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Commissioners pick unpopular Plan 3

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

"That's democratic action!" lamented a spectator, who was resigned to the irony of the vote.

"It's a cop-out," protested another.

Regardless of the viewpoint, the controversial Midland County Commissioner redistricting proposals were narrowed down to one in a 3-2 vote by the Commissioners' Court on Monday night. The apparent winner was the dark-horse of three plans — the existing boundary lines and two proposed ones.

Rejected by the Commissioners' Court were the existing Plan 1 and the so-called minority bloc of Plan 2, which was drawn up and unanimously endorsed by a nine-member citizens committee. The court appointed the committee last June in search of fair and equitable lines for the four commissioner precincts.

The rejected Plan 2 had proposed to re-align Precinct 2 to give it a 70 minority (40 percent Mexican-American and 30 percent black) complexion by placing the eastern part of the city from Big Spring Street eastward into the precinct.

Theoretically, the ethnic slant would have ensured minority representation on the five-member, all-Anglo Commissioners' Court.

BUT THAT PLAN fell by the wayside, though it was the most popular among the approximately 40 citizens who attended the public meeting.

Fourteen (17 by some counts) voted for Plan 2 in a straw vote conducted by County Judge Bill Ahders; nine voted against Plan 2; four voted for Plan 1, the existing status-quo plan, and none voted for adoption of Plan 3, which the Commissioners' Court opted for in the 3-2 vote.

"We've been down this road before," said Clarence Rankin, a black man who had protested the court's leaning. "This is what I expected to happen."

The adopted Plan 3 essentially is similar to Plan 1 and offered no radical changes.

Voting for Plan 3 were Precinct 4 Commissioner Win Brown, who made the motion; Precinct 3 Commissioner C. DeWayne Davis, who seconded the motion, and Judge Ahders. Dissenting votes were cast by Precinct 1 Commissioner Durward Wright and Precinct 2 Commissioner Charlie Welch.

PLAN 3 WAS a "safe cop-out" for the court, charged Corina Hernandez, one of nine members of the citizens committee appointed by the court. "It's not controversial."

But all three plans drew criticism from Barbara Harris, chairperson of the United Coalition of Black Citizens, and Aquilla Watson, chairperson of the Citizens for Representative Government.

"Change! Change! Sweet, wonderful change!" Ms. Harris said in read-

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Commissioners boost tax rate

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

The Midland County tax rate got a boost, and taxpayers on Monday got promises of higher tax bills, after the Midland County Commissioners' Court voted 4 to 1 to raise the taxes by almost 12 percent and to increase the 1982 budget by 26 percent to \$8.66 million.

The 1981 budget of \$6.85 million is about \$1.8 million less than the projected budget for 1982.

Stubbish opposition to both increases was voiced by Commissioner Charlie Welch.

"I sure think we ought to live on that," Welch had said of the converted current tax rate.

He reasoned that the urban and rural growth in the booming Midland economy should increase the tax revenue by broadening and giving depth to the \$1.667 billion tax base. Increasing the tax rate should not be necessary, Welch said.

But despite his opposition, the tax rate was set at 34 cents per \$100 valuation based on 100 percent assessment. The rate is 11.8 percent higher than 1981's rate, which is based on a 95 cents per \$100 valuation on a 32 percent assessment of fair market values.

EARLIER, commissioners tentatively had set the tax rate at 38 cents per \$100 valuation, but dropped it by

two cents.

One cent on the tax rate is equivalent to \$175,000.

But the commissioners lowered the rate two more cents to 34 cents in a compromise measure and slashed county employees' projected pay raise by 2 percent after Welch insisted on cutting taxes and reducing the budget but didn't say how.

"I want to get the tax rate where it exactly is today," Welch had said. Welch subsequently made a motion that the tax rate be set at 30 cents per \$100 valuation. The motion died.

Commissioner Win Brown promptly moved that the court "approve the budget as it has been presented" at \$8.66 million.

Commissioner C. DeWayne Davis seconded the motion. Commissioner Durward Wright led interference.

"I still think there's some fat in the fire," Wright said. "I think we can lower the budget."

Discussion ensued while the motion was still alive, and the court launched into an emergency budget study to try to find excesses and to purge them from the budget.

THE COURT interviewed District Attorney Vern Martin in what was to be the first in a series of departmental interviews to trim the budget.

Martin wasn't too helpful. "I need only an additional \$10,000."

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Reagan delays fighter shipment

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — President Reagan, still undecided about releasing suspended F-16 warplanes to Israel, now is holding up shipments of two more advanced jet fighters.

Administration sources said it would be inconsistent to go ahead with delivery of two F-15 fighters while shipment of the F-16s remained suspended.

The two F-15s, considered the most advanced fighter plane, were due to leave the factory today on their way to Israel.

The planes now will either remain at the factory or be shipped to Pease Air Force Base in New Hampshire, where six F-16s that were destined for Israel remain parked, said the sources, who asked not to be identified.

Israel denounced the expanded embargo as "an unjust and damaging action." Herzl Inbar, a spokesman for the Israeli Foreign Ministry, said today in Tel Aviv that the action "borders on breach of contract."

Professor Yuval Ne'eman, head of a small right-wing faction in Israel's

Parliament, urged Prime Minister Menachem Begin to delay his first summit with Reagan until the embargo was lifted. The meeting was scheduled for the second week of September.

Ne'eman claimed the embargo was aimed at softening Israeli resistance to the sale of U.S. AWACS radar planes to Saudi Arabia.

Reagan suspended delivery of four F-16s on June 10 after Israel destroyed an Iraqi reactor. Shipment of another six of the warplanes was suspended July 17 after Israel bombed Palestinian strongholds in Beirut.

Another four F-16s destined for Israel are due out of the factory Friday.

Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger has said the administration wants evidence of a more permanent cease-fire in Lebanon before it resumes shipment of the fighter aircraft to Israel.

"We are going to hold up on the F-15s for a few days and then make a decision the latter part of this week or early next week," one source said.



AP Laserphoto

Showing his stripes

About 200 demonstrators, one of them dressed in prison stripes and carrying an American flag and simulated ball and chain, picket San Francisco's Federal Building Monday on behalf of striking air traffic controllers. Police reported a peaceful demonstration with no arrests.

Stand on strike remains strong

WASHINGTON (AP) — While the air traffic controllers strike spreads its impact from Europe to New Zealand, the Reagan administration shows no sign that international pressure will soften its hardline stand against the strikers.

A boycott of aircraft to and from the United States by Canadian controllers forced the rerouting Monday of trans-Atlantic flights and a virtual halt of air traffic between the United States and Canada.

Flights between the United States and five airports in Canada resumed Monday night when Canadian controllers ended their boycott after 29 of them were suspended by the Canadian government.

However, trans-Atlantic traffic was still affected by the continued refusal of controllers in Gander, Newfoundland, to handle planes bound to and from the United States.

Delays of eight to 10 hours were predicted on some flights between the United States and Europe because of the shifting of routes away from Canadian air space. Controllers in New Zealand also refused to handle flights to or from the United States.

Spanish air controllers began boycotting flights to and from the United States today. Australian controllers were to start a boycott at 10 a.m. EDT and Portuguese controllers said they would begin a boycott Saturday. The

Spanish ban halted four daily flights from Madrid to New York.

Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis, who was to meet with airline industry executives today to map out a six-month scheduling plan, appeared to be unflustered by the international developments.

He accused union leaders of "trying to whip up" support around the world for what he said are false claims that the strike is making U.S. air routes unsafe.

Robert E. Poli, president of the Professional Air Traffic Controller Organization, repeatedly has claimed the traffic control system is unsafe because it is manned by too few — and at times inadequately prepared — supervisors, military controllers and non-striking controllers.

"It's obvious to all of us now that Mr. Poli has whipped up his forces in America to the point they struck and now he's trying to whip them up around the world," Lewis snapped Monday.

The Canadian controllers organization criticized the "amateurish attempts" of the Reagan administration to keep the traffic control system operating and said there were 41 "incidents" along the U.S.-Canadian border last week that threatened safety.

FAA Administrator J. Lynn Helms told reporters each of the alleged incidents was being investigated and that so far none has been verified.

Trans-Atlantic air traffic improving

By BRYNA BRENNAN
Associated Press Writer

Air traffic between the United States and Europe was improving today as the airlines rerouted North Atlantic flights around a Canadian boycott in support of the striking U.S. air controllers.

Traffic between Canada and the United States also resumed Monday night after a 12-hour shutdown when Canadian controllers at five Canadian airports — Toronto, Montreal, Calgary, Edmonton and Moncton, New Brunswick — gave clearance to flights to and from the United States, spokesman Craig Lee of Transport Canada reported.

But Lee said controllers at Gander, Newfoundland, which normally handles much of the northern trans-Atlantic traffic, were still refusing to handle flights en route to and from the United States. The boycott also was continuing at Vancouver, Winnipeg and Quebec, he said.

The Canadian boycott was the most significant foreign action to date in support of the 12,000 American strik-

ers, and it made Monday a chaotic day of cancellations and delays on the busy North Atlantic route.

By evening, however, the airlines were rerouting flights to the south to keep them out of Canadian air space, and the situation was getting better.

At New York's Kennedy International Airport, most arrivals and departures were delayed two to six hours at the nation's busiest handler of international flights. But between 2 p.m. and midnight, 31 flights landed or were on the way, and six had been canceled.

Officials said the number of departures for Europe would not be available until later today.

Only one of the 11 trans-Atlantic flights due in and out of Boston's Logan Airport was canceled.

Officials at Washington's Dulles Airport said the effect of the Canadian boycott was minimal.

"Everything here has come in and left on time with the exception of Pan Am Flight 107, and that was delayed in London because of company problems," said operations officer Henry Cloutier.

Coalition backs state redistricting bill

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — In a vote similar to President Reagan's recent coalition victories in Congress, the Texas Senate has approved a bill that could help Republicans gain control of Congress in the 1980s.

Eight conservative Democrats joined eight Republicans on Monday to pass a congressional redistricting bill that critics say could increase the number of Texas Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives from five to nine.

Although the bill was finally approved 18-13, the key vote was 15-16 against sending the measure to a conference committee.

Sen. John Wilson, D-La Grange, noted that Texas Democrats who had voted with Reagan on his recent budget and tax cuts had been called "boll weevils" and "turncoats."

"I can find no word to call them other than heroes," said Wilson. "And this bill will allow us to send more

people of that kind of fabric to Washington."

Legislative approval of the bill was viewed as a blow to Democrat Jim Wright's chances of becoming the first U.S. House speaker from Texas since the late Sam Rayburn.

The GOP already has a Senate majority, and lacks only some 30 members to become the majority party in the House.

The redistricting bill reflects population gains that will increase the size of the Texas delegation from 24 to 27.

Sen. Oscar Mauzy, angry over what he considered the defection of Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and Speaker Bill Clayton on redistricting, quoted Rayburn in saying he would "forgive and remember."

Mauzy, D-Dallas, predicted Hobby would face Democratic opposition in the 1982 primary as a result of his support of the redistricting plan.

Texas Democrats "are not going to nominate someone who uses his office to help the Republican Party to the detriment of the Democratic Party," Mauzy told reporters.

"In my view," said Rep. Paul Ragsdale, D-Dallas, Hobby and Clayton "have relinquished their right to call themselves Democrats. Hobby, Clayton and the so-called Democrats who voted with them are Quislings who deserved to be recognized as the sellouts they are."

Gov. Bill Clements, the state's first Republican governor in over 100 years, said, "Texas is a conservative state, and the bill reflects what is right for Texas."

Republicans got a redistricting bill they wanted despite their minority status of 38 out of 150 House members and eight of 31 senators.

Sen. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, credited Clements with the GOP victory. "He has made such effective use of

his powers that when he stomps his foot and bellows, some people are so cowed you can almost hear them moo," said Doggett.

He said Republicans had stuck together since the regular session began in January, yet "the Democratic Party has been unable to assure the loyalty of elected leaders."

Mauzy said the "keys" to passage of congressional redistricting were Hobby and Clayton, who rammed his own version of a redistricting bill through the House on Sunday after hardcore Democrats had sought a plan denying the GOP any congressional gains.

U.S. Rep. Jim Mattox, D-Dallas, whose political future is gravely threatened by remap of that area, said Clements had been "dishonorable" in refusing to admit he simply wanted a plan that would benefit Republicans, rather than claiming his main interest was a minority district.

INSIDE TODAY

Her crowning glory

LuAnn Caughey, Miss Abilene, reacts with tears and trembles as she is crowned Miss Texas USA 1982 at the annual pageant Monday night in El Paso. The 22-year-old winner will represent the state in the Miss USA competition next spring. — Page 6B



Weather

Fair through Thursday with hot afternoons. High Thursday near 100. Details on Page 2A.

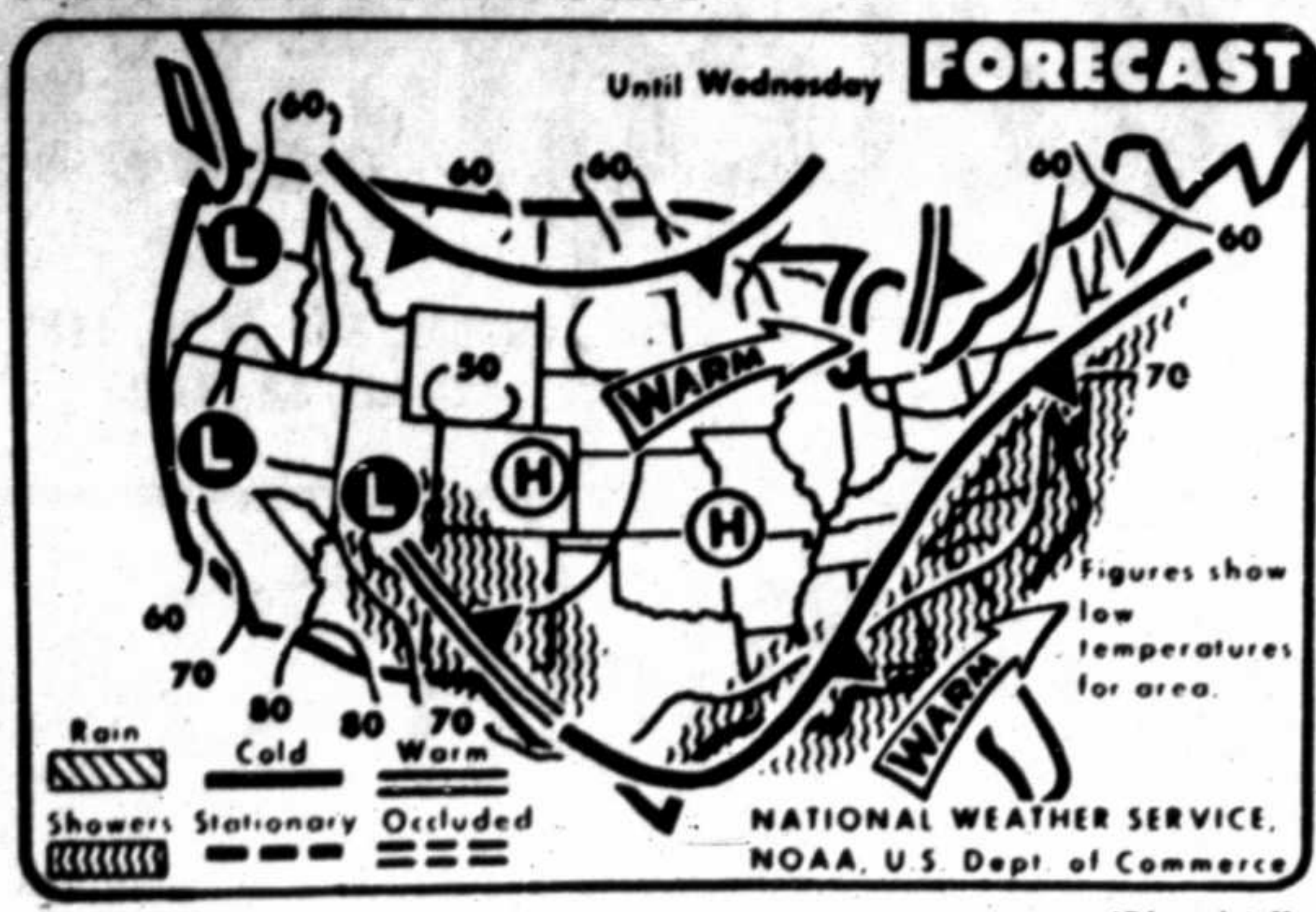
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WEATHER SUMMARY



Shows are expected in the forecast period today until Wednesday morning for the Southwest and the Gulf and Atlantic Coast states to southern New England. Warm weather is forecast for most of the nation.

Midland statistics

The weather elsewhere

WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms through Wednesday. Cooler temperatures with low tonight. In mid-40s. High Wednesday upper 80s. Winds from the east 5 to 10 mph tonight, from the southeast 10 to 15 mph on Wednesday. Chance of rain 40 percent through Wednesday.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS
Yesterday's High 85 degrees
Overnight Low 71 degrees
Sunset today 8:37 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:11 a.m.

Precipitation
Last 24 hours 0.0 inches
This month to date 1.0 inches
1981 to date 7.0 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES
6 a.m. 67
7 a.m. 70
8 a.m. 72
9 a.m. 74
10 a.m. 76
11 a.m. 78
noon 80
1 p.m. 82
2 p.m. 84
3 p.m. 86
4 p.m. 88
5 p.m. 90
6 a.m. 72

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES
Albuquerque 71
Denver 73
El Paso 75
Flagstaff 77
Houston 85
Los Angeles 87
Miami 90
Minneapolis 79
New York 81
Phoenix 83
Portland 77
San Francisco 79
Seattle 77
Tampa 89
Vancouver 77
Victoria 75

Extended forecasts

Thursday Through Saturday
West Texas: Clear to partly cloudy. A light warmer trend the weekend. Highs mid 80s. Panhandle and mountains to near 100. Inland south and near 90. Low mid 60s to the lower 70s.

North Texas: Clear to partly cloudy. Hot with high temperatures in 90s and lows in 70s.

South Texas: Generally fair and warm. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid to upper 80s except near 100 inland south and near 90 along the upper coast.

Border states forecasts

Louisiana: Scattered thunderstorms mainly during the day through Wednesday. Highs 80s north and near 90 south. Lows near 70 north to mid 70s south.

Oklahoma: Mostly cloudy and mild through tonight. Partly cloudy and warmer Wednesday. Scattered light rain and a few thunderstorms through Wednesday. Highs 70s Panhandle to upper 80s southeast. Lows 60s upper 70s Panhandle to upper 80s southeast. Highs Wednesday 80s to 90.

Cooler temperatures, chance of rain in forecast for area

Midland and the surrounding areas will get a break from the usual hot and dry afternoons if the National Weather Service's predictions hold up. The forecast calls for cooler temperatures with a 40 percent chance of rain through Wednesday.

The lows tonight will be in the middle 60s and the highs on Wednesday should creep into the upper 80s. Winds

Public invited to 'Happening'

The Midland League of Women Voters is sponsoring a "Summer Happening" on Aug. 21, which will feature a legislative review by State Sen. Pete Snelson.

The happening is open to the public and will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Coors Hospitality Room on West Highway 80.

Dinner will be catered by Johnny's Barbecue. Cost is \$4 per person. Snelson will give a report on the regular and special sessions of the State Legislature, listing the important issues.

For more information on the Happening or to make reservations, telephone Terri Trentham, 699-3692.

BIRTHS

MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

July 29, 1981
Mr. and Mrs. Gary B. Anderson, 1611 Shell, a boy.

Aug. 7, 1981
Mr. and Mrs. Roger David Newland, 1509 E. Francis St., a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Lemon, 604 N. 5th St., Lamesa, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Arnaldo Lopez, 207 W. Cowden St., a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. William Humphrey Britt, 4724 Crockett, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lee Sexton, Route 2 Box 125-D, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Curtis Stone, 1203 Century, a girl.

Aug. 8, 1981
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Charles Hill II, R.R. 2 Lot 20 Landan Lane, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hal Wood 4414-A Thompson Drive, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Cesar Gerardo Betancourt, 1902 S. Main St., a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Joseph Buco, 4605 Crenshaw, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Andres C. Mata 115 S. Walnut St., Pecos, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Cruz Lujan Vasquez, 1411 S. McKenzie St., a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Alan Little, 1510 W. Missouri Ave., a girl.

Aug. 9, 1981
Mr. and Mrs. Joel Bernal Marquez, Route 3 Box 520, a boy.

Tools, stereo among reported thefts

In theft and burglary complaints to city police during the past 24 hours, Steve Hopkins of 3511 Princeton Ave. reported the theft of a tool box and assorted tools worth \$850.

And Helen Acosta, 500 S. Adams St., told officers stereo equipment valued at \$790 was taken in a burglary of her residence. Entry was gained through a window and the home had been ransacked.

In a theft complaint to sheriff's deputies, Joy Garcia of 2213 Cimarron Drive said a ring worth \$1,000 was taken from her residence sometime last week.

Plan 3 vote realigns county precincts

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ing a prepared statement to the Commissioners' Court. "One of our utmost goals is to realize a meaningful change. Change in the governing bodies of both the county and city."

However, she said that the two groups "question the psychological reasoning behind such a radical change at this time."

"Could it be that you knew the proposed change would present adverse reactions, thereby alleviating any change at all under the pretext that we had or made the choice? We're damned if we do and damned if we don't. There are too many gray areas left unanswered."

Ms. Harris said the groups she and Ms. Watson represented "want very much to be a viable part of the electoral process...but at what price?"

Neither group is "pleased with the present districting or the proposed re-districting plans," she said.

"Also," she told the court, "please be informed that we would like to at least feel that we have some control over our destiny and fate."

"We would like to be afforded the opportunity along with the resources to formulate a redistricting plan that best suits our needs and wants."

Ms. Harris said that the two groups were "not in accord" with the present re-districting plan nor with the proposed re-districting plans.

"We are optimistic that in the very near future a meaningful change will emerge rather than a superficial one."

MS. HARRIS said that she would "like time and resources" to develop an alternate plan. And Judge Ahders proposed that Ms. Harris and Ms. Watson detail a fourth plan within 10 days. Until then, the court would withhold any action. But, after consulting with Freddie Nelms, Ms. Harris declined the offer.

Oralia Corrales agreed with Ms. Harris that "there are many changes" needed, but said that "Plan 2 offers the best plan for all the people."

The 70 percent minority in Plan 2's Precinct 2 might ensure a black or Hispanic commissioner.

However, noted Ms. Corrales, "the majority of Mexican-American are not registered voters." Many of that ethnic background are "legal permanent residents but not legal U.S. citizens."

Nelms, a leader in the black community, suggested that the Mexican-American and the black communities may not prefer to be thrown into one general grouping, such as Plan 2's Precinct 2.

"There's a strong possibility that maybe we don't want to be combined like that," he said.

KEYING IN ON voter apathy, Judge Ahders noted that the waning interest in politics and local government was not confined to race.

"It's not only the black or the browns that don't bother to register (to vote)," he said, "but there's a lot of whites who are registered to vote but don't vote. It's shocking to me."

Plan 2, which was discarded in the 3-2 Commissioners' Court vote for Plan 3, had proposed that Precinct 2's 33 percent minority population in northeast Midland be re-aligned to take in a 70 percent minority — 40 percent Hispanic, 30 percent black and 30 percent Anglo. Furthermore, Plan 2 would shift the burgeoning Greenwood area from Precinct 2 to Precinct 4.

The Plan 2 re-alignment would change the minority in Precinct 3 in south Midland from the existing 49 percent to 15 percent. Precinct 1 in west Midland would be altered from 8 percent minority to 5 percent. Precinct 4 in the booming northwest sector of the city would be changed ever so slightly — from 3.8 percent minority to 3.3 percent minority.

Plan 2 was drafted by the nine-member committee, chaired by Midland League of Women Voters' worker Evelyn Gould, and consisted of five

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he seemed to joke.

Martin said he might cut back on law books and typewriters, but would not consider cutting salaries of his staff. In fact, he said he could do with another lawyer on his prosecuting team.

"Ironically," Martin said, "I was planning to come down here and ask for more money, and that's no joke."

COMMISSIONER C. DeWayne Davis offered a proposal to start budget reductions.

"We'll start with ourselves and go on down," he mused.

The judge, the commissioners, County Clerk Roselle Cherry and County Tax Assessor-Collector Frances Shuffield noted the increased county business associated with the economic growth.

"I think the growth factor has hit us all," said Ms. Shuffield.

Martin said the "quality of the population growth" has upped his criminal business.

"I don't see that there's anything we can do with the budget to be honest with you," Ahders said.

Ms. Cherry, who said she is allotted 16 clerks but has only 13 on the

payroll, could not envision how to cut her budget.

"Yes, I do need (more) people, Charlie," she told Welch. "Out of 13, I've got a little girl who's going to have a baby." And her taking leave will cut the number down to 12.

Still, Welch was harping on cutting taxes. But when pressured by the judge, the commissioner side-stepped proposing means to reduce the budget in order to cut taxes.

"I wish we could eliminate taxes all together," retorted the judge. "I'm with you."

But, Ahders allowed, "You've got to pay costs, whatever they are — bite the bullet."

The county's biggest expense is payroll.

"I just don't think we ought to raise taxes," Welch said.

"I don't either," said Brown.

Eventually, the commissioners considered additional income which would be generated by increased service fees to the county and district court clerks and to the sheriff and justices of the peace. The tax rate began to drop.

Davis brought up his earlier proposal.

"If we're having an attrition budget, I think we (commissioners) ought to set the example," he said.

Eventually, Commissioner Win

Anglos, two blacks and two Mexican-Americans. Judge Ahders and the commissioners appointed the committee, though Precinct 2 Commissioner Welch maintains that he had nothing to do with the selection.

Plan 3, which was drafted by County Attorney Robert Rendall after the citizens committee had tendered its proposal, was a virtual copy of the original districting in Plan 1. Plan 3 called for an 8 percent minority in west Midland's Precinct 1; a 28 percent minority in east Midland Precinct 2; a 54 percent minority in south Midland's Precinct 3; and a 3 percent minority, mostly Mexican-American, in northwest Midland's Precinct 4. Greenwood would remain in Precinct 2 in this plan.

PRIOR TO THE straw vote, J.D. Crawford, who advocated sticking with the old Plan 1, said that the Commissioners' Court has "done a good job" under the old districting plan.

Though an Anglo, Crawford concluded that he was part of a minor minority.

"I guess I am," he said. "I'm a Scotsman."

Crawford noted that the four commissioners' precincts were "still within the law" as defined by the U.S. Department of Justice.

The one-man, one-vote principle enforced by the federal government mandates that the commissioners' precincts be more or less equally divided according to the latest census. In Midland County's case, that ideally would mean 20,659 in each of the four precincts for a total of 82,636.

Mike Williams, a black attorney, said that Plan 2 did "provide a real opportunity to elect a minority representative" on the Commissioners' Court.

"It's a crap shoot," he said.

DR. VIOLA Coleman, a black physician, warned that the "power to tax is the power to destroy" and told the commissioners that equitable "representation in a democracy is the bottom line."

Though apparently in favor of minority representation on the Commissioners' Court, Dr. Coleman posed: "How you are going to represent us, I don't know."

She noted that the blacks and Mexican-Americans in Midland make up a fourth of the population here.

Rankin, who admitted to being "very, very race conscious," said that he doesn't like to "see the status quo," but "I would like to see better representation."

He did not, however, seem impressed by any of the plans.

"You're cutting up my precinct (2), which is going to be cut up to pieces," Rankin said after Davis indicated he was in favor of Plan 3.

"What you're doing is diluting the black votes in my precinct."

Commissioner Brown leaned toward Plan 3, for it more evenly divided the populations in the four precincts than did the other two plans. He suggested that ethnic origin or background was not a factor in his politics.

"I represent people whether they vote against me or for me," Brown said. "We (commissioners) represent people. That's what we're looking at is people. Nothing else."

Davis, who ultimately seconded Brown's motion to adopt Plan 3, nevertheless said that Plan 2 "would be the easiest on me. It would work."

Brown, however, said that Plan 2 and its 70 percent minority in Precinct 2 "would do more to disrupt and would probably cause a lawsuit to be filed against the county."

Still, he affirmed: "I love everyone of my people out there."

In considering the much to-do about the re-districting, Nelms intimated that the county commissioners don't affect the city people all that much.

"The county very seldom affects us very much. We're living in the city of Midland, and you don't hurt us very much."

Brown further proposed that each commissioner's pay raise for 1982 be dropped from 16 percent to 10 percent. Davis offered a second.

"I'm voting for it," said Welch, "because it's saving a little bit of money."

Currently, each commissioner is paid \$19,550 per year and was budgeted for \$22,755 in 1982.

The court approved the 1982 budget. Welch voted against it, as he did the increased tax rate.

"There are people in this town who can't stand a tax increase," said Welch, who said some people may go without proper food and medication to pay tax and other bills.

"I realize we have a (pay) responsibility with our employees, but we don't have to employ everybody," he said of reasoning for voting against the tax-rate increase.

"It's a hardship on a terrible lot of people," Welch said.

Commissioners accept bank's bid for library property

Midland County commissioners, who last week postponed a decision on selling the Midland County Public Library property to The First National Bank of Midland for \$701,240, on Monday unanimously accepted the bank's bid without any fanfare.

With that offer comes the bank's \$5.5 million gift toward construction of the proposed three-story library, which is to be built on the bank's Eagle Plaza and near the bank's proposed 40-story tower.

The 301 W. Missouri Ave. site of the library is to be an open plaza area adjoining the proposed bank tower.

Of the 12 lots making up the present library property, 2½ lots are owned by the city of Midland, which today was to vote on accepting the bank's bid.

Construction on Eagle Plaza on the "North Super Block" is to begin this year.

DEATHS

Elma Younger

FORT WORTH — Services for Elma Hunn Younger, 91, of Fort Worth and formerly of Midland, were to be at 11 a.m. today in the First Christian Church in McKinney. Burial was to follow in McKinney.

Mrs. Younger died Sunday in a Fort Worth hospital following a short illness.

She was born March 1, 1890, in McKinney. She lived there until the death of her husband, M.W. Younger, in 1943. Mrs. Younger was also preceded in death by a son, Bobby Jo Younger, who died in World War II.

She was a member of University of Christian Church in Fort Worth.

Survivors include two sons, John F. Younger of Midland and M.W. Younger Jr. of Dallas; two daughters, Mrs. Glen Houchin of Fort Worth and Mrs. Charles Bryce of San Angelo; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be sent to Trinity Towers or a favorite charity.

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Joan Mills

Services for Joan Mills, 56, of 2500 Valley Forge, were to be at 10 a.m. today in the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity with the Rev. Derk Manley officiating. Burial was to be in Memorial Park Cemetery in Tulsa, Okla.

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Lloyd Jeffcoat

Services for Lloyd M. Jeffcoat, 48, of Houston and formerly of Midland, were held Monday in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Wayne Duhon of the Non-Denominational Christian Church of Houston officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Jeffcoat died Thursday in Houston. He was born Jan. 14, 1933, in Texas and grew up in Ackerly and Midland. He served in the Korean Conflict with the Army. After his discharge, he married Patricia A. Settles Oct. 27, 1955, in Midland. Jeffcoat was with the Midland Fire Department for 16 years, working at the central and southside stations.

He moved to Houston 10 years ago and was working with the Ellington Air Base Station.

Pallbearers were Doyle Land, S.W. Lawson, Chas Coslon, Raymond Lewis, George Woody and Alton Anderson.

Honorary pallbearers were Ellington Air Force Base Fire Department employees and Midland Fire Department employees.

Sheila Lemmon

Services for Sheila Lemmon, 63, of 3101 N. Midland Drive, are pending with Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home in Odessa.

Mrs. Lemmon died Monday night in Lubbock.

She was born June 1, 1918, in Linden. She was a former resident of Odessa and Penwell. She was manager of the Quail Run apartments on Midland Drive for the past year. Mrs. Lemmon was a member of Bethany Christian Church in Lubbock.

Survivors include her husband, George Lemmon; three sons, Donovan "Don" Lemmon of Midland, Dwayne Lemmon of Atlanta, and Pat Lemmon of Odessa; two sisters, Mrs. Dean Yates of Atlanta and Mrs. Guy Bradford of Sulphur Springs; and four grandchildren.

Milton Namken

ODESSA — Services for Milton John Namken, 60, of Odessa, father of Larry Namken of Midland, were to be at 11 a.m. today at Redeemer Lutheran Church with burial at Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Namken died Sunday in an Odessa hospital. He was born April 14, 1921, in Giddings. He married Ruth Killian, April 20, 1941, in Giddings.

Namken was vice-president of the First National Bank. He was a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lions club and Rotary club.

He graduated from Vernon High School in 1939. He was a radio technician in the Coast Guard stationed at Benton Harbor, Mich., from 1942 to 1945.

Other survivors include his wife, a daughter, two brothers and three grandchildren.

Storm weakens

MIAMI (AP) — Tropical storm Dennis churned westward today but continued to lose steam, its highest winds clocked at 40 mph. Forecasters said it could be downgraded to a tropical depression if there was further weakening.

The storm's disorganized center was expected to pass over or just north of Barbados today as it continued its course at about 20 mph, following the path of last year's deadly Hurricane Allen.

"It has lost some of its strength," said John Hope, a forecaster at the National Hurricane Center in Miami. "But we can't be sure what it's going to do next."

Forecasters advised interests in the southern Leeward and northern Windward islands to monitor the progress of the storm, and said small craft should stay in port. Heavy showers with wind gusts to gale force were expected to affect some of the islands today.

Dennis would need to develop maximum sustained winds of 74 mph to be classified a hurricane.

At 6 a.m. EDT, Dennis was centered near latitude 13.2 north and longitude 58.5 west.

Minnie Everett

ODESSA — Services for Minnie May Everett, 77, of Odessa, sister of Verdine Rodgers of Midland, were held Monday at Lutheran Church of the Risen Lord. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Mrs. Everett died Saturday in a drowning accident.

She was born Aug. 29, 1904, in Brownfield. She was a Lutheran, a member of Eastern Star and honorary member of the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra. She had published several songs, some of which were recorded by Teresa Brewer and Lawrence Welk.

During her career, Mrs. Everett made various television appearances, including the Tonight Show and the Steve Allen Show. She discovered the Coronado Trio.

She married Smith Augustus Everett, Sept. 10, 1923, in Madill, Okla.

Other survivors include three daughters, two other sisters, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Wayne McCrary

ANDREWS — Services for Wayne McCrary, 38, of Andrews were to be at 3 p.m. today in Calvary Baptist Church with burial in Andrews Cemetery, directed by Singleton Funeral Home.

He died Friday.

McCrary was born March 26, 1943, in Pecos and moved from the Rio Grande Valley to Andrews four years ago. He was a veteran, an employee of Sharp Drilling Company and a Baptist. He was married to the former Virginia Buchanan June 9, 1972 in La Feria.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, John Michael McCrary of Albuquerque and James Edward McCrary and Patrick Lee Mercer, both of Andrews; two daughters, Michelle Ann of Albuquerque and Glenda Arlene of Andrews; father, John McCrary of Post; a sister, Gisale Gann of Nacoma; and four brothers, Johnny L. McCrary and Robert L. McCrary, both of Andrews, Billy Steve McCrary of Germany and Johny Craig McCrary of St. Jo.

Howard Bagwell

Services for Howard Bagwell, 69, of Bently Court were to be at 1 p.m. today in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. James Huggins of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven Funeral Home.

He died early Monday in a Midland hospital after a brief illness.

Bagwell was born July 19, 1912, in Claude. He spent his childhood in Claude and Amarillo. Bagwell graduated from Amarillo High School in 1931.

He entered the army and served for five years in the Pacific during World War II. After he was discharged, Bagwell moved to Abilene and went into the furniture business for 20 years.

He married Lucretia Wilson Jan. 27, 1943, in Omaha, Neb. The couple lived in Abilene until 1973 when they moved to Kingsland. They moved to Midland in 1980. He was the owner and operator of Sloan-Bagwell Furniture Store. Bagwell was a member of the First Baptist Church of Abilene.

Survivors include his wife, Lucretia Bagwell of Midland; a son, Don Bagwell of Midland; two daughters, Vicki Moutray of Carlsbad, N.M. and Kay Odiorne of Johnson City; two sisters, Juanita Owens of Amarillo and Fay Dellis Adama of Pampa; seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mills in 1975. She was a member of the Green Thumb Garden Club, an officer of the Midland Art Association and the Midland-Odessa Symphony.

Mrs. Mills also was a bell ringer at Holy Trinity Church, a member of the Toastmistress Club, a docent for the Museum of the Southwest and a member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity. At one time she was a staff member of the American Heart Association.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Bob Mills of Midland; three stepdaughters, Sue Wooten of Odessa, Linda Wofford of St. Louis, Mo. and Bobbie Stovall of Gladewater; a brother, Lance F. Ellis of Gladewater; a sister, Mrs. Jake Morehead of Tulsa; and several nephews and nieces.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hospice and Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity.

Ray Whiteside

Services for Ray Whiteside, 55, of 1007 W. Pecan, were to be at 3 p.m. today in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. O.A. McBrayer of St. Luke's Methodist Church officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Whiteside died Monday in a Midland hospital after a brief illness.

He was born July 1, 1926, in Collin County and was reared in Hereford. After his service in the army during World War II, he finished college at North Texas State University. He joined Gulf Oil Company in 1949 and was with them for eight years before moving to Midland in 1950 from Fort Worth.

He was a member of St. Luke's Methodist Church, American Asso-

ciation of Landmen and Midland's Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Steven H. Whiteside and David J. Whiteside, both of Midland; two daughters, Brenda Rokey of Amarillo and Lynette Kingsbery of Lubbock; his mother, Lela Whiteside of Euless; two sisters, Mrs. Robert Statton of Richardson and Mrs. Clayton Conley of Keller; and three grandchildren.

Amanda Cannon

SHERWOOD — Services for Amanda Lynn Cannon, 1, of Sherwood, granddaughter of Estell Ford of Midland, are pending.

She died Monday in a car accident. She was born July 22, 1980.

Other survivors include her mother and father, a sister and grandparents.

Mrs. Alvarez

BARSTOW — Services for Mrs. Frances Contreras Alvarez, 46, of Barstow, sister of Jesus Contreras of Midland, were to be at 10 a.m. today at Barstow Catholic Church with burial in Barstow Cemetery.

Mrs. Alvarez died Sunday in an Odessa hospital.

She was born Aug. 26, 1934 in Candalaria and was married to Natividad Alvarez. She was a Catholic and had lived in the Pecos-Barstow area most of her life.

Other survivors include two brothers, her husband, a son, a daughter, her mother, a sister and three grandchildren.

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Marianne Hile of Westport, Wash., who died Saturday of cancer, plays with her daughter Candice last May. Pregnancy complicated treatment of her cervical cancer. And after

her son Nickolas was born nine months ago, she gave him up for adoption — as she did three-year-old Candice. Mrs. Hile, 24, said she

wanted to give up her children to prepare them to live without her and to ease complicated financial problems.

Dying woman refused to deny unborn child a life

WESTPORT, Wash. (AP) — Marianne Hile knew cancer probably would kill her. But she wanted life for the child within her womb.

So, to avoid endangering the baby, the 24-year-old woman waited to get chemotherapy and radiation treatment for her cancer until after her pregnancy.

Mrs. Hile, 24, died Saturday at the house she shared with her sister, Theresa Pazar.

Mrs. Hile's family talked Monday about her illness and the courage she showed throughout the ordeal, which began when she already was pregnant.

"She chose not to have an abortion because she said, 'That would be like lining two people up against a wall and saying, shoot him; I don't want to die,'" said Miss Pazar, a nurse's aide.

Mrs. Hile delayed treatment until

after her son, Nickolas, now 9 months old, could be delivered by Caesarean section, and immediately began action to have her sister adopt the infant. She also gave up a 3-year-old daughter.

Miss Pazar agreed to adopt Nickolas as soon as the family found out her sister wouldn't live. The baby is healthy and happy and already thinks Miss Pazar is his mother, said Mrs. Hile's mother, Velma Pazar.

Three-year-old Candice went to live with her father, Mrs. Hile's ex-husband. The couple divorced last year.

Mrs. Hile discovered she had cancer last summer. When she came to visit her mother in Sitka, Alaska, last August, there was a lump on her leg and "I said, 'Honey, you better get it checked,'" Mrs. Pazar recalled.

Doctors found that Mrs. Hile had cervical cancer that had already spread to the lymph system.

Israel denounces U.S. embargo on warplanes

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Israel today denounced President Reagan's expanded embargo on the delivery of warplanes to Israel as "an unjust and damaging action."

Foreign Ministry spokesman Herzl Inbar said the decision to delay delivery of two F-15 warplanes on top of an already existing embargo on 10 F-16s, "borders on breach of contract."

Administration sources said officials be-

lieved it would be inconsistent to let the two more advanced F-15 Eagle fighters be sent to Israel as scheduled today while the F-16 suspension still was in effect.

The head of a small right-wing faction in Parliament urged Prime Minister Menachem Begin to delay his first summit with Reagan until the embargo was lifted. The meeting was scheduled for the second week of September.

Professor Yuval Ne'eman, head of the Te'hiya faction in Parliament, claimed the embargo was aimed at softening Israeli resistance to the sale of U.S. AWACS radar planes to Saudi Arabia.

The Daily Maariv reported that Jerusalem viewed the latest move with gravity and would demand that the embargo be lifted immediately on the grounds it violated the terms of its sale. Reagan ordered the

embargo of four F-16s on June 10 after Israeli warplanes destroyed the Iraqi nuclear reactor June 7. Delivery of another six planes was suspended after the July 17 Israeli bombing of Palestinian guerrilla headquarters in Beirut. Four additional F-16s originally had been scheduled for delivery this week.

An Israeli Embassy spokesman in Washington was quoted in the Israeli press as calling the new step "a regrettable

measure that makes no positive contribution."

"We hope the suspension will be lifted soon and the planes delivered in accordance with the contract of sale to Israel," he was quoted as saying.

"We are going to hold up on the F-15s for a few days and then make a decision in the latter part of this week or early next week" on whether to permit the release of any planes earmarked for Israel, one Reagan admin-

istration source said. Reagan is vacationing at his ranch in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Israel has received 52 of the 75 F-16s it ordered and 25 of the 40 F-15s.

Gunman kills man in center of Belfast

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — An armed passenger on a motorcycle shot and killed a man walking to work in the center of Belfast this morning, police reported.

The man, in his mid-50s, was killed as he walked along a sidewalk behind St. Anne's Protestant Cathedral, a police spokesman said.

"We are examining a motorcycle which has been found abandoned nearby," the spokesman said. "It may have been the one used in the kill-

ing, but we are not sure."

The shooting occurred as police and troops continued to comb shops and homes in the Roman Catholic Short Strand enclave of east Belfast for arms and explosives.

The search in Short Strand, surrounded by mainly Protestant districts, began Monday evening after a British soldier was wounded by a guerrilla sniper in the district.

Police reported finding a cache of ammunition, gasoline bombs and bomb-making equipment

in an empty house in Short Strand after the Monday shooting. Parts of the area were sealed off in the arms sweep.

Police did not immediately identify the latest victim in this British province, where 2,135 people have died violently since sectarian strife erupted 12 years ago.

On Monday the ninth Irish nationalist guerrilla to die on the fast at Northern Ireland's Maze prison, Irish Republican Army bomber Tom McIlwee, 23, was buried in a paramilitary funeral at his hometown, Bellaghy.

The hunger strike was

30 miles northwest of Belfast.

Civil rights leader Bernadette Devlin McAliskey and six other women walked out of the Requiem Mass after the priest appealed for an end to the death fast. The priest criticized the British government for not granting concessions to the hunger strikers. But he said the guerrillas' leaders could "have spared their own members, families and the community continued suffering" caused by the 5-month-old fast.

The hunger strike was

launched March 1 in an attempt to force Britain to grant what amounts to political prisoner for jailed nationalist guerrillas on grounds they were convicted in their fight to unite this Protestant-majority province with the Catholic Republic of Ireland.

Hunger strikers are replaced as they die, and six are currently fasting.

Kania calls for mustering of forces

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Polish Communist chief Stanislaw Kania today called for a mustering of "all forces" to prevent tragedy in the surge of public anger over Poland's food and economic crises.

In the capital, Solidarity leaders asked Roman Catholic primate Archbishop Jozef Glemp to mediate between the union and government, a union official said. Glemp is spiritual leader of the nation's Catholics, who number between 80 and 90 percent of Poland's 36 million population.

At the same time, Solidarity leaders were meeting for a second day at union headquarters in Gdansk, where talks began Monday with five government economists trying to reach an agreement to resolve Poland's food crisis.

The past two weeks have been marked by widespread strikes, demonstrations and work slowdowns as Poles protest scarce food supplies, proposed price hikes of up to 400 percent and a 20 percent slash in this month's meat rations.

The government, plagued by a \$27 billion foreign debt and 12.5 percent production decline this year, says it has no money to buy more food.

A Solidarity spokesman said "first contact will shortly be made between the church and government. Our proposals will certainly be communicated to the government, and with an appropriate commentary."

Appointed last month by Polish-born Pope John Paul II, Glemp returned to Warsaw recently after a lengthy visit with the pontiff. Some observers speculated he had advised Solidarity members of the pope's concerns about the situation in his homeland.

The party's Central Committee, with 20 percent of the 200 members belonging to Solidarity, heard Kania speak on the opening of its first emergency crisis.

"We must muster all forces to bring to a halt as soon as possible the process of deterioration of the

situation, to counteract the acute difficulties felt by each and every Polish family," said Kania.

"A way must be found to make the streets peaceful, because the logical sequence of events might lead to tragedy," he said.

The meetings came after two weeks of labor unrest and amid growing evidence the government is considering strong measures to halt street protests and walkouts.

The Central Committee agenda for its first session since its election at July's emergency party congress includes "current problems and countering the deteriorating socio-economic situation of the country," the official news agency PAP reported.

Party members are expected to take a stand on the current crisis and reveal their approach to Solidarity. PAP quoted Kania as saying their meeting is taking place in a "very tough, very tense situation."

Western diplomatic observers speculated that the meeting could indicate what course the party rank and file plans to take in its relations with Solidarity, the Soviet bloc's first independent labor union.

The Central Committee met one day after the cabinet of Premier Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski discussed unspecified measures for preventing planned street demonstrations.

Jaruzelski asked Poles to "understand ... actions undertaken," but did not say what such actions might be.

Party leaders met privately and with Solidarity leaders Monday to discuss strikes and demonstrations they say threaten Poland's security.

Jaruzelski met with top government leaders to probe ways of "preventing planned demonstrations which threaten public order and the country's security," Warsaw television reported.

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa told a news conference in the Baltic seaport of Gdansk that the union would consider economic proposals for reform and then issue a response.

Storm knocks out power, forces some evacuations

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Severe winds and rain knocked out power to parts of Las Vegas and forced some residents of Overton, 60 miles north of here, to leave their homes to escape flooding, officials said.

The Monday night storm, with winds gusting up to 70 miles an hour, left water as deep as 15 feet in some parts of Overton, police said.

The extent of damages or possible injuries and the number of people evacuated could not be determined immediately because of communications problems caused by the storm.

The storm knocked out electrical service for about 100,000 Las Vegas customers of Nevada Power Co., said spokeswoman Jane Strobel. Traffic signals were out and tree limbs were reported down all over town.

At the city's McCarran International Airport, air traffic was backed up above the stormy skies until ground conditions could permit landings, said Federal Aviation Administration flight specialist George Mankey.

A United Airlines 727 jetliner carrying 135 passengers from Chicago to Las Vegas was forced to land at the tiny airstrip in Needles, Calif. after it ran low on fuel while circling in a holding pattern over McCarran, he said.

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Prenatal diagnosis offers encouragement

Dear Dr. Solomon: A friend of mine is planning to start a family even though there is a history of some kind of blood disease. She says that with prenatal diagnosis, she no longer is afraid of becoming pregnant.

Would you say that her attitude is typical, or is she the exception? While I always thought of prenatal diagnosis in terms of abortion, my friend's action leads me to believe couples might actually be encouraged to have children, rather than consider terminating a pregnancy. — Doris.

Dear Doris: Your friend's attitude appears to be the rule, not the exception. Many couples who used to be fearful of having children because of the threat of some genetic defect in the child, have had their fears eased through genetic counseling and prenatal diagnosis. As a result, couples who had not planned on having children are now doing so.

Dr. James Sorenson, associate professor of sociomedical sciences at Boston University, surveyed a number of couples who attended various genetic counseling centers. He found that the number of those who were planning to have children was 14 percent above the average.

In the past, as you indicate, couples aware of the risk of a hereditary disorder often refused to have children, and many sought abortions if an accidental pregnancy occurred. Now, with genetic counseling available to them, a number are accepting the idea of having a family.

Dear Dr. Solomon: My local newspaper ran a lengthy article about the danger of women drinking while they

are pregnant. The paper quoted a report from the Food and Drug Administration dealing with possible damage to the fetus. The article concluded that women should not drink at all or, at least should not drink to excess during the time that they are pregnant.

It seems to me, however, that the newspaper and the doctor it quoted are missing an important point. What if a woman stops drinking while she is pregnant, but begins drinking heavily again after she gives birth? What kind of mother would such a woman be able to be? — Mrs. D.N.

Dear Mrs. N.: You raise an important question that deserves serious consideration; however, the issue is as much a social problem as a medical one.

It is apparent that neither an alcoholic mother nor, for that matter, an alcoholic father, would be considered a good parent. The children of such parents might well be subject to physical injury, various degrees of physical and emotional neglect, an malnutrition.

The medical profession's emphasis on the fetal alcohol syndrome stems, in part, from the fact that it is a completely avoidable condition. But that in no way suggests that the potential danger to a child born to parents who drink to excess does not continue after birth.

(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.)

Thousands line up for a tour of U.S. battleship

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — At least 25,000 people stood in line in heat and smog for up to seven hours Sunday to take a stroll around one of the largest battleships still afloat, the USS New Jersey.

A Navy spokesman estimated the crowd at 25,000, but police said it could have been as many as 100,000, as traffic was backed up for miles.

The battleship will be refitted with modern weapons, including cruise missiles and attack helicopters, over the next two years. It is scheduled for recommissioning and sea trials in January 1983.

Neither the Navy nor the Long Beach Naval Shipyard were prepared for the public interest in the historic ship. The six-lane Terminal Island Freeway and Bridge were clogged in both directions for hours. Some visitors abandoned their cars and walked up to two miles to glimpse through the portholes of the 877-foot long ship.

"The tour takes about 20 minutes," said Lt. Bob Anderson, a Naval information officer. Those who stood in line beginning at 10 a.m. got to walk around one deck looking through the portholes at the Ward Room, Captain's and crews quarters, and they got to walk from the fantail to the forecastle.

"It's too bad we can't allow them on the main

deck or up on the bridge," Anderson said. "But there are ladders. They might get hurt and we can't keep track of them."

The open house on the USS New Jersey was supposed to last from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Beginning at 3 p.m. new arrivals were turned away by the hundreds.

Security guards at the shipyard gates told the crowds to watch the newspapers for an announcement about a possible second open house next weekend.

But Anderson said that work would begin on the ship Monday, "and there'll be hoses and lines all over the place."

He said most of those who saw the ship "came away understanding why it's worth \$320 million to refurbish." He pointed to some other, more modern, warships across the channel, pointing out

each of them cost \$320 million. "They're much smaller ships. To get this size with that amount is amazing."

The USS New Jersey is one of four Iowa-class battleships left from World War II that rank

as some of the largest battleships ever built. Two larger Japanese battleships were sunk during the war.

The Navy intends to

refit all four for use in modern warfare. The USS New Jersey was chosen first because it was used most recently in the Vietnam War, al-

though it has been in mothballs for 12 years. It started its trip from Puget Sound on Aug. 3, arriving in Long Beach last Thursday.

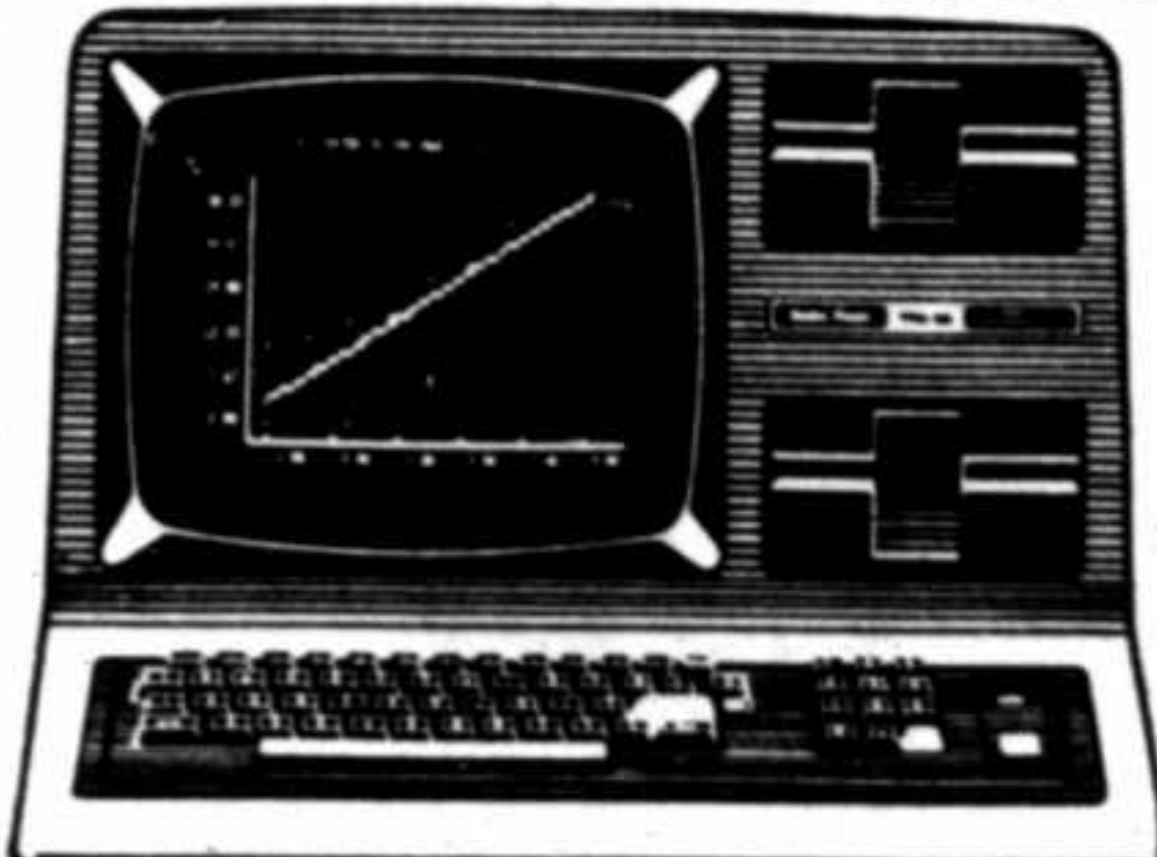
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Singapore gets ready for courtesy campaign

SINGAPORE (AP) — The signs that say "make courtesy our way of life" are being dusted off again as Singapore prepares its annual campaign to abolish bad manners.

Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew has given his countrymen until 1990 to "file down the ragged corners of our social behavior which can grate on each other."

No statistics are available on how much more polite the 2.3 million people in this island republic have become since the first courtesy campaign in 1978, which was aimed only at those who dealt with foreign tourists.

A year later, Lee refocused the drive to cover the entire population because he said it was absurd to be polite only to visitors. The original campaign slogan of "courtesy is our way of life" was switched to the less assertive "make courtesy our way of life."

The Ministry of Culture, which is organizing the month-long campaign, has produced 800,000 copies of various publications on courtesy and eight films on the subject.

Polite motoring will be stressed this year, a ministry spokesman said, and so will good neighborliness.

In earlier campaigns, traffic cops seeking particularly courteous motorists for special recognition had to lower the minimum standard of highway politeness before the quota could be filled.

If the 1981 drive follows the pattern of other years, "courtesy spies" will snoop on civil servants who come in contact with the public.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Health said it has already issued questionnaires to 1,200 staff members covering bedside manners, how they greet each other and other key points.

Poetry, cartoon and essay contests are planned in the schools. Thousands of store clerks, taxi drivers and others will sport the campaign badge: a round yellow face with two dots for eyes and two lines forming a grinning mouth.

Prime Minister Lee set the 1990 goal last year because by then 76 percent of the population are expected to be owners of government-built apartments. Their neighbors would likely be lifelong ones and everybody would have a stake in smooth relations, he said.

The courtesy campaign is only one of a series of official efforts to raise civic consciousness. Unlike the anti-littering and don't-jaywalk drives of a few years ago, violators won't be fined. That was touched upon in the winning entry in a joke contest in last year's courtesy drive.

"After paying a fine for littering, another for smoking in a cinema and yet another for jaywalking, an unhappy Singaporean was asked by a tourist, 'How would you describe Singapore?'"

"The diplomatic (and courteous) answer was 'fine, fine, fine'."

It may be 'golden era' for U.S. Marine Corps

By L. EDGAR PRINA
Copley News Service

WASHINGTON — Gen. Robert Barrow, commandant of the United States Marine Corps, sees the beginning of a new "golden era" for the corps.

In an interview in his office in the Naval Annex building in nearby Virginia, Barrow, who only two years ago was driven to seek a cut of 10,000 in Marine manpower in order to gain funds for arms modernization, said:

"The Marine Corps, in my opinion is entering what could be described as another one of our Golden Eras."

"It stems from the growing awareness of the need for a Marine Corps and that is in the recognition that we must look beyond NATO and Northeast Asia to the matter of access to resources, markets, our allies and friends."

Barrow noted that in areas outside NATO and Northeast Asia, where the U.S. has bases and strong forces on hand, the U.S. "must, from necessity, start from scratch" in any operation.

He asserted that one of the unique characteristics of naval forces is that they have the strategic mobility to go to such places and, once there, the tactical mobility to pick and choose the precise place to go.

"We can go in a forceful entry mode in a very hardhitting way because amphibious operations are characterized by rapid buildup of a broad spectrum of combat power, with depth," he said.

"It is not piecemeal. It's bringing it all to bear in a short period of time and it has the flexibility to pick the place less favorable to the enemy."

According to the commandant, am-

phibious forces "give us a great, big enormous plus," including a genuine deterrent value.

Barrow said he was encouraged by the fact that the Marine Corps is going to be given the funds to buy air and ground weapons and equipment in the next few years that "represents the best modernization that we've perhaps ever had in peacetime."

He said another sign of better days ahead for the Corps was the success of its recruiting and retention programs.

"We must pay close attention to who we recruit and how we train them," Barrow said. "We have some of the creme de la creme on recruiting duty but the payoff is that they are bringing in the quality that we need to make the Marine Corps what it should be."

He said the Corps has been taking a turn of the quality screw for each of the last few years and this year the biggest one yet in establishing an acceptance score for accessions.

"We are going to finish this year somewhere between 82 and 85 percent high school graduates — the highest ever," he said. "Our re-enlistments are up and the quality feeds on itself and grows."

Barrow said the marines had 6,000 qualified applicants this year for 250 naval ROTC vacancies.

"We don't have all the pilots we need, but pilot retention is doing well — the rate is up and attrition is down."

"So, things are really upbeat. Some people used to say the Marine Corps is an anachronism. All that's gone."

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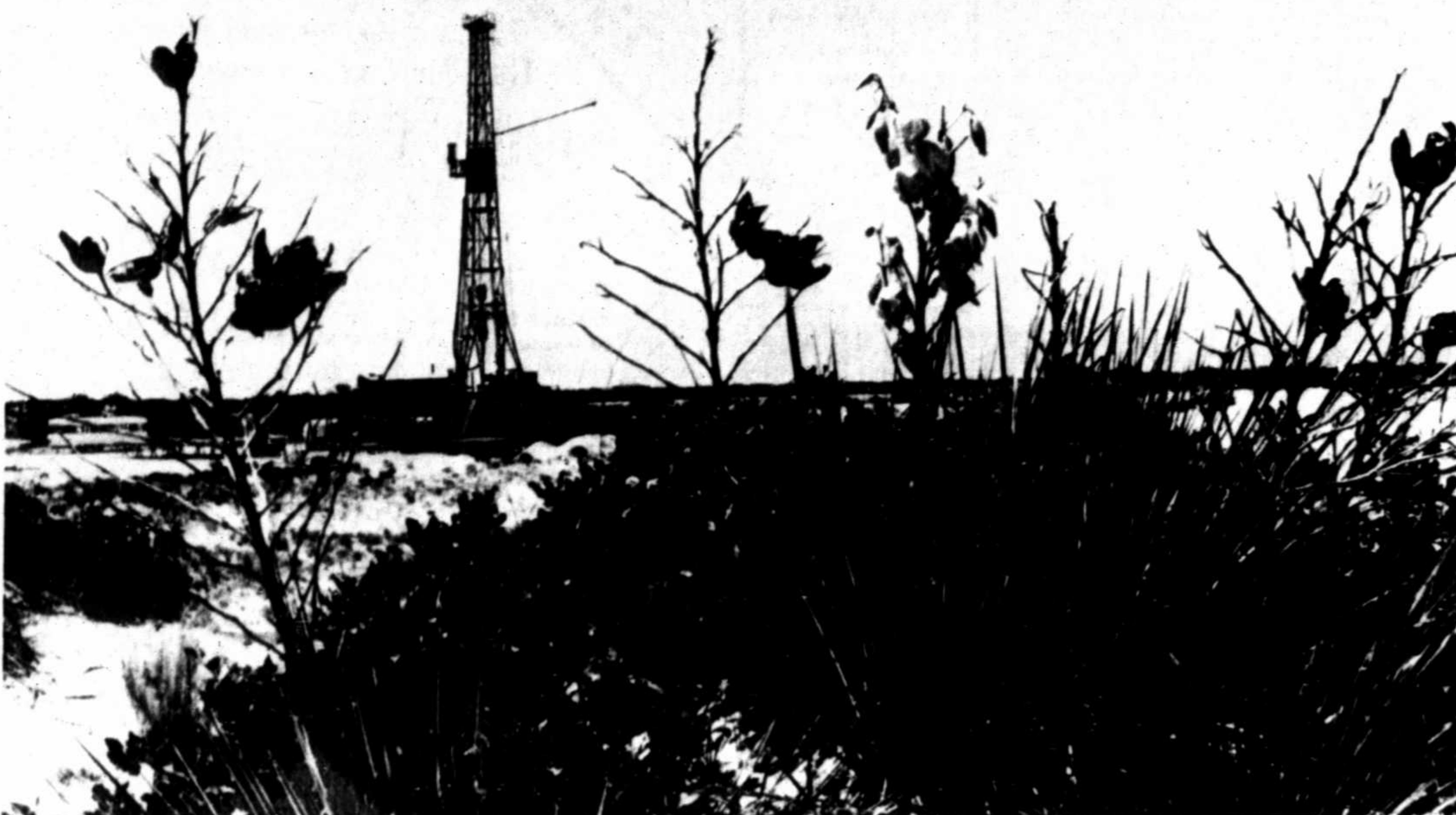
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Reagan sees first significant setback

By TOM EASTHAM
Hearst Feature Service

WASHINGTON — The people of California — his home state — have handed President Ronald Reagan his first significant setback.

It has to do with oil — offshore oil. Six months ago the Reagan administration found itself plunged into political hot water by a proposal to drill for oil along the pristine coast of northern California. The furor in California has mounted ever since — until finally the president was forced to retreat.

That is the sort of interpretation observers here are putting on the announcement Friday by Interior Secretary James Watt that he has put aside — without recommendation to the president — a decision on whether to sell leases in four coastal basins stretching from north of Monterey Bay to just below the Oregon border. His action might well cloud the future of the entire outer continental shelf program — although Watt denied it. And his retreat on the crucial issue seems likely to cloud Secretary Watt's own future, as well.

For the moment, however, there will be no further comment. President Reagan is on a month's vacation at his California ranch, and Watt is taking off for a week in Alaska. The president has not spoken out

personally on the offshore oil issue, allowing Watt to do all the talking and take all the flack. But neither has Reagan ever dissociated himself from Watt's position. On the contrary, the president and his cabinet have been described as closely watching and supporting all Watt's moves.

Development of domestic energy sources was a major plank in Reagan's campaign platform, and Watt has insisted his push for the offshore oil exploration was on orders from the president.

At Friday's press conference, however, Reagan's disapproving interior secretary seemed to try to put some distance between the president and the political hot potato. He took pains to say the decision was his own, and to deny the White House pressured him — or had even been informed until a few hours earlier.

Ironically, a week ago White House aides had let it be known the super-sensitive four basins decision had been taken out of Watt's hands. Thus Watt's retreat is seen as Reagan's, and Californians are hailing it as a victory for the people over the Reagan administration.

"It underscores that the democratic process is still working," declared Rep. Tom Lantos, whose district parallels the 50-mile Santa Cruz Basin.

"This is a great victory for tens of

thousands of Californians whose protests brought about the reversal on this issue of monumental importance," observed Rep. Phillip Burton, San Francisco Democrat.

Opposition to oil drilling on the scenic northern coast has been universal and unrelenting since Watt — in his first official action last February — overturned a Carter administration judgment that the small amount of oil in the coastal areas didn't warrant the economic and environmental risks of getting it out.

The furor was immediate and has grown to a political crescendo unmatched in recent California history. Gov. Edmund Brown Jr., state legislators, both Republican and Democratic U.S. senators and representatives and every county, city and town along the central and north coast have joined in protest.

Environmentalists seized upon the issue to demand Watt's scalp. Even the California Republican chairman, Tirso del Junco, broke ranks and sent a letter warning Watt his "no win situation" would hurt candidates in next year's elections.

"The progress we are making now can be severely hampered should our candidates be forced into supporting the decisions you have made," del Junco wrote.

Though Reagan has not commented, it has been clear the White House

was feeling the heat.

In June, 20 California congressmen pleaded for a meeting with Reagan on the four basins issue, reminding him "One of the hallmarks of your administration has been the commitment and willingness to listen to the views of state and local officials."

There was no response, too that or numerous other such appeals. But the matter of state vs. federal governments may well be the one that finally got the president to reconsider. Reagan has preached fervently for years the need for more authority in local governments — and less in Washington. Squaring such a philosophy with Watt's inclination to push offshore development onto the states may be proving difficult for him.

Ironically, this very question gave Watt his public explanation for stopping the offshore leasing. Last month, Federal District Judge Mariana Pfaelzer in Los Angeles upheld California's claim to veto power over offshore projects that directly affect its shoreline.

On Friday, Watt declared he will fight that ruling to the Supreme Court and is confident of winning. But meanwhile, he explained, he could not make a recommendation to the president on leasing in the Eel River, Point Arena, Bodega and Santa Cruz Basins — 1.3 million oceanic acres from three to 25 miles offshore.

Sources which currently provide about 15 percent of the world energy supply.

Despite the conference title, some of these energy sources are not new — wind, animal power and firewood. Others are not renewable — peat, oil shale and tar sands. Others are still being developed — wave energy, some types of solar energy, and energy from changes in ocean temperature.

Mrs. Gandhi said the global scramble for oil and "the accumulation of increasingly sophisticated and energy-intensive weapons systems" were important causes of "the present disturbed and insecure state of the world system. ... Hence the urgent need for an energy revolution."

She said that the world must move to an economy based on new and renewable sources of energy instead of one dependent primarily on hydrocarbons.

The Kenyan president said the squeeze on developing countries caused by the high costs of oil and the higher costs of imported manufactured goods has created "a desperate and extremely severe situation" in poor countries, some of which are spending 50 percent or more of their income on oil imports.

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EDDY COUNTY
Cities Service Oil Co. No. 1 Federal Q, total depth 18,449 feet, plugged back 9,944 feet, ran 5 1/2" casing 10,900 feet, swabbing.

Cities Service Oil Co. No. 1 Government AN, drilling 7,825 feet lime, shale, ran 5 1/2" casing to 2,995 feet.

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