's trip, because it came so close to the much-criticized presidential election there, but to cancel it altogether.

"We wanted to postpone it to July," a top aide in Miss Derian's office told us. "Pat kept asking, why in God's name does he have to go to the Philippines anyway?"

In the end, Mondale went as scheduled but first received a one-hour briefing from Miss Derian on how to handle the delicate human rights question raised by allegations of massive electoral fraud by President Ferdinand Marcos.

The expanding policy-making eminence of Miss Derian's Human Rights Office is raising some prominent eyebrows on grounds that human rights activists are jeopardizing other U.S. foreign policy objectives, particularly among conservative and right-wing governments with intimate ties to the U.S.

Linked to this concern about ever wider ramifications of President Carter's justly praised human rights initiative is the switch from loud to quiet administration handling of non-human rights in the Soviet Union and other Communist states.

A case in point was Secretary of State Vance's recent mission to Moscow on strategic arms limitation (SALT) talks. Vance spokesman Hodding Carter was permitted to inform the press that Vance privately complained about Russia's African adventures in his talks with Soviet leaders. But Carter was not authorized to tell the press that Vance also privately brought up human rights with Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

President Carter's human rights operatives are embarrassed by this dramatic change to an iceberg policy on Soviet non-human rights after the gaudy publicity Mr. Carter deliberately invoked early in his administration by inviting Soviet dissidents into the White House. They are claiming now that they can achieve more by concealed pressure, a claim that so far defies objective testing.

But in the non-Communist world, the unconcealed emphasis on human rights is making troubling noises across Latin America and South Asia. Using the clout of presidential directive No. 30, secretly issued to government agencies by the National Security Council on Feb. 17, State's Human Rights Office has systematically rejected amost every single request from U.S allies for such routine civil law enforcement equipment as tear gas, .38 caliber pistols for police forces and handcuffs.

What makes this secret presidential directive so virulent, in the view of career diplomats privately fighting the entangling web of human rights restrictions, is this: Miss Derian's office is using it to reject requests, no matter how routine, even from countries such as Singapore never remotely charged with a "consistent pattern of gross violations" of human rights.

The presidential directive officially inserts human rights into every policy decision. It orders American representatives on all international lending institutions, such as the Asian Development Bank, to vote against most loans for countries with a single human rights blemish. The dire implications of this new presidential directive are now being quietly tested throughout the government.

For example, an appeal is in the works to reverse a human rights veto of routine police equipment for Singapore (officially described by the State Department as "free from corruption"). In the case of similar rejections for Taiwan and South Korea, weeks have been consumed in the appeals' process. One appeal went to the desk of Vance himself, who bucked it back to Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher, top human rights coordinator. Adjudication of Miss Derian's decrees are consuming an inordinate amount of bureaucratic time.

What is happening to U.S. allies in Asia afflicts longtime U.S. allies in Latin America at least as sharply. Meanwhile, the Communist world, which is generally beyond the commercial or political reach of the U.S., is untouched by the unpublished presidential directive.

This trend in Mr. Carter's human rights crusade is seldom publicly criticized within the administration. Terence Todman, who is about to leave his post as Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American affairs, did raise pointed questions about it in a New York speech three days before the Feb. 17 presidential directive. But for warning against human rights moves "without calculating the likely reaction and responses" abroad, he was rebuked by high officials at State.

That shows the clout of Pat Derian, the sincere but total advocate of making the U.S. the conscience of the non-Communist world.

The Country Parson

by Frank Clark



"Some folks seem to have a knack for saying even pleasant things unpleasantly."

IT HAPPENED HERE

30 YEARS AGO (May 15, 1948):

Midland public schools will conclude the 1947-48 term Friday afternoon, Supt. Frank Monroe announced.

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W. Earl Chapman was elected president of the Band-Aides Club for the coming year, succeeding H. Winston Hull.

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A picnic for members of the Texas Tech Club of Midland and their guests is scheduled tonight at Cloverdale Park, Carl Hyde, president, said.

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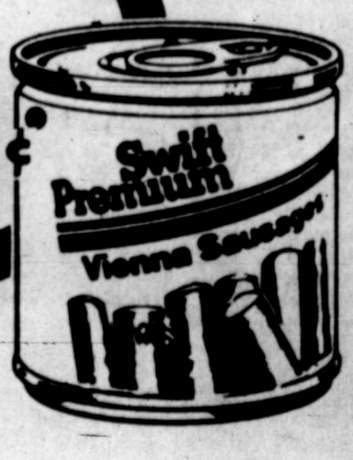
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Peggy Larson and Harry Coleman toast their trip around the world in a camper while relaxing at Rosario Beach, Calif. Their 20-month trip included being robbed in Rio de Janeiro, charged by an elephant in Kenya and being threatened with prison and whippings in Saudi Arabia for bringing liquor into that country. (Los Angeles Times Photo by George Rose)

Duo takes world tour on wheels

By WILLIAM OVEREND
The Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Their Volkswagen camper was stuck in the sand 17 times and almost demolished crossing the Sahara. In Saudi Arabia guards threatened them with six months in prison and 10 lashes every Friday for bringing liquor into the country. They were robbed in Rio de Janeiro, charged by an elephant in Kenya and chased by a mob of villagers in India after a near head-on collision with a truck.

But Harry Coleman and Peggy Larson survived all that a lot more during an incredible 20-month trip around the world. The trip started 143,716 miles and 113 countries ago.

Coleman, a 39-year-old former vice president of a hospital supply firm who lives in Los Angeles and Miss Larson, an ex-travel agent from Beverly Hills, Calif., who had never been camping before they started their trip, left Los Angeles Aug. 20, 1976. Since then they've visited just about every major point of interest on the planet, recording their experiences in journals and on film with a book and a television series in mind.

They spent 11 months preparing for the trip. But even with all that preparation, there was no way to anticipate everything that might happen.

They met about five years ago, when Coleman walked into the travel agency where Miss Larson was working. Three major world tours would follow that meeting. In 1974, they spent two months hitting the world's major marlin fishing spots, a trip highlighted by Coleman's catch of two 1,100-pound marlin in Cairns, Australia. Then, in 1975, there was another fishing trip, this one around the Arctic Circle.

The main difference on their last trip was that they were roughing it, not traveling first class. Coleman, the kind of rugged free spirit you'd expect on this kind of adventure, didn't have much of a problem adjusting. But it was a different story for Miss Larson, who admitted she didn't think she would make the entire trip when she started and had thought about going home a couple of times along the way.

"To be perfectly honest I though I'd be in a hotel more and it wouldn't be so rough," she said. "The first shock was Europe. I was used to staying in some good hotels in Paris, but all of a sudden I found myself out in the Bois de Boulogne in some two-bit trailer camp. I'd always had everything handed to me, and we'd always traveled first class before. But I decided I wasn't going to quit. I wanted to make a success of it."

"It's incredible how well she adapted," Coleman said. "You have to realize that when we took this trip Peggy hadn't been camping a day in her life. We traveled over some of the roughest country in the world. The tougher things got the more she was prepared for it. I didn't think she'd make it at first. I told her so. But she wasn't ready to bow out. I don't know of another woman who's ever made a trip like this."

Crossing the Sahara, he added, was one of the roughest parts of the trip. Between Reganne, Algeria, and Gao, Mali, they traveled an 1,100 mile route where the only gasoline, water and food available was what they had in the van. (For that matter, there weren't any roads, either — just sand tracks in the desolate stretch of the Sahara known as the Tanzenrouft Route.)

"You have to make the crossing in convoys," Coleman said. "We were traveling in a convoy with 19 Frenchmen. There was a sandstorm when we left, and we got stuck 17 times along the way. But the main trouble didn't happen until we were about three-fourths of the way across. It was a sandy day — if you go below 40 m.p.h., you'll probably get stuck — so I was clipping along the desert, a 55-gallon drum of gasoline in the middle of the van, with four 5-gallon cans on top. Anyway, I'm following two 4-wheel drives. I go up a little rise, right up in the air and down on a rock that was buried in the sand. It cut the rock in half and broke the frame of the van in five different places. The axle was bent and there was no transmission, clutch or brakes.

"The others in the convoy came back and helped dig us out," he said. "The doors were all sprung open and the car was bent. It was totalled out, in the middle of the desert. But we got some wedges under the frame, and finally got two gears to work. But no brakes. It was about 110 degrees while we were digging it out. That's how I drove it into Gao. That's one of the times Fox (his nickname for Peggy) was ready to go back. When we finally got to the next town, she checked into a hotel and I got drunk. I ran the van into the police commissioner's house, and they had a trial and sentenced me to repair the wall that I had damaged."

The next day they moved on to Nigeria, patching the van at a VW dealership in Niamey. The frame kept cracking, however, as they continued over th rough dirt roads in West African countries. Coleman, who saved $12,000 by using the black markets in Asian and African countries, got a repair estimate of $900 in the Ivory Coast, but chose instead to proceed to Ghana, "where they have the highest black market in the world," exchanging dollars for the local currency at a 60 percent return, paying only $125 for five days work by five mechanics, plus $500 worth of parts, to get the camper fixed for the rest of the trip.

"The car was unrepairable," he says. "It may still be unrepairable. But I have to say it's gotten us pretty far considering everything that's happened to it."

One story leads to another for Coleman and Miss Larson. Talking about the Sahara crossing gets them warmed up for some of the other experiences. Along the way, there were visits with 14 presidents and heads of state, including an hour and a half with Egypt's Anwar Sadat. But, mostly, there were the unexpected adventures that can only happen to two people out on the road.

"There was one very frightening time in Yugoslavia," Coleman said. "We were staying outside a little town called Bitola. About 5 a.m. we started hearing gunfire. Then there were machine guns opening up all over the place. It sounded like a full-scale war. We were right near the border of Albania, Yugoslavia and Greece, and we didn't know what was going on. This goes on for about two hours before it finally stops. We get into town to find out what's happening, and everybody starts laughing at us. It turns out it was the annual reenactment of the liberation of the town from the Germans during World War II. They give everybody in town blank ammunition to celebrate."

From Los Angeles, the travelers drove to New York, zigzagging into Mexico and Canada along the way, then sailed to France. They spent four months traveling around Europe, then entered Africa at Morocco, crossed the Sahara, drove to South Africa, then headed north again through Rhodesia and Kenya. They took a freighter up the Red Sea to Egypt, toured the Middle East and proceeded to Pakistan, India and Southeast Asia. In Singapore, they shipped the van to Buenos Aires, then drove over most of South America, coming up through Mexico on the last stretch.

"Saudi Arabia was one of the most interesting experiences," Coleman said. "We were stopped at the border with six bottles of beer, two bottles of wine and a bottle of brandy in the car. I didn't think it was going to be serious at first, but the Saudis are very serious about not allowing alcohol into their country. They told me I was going to have to serve six months with 10 lashes every Friday.

"I assumed I could talk them out of it," he said. "But I wasn't too sure when they took an Austrian truck driver who came in behind us away in handcuffs for trying to bring in a bottle of Scotch. They held me for five hours, and Fox wasn't helping much, telling them they just wanted the booze so they could drink it. I finally got her quiet and managed to convince them we weren't trying to smuggle it in to sell and that, somehow we were important travelers with strong Arab connections."

The Saudi border guards ultimately reversed themselves, Coleman said. In a land where they still cut your hand off for stealing, they told Coleman they would let him go if he paid a $500 fine. He said he couldn't afford it, at which time one of te guards pulled $400 from his pocket and asked if Coleman could pay the remaining $100. He again said he couldn't. A second guard threw $50 into the pot, and Coleman paid the remaining $50. The Saudis then invited them both to dinner and later in the evening one of them offered to give Coleman $1,000 to help him on his way.

"They are a very generous people," he said. "They also have so much money and nothing to spend it on."

Poverty levels confusing guide

By CHRIS DONNELL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Milo Sunderhauf watches the Consumer Price Index, like many other people both in and outside the government.

But he keeps a closer eye on the index than most, for his job at the Commerce Department includes figuring out each year where the government draws the line on the poverty level.

The figure is updated annually to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index, which is put out by the Labor Department. For millions of families, where the poverty line is drawn is a key factor in determining whether they get aid from the government.

But Sunderhauf says that when the poverty figure is revised upward, as it was recently for the non-farm family of four to $6,200 from $5,850, it does not automatically add legions of people to the welfare rolls.

"If anything, what happens is the poor fall behind, and this brings them up closer to date," said Sunderhauf, of Commerce's Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. The information is always at least one year old, he notes.

The poverty line helps determine eligibility for such key programs as:

—Head Start, which provides preschool training for 400,000 children age 3 to 5.

—Comprehensive Employment Training Act programs in the Labor Department, including summer job programs for youth and job training and public service jobs for adults.

—Food stamps. The poverty line helps determine whether a family qualifies for food stamps; the Agriculture Department uses a more complicated formula to determine how much recipients must pay for the stamps.

—Legal Services for the poor.

—Home insulation aid from the Department of Energy.

—Community Action programs run by the Community Services Administration, formerly the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The Consumer Price Index, not the poverty line, also turns the benefit levels in the Social Security program and the Supplemental Security Income program for the needy. They are going up 6.5 percent on July 1 to reflect last year's jump in consumer prices.

The poverty line does not directly affect a person's eligibility for the government's biggest welfare program, the $11 billion Aid to Families with Dependent Children. The individual states determine their benefit levels, which vary widely.

There are actually two sets of poverty levels floating around the government that are very close and a third set put out by Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics that is considerably higher.

The one that really counts is the one that Sunderhauf computes for the Office of management and Budget. Until a reorganization last October, he was in OMB.

OMB passes on the new poverty levels to the various departments that use them and they, in turn, announce the revised poverty guidelines.

The second set of figures comes from Bureau of Census, also in Commerce. The only difference is that for OMB, Sunderhauf rounds off the poverty figures and evens out the steps between family sizes.

For the typical non-farm family of four, the latest Census poverty figure is $6,190, just $10 under the OMB figure.

Why two sets?

"Ours get used by practically everybody. They are the official historical series to show whether poverty increases or decreases over the year," said Census statistician Carol Fendler.

"We want to give people an idea of the size of the poverty population and who's in it ... We have nothing to do with deciding benefit levels or anything of that kind."

By its lights, Census found nearly 25 million Americans living below the poverty level in 1976.

The third, much higher set of figures is the Bureau of Labor Statistics' estimates of what income it takes to maintain a low, average or higher standard of living in various regions throughout the United States.

In its latest estimates last month, it pegged the national "lower" income standard for a family of four at $10,481; the intermediate at $17,106 and the higher at $25,202.

Labor allows a person to qualify for its CETA program if they are below the poverty line or if they are below 70 percent of the lower income standard.

The bureau's standards attempt to do something that the poverty income levels generally disregard: they take into account differences in the cost of living in various regions.

The poverty income levels are the same nationwide except for Alaska and Hawaii, where they are 25 percent and 15 percent higher respectively.

Frank Morris, a policy analyst for the Community Services Administration, called the higher bureau figures "considerably more realistic."

"Those poverty guidelines limit participation ..." he said. "There are probably millions of people who are not eligible because the figures are what they are. Some of the great inequities involve people who are just marginally above the poverty level."

Morris would like to see poverty figures broken down by regions and updated at least twice a year. He also complains that the Consumer Price Index, although it now takes into account increases in a variety of goods, was built around the price of food.

"The assumption is that these standards were adequate in the first place, but they were heavily oriented toward food costs," he added.

Sunderhauf admits that and says studies are under way in the government on seeking alternate ways to revise the poverty guidelines.

When the Social Security Administration drew up the first poverty guidelines in 1964, it based them on a 1955 survey of food consumption — the latest then available — that estimated the average family spent 33 percent of its income on food. It multiplied the cost of an economy food budget by three to get the poverty threshold.

Today families spend only about 20 percent of their income on food, although the poor usually spend a higher percentage.

Sunderhauf said, "The original weights given to food in the budget is still the weight that's being used today. If people were spending their money in the same way as in 1955, this is the way they could live."

Sunderhauf and others in OMB and Commerce don't like the Bureau of Labor Statistics family budget figures, which he said involve making "many judgment calls and are not very objective."

A Cabinet-level committee on statistical policy has just formed a task force to examine revising them. "One alternative is to just describe how people live instead of specifying what you need to live," Sunderhauf said.

He believes federal policy makers need a better gauge to measure poverty and to target aid.

"To do a decent job, you ought to have an arrangement that would take into account the region and the size of place within regions. It costs more to live in a big city in the South than a rural area," he said.3

Hearing dog helps woman, 61, solve problems of living alone

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN

CHICAGO (AP) — Mariam Schwartz realized she needed help when she went to tuck her grandchildren in for the night and found tears in their eyes. She had not heard them crying.

So along came Marty, a hearing dog custom-sized and trained to help the 61-year-old woman cope with living alone in her north side apartment.

Meeting Mrs. Schwartz for the first time last week, the small, sandy-haired dog jumped onto her lap. "You dear little thing. We are going to be great friends," she said.

The hearing dog came from the American Humane Association in Englewood, Colo. It trains dogs in auditory awareness and has made 51 available to people with impaired hearing at no cost.

Mrs. Schwartz said she became acutely aware of the need for such a dog when baby-sitting recently for her two young grandchildren.

"I went in to kiss them good-night and there were tears in their eyes. They had been crying and I never heard them," she said.

–Agnes McGrath, master trainer at American Humane, introduced Mrs. Schwartz to Marty, a 1-year-old mixed breed selected from a Denver animal shelter.

"We had to have a small one so Mrs. Schwartz could carry it outside. Her apartment building does not allow dogs to be led through it on a leash," said Ms. McGrath. "We wanted one that was friendly and a fast learner. Marty was ideal."

Mrs. Schwartz wanted a dog that would respond to a knock on the door, an alarm clock and a crying baby.

After three months of training, Marty can do all of those things.

When there is a knock on the door he will go to Mrs. Schwartz and then to the door. When a baby cries, he will go to her and then the baby. And when the alarm clock goes off, Marty will jump on Mrs. Schwartz's bed. As a bonus, he also responds to a smoke alarm.

Ms. McGrath said hearing dogs are not trained to be hostile but do respond to hostile sounds "like the sound of someone trying to pick a lock."

People requesting the dogs usually have special training requests, not all of them accepted.

"The strangest request was for a dog that would respond to the sound of running water," said Ms. McGrath. "A man was always worrying in the winter that his water pipes would freeze and burst. You can imagine how a dog trained for such response would be completely frustrated when a toilet flushed, when a drink of water was drawn or when rain came down the spouts. Of course, we turned this one down."

Sears ditches sexy TV shows

CHICAGO (AP) — Sears, Roebuck and Co. says it has withdrawn its advertising from the TV shows "Charlie's Angels" and "Three's Company" because the programs had too much sex.

A Sears spokesman said the withdrawals are in keeping with a continuing policy and that Sears commercials have been withdrawn from about 70 shows — including made-for-TV movies — in the last year.

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Three states ratify Red River agreement

DENISON, Texas (AP) — It was a long time coming, but officials adopted an agreement Friday for dividing the waters of the Red River and its tributaries between Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

It took 22 years and 60 meetings to hammer out the terms of the compact that members of the Red River Commission said assures an equitable distribution of the water between the four states.

The members signed the document during a noon ceremony on Denison Dam at Lake Texoma.

Legislatures in the four states now must ratify the measure before it becomes effective.

Commission members said a bill already introduced in the Louisiana Senate could speed up passage of similar legislation in the remaining states when their legislatures convene.

However, final approval by the president of the United States is not expected before 1980.

"The signing of this compact gives assurance that downstream folks will not be denied an equitable amount of good quality water," said Maj. Gen. Robert C. Marshall, chairman of the commission and president of the Mississippi River Commission.

"The energy crunch is very evident today, but the water crisis is just around the corner," the general said. "There is no question of the need to manage our water resources to be sure we get the best and the most beneficial use."

Texas' Fred Parkey of Wichita Falls said he is pleased with the final effort of the commission. "I am more than happy over working out a 50-50 division of the water in Lake Texoma between Texas and Oklahoma. Now prime water use negotiations can be on an equal basis."

Oklahoma member Oville B. Saunders of Altus said the agreement helps make certain Altus and Jackson counties will not run dry. He said the measure guarantees up to 48,000 acre feet per year in Lake Altus and water to irregate 47,000 acres.

"This was the first measure approved by the compact," said Saunders. "I think it really got the ball rolling for the last 18 months when we finished it all up."

Randy Young, deputy director of the Arkansas Water Board, said "I can only say that I think that what the upstream states have done is most considerate. I think Arkansas got what it needed and it will be acceptable to our legislators."



DR. NEIL SOLOMON

Pain of shingles difficult to ease

Dear Dr. Solomon: My mother had a bad case of shingles about two months ago. The blisters cleared up after a week, but she is still in a great deal of pain—even though she takes aspirin to relieve it. Do you have any idea how long this is apt to last?—Grace McK.

Dear Grace: In some patients, especially older people, the pain of shingles (herpes zoster) may last for months or even years after the skin eruptions have gone. It is a condition called post-herpetic neuralgia. There has been no specific therapy for either shingles or the neuralgia, but there is an encouraging report from Dr. Murugiah Mani, chairman of clinical anesthesiology at Cook County Hospital in Chicago.

Dr. Mani and his colleagues injected a local anesthetic into the infected nerves of 10 patients with acute shingles and achieved immediate and lasting pain relief in each case. The nerve block also provided complete relief to four out of seven other patients who were suffering from post-herpetic neuraglia.

According to Dr. Mani, there have been occasional reports on the effectiveness of this treatment for 30 years, but it is still unfamiliar to many physicians. Your mother might ask her doctor if he thinks it would be useful to try it.

Dear Dr. Solomon: I'm thinking of having my teeth straightened. It should have been done when I was small. My regular dentist says straightening is no problem, even though I'm almost 30 by now. But as it will cost at least $1,000, I want to be absolutely sure that it is a sensible thing to do when you are my age.—Edith B.

Dear Edith: My dentist friends tell me that there is a big increase in orthodontics for adults—and not just to improve their looks. Crooked teeth are more likely to get loose and to decay than well-aligned ones. They may also cause a bad bite and all the problems this, in turn, can lead to—poor chewing, discomfort, even pain.

Adults are more difficult to treat than children, of course, because they have finished their growth and it is not so easy to move their teeth around. However, the new plastic braces at least make the whole process less unsightly than it used to be.

Why not have your dentist refer you to a good orthodontist who will go over your problem with you and tell you how long straightening would take and how much it would cost?

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

Horse whipping may have merit

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN
AP Special Correspondent

NEW YORK (AP) — A bankrupt railroad has argued before the Supreme Court that it should be paid off in revenue losses for not building a 53-story office tower on top of Grand Central Terminal.

Well, in lieu of a horse whipping, that might be one solution. Pay them to go away and not inflict another architectural monstrocity on the Big Apple, which already is rotten to the core with glazey high rise vulgarities protruding from its innards.

Mulligan's Stew

Still, despite the ruling of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, there is a lot to be said for horse whipping, especially of architects, developers and people who run railroads.

More than 100,000 people turned out for the public whipping of a couple of rapists in Pakistan recently. New York hasn't seen that kind of a crowd since a gifted gelding named Kelso was unfailingly rewarding the $2 supporters of better horse breeding at Aqueduct nearly two decades ago. Even the incomparable Pele in his farewell address to the soccer ball didn't pack that many into the Jersey Meadows.

Imagine how many cheering New Yorkers would turn up at the Big "A" or Meaowlands for a horse whipping of the architects who dreamed up those ugly tower blocks on the New Jersey Palisades, of the developers who inflicted Co-op City on the Bronx and whichever rail executive is responsible for the chronic "equipment trouble" on Conrail's 7:03 out of Brewster?

Reviving horse whipping as public retribution for bureaucratic bungling or corporate greed came along too late to save Penn Station, an architectural gem modeled after the Roman Baths of Caracalla, but it's not too late to flagellate in behalf of Grand Central Terminal, which has been designated a historic landmark by the city, as time-honored and immovable as most of its trains.

And let's not fret over the breast beating those Eurocrats in Strasbourg did over the behind beatings administered with birch rods for noble reasons by the noble pedagogues on the Isle of Man.

I have been to the Isle of Man, and it is a most civilized place. Except for random bleats of hard rock from transistor radios permanently attached to their earlobes, its urchins pursue civilized ways, which may or may not be attributed to some remedial birching or even head start (behind start?) birching now and then.

Not long ago in New York City, a 12-year-old boy threw a 93-year-old grandmother to her death down a tenement staircase in a robbery attempt. It is alleged here that if more 93-year-old grandmothers were permitted the disciplinary application of a 40-inch birch rod, the length favored by the Manx educators, on 12-year-old muggers, fewer of the former would wind up D.O.A. at the bottom of a stairwell and fewer of the latter would be inconvenienced in Family Court for an hour or so.

By a 6-1 vote, the seers sitting unbirched on the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg condemned the school master's rod on the Isle of Man as a "degrading punishment that must be banned." Unlike the walrus for the oysters, the Strasbourg judges weep profusely for the woes of this world without sorting out the larger ones: genocide in Cambodia, Idi Amin's butchery, birchings on the Isle of Man, it's all in a daygl-docket. Unfortunately, more British politicians will rend their garments on the floor of the House of Commons over the Manx spankings than the Asian and African slaughters.

Agreed, birching is degrading. That's the whole idea. What punishment isn't meant to be degrading? Having a kid stand in the corner or waltz off to the principal's office isn't meant to be a minor variant of canonization.

I have been to Strasbourg, on the Ill River, no less, which bodes something. In addition to its Eurocrats, it is also famous for its overstuffed geese and ducks.

The geese are stuffed to death to provide pate de fois gras (liverwurst to the masses) for the cocktail hour delectation of bureaucrats, architects, railroad magnates and the like in Strasbourg, London, Paris, New York and wherever serious consideration is given to overstuffed planners proposing to inflict more towering atrocities over the few remaining architectural treasures left in our cities.

It beats me why a good birching isn't in order for the poulterers and provisioners who make a profit out of stuffing the craws of harmless geese and ducks?

The poultry involved find it very degrading.

A public hiding of the pate stuffers would give Strasbourg another tourist attraction besides its airy graceful one steeple Gothic cathedral and the pouter pigeons in striped pants on the lawn of the Court of Human Rights.

BRIDGE

Allow for bad break if you can afford it

By ALFRED SHEINWOLD

Bad breaks are not as unusual as most bridge players imagine. Make allowance for them when you can afford to do so.

South dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K 10 8
♡ 9 5
◇ 8 7 5 4
♣ A J 7 2

WEST
♠ 5 2
♡ 3
◇ K Q J 9 3 2
♣ 9 8 5 4

EAST
♠ 6 3
♡ Q J 10 8 4
◇ 10 6
♣ K Q 10 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 9 7 4
♡ A K 7 6 2
◇ A
♣ 6

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ◇	Pass
6 ♠	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♡ K

South took the ace of diamonds and led the ace and king of hearts, scolding his partner for not bidding a grand slam.

While South was complaining, West ruffed the king of hearts and returned a trump. Now South couldn't even make a small slam since he had three losing hearts and only two trumps in dummy.

South was shocked by the bad heart break, but the 5-1 break occurs about once every seven hands. Nothing shocking about that.

CAUTIOUS PLAY

South should lead a club to dummy at the second trick in order to lead the first heart from dummy. If East has no hearts at all he can ruff, but South will be able to play one of the low hearts instead of a top card.

As it happens, South manages to get one top heart safely cashed. Then he should lead a low heart.

The idea was to give up one low heart and ruff the other two low hearts in dummy. When that has been done, South can draw any trumps that are still out and then cash the remaining top heart.

It's a cautious way to play the hand, but nobody will blame you for playing a slam hand carefully.

DAILY QUESTION

Partner opens with one spade, and the next player doubles. You hold: S-K108; H-95; D-8754; C-AJ72. What do you say?

ANSWER: Pass. You are too strong for a raise, not strong enough for a redouble, and too short in spades for a jump raise. Pass and hope that you get a later chance to raise to two spades.

Brzezinski to depart for Peking Thursday

By GEORGE GEDDA

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter's national security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, leaves this week for a three-day visit to Peking at a time of heightened concern in the United States and China over Soviet strategic objectives.

The implications of expanded Soviet influence in Africa and the Soviet arms buildup in Eastern Europe are expected to be major topics in Brzezinski's discussions with Chinese leaders.

Administration officials say Brzezinski, who leaves Thursday, also is prepared to discuss the possibilities of an exchange of ambassadors between Peking and Washington, although no breakthough on this point is likely. The two countries have maintained diplomatic liaison offices in each other's capitals since 1973.

The Chinese are expected to reiterate their longstanding view that normalization of relations will not be possible so long as the United States maintains diplomatic and military ties with the Nationalist Chinese on Taiwan.

For their part, U.S. officials privately do not take seriously Carter's recent expression of hope that the process of normalizing Sino-American relations can be completed "over a period of months."

After an overnight stop in Tokyo, Brzezinski will arrive in Peking on Saturday morning. On his return to Washington, he will visit Japan and South Korea to report on his Peking talks.

It will be the first personal, high-level contact between Washington and Peking since Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance visited the Chinese capital last August.

The Chinese have long been skeptical of America's ability to remain steadfast in the face of what they perceive as Soviet expansionism. But in Brzezinski, they will be dealing with the Carter administration's most prominent anti-Soviet hardliner.

Brzezinski, for instance, has taken a more alarmist view than Vance of Moscow's successful efforts to bring Angola and Ethiopia into the Soviet sphere of influence.

Brzezinski is expected to seek to assure the Chinese that the U.S.-Soviet arms limitation agreement now being negotiated will not result in a shift of the strategic balance in Russia's favor.

The talks also are likely to focus on the recent coup in Afghanistan which brought a pro-Soviet government to power, and last week's military action by the Soviet Union across the Chinese border.

Accused spy to return to witness stand today

ALEXANDRIA, Va.(AP) - David Truong returns to the witness stand in U.S. District Court today to continue his denials that he ever spied for communist Vietnam.

Truong, 32, a Vietnamese national, testified for more than two hours last Thursday before a three-day recess in the trial. He was not asked about his relationship with his co-defendant, Ronald L. Humphrey, 42, a former employee of the U.S. Information Agency.

Federal prosecutors have accused the two men at the trial, now in its 10th day, of stealing sensitive documents and passing them through a courier to Vietnamese officials in Paris and at U.N. headquarters in New York City. Both men have pleaded innocent to a seven-count indictment which could bring each a life sentence upon conviction.

They were arrested last Jan. 31. Truong was released on April 14 after his sister and friends raised bail of $250,000. Humphrey remains in jail in lieu of $150,000 bond.

They are being tried before a jury of six men and six women in the court of U.S. District Judge Albert V. Bryan Jr.

Truong denied that he had been asked to spy by Dinh Ba Thi, who was head of the Hanoi mission in New York. He said he did send Thi press clippings, news service teletype copy, congressional documents and other unclassified material similar to that which he forwarded to members of Congress, Vietnamese sources in Paris and others.

Asked if he had received any money from the communist Vietnamese, Truong replied, "nothing."

Thi was named in the indictment against Truong and Humphrey as an unindicted co-conspirator. At U.S. insistence, he was expelled from his U.N. post. Thereafter, relations between the two countries deteriorated.

'Modern day miracle' sought by coalition

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (AP) — They're still $499 million short, but community leaders are "guardedly optimistic" about their plan to win back 5,000 jobs by taking over the idled parts of a steel mill.

"We need money," said the Rev. Edward Stanton, a leader of the self-help corporation formed when the steel works closed last fall. "But we also need a great number of persons to be interested."

The corporation — formed by four major religious denominations and about 250 churches, and called the Ecumenical Coalition of the Mahoning Valley Inc. — is hoping to pull off a modern-day miracle. It is trying to collect enough money to buy, restart and maintain the Campbell Works of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. on the outskirts of Youngstown.

Lykes Corp., owner of Youngstown Sheet & Tube, shut down almost all of the plant's operations. The economic impact on Youngstown, a city of 140,000 near the Pennsylvania border, has been drastic, merchants say. Unemployment benefits for many of the idled workers will end after this summer, Stanton said.

The coalition has about $1.5 million, invested by about 1,000 local people and businesses, and Rabbi Sidney Berkowitz, another leader of the group, said a telephone campaign to raise more funds will begin next week.

But the local pledges are a drop in the bucket, a mostly symbolic demonstration that the community is behind the coalition's efforts. A study financed by the federal government and released by the coalition last month said about $500 million would be needed.

Stanton said coalition leaders hope to see President Carter this summer to discuss the possibility of such loans. They will point out the study's conclusion that the closed sections of the plant can be profitably operated by citizens.

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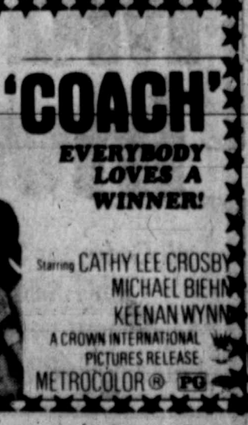
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DEATHS

David Rhoton Jr.

BIG SPRING — Services for David A. Rhoton Jr., 72, of Big Spring were to be at 10 a.m. today in Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home with burial in Coahoma Cemetery.

He died at his home here early Saturday.

He was born Jan. 6, 1906, in Mitchell County. He was a lifetime resident of Howard and Mitchell counties. Rhotonwas a carpenter. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Fay Rhoton; two sons, David A. Rhoton III of Big Spring and Robert Rhoton of Midland; three daughters, Mrs. Lonnie Holley of Haskell, Mrs. Jim Tucker of Willis and Mrs. Tom Hinrichsen of Freemont, Neb.; a brother, Jack Rhoton of Big Spring; five sisters, Lillian Rhoton and Winnie Dell Rhoton, both of Big Spring, Abby Nell Manning of Burlingame, Calif., Mildred Branner of Seattle, Wash., and Dorothy Hamilton of Dublin; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

William Fowler

McCAMEY — William Sylvester Fowler, 76, a McCamey resident 42 years, died Saturday in a Crane hospital following a long illness.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the McCamey Church of Christ. Burial will be in McCamey Resthaven Cemetery directed by Larry D. Sheppard Funeral Home here.

Fowler was born June 27, 1901, in Fayette County, Ala. He married Agnes Jordan April 26, 1926, in Hall County. He was a retired pumper for Shell Oil Co. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife; six daughters, Oneta Robinson of Ranger, Laura Standard of McCamey, Wanda Loyd of Kerrville, Glenda Walton of Alvin, Betty Montgomery of Houston and Nina Stevens of Odessa; seven sons, R. H. Fowler of Hazelwood, Mo., John C. Fowler of McCamey, James Fowler of Jal, N.M., William Fowler of Joshua Tree, Calif., Russell Fowler of Brookhaven, Miss., Danny Fowler of Odessa and Donnie M. Fowler of Oklahoma City; a sister, Ida Lint of Glenn Allen, Ala.; two brothers, H. B. Fowler of Carlsbad, N.M., and Jack Fowler of Eurica, Calif., 31 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Odell Green

SWEETWATER — Services for Odell Green, 47, a 30-year Sweetwater resident, are pending at McCoy Funeral Home here. He was the brother of Juanita Jackson of Midland.

Green died Sunday at his home after an extended illness.

He was born Oct. 18, 1930, in Thorndale. He was a shoeshine stand operator.

Other survivors include a daughter, a brother and a half brother.

C.L. Davenport

Services for C. L. Davenport, 80, of 1204 W. Golf Course Road were to be at 10 a.m. today in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Wyatt, associate minister of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Davenport died Thursday night in a Midland hospital.

Pallbearers were to be Dr. M. E. Grimwood, John Martin, Dr. Henry Tillet, Bob Koziol, M. D. Cabbage and A. E. Gandy.

Glen Johnson

SAN ANGELO — Glen Ross Johnson, 20, of San Angelo, half brother of Judy Lou Higden of Midland, died Sunday in a San Angelo hospital.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in Johnson Funeral Home here with the Rev. Herbert Els, pastor of Trinity Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial will be in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Johnson was born Aug. 28, 1957, in San Angelo.

Other survivors include his mother, two brothers and his grandparents.

Frank Hartley

BIG SPRING — Services for Frank Hartley, 86, will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home with burial in Trinity Memorial park.

Hartley died Saturday in a Big Spring hospital following a lengthy illness.

He was born July 19, 1891, in Urbana, Ill. He had been a Big Spring resident since 1951, moving here from Long Beach, Calif. He married Kathryn Eason Aug. 30, 1952, in Carlsbad, N.M. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Verlin E. Hartley of Dellwyn, Va., Joseph P. Hartley of Woodstock, Calif., and Gerald "Jack" Hartley of Garden City; a sister, Lena Bauman of Champaign, Ill., four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Julia Rosson

SNYDER — Julia A. Rosson, 85, of Snyder, mother of Fred Rosson of Lamesa, died Saturday afternoon at her home.

Services were to be at 4 p.m. today in Bell-Seale Funeral Home here. Burial was to be in Dunn Cemetery.

Mrs. Rosson was born June 29, 1892, in Eastland County. She married James Rosson Dec. 22, 1912, in Cisco. She was a Methodist.

Other survivors include two sisters, a brother, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. B.W. Winn

HOBBS, N.M. — Services for Mrs. B.W. (Florene) Winn, 51, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Temple Baptist Church here with the Rev. Jack Stringer, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens directed by Petterson-Roberts Funeral Home.

Mrs. Winn died Saturday in a Seminole hospital following a brief illness.

She had lived in Hobbs 20 years. She was a member of the Grandmothers Club, past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Rebecca Lodge. She was a member of the Temple Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Kenneth Winn of Hobbs and Robert Winn of Jal, N.M.; a daughter, Mrs. Derward Ferrell of Hobbs; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Hill of Seminole, and two grandchildren.

Joseph Hollcroft

ANDREWS — Services for Joseph Donald Hollcroft, 47, of Andrews are pending at Singleton Funeral Home here.

Hollcroft died Saturday in Andrews.

He was born Nov. 3, 1930, in Panhandle. He was manager for Devonian Welding Service Inc. in Andrews.

Survivors include his wife, Deloise Hollcroft; two sons, Michael Don Hollcroft of Levelland and Patrick Aubrey Hollcroft of Stavanger, Norway; two daughters, Mrs. James Richey of Hobbs, N.M., and Mrs. Augusto Borja of Monterey, Calif.; his mother, Edith Hollcroft of Panhandle; a sister, Mrs. Dexter Jay of Amarillo; a brother, Robert Hollcroft of Amarillo, and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Faith Lutheran Church in Andrews.

William Day Sr.

RALLS — Services for William Melvin Day Sr., 92, of Ralls, father of W. M. "Dub" Day Jr. of Rankin, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Ralls Church of Christ. Officiating will be Kenneth Averette of Benton, Ark., and Sam Bird of Post.

Burial will be in Floydada Cemetery in Floydada, directed by Carter-Adams Funeral Home of Ralls.

Day died Sunday morning in his home after a lengthy illness.

He married Gussie Belle Curry Dec. 5, 1908, in Floydada. He was a retired farmer and a Williamson County native. He moved in 1887 to the South Plains and to Ralls in 1918.

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

Bonnie Whorton

HART — Services for Bonnie Whorton, 73, of Lubbock, sister of Richard Bain of Big Spring, were to be at 2:30 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church here with the Rev. Don Blackman, pastor, officiating. Burial was to be in Hart Cemetery under direction of Parsons Funeral Home in Olton. Lubbock arrangements were being handled by Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Whorton died Saturday in a Lubbock hospital following a brief illness.

She had lived in Lubbock 20 years.

Other survivors include her husband, a stepson, two brothers, seven sisters, three stepgrandchildren and a stepgreat-grandchild.

Darrell Hamlin

ANDREWS — Graveside services for Darrell R. Hamlin, 78, of Andrews were Saturday in Andrews Cemetery with the Rev. Benson Kennedy, pastor of the Grave Baptist Church, officiating. Singleton Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Hamlin died Friday night in an Andrews hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was a native of Moody and had worked as a barber and rancher before retiring. He moved to Andrews 21 years ago from Roswell, N.M.

Survivors include two nieces, Rosemary Hicks and Sharon Pipin, both of Andrews; and two nephews, Jerry Hicks of Odessa and Donald Hicks of Monahans.

Murder charge filed after shooting death

ODESSA — A charge of murder has been filed with Justice of the Peace Harold Sliger against Ernest Salas, 56, of Odessa in connection with the shooting death Saturday night of George Keese, 49, of Route 3.

Keese, a truck driver, died in an Odessa hospital while undergoing surgery for multiple gunshot wounds to the chest, according to officers' reports.

The sheriff's department reported a .38-caliber pistol was taken from a man arrested at the scene of the shooting, behind a bar on West Highway 80. The weapon contained six spent shells, but officers did not know if all six shots were fired when Keese was hit. No motive for the shooting has been established, according to deputies.

Sliger withheld an inquest ruling pending results of an autopsy he had ordered.

Alternate delegate selected

It was mistakenly reported in Sunday's Reporter-Telegram that James Lovelady had been elected by precinct caucus to serve as an alternate delegate to the state Democratic convention in September. The correct name of the person elected to serve as an alternate is James Loveday.

Meany criticizes Carter anti-inflation measures

WASHINGTON (AP) — AFL-CIO President George Meany says President Carter's anti-inflation program calls for voluntary wage controls — a concept he cannot accept.

Meany said Sunday that Carter will find the wage restraint he seeks if prices are held down first.

"I would not go along with wage controls," Meany said. "What he (Carter) was asking us to do was accept wage controls, accept them on a voluntary basis."

Meany told interviewers on ABC television's "Issues and Answers" that Carter's request for smaller wage increases came during a White House meeting last week.

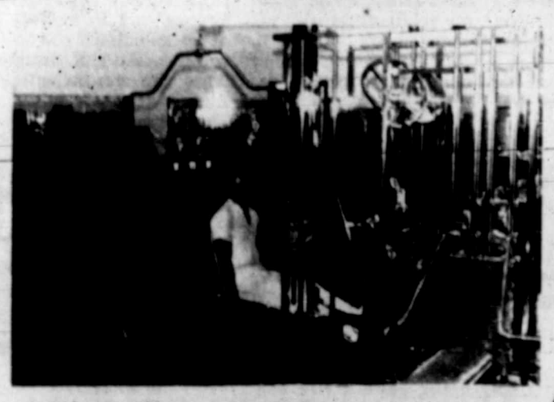
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Red Adair, right, world-famed oil and gas well firefighter, is shown in concentration near Athens last week as he and his crew prepared to start work on capping a well that was leaking hydrogen sulphide gas. (AP Laserphoto)

Landowner attempted to stop drilling of 'No. 12'

WALTON (AP) — Thoughts of easy money may have swayed some of the backers of an exploratory well that spewed out poison fumes last week, according to the man who owns the land on which the drilling rig sits.

C.B. Dedmon Jr. said Sunday he fought to prevent the hole being drilled because he considered it a safety hazard.

Red Adair and his crew of oil and gas well firefighters capped the runaway well Saturday night but some officials have expressed concern over the reliability of the cap.

More than 400 residents in a 300-square mile area had to be evacuated beginning last Thursday because of the lethal hydrogen sulfide gas leaking from the well. Most were reported still in motels or at neighbors' homes Sunday morning.

Dedmon said he sought an injunction last December to keep N.F.C. Petroleum Corp., an Oklahoma City-based company, from putting "Rig No. 12" on his property.

"There had been another well about 3,000 feet away that had leaked and people had to be evacuated that time, too," said Dedmon. "I own some other land near that well (No. 12) and they're not going to drill on that."

State District Court Judge Tom Crofts of Terrell said he denied the injunction "on the basis of the evidence presented." An N.F.C. attorney said testimony from the witness stand indicated the well could be drilled safely provided "every precaution" was used.

Dedmon, who said he owns part of the mineral rights to the affected land, likened the hearing to a "Chinese fire drill" and said a chance for some easy money may have swayed the thinking of some of the proponents of the venture.

"I may get shot for saying that, but this morning I don't much care," he said. "Everybody likes to make money, but when you have human lives involved it's another story."

Jack Fontaine of the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration said he was told the hydrogen sulfide content from the leaking well was about 600 parts per million, "way" above the fatal dose."

Ray Miller, district manager of Texas Railroad Commission — the agency that regulates oil and gas production — said the well was inspected last April to insure specified safety measures were being maintained. He said another well 3,000 feet from No. 12 suffered pipe failure due to the corrosive effects of hydrogen sulfide and could not be completed.

Miller, however, pointed out that proximity is no way to gauge what might happen at another well.

"You can't take two holes and even come close to having the same thing in them," he said.

Meanwhile, some residents of this oil-rich, East Texas area said the evacuations are getting to be a regular, if wearing, routine.

"This is the third time (in the last year) we've had to evacuate, and I'm getting damn tired of it," said Henderson County Attorney Bill Bandy, a former oil driller. "There's just no sense in it.

"I think they're moving in people from other states who are not familiar with what we've got here (hydrogen sulfide gas). We've got a unique situation — they don't have anything like this in Louisiana or Oklahoma.

"They're going to have to be a hell of a ot more careful than they've been being. If they're not, I'm going to consider a class-action suit against them. They're going to keep jacking around up here until somebody gets killed."

Authorities began permitting farmers and ranchers to tend livestock within a two-mile, cordoned-off area Saturday. However, Bill Egg, N.F.C's chief engineer, said it will take two or three days for workers to install a system of surface valves intended as a "blowout preventer."

Police said it may be that long before residents can return to their homes permanently.

California's governor gambles bonanza just around corner

By LOU CANNON
The Washington Post

SACRAMENTO — Wind, wood chips, the sun and garbage have replaced the atom as the symbols of the energy future in California, where Gov. Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown Jr. is gambling that what he calls "an energy bonanza" is just around the corner.

In this gamble with the economic well-being and life-style of 22 million Californians, there is no consensus, no mutual trust or understanding and little common ground.

Brown and his supporters see the turnaway from nuclear power epitomized by the legislature's rejection of the Sundesert nuclear power plant as prudent and overdue. The governor predicts an "energy glut" in California as the state develops geothermal steam and solar-power resources and such exotic ideas as a "cogeneration" plant that would use refuse and garbage to make steam and electricity.

On the other side many industry and public figures agree with the view expressed recently by California Attorney General Evelle J. Younger that unless Sundesert is built, "the lights will go out in California in five to eight years."

They say that the prospect of coal-fired power plants supported by Brown to help California reach the geothermal-solar age is a cruel illusion, because stringent federal and state air pollution regulations will prevent such plants from being built.

As it becomes evident that the state is running short of energy in the 1980s, they predict California will suffer an economic slowdown that could become a statewide depression.

The outcome of this energy gamble has enormous consequences for the nation. The utility industry is so large here and the energy demand so great that large-scale technological decisions influence the course of other states. On many environmental and energy issues, the decision made in California have proved to be the wave of the future.

There are at least four reasons why consensus is lacking and the energy future uncertain.

The first is California's unpredictable but awesome population growth, which slackened dramatically in the early 1970s after two decades of steady increase but is now booming again.

The second is the suspicion of less-developed Western states, which increasingly view California as a hostile force determined to exploit the energy resources of the entire region.

The third reason is the still-potent environmental movement, which helped kill Sundesert and may also kill the coal plant. Environmentalists here usually take the view that they are protecting the natural assets that brought them to California in the first place.

The fourth reason is used by most of Brown's critics to explain his actions. This is the governor's unconcealed interest in establishing a clear line of division between himself and President Carter on the nuclear issue as a condition to a possible presidential challenge in 1980.

Foes of Brown, such as former Democratic Assembly Speaker Bob Moretti, say that Brown's opposition to any nuclear development is based on his desire to carry a "pure anti-nuclear banner" and win the support of such environmental goups as the Clamshell Alliance in the New Hampshire presidential pri.ar6 in 1980.

"The presidential $100 million that has been spent on the abandoned Sundesert plant can best be regarded as a downpayment on the New Hampshire primary that will never face an audit from the Federal Election Commission," says Alan Pasternak, the only Energy Commission member who favored the project.

What makes Brown's critics especially suspicious is the absolute certitude with which the governor and his chief deputies express their belief that an energy glut is just around the corner.

"I don't personally think there's any chance at all of an energy shortage in the 1980s," says Tom Quinn, chairman of the state Air Resources Board. Quinn has been a tough and resolute enforcer of air anti-pollution standards, but he is now confidently predicting that coal plants can be built in the smogless Southern California desert without hurting air quality.

Brown's conduct in defeating Sundesert was in marked contrast to his hands-off political behavior on other issues, such as the death penalty, where he has taken unpopular stands.

Brown let the death penalty bill become law without doing anything to stop the legislature from overriding his veto. But he did everything he could to stop the legislature from sending him a bill permitting construction of Sundesert and raised alternatives ranging from Mexican-produced electricity to California coal plants in his successful effort to kill the bill.

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It is possible, of course, that Brown may be right about the energy future of California. What makes it impossible for outside observers, even expert ones, to make a reasonably sure analysis is the uncertainty of such huge prospective developments as the Intermountain Power Project (IPP), a major coal plant which the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power wants to build in the Utah Salt Wash.

The IPP project is included by the California Energy Commission in its assessment of energy sources that will enable the state to enjoy a nonnuclear future. But no site has been chosen for the project and there appears to be mounting opposition in Utah to allowing Los Angeles to "export its pollution" at the expense of a state which retains most of its environmental amenities.

The uncertainty of the Utah project illustrates the difficulty in trying to predict California's energy future with any precision. In a state with one-tenth the nation's population, even small changes in the difficult equations of growth, water supply and imports can make huge differences in the amount of energy to be available.

"We just don't have anything to go by in the way of reliable forecasts," says Tim Davis, senior consultant to the state Senate Energy Committee. "You listen to all sides, and the only thing you're sure of is that we need some new capacity by the 1980s."

Such uncertainty does not disturb the confident demeanor of the affable, energetic Quinn, who says the only risk being taken is a political one by Brown. Quinn, who managed Brown's campaign for governor in 1974 and is his political confidant now, portrays Brown as a courageous idealist who is bucking the 2-to-1 support for nuclear power demonstrated in a state ballot initiative two years ago.

"The antinuclear stand is against the popular grain," says Quinn. "This is a potentially risky stand for Jerry."

Actually, the Brown administration has tried to reduce political risk in this year's reelection campaign with its backing to the huge coal plant in the Mohave desert.

California never has used coal as a power source before, and coal plants in other states would not meet the state's stringent clean air requirements. But the administration's support for coal presumably will make it difficult for Republicans in the fall campaign to portray Brown as a governor who is willing to let the lights go out in California.

"While Brown babbles on about solar energy and woodchip, there are carloads of coal in our future, said one utilities executive recently at a private meeting to discuss industry strategy after Sundesert.

The turn to coal potentially puts the pressure on Quinn, head of the powerful Air Resources Board. According to some reports, Quinn turned down an offer to manage Brown's campaign a second time because he would have to resign his board chairmanship and didn't want to risk being reconfirmed by the state Senate.

Certanly,, if business and industry leaders had their way Quinn's conformation would be in trouble. Under Quinn's leadership the Air Resources Board has limited industrial expansion in Los Angeles harbor, enforced the stiffest automobile pollution emission controls in the nation and blocked development of a Standard Oil of Ohio terminal and pipeline that would originate in Long Beach and transport Alaskan oil to the oil-short Midwest.

But with the confidence that has characterized his approach, Quinn believes that California can build "by far the cleanest coal plant in the nation" and meet clean air standards. Besides, says Quinn, the coal plant is simply "an insurance policy" that may not be needed.

He adds in words similar to those used by Brown, that California is "really going to be in the driver's seat" as alternative energy sources are developed in the 1980s.

The alternative energy, in its myraid forms, is very much on the minds of the utility industry these days.

Recently, at a stockholders' meeting of Pacific Gas & Electric Co., a shareholder said that is neighbor was afraid radiation would come out of the light socket if nuclear power came into widespread use.

Company President John F. Bonner replied that the neighbor shouldn't be worried about radiation. He should be concerned, Bonner said with a smile, that the utility was experimenting with cow manure as a power source.

MGF buys more rigs

MGF Oil Corp. of Midland has announced it has purchased certain assets of A. W. Eggleston, Inc., of Crowley, La., for the consideration of $12.5 million.

R. O. "Jack" Major, president of Midland-based MGF Oil Corp., said the assets consit primarily of six drilling land rigs and related equipment.

Major said four of the rigs have depth capabilities to 18,000 feet and two have capabilities to 14,500 feet. All of the rigs are operating in South Louisiana.

Major said the rigs are expected to continue to operate in South Louisiana as part of MGF's wholly-owned subsidiary, Columbia Drilling Co., headquartered in Houston and for the present, the A. W. Eggleston, Inc., Crowley, La., office will remain as the Louisiana headquarters for this portion of its drilling program.

With the purchase, Major noted, MGF will be operating in one of the most active oil and gas exploration and development areas in the United States.

"In MGF's opinion," Major said, "the contract drilling bjusiness is going to remain strong for the foreseeable future, particularly in areaS SUCH AS Louisiana."

MGF now owns and operates 22 rigs in Texas, New Mexico and Louisiana, with depth capabilities ranging from 7,000 to 20,000 feet, Major said.

FERC okays more outlets

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Cities Service Gas Co., and utilities it supplies in five states should be allowed to add natural gas customers at least until 1982, a federal agency has suggested.

James M. Kiely Jr., acting director of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, reached the conclusion in testimony he submitted in the case Friday.

Go below says expert

By SOLL SUSSMAN

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A Texas architect says the nation can solve its energy crisis by going underground, not for fuel but for housing.

Frank Moreland is the organizer of a gathering this week in Fort Worth that he said may represent the start of serious committment to earth-covered construction as a solution to energy and social crises.

Moreland, director of the University of Texas at Arlington's Center for Energy Policy, said an upturn in interest has taken place since the last conference three years ago.

"It's really only been in the last couple of years that people have begun to be interested," he said. "Twelve years ago, it was slim pickings."

Moreland attributes the change in interest to earth-covered construction's "extraordinary ability to conserve energy."

The U.S. Department of Energy is sponsoring the 1978 conference Wednesday through Saturday.

Earth-covered construction's method is simple and durable. Dirt is piled as deep as 15 feet in some locales on top of a concrete hull. The hull's bottom is about three feet below ground, leaving most of the house itself above ground and allowing a space for windows to be cut through the concrete and dirt.

The top of the pile absorbs heat in the summer. And the dirt filters the heat through the pile down to the house just in time for winter. Cool temperatures on top in winter sink to the bottom by summer to provide natural coolness.

"Heating and cooling costs will be less than any other building type, with a few exceptions," Moreland said. For example, the technique is not useful in hot and humid coastal areas.

"If we can get some of these things built, I think we can demonstrate that the United States has enough to gain to buy it," he said. "I think this thing would set the stage for a sense of community."

While earth-covered buildings are surprisingly numerous around the nation, few have been built as part of a community plan. Moreland proposes rebuilding entire neighborhoods under earth, and he says the result would not be bleak vistas but rather lush park surroundings.

Net loss reported

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Commonwealth Oil Refining Company, Inc. (Corco) today reported a consolidated net lost (unaudited) of $12.7 million — 87 cents per primary share — for the first quarter of 1978.

This compared with a net loss of $6.3 million for the first quarter of 1977. Sales for the 1978 quarter were $197.7 million compared with $260.8 million in the first quarter of 1977.

Gary Davis, president and chief executive officer, said a reduction in "plant throughput" that resulted in a drop in revenue of $63 million, was the principal reason for the losses.

Davis blamed the decreased throughput on the company's unstable financial condition and a major fire and explosion that occurred Feb. 19. Lack of working capital made it impossible to obtain sufficient feedstock to operate Corco's plants properly, he said.

Saudis becoming big Carter policy critics

The Washington Post

RIYADH — Saudi Arabia, America's most important ally in the Red Sea region and increasingly throughout Africa, is becoming one of the sharpest overseas critics of what it regards as the Carter administration's policy of courting favor with black Africa by refusing to meet head-on the growing Soviet-Cuban challenge.

As the Saudis see it, the Soviet Union has now established its clear intention of intervening where ever possible all over Africa and the surrounding region. This, they make clear in their mild-mannered, soft-spoken way, is a direct threat to the Saudi kingdom that cannot be dealt with merely by verbal moral protests from Washington.

"It has been shown that this thing grows," said Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Faisal in a recent interview, referring to Soviet and Cuban intervention in various African countries. "When Angola came, it was said to be a unique situation but it repeated itself in Zaire and in Ethiopia. So it does spread."

The recent coup in Afghanistan, resulting in the establishment of a Communist-dominated governent there, has only served to confirm the Saudis' worst fears about Soviet intentions. With thousands of Cuban troops present just across the Red Sea in Ethiopia and a strong Soviet-Cuban presence in South Yemen, there is a growing sense of encirclement here.

All this helps to explain why the Saudis are pressing the Carter administration to adopt a more aggressive posture in Africa, including an increase in military assistance to moderate Arab and black African states, and even hinting at the need for a direct American intervention to counter the expanding Soviet-Cuban military presence. At this point, it appears that Saudi Arabia distributes more aid in black Africa than the United States.

The real issue, according to Prince Saud, is not the Carter administration's policy of nonintervention, but whether the Soviet policy of repeated massive involvement in the internal affairs of African countries, and even intra-African crises, will go on unchallenged.

Saudi Arabia is rich in oil and dollars and the situation "is not a financial problem," remarked Prince Saud, who describes his kingdom as a "small country" of limited defense means. Something more than verbal protest from the United States has become "a necessity," he added.

The Saudis are stepping up their financial assistance to pro-Western African states threatened by the escalating Soviet-Cuban presence in Africa. It is not known by outsiders here exactly how much of the estimated $6.6 billion Saudi Arabia distributed in aid last year was earmarked for African countries. It is likely however, that the amount easily surpassed the $350 million given out by the United States, making the Saudis an important asset in American efforts to stem the Soviet-Cuban tide on the continent.

There is a notable irony in the new Saudi activist role in Africa and Saudi complaints about Amrican passivity toward the Soviet-Cuban challenge. Only a few years ago, the Nixon-Ford administration was pushing a somewhat lethargic Saudi government to do more to help the West contain the spread of Communist influence on the Arabian Peninsula. Now, it is the Saudis who are pressing the Carter administration on the same point in both Africa and the Red Sea region.

With the United States increasingly dependent on Saudi oil and backing for the besieged dollar, Washington can no longer afford to ignore the pressure from Riyadh. It has placed the Carter administration in the difficult position of having to reconcile the demands of its new black African allies with those of its most important Arab oil partners.

While these Arab states tend to view Africa mainly as a new Cold War theater and the soft underbelly to their own exposed lands, much of black Africa is preoccupied now with the problem of containing local forces threatening the national unity of various countries and that of ending white rule in southern Africa. On both counts, the Soviets and Cubans have suddenly emerged as black Africa's most important allies.

The growing disagreement between Washington and Riyadh over the Carter administration's new Africa policy came to a head last year over the U.S. refusal to provide Somalia with arms after President Mohammed Siad Barre cut most of his ties tot he Soviet Union and broke relations with Cuba.

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Grandy does in Dodgers

By TERRY WILLIAMSON

Just when Tall City merchants were beginning to think that there would be a mammouth run on white towels sometime today by the Midland Cubs, Eric Grandy started seeing red, and that meant it was all over for the San Antonio Dodgers Sunday night at Cubs Stadium.

Grandy blasted a bottom of the ninth, game winning homer off of San Antonio's Dave Patterson to give the Cubs a thrilling 10-8 victory over the Dodgers to even the Texas League series at 2-2 heading into tonight's 7:30 game between the same two clubs.

Since the Bruins have had their troubles against the Dodgers this year, losing eight of their first nine meetings, most of Sunday's crowd just knew the Dodgers had pulled another one out of the fire in the top of the ninth when solo homers by Kelly Snider and Myron White had given San Antonio an 8-7 lead, their first lead of the night. But with one out and runners at third and first, Grandy ended it all on a happy note with his winning blast that cleared the left field wall on a line drive course. It also hung out the Dodgers to dry in clothes-line fashion. No surrender was necessary.

"When I got good wood on the ball, I just thought I had done my job," Grandy stated after hitting his second homer of the year. His first came Thursday against the Dodgers. "All I was thinking about was a sacrifice fly to get the runner from third across the plate to tie the game. He (Patterson) fed me some kind of breaking pitch, and I hit it good. I just wasn't thinking about it being a homer."

This one started out like a romp for the Cubs as they held leads of six runs on two different occasions, but those pesky Dodgers and their power prone bats just kept coming back. It's just never easy beating the Dodgers.

Midland took a 6-0 lead after two innings with three runs in each of the first two frames behind some power of their own from Jim Buckner and Duane Gustavson.

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The Cubs scored three in the first with a run scoring triple by Buckner and run scoring singles by Aaron Randall and Brian Rosinski. They came back with three more in the second when Buckner hit a two-run blast and Gustavson followed with a solo shot. Steve Macko produced another tally in the fifth on a single before the Dodgers started playing catchup in earnest fashion.

Buckner, who has hit safely in 28 of his last 29 games and currently on a 12-game hitting binge, homered, tripled and singled twice. His triple in the first was off the green monster in center, and he moved the ball over 15-feet in the second for his long blast.

He lacked only a double hitting for the cycle, and he felt that he could have obtained the cycle if the situation had been different.

"In the eighth, I think I could have had a double because the center fielder (Bobby Mitchell) threw the ball in real slow, but the game was tight and there was no way I was going to try for it," Buckner said. "I'll take four hits any day, and the hitting string is still alive."

The Dodgers came roaring to life in the seventh with three runs on a two-run single by Alex Taveras and a run scoring single by Snider. Mark Bradley hit a two-run homer in the eighth to move the score to 7-6.

In the ninth, Snider greeted pitcher Larry Groover back to Midland from Wichita with a solo shot to right to knot the score, and White, who has been a thorn in the side of Midland this series gave the Dodgers the lead at 8-7 with a homer to right. White came into the game with eight hits in 10 trips to the plate against Midland, and he was hitless through his first four at-bats before he connected off Groover. Groover, however, was credited with the win after Grandy bailed him out in the bottom of the frame.

After only four hits against the Dodgers' Mike Tennant Saturday, it was good to see the Cubs come roaring back with 14 hits Sunday. In addition to Buckner's four hits, Kevin Drury, Macko, Rosinski and Grandy each had two hits.

This was one for the offensive minded fans as Midland and San Antonio combined for seven homers, but Grandy's was last, and counted the most.

San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Perconte 2b	4	0	0	0	Seibert 2b	1	2	0	0
Taveras ss	4	1	1	2	Drury 2b	2	1	2	0
Mitchell cf	4	0	0	0	Macko ss	5	0	2	1
Snider 1b	4	1	2	3	Buckner lf	5	2	4	3
Hatcher 3b	5	1	1	1	Gustavson c	4	2	1	1
Scioscia c	4	1	2	0	Randall 1b	3	1	1	1
White dh	5	1	1	1	Rosinski dh	3	1	2	1
Bradley rf	4	2	1	2	Gatlin rf	5	0	0	0
Garrison lf	3	1	2	0	Grandy cf	4	1	2	3
					Fierro 3b	3	0	0	0
Totals	37	8	10	8	Totals	35	10	14	10

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Midland 330 010 003—10

One out when winning run scored.

E—Seibert, Slocum, Segelke, Hatcher. DP—San Antonio 3. LOB—San Antonio 9, Midland 8. 2B—Scioscia 2. 3B—Buckner. HR—Buckner (2), Gustavson (1), Hatcher (5), Bradley (3), Snider (2), White (5), Grandy (2). SB—Grandy, Bradley, Taveras.

Pitching	ip	ho	r-er	bb	so
San Antonio					
Power	2.2	6	6- 6	5	4
Slocum	5.1	6	2- 1	3	3
Williams	0.0	1	2- 1	0	0
Patterson (L 0-1)	0.1	1	1- 1	0	1
Midland					
Segelke	6.1	5	4- 4	5	5
Butler	1.1	3	2- 2	1	0
Albert	0.0	0	0- 0	1	0
Groover (W 1-0)	1.1	2	2- 2	0	1

WP—Segelke 2. PB—Scioscia. Gustavson. Time: 2:40. Attn.—548.

'Broadway Vitas' captures WCT crown

By GREG THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Newly-crowned World Championship of Tennis titleholder Vitas Gerulaitis has a message for one of his teammates on the World Team Tennis' New York Apples: Take that Billie Jean King.

"I know this will show Billie Jean, because she says I never work hard enough," Gerulaitis joked Sunday after quickly dispatching a ragged and struggling Eddie Dibbs 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 for the WCT crown.

"I'm gonna go back and tell her, 'I'd like to see you go out and win that tournament,'" quipped Gerulaitis, who has never had a reputation as a hard worker on the practice court, perhaps because of his conscientiously-groomed playboy image.

The well-rested Gerulaitis got into the finals on a default Friday by injured, top-seeded Bjorn Borg and hadn't played since Wednesday night. He needed only an hour and a half to overwhelm Dibbs with his deadly volleys and newly-strengthened serve.

"I was never in the match with the guy," said Dibbs, who played Thursday and Friday night. "I couldn't get going. The racquet felt like it was dead or the strings were dead. My forehand was really bad. It was usually my big shot in the last two matches."

And in a weak attempt at humor, Dibbs added, "I don't know what it was. Maybe somebody switched racquets with me or something."

Dibbs, who had won all four of his matches against Gerulaitis, had swept into the finals without losing a set, largely on the strength of his hypnotically-flawless baseline game.

But Dibbs was continually plagued by mistakes on his shots Sunday, many of the errors being forced by Gerulaitis' whistling serves and crisp play at the net. Dibbs lost 55 points because of errors on his shots.

"I knew what I had to do. I just played a sound game. I didn't do anything spectacular," Gerulaitis said. "Eddie didn't play well, but I didn't give him a chance. There's not much he can do if I'm serving and volleying well."

Dibbs agreed, "He (Gerulaitis) was exceptional. He's very quick, very tough to pass. He comes to the net very well. His serve got better, especially his first serve. It was very tough."

Apples' Coach Fred Stolle told Gerulaitis last month that he needed a stronger serve if he wanted to become one of the world's three top players. Gerulaitis has been developing the serve and double-faulted 14 times in his Wednesday night quarter-final victory over Raul Ramirez.

He trimmed that to only three against Dibbs and didn't double-fault in the final two sets. The victory was worth $100,000, while Dibbs got $40,000.

"There was a question about whether I was really No. 4 or 5 in the world," said Gerulaitis. "Now, I've shown that definitely I am one of the top four players in the world."

Jimmy Connors, ranked No. 1 by the Association of Tennis Professionals, earned a berth in the elite, eight-man WCT Finals field, but refused to play. Borg, who pulled out of the WCT Finals with an inflamed calous on his right thumb, and Guillermo Vilas were ranked ahead of Gerulaitis in the latest ATP rankings.

The WCT title will provide a springboard to next week's Italian Open in Rome for Geruilaitis, the defending champion. He said then he will play Wimbledon in late June, passing up the French Open.

Iron Legend arrives

BALTIMORE (AP) — Iron Legend became the third 3-year-old to move to Pimlico Race track in anticipation of the Preakness Stakes as he took up residence here Sunday.

Owner-trainer Vic Coladonato, who lives in a blue 1954 hearse, said his colt was "in good physical condition" but "a little nervous." "He thinks he's going to race," explained the trainer.

Rebels host Wichita Falls

BY BOB DILLON

The Wichita Falls Coyotes come to town Tuesday.

The Coyotes, District 6-4A champions, tangle with the Robert E. Lee Rebels at 4p.m. at the Lee diamond in the first game of the best-of-three series in the Class AAAA state bi-district baseball playoffs.

Lee and Wichita Falls join 32 other Class AAAA outfits that will be trying for the final four spots in the state tourney in Austin in two weeks on the Univiersity of Texas campus.

Other teams in the Region I playoffs include El Paso Andress (18-8), El Paso Riverside (21-5), Amarillo High (17-4), Lubbock Monterey (26-4), Arlington Sam Houston (19-11) and Fort Worth Western Hills (22-6).

Teams in Region II include Duncanville (28-2), North Garland (21-7), Dallas Jefferson (13-11), Dallas Sunset (17-6), Richardson (22-11), Lufkin (21-3), Waco Richfield (13-7) and Conroe.

The winner of the Lee-Wichita Falls series will move on to the regional playoffs against the winner of the Western Hills-Sam Houston series.

LEE'S REBELS take a 21-8 record against Wichita Falls' 17-5 reading into the opening game Tuesday with junior righthander Terry Willis (6-2), set to pitch for Coach Ernie Johnson's crew. On the mound for the Coyotes will be their ace, senior hurler Eric McDougle (13-4). He has been the workhorse for the Red River crew in winning 13 of 17 games it has won this year. McDougle has an earned run average of 1.35 and the Southwest Conference scouts are high on him and senior shortstop Kerry Hargrove.

Hargrove is the leadoff hitter and owns a .403 season batting average. He has stolen 15 bases, knocked in 14 runs and hit four homers for the Coyotes.

Joining McDougle and Hargrove in the starting lineup will be Mark Massie at first base; David O'Neil at second and Tobey Stone at third. In the outfield it will be Dan McDonald in left; Ruben Nieto in center and Wes McKenize in right with Rick Ledford handling the catching chores.

The Coyotes like to run and rely on a good defense and strong pitching, according to assistant coach Tim Whalen who watched them beat Wichita Falls Rider, 4-1, last week in the final 6-4A game of the season.

JOHNSON WILL start Doug Schmidt at first base; Don Rasure at second; Steve Pitts at shortstop with Craig Van Horn at third. Then the starting Lee outfield will be made up of Todd Clements in left, Pat Moore in center and John White in right. Clay Calhoun will catch with Richard Josefy hitting for White as the designated hitter. The Coyotes sometime use Dwain Coffey as the designated hitter in the place of McDougle.

The Coyotes are only hitting .252 as a team so Johnson is hoping to get strong pitching from Willis and good defense since his team is hitting the ball at a .331 clip in 29 games. The Rebs have pounded out 52 doubles, 20 triples and seven homers in knocking in 176 runs.

Moore leads the hit parade on the season with a .409 average with 10 doubles, two triples and 19 runs-batted-in. Next comes Tyler Alcorn, junior utility outfielder with a .400 average with 11 RBIs and Josefy with a .378 mean.

Van Horn is hittting at a .351 clip and has 25 RBIs to lead the team in that department while Clements and Calhoun follow with averages of .345 and .333, respectively.

NO LESS than eight Rebels have 10 or more RBIs on the year, giving Johnson one of his more balanced hitting teams in his 18 years with the Rebels. This is the fifth time for Johnson's Rebs to be in the state playoffs.

Wichita Falls, too has been in the playoffs several times in its longer history with 1957 being the closest they came to winning the state championship, losing to Abilene, 9-2, in the finals.

Other teams in the other two regions opening playoffs game this week include Spring Woods (17-7), Houston Bellaire (30-8), Scarborough, Milby, Baytown Sterling(20-2), Port Arthur Jefferson (20-3), Pasadena Dobie and Texas City in Region III while in Region IV, it has Victoria Stroman (24-3), a state tourney participant last year along with Austin Anderson (23-3), Corpus Christi Moody (23-4), Mission (15-15), South San Antonio (12-6-2), San Antonio Marshall (16-10), San Antonio Jefferson (22-5) and San Antonio Roosevelt (28-1).

San Antonio Roosevelt has the best record, 28-1 while Duncanville, 28-2, has the next best mark. Monterey is on a 17-game winning streak going into its series with the Golden Sandies in Amarillo Tuesday. Bellaire has the most victories--30, of the 32 playoffs teams.

DIAMOND DUST: David Reddell, who played for Midland High his sophomore year before moving to Trinity Euless, led the Trojans in hitting with a .397 average while driving in 25 runs. The senior first baseman also smacked eight homers and played errorless ball during the entire season in District 6-4A...Since the bi-district playoffs started between 5-4A and 6-4A, the West Texas league owns a 10-5 mark in the series which started in 1971...The Coyotes had great success the only year they have faced the 5-4A champions, beating Odessa Permian, 1-0 and 3-2 behind the superb pitching of Gary Brackeen and Sam Welborn. The Panthers will remember Ricky Nix who went four-for-five in that 3-1 win at the Permian diamond...Wichita Falls Rider has been in bi-district two previous times against 5-4A's Abilene High in 1971 and Midland Lee in 1975. Abilene lost to Rider, 4-3 in the first game, in 1971, but came back to win two straight, 6-3 and 4-0 while Lee took two in a row from the Raiders, winning 4-3 and 5-2...The second and third game if necesary between the Coyotes and Rebels moveson to Hoskins Field in Wichita Falls on Friday at 4 p.m. The third game will be under the lights if needed.

Bears take SWC crown

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) —Baylor's storybook Bears don't like to mess with a good plot, so they won the Southwest Conference baseball tournament Sunday night similar to the way they did it last year.

Finishing third behind Arkansas and Texas A&M in the regular season, Coach Mickey Sullivan's crew swept through the tournament without a defeat, clinching the championship with an 11-3 rout of the Houston Cougars.

"We sure enjoy this tournament," smiled Sullivan after the Bears had clinched a trip to Arlington this weekend to play in an NCAA regional tournament for the right to go to the College Baseball World Series in Omaha in June.

Houston ousted Texas A&M 17-10 Sunday afternoon to get a shot at Baylor in the double elimination tournament. The Bears, who had defeated Houston in an earlier game, scored eight runs in the first two innings, and it was turn out the lights.

Manuel Ordones cracked a three-run triple and Jaime Cocanower, who had been struggling all year, went seven innings and permitted only three runs and seven hits.

"Cocanower sure came through at a good time," said Sullivan, who had seen the ace of his pitching staff, Burl Coker, felled by an injury Saturday night. Coker was hit in his pitching arm by a wild throw as he beat out a grounder and his status for the NCAA regionals is questionable.

The four teams for the tournament have yet to be announced, but Southland Conference champion Louisiana Tech is expected in the field along with possibly Pan American, a top independent, and an at-large team. Miami of Ohio was an at-large team last year.

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