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Meal deal

While many of her classmates participating in Trinity School's annual mini-term were busy making model airplanes or shooting pictures, Carla Cecchini loaded up food for the Meals-on-Wheels program, another course in the annual learning for fun program.



New view

The Museum of the Southwest's exhibit "New Western Images," 112 works of art, offers Midlanders an opportunity to see many of the finest works by artists in the Cowboy Artists of America. See story on the Hillin Collection in Sunday's Reporter-Telegram.



Digs rigs

When rotary rigs were scarce during the late, great oil boom, men like Todd Aaron filled the gap with cable tool rigs. In Sunday's FOCUS, he looks back at the role these rigs played in the Spraberry boom of the '80s and what they will do in the future.



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Congressmen focusing on unemployment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Double-digit unemployment is quickly emerging as the No. 1 issue in the new Congress as Republicans and Democrats compete to produce jobs legislation with or without President Reagan's blessing.

"The question is not whether you're going to have a jobs program," Sen. Dan Quayle, R-Ind., declared Thursday.

"The question is what it is going to look like," Quayle said as he unveiled a plan including \$2 billion for public service employment.

Quayle said his program was needed to combat "radically high unemployment." But with the new Congress only a few days old, there is no shortage of competing plans.

House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., called for a program of \$5 billion to \$7 billion to counter joblessness that now stands at 10.8 percent of the work force and is expected to remain in double digits well into next year. "We can certainly afford to have a \$5 billion or \$7 billion jobs program this year, when you take in the fact that we are going to have a military budget between \$230 billion and \$245 billion," said O'Neill.

Senate Democratic Leader Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia said he and O'Neill would attempt to work together on the plan.

—Democratic Rep. Gus Hawkins and

Senate Democratic Whip Alan Cranston, both from California, introduced legislation of their own providing \$5 billion for public works jobs, targeted at the hard-core unemployed.

Senate Republican Leader Howard Baker of Tennessee said he expects Congress will approve a jobs bill, and said he hoped it would be of "reasonable size" and go into effect quickly.

Meanwhile, top administration officials outlined Reagan's 1984 budget plan to congressional leaders today, and Baker said, "It may be that some sort of jobs initiative ... will be enacted."

Baker also repeated earlier statements that there will be a "donnybrook" over defense, and said that under the administration's prediction of slow economic growth, progress will be slow in fighting unemployment.

Quayle's jobs plan calls for \$2 billion to create an estimated 250,000 jobs through existing programs either run or sponsored by the government, such as day care workers, forestry programs and Census Bureau jobs.

In addition, Quayle wants to permit unemployed workers to take vouchers equal to 75 percent of their jobless benefits. The vouchers would be turned over to private employers who gave the workers a job.



Here's looking at you...

Recent wet weather left a coating of dust on many vehicles in Midland, providing a perfect canvas for one artistic Midlander.

Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

Dallas bank seeks only rich clientele

DALLAS (AP) — If you're not rich, Dallas' newest downtown bank isn't interested in your business.

"It probably comes across wrong to say it, but we aren't interested in the \$250 deposit or the \$2,500 personal loan business," said C.O. "Buck" Horn Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of CenterBank Dallas.

The bank, which opened this week, caters to people with annual salaries in excess of \$75,000 and net worth of at least \$500,000. A checking account requires a minimum deposit of \$1,000.

But customers who qualify can do their banking in the quiet luxury of mahogany-paneled offices 14 floors above the masses lined up at the teller windows at other downtown banks.

CenterBank customers can enjoy the privacy of enclosed offices; personal lunches on fine china in the bank's board room; a library to rest, work or check stock prices; and highly personal, first-name service from bank officers.

The ground-floor lobby will not be finished until next month, but the bank already has attracted 200 accounts through referrals from members of its mostly millionaire board of directors, Horn said.

"The important thing is not the number of accounts, but their size," Horn told the Dallas Times Herald. "I don't think any of the accounts has had an opening deposit of less than \$30,000."

Horn said the bank hopes to become a \$100 million bank, "the minimum size needed to become a factor" in downtown banking.

White recalls his campaign promises

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Mark White, in his first speech to the Legislature, urged passage of a hefty pay raise for schoolteachers and changes in the agency that sets utility rates — two of his campaign promises.

"I believe last November's election echoed the voice of the people quite clearly in the area of utility regulation," White told a joint session in his "state of the state" speech Thursday.

He asked the 181 members of the House and Senate to give schoolteachers a 24 percent "catch-up" pay raise over the next two years and to allow election, rather than appointment, of the members of the Public Utility Commission.

"I endorse the Texas Education Agency proposal for a 24 percent increase as a starting point for our consideration," White said. "How can we ever become the state of the future when Texas ranks 28th out of 50 states on the national teacher salary scale?"

His legislative package also called for tax credits to businesses that hire the unemployed, low-interest loans up to

\$20,000 for military veterans to use as house down payments, re-financing the state's depleted crime victims' compensation fund, adding more narcotics detectives, and increasing penalties for drunken driving.

White said his goals should not require any new taxes.

"Our task is not to decide where to cut. Our task is to decide wisely where

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to spend," the new Democratic governor said.

White also took a swipe at President Reagan's "disastrous economic policies" in announcing a Texas task force on unemployment.

The Democratic-dominated Legislature interrupted his 27-minute speech 12 times with hand-clapping, including a burst of applause when he listed as his first recommendation "a catch-up pay raise for our schoolteachers."

"I will set teacher salaries as an emergency item," White said. "How can we entrust the education and train-

ing of our children and grandchildren to people we treat like second-class citizens?"

At present, schoolteachers earn \$11,110 to \$19,260 in Texas, depending on length of service. Those figures do not include extra money paid by some districts, especially wealthy ones.

Lawmakers also applauded when White called for abolishment of the present system that gives the governor power to appoint members of the PUC, the three-member panel that sets electric, water and phone rates.

"A regulatory body's primary function is to serve as a watchdog over monopolies, not to serve as a captive handmaiden of those same monopolies," White said. He said Texans have lost faith that the utility bills they pay "are fairly set and impartially considered."

Under his proposal, the commission's three members would be elected to six-year terms. Three separate bills calling for an elected utility commission already have been introduced.

White also recommended hiring an

independent lawyer to oversee the utility commission and serve as a consumer advocate, and said the Legislature should abolish the fuel adjustment pass-through charge on utility bills.

Turning to the plight of the jobless, he said there was a "crisis" in the state's unemployment compensation trust fund, which is more than \$200 million in debt to the federal government and sinking deeper at the rate of \$100 million a month.

"We see a national administration continuing to insist on disastrous economic policies which have kept unemployment levels high and yet have not pulled the nation out of a deep recession," White complained.

He announced a task force on unemployment and said he wanted it to propose a way to give tax advantages to businesses that hire the unemployed, bail out the state's unemployment trust fund, create new jobs in Texas and recommend changes in schools so they will produce "students with skills that are marketable."

Overtaken tanker of benzene safely righted

By VINCE GIORGI
Staff Writer

Clean-up crews worked cautiously into the early hours this morning to right a tanker truck filled with highly-flammable benzene which toppled over at about 8:50 p.m. Thursday approximately 10 miles east of Midland on Garden City Highway.

According to a Department of Public Safety report, the 18-wheeler was traveling westbound, enroute from Deer Park to El Paso Products in Odessa, when the driver apparently lost control of his rig and left the road.

The accident occurred on a stretch of the two-lane highway currently under construction. The highway's south side is blocked to traffic and two-way traffic is being routed along the north lane and shoulder.

The driver of the vehicle, William Cook, 54, of Odessa, was released from Midland Memorial Hospital after being treated for lacerations and abrasions on the arms and hands.

Tire marks indicated the rig, owned by Steere Tank Lines of Odessa, left the highway and traveled about 170 yards before tipping over on its right side. The tractor apparently tore loose from its trailer and righted itself, while the trailer lay on its side, leaking benzene vapors from a vent valve.

The DPS, Texas Highway Department and Midland Fire Department employees who responded to the acci-

dent consulted a 1980 Emergency Response Handbook for hazardous materials, which recommends that traffic be rerouted around a crash scene involving benzene. Road blocks were established several miles away on either side of the site.

Benzene is a liquid hydrocarbon often used as a solvent or a pesticide.

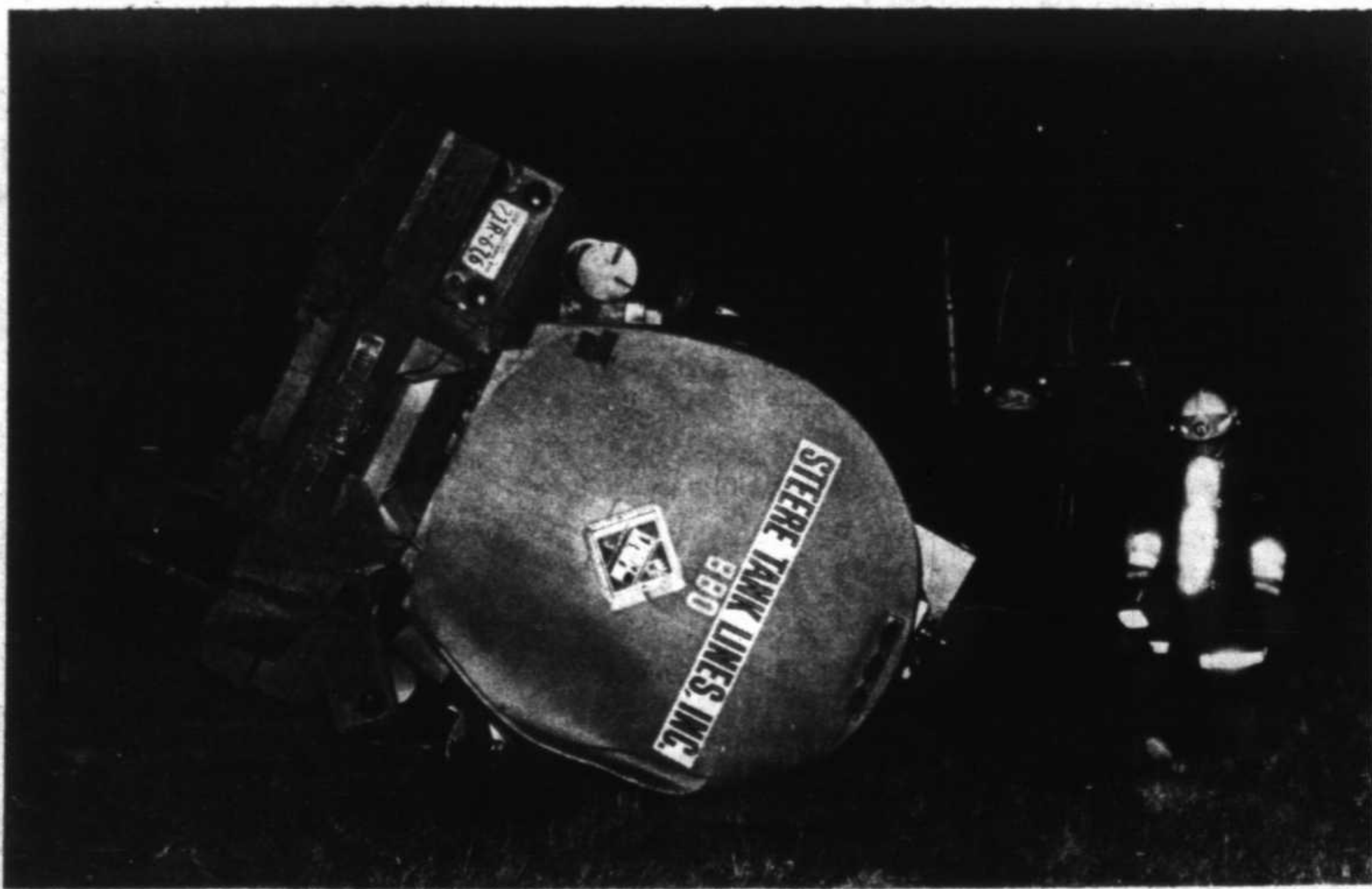
According to the handbook, the benzene vapors could cause dizziness, suffocation and irritation to the eyes and skin. The handbook warned that a spark or flame could have ignited a fire, which in turn could have released toxic fumes or triggered an explosion.

Midland firefighters stood by awaiting the arrival of crews from Neal Pool Reker company, an Odessa wrecking outfit with employees specially trained to handle accidents involving hazardous material.

Three large wreckers and a recovery unit arrived at about 10:50 p.m. The workers were aided by a southerly wind which carried the benzene fumes downwind of the overturned tanker. A herd of about 10-20 cows roamed in a pasture about 50 yards downwind of the crash site.

The crews reportedly planned to turn the tanker upright and pump its cargo into another tank truck. According to the DPS, the clean-up operation was complete by about 2 a.m.

DPS troopers Ben Valdez and Howard Priddy investigated the accident.



Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

A Midland firefighter surveys the scene after a tanker truck filled with benzene rolled over and began leaking fumes at about 8:50 p.m. Thursday. The crash occurred on the north side

of Garden City Highway about 10 miles east of Midland. Wrecker crews specially trained in handling hazardous materials reportedly had cleaned up the scene by 2 a.m. today.

INSIDE TODAY

Guessing game

Using current birth rate figures and population growth patterns, Payton Cook computes student enrollment projections for the Midland Independent School District.

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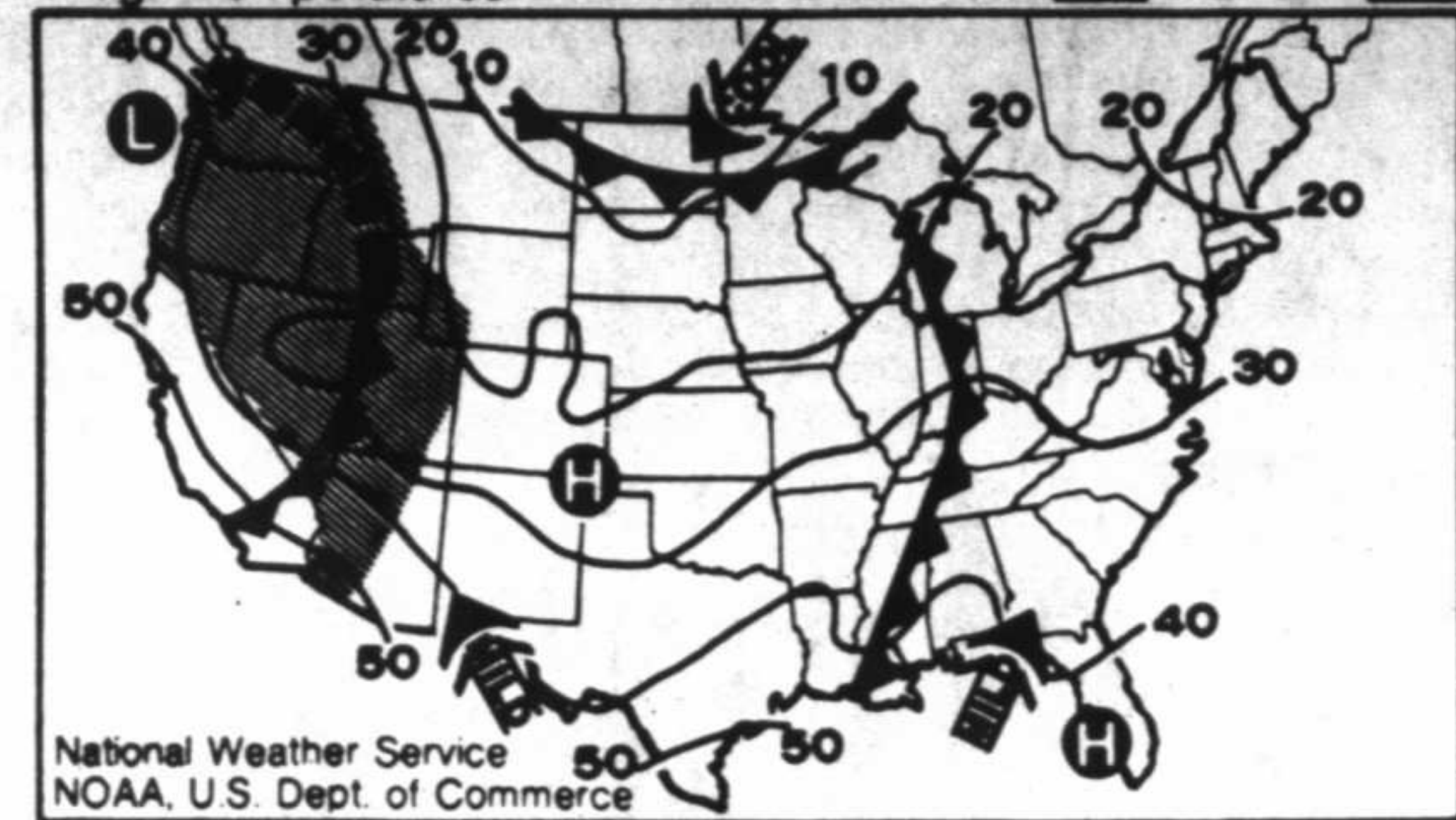
Partly cloudy through Saturday. High Saturday in mid-60s. Details on Page 2A.

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WEATHER SUMMARY

The Forecast For 7 a.m. EST
Saturday, January 29
High Temperatures



Fronts: Cold Warm Occluded Stationary
The National Weather Service forecasts rain Saturday for most of the West, except California. Southern areas will be mild but northern states are expected to be colder.

Low in 30s, high in 60s likely for area

While Midlanders may be awaiting and dreading a really hard freeze, the weather is just being so-so mild during the daylight hours but cold — in the 30s — just before dawn.

Under partly cloudy skies, the weatherman at the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport has forecast a low tonight in the low 30s and a mild — in the mid-60s — Saturday.

Winds are to be westerly at 10 to 15 mph tonight and southwesterly at 10 to 15 mph Saturday.

Today's low temperature of 39 degrees was far afield from the record low of 10 degrees on the date in 1948. Thursday's high of 60 degrees was 20 degrees lower than the record high of 80 degrees for the date in 1970.

Midland statistics

FORECAST			
Partly cloudy and cold tonight with a low in the low 30s. Winds westerly at 10 to 15 mph. Partly cloudy and mild Saturday with a high in the mid-60s. Winds southwesterly at 10 to 15 mph.			
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS			
Yesterday's High	60 degrees		
Overnight Low	39 degrees		
Sunrise today	6:59 a.m.		
Sunset tomorrow	7:44 p.m.		
Precipitation	0.00 inches		
Last 24 hours	1.10 inches		
This month to date	1.10 inches		
1983 to date	1.10 inches		
LOCAL TEMPERATURES			
6 a.m.	34	7 p.m.	54
7 a.m.	35	8 p.m.	51
8 a.m.	36	9 p.m.	47
9 a.m.	37	10 p.m.	45
10 a.m.	38	11 p.m.	44
11 a.m.	39	Midnight	46
noon	40	1 a.m.	46
1 p.m.	41	2 a.m.	45
2 p.m.	42	3 a.m.	45
3 p.m.	43	4 a.m.	45
4 p.m.	44	5 a.m.	44
5 p.m.	45	6 a.m.	43
SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES			
Albino	36	L	36
Albino	36	H	36
Albino	36	L	36
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Texas temperatures

Friday			
Temperatures indicate previous day's high and low as of 7 a.m.			
Albino	High	Low	Pcp
Albino	56	37	0.00
Albino	63	38	0.00
Albino	36	31	0.00
Albino	44	31	0.00
Albino	50	35	0.00
Albino	61	43	0.00
Albino	49	32	0.00
Albino	47	33	0.00
Albino	58	41	0.00
Albino	42	34	0.00
Albino	63	36	0.00
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Albino	41	30	0.00
Albino	50	44	0.00
Albino	54	37	0.00
Albino	46	41	0.00
Albino	40	34	0.00
Albino	49	37	0.00
Albino	65	32	0.00
Albino	60	44	0.00
Albino	60	43	0.00
Albino	53	41	0.00
Albino	61	42	0.00
Albino	56	33	0.00
Albino	49	34	0.00
Albino	45	32	0.00
Albino	52	31	0.00
Albino	55	30	0.00
Albino	42	31	0.00
Albino	38	32	0.00

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Partly cloudy through Saturday. Highs 45 to 50. Lows 25 to 30. Partly cloudy and mild Sunday. Highs 55 to 60. Lows 32 to 42. Highs Saturday 57 to 63.

South Texas: Partly cloudy and warmer with a slight chance of showers extreme southeast. Clear and cool tonight. Fair Saturday. Highs near 90 north to 70 south. Lows 35 Hill Country to 52 extreme south. Highs Saturday 85 to 95.

Port Arthur to Port O'Connor: Easterly winds 10 to 15 knots becoming southerly 15 to 20 knots tonight and southwesterly near 15 knots Saturday. Seas 3 to 5 feet becoming 5 to 7 feet tonight. Areas of dense fog with a chance of showers through tonight.

The weather elsewhere

Friday			
Temperatures indicate previous day's high and low as of 8 a.m. EST.			
Albino	High	Low	Pcp
Albino	56	37	0.00
Albino	63	38	0.00
Albino	36	31	0.00
Albino	44	31	0.00
Albino	50	35	0.00
Albino	61	43	0.00
Albino	49	32	0.00
Albino	47	33	0.00
Albino	58	41	0.00
Albino	42	34	0.00
Albino	63	36	0.00
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Albino	53	41	0.00
Albino	61	42	0.00
Albino	56	33	0.00
Albino	49	34	0.00
Albino	45	32	0.00
Albino	52	31	0.00
Albino	55	30	0.00
Albino	42	31	0.00
Albino	38	32	0.00

Extended forecasts

Sunday Through Tuesday			
West Texas: Scattered showers Panhandle Sunday otherwise partly cloudy and mild Sunday and Monday becoming fair and cooler Tuesday. Highs Sunday near 50 Panhandle to lower 70s Big Bend valleys cooling to near 40 Panhandle to lower 60s Big Bend Tuesday. Lows Sunday mid 20s Panhandle to near 40 lower Pecos valley cooling to upper teens Panhandle to mid 30s Big Bend plateau Tuesday.			
North Texas: Mostly cloudy and mild Sunday with widely scattered showers. Decreasing cloudiness Monday becoming partly cloudy and cooler Tuesday. Lows Sunday mid 20s Panhandle to near 40 lower Pecos valley cooling to upper teens Panhandle to mid 30s Big Bend plateau Tuesday.			
South Texas: Partly cloudy and warmer with a slight chance of showers extreme southeast. Clear and cool tonight. Fair Saturday. Highs near 90 north to 70 south. Lows 35 Hill Country to 52 extreme south. Highs Saturday 85 to 95.			

At least 17 killed in Beirut explosion

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A car-bomb destroyed the Palestine Liberation Organization's headquarters in the Bekaa Valley town of Chitaura today, killing at least 17 guerrillas and leaving more than 30 buried in the rubble, police said.

Chitaura also is the site of the command headquarters of Syria's army in Lebanon.

Police said they received reports from civil defense units that the car, rigged with up to 330 pounds of explosives, was parked in a basement used as a garage. The blast set off a chain of explosions in the rest of the basement, which was also used as an ammunition depot, police added.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the bombing.

Police said the blast wrecked the security department of Fatah, the largest guerrilla group in the Palestine Liberation Organization, in Chitaura, 21 miles east of Beirut and eight miles west of the Syrian border.

Syrian troops and Fatah guerrillas sealed off the blast scene at the junction linking Chitaura with the Christian city of Zahle, police said.

Meanwhile, a bomb caused minor damage to the Beirut office of the magazine Al-Rassad, which speaks for the Murabitoun militia, a PLO ally.

Police said no one was hurt in the explosion in the magazine office next to the Gamal Abdel Nasser Mosque, which was crowded with worshippers, along Corniche Mazraa Boulevard.

Water crews still at work

Crews are still working to repair a 12-inch diameter high pressure water line that burst near the intersection of Midkiff Road and Reo Drive sometime Wednesday night.

Assistant Public Works Director Mike Butler said this morning excavation work has not been completed yet and that no cause for the break, which temporarily affected service to the northwest side, had been determined.

Normal service has been restored by re-routing the water through other lines, however, and repairs to the pipe may be finished by the end of the day, according to Butler.

The break caused a gaping 30-foot-long gash in the pavement along Midkiff Road and the street will have to be rebuilt after the water line is repaired. Butler said Thursday that the break is the first major break of the winter, adding: "I hope it's the last one."

Police officer disciplined

Chief of Police Wayne Gideon today confirmed sketchy reports that disciplinary action has been taken against an officer who allegedly struck a jailed teenager.

Gideon refused to provide any details of the incident and instead said any information would have to come from City Personnel Director David Hunter.

Hunter, however, said he had not yet received word of the matter from the police department and Gideon could not be reached for further comment.

Under a state attorney general opinion rendered last May, records of disciplinary action taken against police officers are public information.

DEATHS

Jo Randolph

Services for Jo Randolph, 47, of 112 S. Dewberry St., will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with Dr. F. Ray Riddle Jr., associate minister of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Randolph died early Friday morning in a Midland hospital.

She was born July 16, 1935, in Brown County. She grew up in May and moved to Andrews. She married Walter Randolph Nov. 8, 1973, in Midland. She was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband of Midland; a son, Jimmy Randall Dotson of Midland; a daughter, Rhonda Diane Dotson of Midland; her mother, Jewell Alexander of May; two brothers, Ray Alexander of Rising Star and Ronny Alexander of Stephenville; a stepson, Craig Randolph of Midland; a stepdaughter, Kei Knight of Clute; and two grandchildren.

Oralia Lopez

BIG SPRING — Rosary for Oralia Lopez, 39, of Big Spring will be recited at 8 p.m. today in Nailey-Pickle Funeral Home's Rosewood Chapel. Mass will be said at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Lopez died Thursday in a Big Spring hospital.

She had lived in Big Spring for 19 years.

Christina Gonzales

Rosary for Christina B. Gonzales, 84, of 1102 E. Walnut Lane, was recited Thursday night at Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel. Mass was to be said at 10 a.m. today in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with the Rev. Jim Foelker officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven Cemetery.

Mrs. Gonzales died Tuesday in a Midland hospital.

Palbearers were to be Luis G. Sanchez, Oscar Sanchez, Henry G. Sanchez, Vicente L. Hernandez, Mike L. Hernandez, Mike R. Sanchez and Felix R. Sanchez.

Pearl H. Hubbard

Services for Pearl H. Hubbard, 89, of rural Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today at Stevens Funeral Home in Coleman. Burial was to follow at Coleman Cemetery in Coleman under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home. Local arrangements are under the direction of Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday in a Midland hospital.

Mrs. Hubbard was born May 8, 1893, in Coleman County, where she grew up. She also lived in San Angelo. Her husband, R.T. Hubbard, died in 1958. She moved to Midland 12 days ago. She was a member of the First Christian Church.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Herman Garlington of Coleman and Mrs. George Manogian of Coleman; and a niece, Mrs. Evelyn Pulliam of Midland.

Lothar Harris

Services for Lothar Harris, 70, of Waxahachie and formerly of Midland, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield, minister of the West Kentucky Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

He died Wednesday in a Dallas hospital.

Harris was born June 21, 1912, in Carbone, where he grew up. He lived in Eastland, moving to Midland in the early 1950s. He entered the U.S. Navy and served during World War II in the Pacific. He was a carpenter, a member of the carpenter's union and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Lee Roy Craighead of Colorado City and Mrs. R.D. Craighead of Gorman.

Palbearers include Oscar Fegett, Dub Lynch, James Dickinson, Danny Heacock, Doyle Snody and George Anderson.

Honorary palbearers include R.W. Sampson, Marvin Collins, Robert Eastery, Charles Hill, Frank Villa, Gene Jumper, John Clenney, Sonny Olguin and Lindsey Smith.

Lura Pate

Graveside services for Lura Pate, 78, of 1001 Neely, were to be at 2 p.m. today at the Jaybird Cemetery in Springtown with the Rev. Larry Williams officiating under the direction of White Funeral Home in Springtown. Local arrangements are under the direction of Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pate died Wednesday evening

in a Midland hospital following a lengthy illness.

She was born Nov. 21, 1904, in Reno, where she grew up. She married Benjamin Pate in 1921 in Springtown. They moved to Fort Worth in 1921, and to Pecos in 1934 where she had owned and operated Jack & Jill Day Care Center since 1964. In December 1982, she and her husband moved to Midland. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Pecos and the Pecos Senior Citizens.

Survivors include her husband of Midland; a son, Joe Pate of Mineral Wells; a daughter, Carolyn Poer of Midland; a brother, B.H. Williams of Big Spring; a sister, Thelma Springfield of Springtown; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ernestina Gonzales

A rosary for Ernestina Franco Gonzales, 58, of Midland, will be recited at 7:30 p.m. today at the Thomas Funeral Home chapel. Mass will be said at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with the Rev. Jim R. Foelker officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

She died in a Midland hospital following a brief illness.

Mrs. Gonzales was born March 24, 1924, in Mexico. She had been a resident of Midland for 21 years.

Survivors include two sons, Jose A. Gonzales of Midland and Cruz A. Gonzales of Odessa; two daughters, Manuella Ramos and Gracie Castillo, both of Midland; three brothers, Santos Franco, Pedro Franco, both of Mexico, and Atanacio Franco of Midland; a sister, Eva F. Moreno of Midland; and 12 grandchildren.

Surcharge may follow corporate tax plan into scrapheap

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's suggestion to abolish the corporate income tax may be joined on the cutting room floor by his proposal for a standby surcharge on taxable income of individuals and business.

After raising the idea Wednesday of doing away with the corporate income tax, Reagan abandoned the notion Thursday.

"I said yesterday I would kick myself for saying that," Reagan observed. "I

have."

But Reagan didn't drop the idea fast enough to avoid criticism from Democrats that he was favoring the wealthy over the poor.

"On the same day that the president sat down to drink with the working men of Boston," said House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, "he showed his heart was still in the corporate boardroom."

AFL-CIO spokesman Murray Seeger

commented, "I think it reinforces the impression we all have of him — that his mind is filled with these slogans he learned long ago and they pop out at odd times, and they don't really relate to the basic dialogue on public policy."

Meanwhile, Treasury Department spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Reagan's proposal for a standby 1 percent surcharge on taxable income may be dropped because it could prove unfair to lower-income Americans.

Instead, he said the administration is considering a 5 percent surcharge on tax liability — rather than a levy directly on income. The change would place a heavier burden on upper-income taxpayers while still raising about the same amount of revenue — about \$20 billion a year.

"We're interested in the 5 percent surcharge because it is more fair," Fitzwater said. "It has a greater impact on the upper brackets and less impact on

the lower brackets, and maybe is a ... better way."

Either proposal would be part of a package of contingency taxes Reagan wants for fiscal years 1988 through 1991, if needed to reduce future budget deficits. Another part of the package calls for a fee on crude oil that would raise retail gasoline prices by about 12 cents a gallon.

Although the surcharges on taxable income and tax liability are the two

leading candidates for inclusion in the package, Fitzwater said a different approach altogether may eventually be selected.

Calculations based on tax rates in effect as of 1984 show that a 1 percent surcharge on taxable income amounts to a 12 percent increase in taxes for a family with a taxable income of \$10,000 a year, but only a 3 percent tax increase for a family with \$100,000 in taxable income.

Leading economic indicators record biggest jump in two years

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a new sign of recovery, the government said today its main economic forecasting gauge jumped 1.5 percent in December, the eighth gain in the last nine months and the biggest increase in more than two years.

The Commerce Department reported the increase in its Index of Leading Economic Indicators, a compilation of 10 separate statistics, including forward-pointing information concerning unemployment, production, prices and business conditions in general.

Commerce Undersecretary Robert

Dederick said the size of the increase may later be revised downward because today's report did not include a not-yet-available 11th component — business inventories — which probably declined in December.

Still, he said, "the robust advance in December's leading indicators further strengthens the case for economic growth this quarter."

Meanwhile, the report said an accompanying Index of Coincident Indicators — designed to measure current conditions — dipped 0.1 percent in December, indicating that the long recession

may well have been continuing, though at a slow pace.

In the past, gains in the leading indicators have foreshadowed recovery for the economy as a whole, though recovery usually arrived sooner than nine months after the indicators turned up. Index gains prior to past recoveries also were bigger than most recent increases, indicating to many analysts that the economy's 1983 rebound will be only moderate.

The December gain was the biggest since the 2.8 percent in September 1980 as the economy was pulling out of that

year's steep but short recession. Such gains of 2 percent or more have been common at the start of previous recoveries.

In contrast, the index rose just 0.2 percent in November of last year — revised downward from the original estimate of 0.8 percent — and 0.3 percent in October, today's report said.

Since the performance of several index components was announced earlier this month, it had been widely assumed the leading indicators would be up for December. President Reagan reinforced that assumption when he

told reporters Thursday night they could expect "some good news" when the report was released today.

In December, the report said, six of the 10 available leading indicators showed improvement, led by a gain in new orders for plants and equipment and a drop in initial claims for unemployment benefits — an indication that layoffs were slowing.

Three indicators gave negative economic signals in December: total business liquid assets, prices of sensitive raw materials and speed of deliveries.

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Block says PIK program won't be affected by budget proposals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture Secretary John R. Block says farm exports and the new payment-in-kind program to reduce U.S. crop surpluses will not be affected by the any budget proposals which will soon be sent to Congress.

President Reagan is scheduled to send his budget recommendations to Congress next week. It will be for the year that will begin next Oct. 1.

But Block said Tuesday, "As far as the farm commodity programs are concerned, I don't see that the budget is going to have a major effect on them one way or the other."

He also said that sign-up figures in the administration's PIK program won't be disclosed until after the books are closed in March.

Traditionally, the Agriculture Department has

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issued reports periodically to show how farmers are signing up in crop acreage programs.

Farmers began signing up for the PIK program on Jan. 24 and will continue through March 11. There will be no progress reports issued by the department, Block said.

"For one thing, it's difficult to keep an eye on this thing," he told a group of farm broadcasters in a telephone interview. "It's going to be moving quickly. The sign-up period is not that long; it's fairly short."

Also, Block said, the old system of issuing sign-up progress reports sometimes is self-defeating.

"Farmers will go ahead and try and outsmart the system, and I understand that, I'm a farmer," Block said. "It's a natural thing to do."

Thus, he said, it was decided to "just not report all this stuff" so that farmers will have to "play the game based on the facts that we have."

The facts, Block said, are that there is an immense supply of grain which will have to be reduced before commodity prices improve significantly.

Under PIK, farmers who idle a portion of their crop land will be paid in surplus wheat, corn, sorghum, cotton or rice, depending on their type of operation. They can sell or use the commodities as they choose.

Block said that once a farmer signs up in the PIK program he will have until March 11 to back out.

"But once the sign-up is closed, then the producer is in," he said. "He has made a contract with us to perform accordingly."

If a farmer chooses to ignore the contract, he will be subject to penalties — the details of which have not been worked out," Block said.

"But there's going to be a price paid," he said. "There has to be when someone backs out of a contract."

The department is working with the Internal Revenue Service to determine how PIK commodities given to farmers will be taxed. Block said he favors taxing farmers after they sell the commodities, not when they get them from the government.

"If we don't get the right ruling, I think we'll get some help from Congress on this, because they're not going to let farmers be holding the bag like this," Block said.

Producers working on milk program

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Milk Producers Federation is working on a new "voluntary paid diversion" program which federation officials say could help ease the cost of federal milk supports.

Federation officials said that the plan — still in the development stage — will be submitted to the organization's board of directors next month.

As outlined Tuesday in the federation's weekly newsletter, the concept would "work in conjunction" with the current milk support program, which costs the government about \$2 billion a year to prop up milk prices at the farm.

"In concept, it would be similar to the diversion programs now in place for wheat, feed grains, cotton and rice," the report said.

"Prior to the beginning of the marketing year, dairy farmers would be given an opportunity to enter into agreements whereby they would reduce milk sales by a specified percentage below their 1982 marketings. In exchange for this cutback, participating farmers would receive an incentive payment."

The federation said the plan was designed to "replace the assessment provisions" enacted by Congress last year — the 50-cent fee system which Agriculture Secretary John R. Block put into effect on Dec. 1.

Bill would aid farmers with financing

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Rep. I. P. (Pete) Patterson, D-Brookston, has introduced legislation which he says "offers a new approach to farm and ranch financing" — along the lines of the Texas Veterans Land Program.

HJR 24, a proposed constitutional amendment, and HB 369, the enabling legislation, would allow persons who receive at least 25 percent of their gross income from farming to borrow up to \$100,000 to purchase farm and ranch property.

Patterson argues there "is not adequate financing...with a long-term fixed interest rate" available to farmers and ranchers for land purchase.

The legislation would put the new program under the Veterans Land Board, which would issue bonds to finance land purchases.

The bill sets out provisions for issuing and paying bonds, handling interests, etc., along with eligibility requirements.

Persons would be required to be U.S. citizens, residents of Texas for five years, and "have been a member of a household for not less than three years in which not less than 25 percent of the household's gross income for the preceding year was derived from a farm or ranch."

Local committees, including resident agricultural producers and representatives of financial institutions, would review applications for

submission to the board. Other provisions of the bill deal with such matters as down payments,

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The Legislature would

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Lawmaker hopes to add PIK farmers to loan program

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A bill to force the Reagan administration to allow farmers to enter a federal commodity loan support program with grain given to them under the "payment in kind" program will be introduced in Congress next week by Rep. Dan Glickman.

The Wichita Democrat said in a statement last week that the administration's refusal to allow farmers to use PIK grain as collateral for the nine-month, non-recourse loans "isn't

fair and doesn't square with the administration's confidence that this program will boost commodity prices."

Glickman said the bill would provide "some price protection if this PIK program fails to strengthen prices." Farmers would receive the 1983 loan level for all commodities.

Under the PIK plan, announced earlier this month by President Reagan in Dallas, wheat farmers will get an amount of grain roughly equal to 95 percent of the produc-

tion their land would have produced were it not idled.

The administration hopes PIK will reduce price-depressing government surpluses, reduce federal spending on commodity support programs by \$5 billion and give low market prices an upward boost.

In earlier statements, administration spokesman have rejected the concept of allowing PIK grain back into the farmer-owned reserve because it would be self-defeating.

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Sunday's Superbowl will be 'shootout, total war'

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN
AP Special Correspondent

NEW YORK (AP) — Mr. Arbutnot, the Cliche Expert, has been in retirement since his creator humorist Frank Sullivan passed away, but we lucked out and ran into the old gentleman in the passenger lounge at Kennedy Airport.

He seemed fit as a fiddle and was beside himself with excitement at the prospect of attending Sunday's Super Bowl XVII in Pasadena. Since the flight

Governor's wife rejects donated antique furniture

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — More than \$200,000 in antique furniture donated to furnish Drumthwacket, the remodeled governor's mansion, has been rejected by Gov. Thomas Kean's wife, Debby, who asked that it be taken away and sold.

"I don't think (the furniture) was really representative of what we all pictured as finest in what a statehouse has to offer," said Percy Leach, a close friend and advisor to Mrs. Kean. "It's time we took our place doing things first rate only. For so many years, New Jersey has settled for second place."

The rejected furnishings were American Empire style pieces — heavy and ornate with intricate carvings and gold inlay fashioned in the early 19th century at about the same time Drumthwacket was built.

Renovating Drumthwacket, from the Scottish words for hill and thicket or wood, is a project of the New Jersey Historical Society, and about \$1.5 million in private money and \$500,000 in state money has been spent. The 13,500-square-foot mansion in Princeton will replace nearby Morven as the governor's official residence.

Kean, Mrs. Kean and their three children live at their own expense on their estate in Livingston. The Keanes have been reluctant to move, saying they want their children to continue attending private

schools in northern New Jersey.

The rejected furniture has been moved to Morven, where it will be put on display and sold. The approximately 50-piece collection was installed in Drumthwacket twice, first during last year's inaugural events and again last summer to give Mrs. Kean an idea of how the house would look while the remodeling continued.

"She said it was 'very nice, thank you very much,' and after everyone left, she said 'Take it all away,'" a family friend who asked to remain anonymous was quoted as saying.

Finn Caspersen, another Kean family friend who oversaw the historical society's renovations as vice chairman of the Morven-Drumthwacket Corp., advised Mrs. Kean to reject the furniture.

"It was awful. I was horrified," Caspersen said. That opinion has left those who collected the furniture a bit miffed.

CORRECTION

On page 8 of our Big Sale preprint in Sunday's newspaper, the 109.99 tent is described as 9 x 12 feet. This is incorrect. The tent size is 8 1/2 x 11 1/2 feet. We regret this error.

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A public hearing concerning this request will be held at the offices of the Public Utility Commission, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas, March 7, 1983 at 9:00 a.m.

Payments to Texas Utilities Generating Company for which approval is requested are in accordance with the following prices:

Big Brown	\$0.673215 per one million Btu
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A copy of the request is on file with the Public Utility Commission.

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to L.A. was delayed, we coaxed him into the witness box, the shoeshine stand, actually, to testify about this great sporting spectacle.

Q. As a cliché expert, versed in the lingua franca of both the broadcast and the print media, how would you characterize this contest between the Miami Dolphins and the Washington Redskins? Will it be an exciting game?

A. Game, sir? It will not be a game. It will be a shootout. A barn burner. Total war. A punishing, highly charged emotional fray. The sort of classic encounter where anything can happen and usually does.

Q. What is the name of the game?

A. Ball possession is the name of the game. Turnovers will tell the story.

Q. What is your opinion of the Redskins?

A. They are some kind of ball club. A fired up bunch who will not be denied. They want that championship so bad they can taste it, sir, but defeat would be a bitter broth. They are on a roll and want to keep rolling.

Q. And the Miami Dolphins?

A. They are something else again. A superbly coached, charged-up gang with a fine defense, a well-balanced attack and a gnawing hunger for victory. The game will be very physical, but I look for both teams to give it their best shot.

Q. Why is that?

A. Because this is doomsday. There is no tomorrow. The whole season comes down to this day and the financial remunerations are considerable.

Q. The quarterback, I believe, keys the offense. What actually are the duties of a David Woodley or a Joe Theismann?

A. The quarterback makes things happen. He is the field general, a take-charge guy who masterminds the attack, tries to get something started, keeps the momentum going, steadies down his keyed up teammates. He calls the signals, reads the defense, hands off to a runner, fakes, scrambles or rolls out to pass.

Q. You mean he throws the ball?

A. He rifles it, sir, really drills it. He fires a strike. Makes a connection. Uncorks the bomb. Finds his receiver, hits him on the numbers and sometimes on the money, lays it right in his hands, radars in on the target.

Q. But sometimes the intended receiver misses the ball, does he not?

A. No sir, he comes up empty. He cannot hold onto the pumpkin. The spheroid eludes his grasp. It slips through his fingers. He comes away empty-handed. The ball is deflected or, worse, intercepted. There are times too when the quarterback cannot get the ball away.

Q. Forsooth why?

A. There is pressure on the passer, an all-out blitz, the defenders swarm, he is upended and buried under a heap of burly behemoths. In a word, the sack.

Q. This is the linemen's job, is it not?

A. Partly. They must also read the play, plug the hole, react quickly, take out blockers, make the hit, drag down the ball carrier or trip him up, shut down a drive before it gets started and force a punt. The war, sir, is won in the trenches. Also in the pits.

Q. What are the ingredients of a great running back like Miami's Andra Franklin?

A. He must have great quickness, uncanny balance, superb peripheral vision to elude tacklers, find the hole or cut to the outside. He must be a real speedster who can explode through the line, change directions on a dime, or less if their is a

nickel defense, and streak to paydirt. Give him some running room and watch him turn on the burners and break the game wide open.

Q. And a fullback like Washington's John Riggins?

A. He is a tank, a hog, a truck horse, a glutton for punishment who gives better than he takes and is happiest when called upon to carry 25 to 30 times. Great balance enables him to find the hole opened by his blockers. He puts his nose down, squares his shoulders and grinds out the yardage, eats up the chalk stripes, gains that elusive third down real estate. His grit and grind make the aerial game possible. Sometimes in testing the right side of the line, he draws a crowd but he bulldozes his way through traffic, makes excellent penetration and takes a bunch along with him. In short, he gets the job done.

Q. Are fumbles costly?

A. Always, they can turn things around and make it a brand-new ball

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game. But to be precise, a runner doesn't fumble. He is stripped of the ball, or he takes a hit and it is jarred loose. He coughs it up or squirts it out. The pigskin is pryed loose and there is a critical turnaround. Now the defensive team comes back on the field and the coach walks the sidelines with a mournful expression while the stands go wild.

Q. Does the Rose Queen reign over this spectacle in Pasadena?

A. No. Pandemonium reigns. The whole city, indeed the whole country, is in a frenzy over this epic tussle, this Homeric struggle, the bottom line in this truncated season. Every seat in the Rose Bowl has been sold weeks ago. Scalpers are asking sky high prices and hotel rooms are at a premium, scarcer than hen's teeth, you might say. Emotions are pent up, at a fever pitch, boiling over in anticipation of this classic encounter between two mighty football machines. Football fever is epidemic in the land. People are glued to their TV sets.

Q. Finally, Mr. Arbutnot —

A. You may call me Magnus...

Q. Finally, Magnus, how do you see the outcome?

A. The better team will emerge victorious, grab the laurel, snatch victory from the jaws of defeat, run the world championship flag up their flagpole, wear the crown, shampoo the coach with champagne and scream for new contracts, while a pall of gloom falls over the losers' lockerroom where the players sit devoid of animation. That's America to me.

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Sharon says compromise possible on early warning posts

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Defense Minister Ariel Sharon signaled a possible compromise on Israel's demand to operate early warning outposts in Lebanon, saying in interviews published today that Israel might agree to Syria maintaining similar bases.

Lebanon, however, has balked at any foreign military presence on its soil, and the United States is known to believe that Beirut is so determined to rid itself of 60,000 Israeli, Syrian and PLO forces that it will accept neither

Israeli nor Syrian listening posts.

In Washington, meanwhile, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak urged President Reagan to force the Israelis to withdraw or risk losing "a golden opportunity" for peace in the Middle East.

Sharon told the dailies Yedioth Ahronoth and Maariv that Israel did not believe Syria had a right to listening posts, but would accept them if there were no other way to assure an Israeli presence in Lebanon.

"If we ultimately face the following choice: Israeli stations for a defined period on condition Syria sets up similar stations — and if there is no other way — such a situation is preferable in my opinion over a situation in which we won't have any stations at all," Sharon told Yedioth.

To Maariv he stressed, however, that Israel saw no justification for Syrian listening posts in Lebanon and would oppose them unless it was convinced there was no alternative.

Israel's insistence on the listening posts has virtually stalemated the U.S.-sponsored Israeli-Lebanese withdrawal talks.

Israel says it wants three to five posts in southern Lebanon to guard against renewed Palestinian guerrilla attacks.

A possible explanation for Israel's determination on the listening post issue came in a state radio commentary Thursday that said Prime Minister Menachem Begin has growing doubts that U.S. troubleshooter Philip C.

Habib can get Syrian and Palestinian troops out of Lebanon.

It said Begin was growing pessimistic about Habib's ability to make progress in the withdrawal talks.

Habib, the radio said, has failed to extract a single indication from Syria or the Palestine Liberation Organization that they are willing to withdraw from Lebanon at the same time as Israeli forces. Nor has he managed to get Saudi Arabia to pressure Damascus and the PLO for a pullback, the radio

said. This has stiffened Israel's determination to stand firm on its demand to establish early warning outposts in Lebanon once the bulk of its invasion army withdraws, the radio said.

Israel, which invaded Lebanon June 6 to drive PLO guerrillas away from its northern border, fears the politically fractured Lebanese government will not be able to block the guerrillas' return to mount new cross-border assaults.



A Salvadoran soldier Thursday guards military headquarters in Mejicanos, San Salvador province, El Salvador. Leftist rebels attacked

the biggest garrison in El Salvador and army posts in two provincial capitals, officials said Thursday.

Fighting escalates in El Salvador; Conservative leader loses power

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — As leftist guerrillas escalated their anti-government offensive across seven of El Salvador's 14 provinces, a new crack appeared in the conservative alliance dominating the nation's politics.

Military and rebel sources reported combat Thursday in the provinces of Usulután, San Miguel, San Salvador, San Vicente, Morazan, Chalatenango and Santa Ana.

The fighting marked a sharp expansion of the three-week-old rebel offensive.

Leftists attacked two important military posts on the northern edge of the capital Wednesday night in the biggest assault in the San Salvador area since elections for the Constituent Assembly in March, 1982.

Official reports said two soldiers, four civil guardsmen, four guerrillas and four civilians were killed in the three-hour battle, which was heard in most parts of the city.

Guerrillas claim to control or occupy large areas of Chalatenango, Morazan and La Unión provinces, especially in the north along the Honduran border.

Reporters visiting Chalatenango on Thursday said the military has pulled out of many towns and while guerrillas do not occupy them, they are the only military force in the area.

In Morazan, north of the Torola River, some 6,000 government troops are trying to dislodge guerrillas

who have been entrenched there for months. The area is closed to reporters and independent information on the battles was not available.

As fighting raged on the nation's battlefields, a political storm exploded Thursday in the Constituent Assembly, with conservative alliance leader Roberto d'Aubuisson suffering a loss of his powers.

The struggle began when d'Aubuisson, the assembly speaker and leader of the ultra-right Republican Nationalist Alliance, or ARENA, tried to block the nomination of a member of a rival party as health minister.

D'Aubuisson, seeking more time to lobby against the nomination, refused to convene the assembly and walked out of the chamber with 11 other members of his party and two other legislators.

The remaining members of the 60-seat legislature voted 39-0 to amend the assembly's rules to permit any one of its nine officers to convene a meeting — stripping d'Aubuisson of his monopoly in that respect.

The legislators then ratified Dr. Napoleon Cardenas as health minister to replace a member of ARENA who was fired last December by Provisional President Alvaro Magana for failing to obey the president's orders.

The legislators' actions pointed up a growing rift between d'Aubuisson and the president, as well as a split in the ranks of the conservative alliance.

More public workers join Quebec strike

MONTREAL (AP) — About 110,000 public employees have walked off the job and tens of thousands more have vowed to join the picket lines in an illegal strike spreading through Quebec in defiance of official threats to take harsh punitive action.

By next Wednesday, as many as 225,000 of the province's 325,000 public workers could be involved in the staggered work stoppage, called to protest 3-year contracts imposed by the government that force a temporary pay cut.

Quebec Premier Rene Levesque told reporters Thursday that he was considering calling the provincial legislature into special session to ratify harsher measures against the unions and strikers, who already face stiff fines.

Levesque said legislators of the ruling Parti Quebecois support his plans to halt the spreading strike.

About 100,000 primary and secondary school teachers threw their support Thursday behind the 10,000 junior college instructors who walked out of their classrooms on Wednesday to start the work protest.

About 1.3 million youngsters and 130,000 college students had an unscheduled holiday as a result.

By late Thursday night, an estimated 20,000 employees of community clinics and legal aid and day care centers had voted to join the picket lines today.

Another 20,000 nurses employed by nursing homes,

chronic-care hospitals and general hospitals around the province were set to walk out next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Union leaders said 9,000 government professional employees also would strike today, while an estimated 40,000 civil servants still were voting on whether to join them.

Unions representing about half of the province's 80,000 non-medical hospital workers also voted Thursday night to strike next Monday. The action could affect more than two-thirds of Quebec's hospitals.

"We finally have the mandate (to strike)...despite all the repression, propaganda, fear and harassment of the government," said hospital union president Yves Lessard.

With public opinion running strongly against the strike, Lessard promised union members will "ensure the comfort, well-being and above-all, health, of patients, even if management won't."

But unions representing 15,000 nurses working in Montreal-area hospitals said they have reached a tentative agreement with the government. The union rank-and-file were to vote on whether to ratify the tentative accord.

In Montreal, riot-equipped police officers cleared 150 protesting members of the government professionals union away from the entrance to provincial offices Thursday but there were no injuries or arrests.

Mubarak sees withdrawal as 'top priority'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, discussing prospects for peace in the Middle East with President Reagan, says getting Israeli troops out of Lebanon is a "top priority."

Mubarak, winding up a three-day visit to Washington today, on Thursday urged Reagan to put more pressure on Israel to remove its 25,000 troops from Lebanon.

Today, Mubarak has an extensive schedule of meetings, including sessions with Treasury Secretary Donald Regan, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige, congressional leaders and leaders of the Jewish community.

He planned to leave later in the day for New York City to meet with U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

In their two-hour private meeting Thursday, Reagan and Mubarak agreed that there is little hope of progress toward an overall Middle East peace settlement until there is an agreement for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon.

Mubarak said removing Israeli troops is a "top priority."

A senior U.S. official, who spoke only on condition that he not be identified, said the administration is convinced that once the Israeli troops agree to withdraw, Syrian and Palestinian troops will also agree to pull out.

But troop withdrawal talks between the Lebanese and Israelis are at an impasse, said the senior official, who briefed reporters on the Reagan-Mubarak meeting.

"The president is very impatient with the lack of progress so far in the Lebanon situation and wants to break this loose as soon as possible," the official said.

While the administration also wants Syrian and Palestinian troops out of Lebanon, the official said, it believes that "once we get an agreed framework for a withdrawal of Israeli forces — and it is clear they are going to withdraw — that then you will also be able to get the Syrians and PLO to withdraw in that time frame."

"Clearly the key in the president's view is breaking the impasse between Israel and Lebanon," he said.

But the official was unable to offer any new U.S. ideas for achieving a breakthrough. He said Philip C. Habib, Reagan's special Middle East envoy, is currently participating in a review of U.S. strategy, indicating that new ideas may emerge from that.

Reagan and Mubarak also agreed that construction of Israeli settlements on the occupied West Bank is "a very serious obstacle to peace" and "an obstacle that will have to be overcome."

Asked why it isn't possible to have progress on an overall peace in the region while Israeli troops are still in Lebanon, the official said there is a "new conventional wisdom" in the Middle East, which asks the question of "Why take a chance on the West Bank and Gaza when there is a North Bank being created?"

In his departure statement, Mubarak said the prospect of peace in the Middle East would be enhanced if the United States "moved further in supporting the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination."

"I believe that a golden opportunity exists and it would be a grave mistake to miss it," Mubarak said.

Reagan, in his Sept. 1 Mideast peace initiative, called for the Palestinians to have a form of self rule in the West Bank, in association with Jordan.

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Canadian group may be source of sabotage plots

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Police say five Canadians now under arrest may be responsible for several sabotage plots and attacks, ranging from fires at stores selling X-rated movies to a missile parts factory blast near Toronto.

Police say the group also plotted to sabotage an armed forces base where U.S.-made cruise missiles are to be tested, and allegedly dynamited an electric power substation in Vancouver.

The five were identified as Ann Hansen, Gerald Hannah, Brent Taylor, Juliet Belmas and Douglas Stewart. The Vancouver-area residents, all in their 20s, were arrested Jan. 20 north of here.

They have been active in environmental and leftist causes in the Vancouver area, including work for prison reform and anti-nuclear protests.

Toronto police Staff Supt. Jack Webster has said there is "no doubt that some or all" of the five would be charged in the blast last Oct. 14 at a Litton Systems plant in suburban Toronto. The plant makes guidance systems for U.S. cruise missiles.

The defendants, who appeared in a brief court hearing Wednesday, were charged with plotting to sabotage aircraft, radar equipment and fuel tanks at the

Canadian Forces Base at Cold Lake in the province of Alberta. U.S.-made cruise missiles are to be tested there.

Ms. Hansen shouted, "Be strong and resist!" at the end of the hearing, drawing cheers and applause from about 50 people in the courtroom.

The group also was charged with numerous other offenses, including setting fire to two stores selling X-rated video cassettes, and attempting to set fire to a third, in suburban Vancouver. The chain that runs the stores had been the target of protests by feminist groups.

They also were accused of conspiring to rob a Brinks armored car, and with blowing up an electric power substation on Vancouver Island last May.

A group calling itself Direct Action claimed responsibility for the substation attack and for last fall's blast in Toronto.

The Direct Action statement said the substation bombing was intended to block industrial development of Vancouver Island as a "contribution towards protecting the Earth and struggling for a liberated society."

A group calling itself the Wimmin's Fire Brigade

claimed responsibility for last November's firebombings of the three Red Hot Video stores selling X-rated video cassettes.

Police said they believed Direct Action and Wimmin's Fire Brigade are two names used by the same group of people.

Police said they found dynamite, shotguns, automatic rifles, handguns and ammunition in raids following the arrests of the five Canadians.

At Wednesday's hearing, the five were ordered held until Feb. 21, when prosecutors will have to offer evidence for keeping the defendants locked up without bail.

Hannah is a former member of a locally popular punk rock group, the Subhumans. He used the name Gerry Useless.

Taylor attracted attention in 1977 when he hit Conservative Party leader Joe Clark with a pie. At the time, Taylor identified himself as a member of the New Questioning Coyote Brigade. He was not charged.

Ms. Hansen lived in a house in the suburb of New Westminster with three of the others defendants: Hannah, Taylor, and Ms. Belmas. Stewart, the fifth defendant, lived in Vancouver.

Decade later, Vietnam still at war

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — A decade after American troops fired their last shots and eight years after Communist tanks rolled into Saigon, ending resistance by South Vietnamese forces, Hanoi continues to fight.

It fights in two Indochinese countries and maintains the world's fourth largest army to deter another neighbor, China.

It also fights at home, battling food shortages, international debts, farmers who don't want to sell their rice to the state and stubborn South Vietnamese who would rather flee the country.

An estimated 900,000 people have left Vietnam in the last 10 years, while some 425,000 others have applied for resettlement in the United States under a special United Nations-sponsored program. The regime says it still holds 20,000 incorrigibles in "re-education centers," described by American diplomats as forced labor camps.

Most of the refugees and internees are South Vietnamese who have found adjustment to communism difficult.

Thursday marked the 10th anniversary of the Paris peace agreement which ended America's military involvement in Vietnam. The conflict left 57,939 Americans dead or missing. However, the battles didn't end for the Vietnamese until 27 bloody months later, on April 30, 1975, after a final, brilliant offensive by the North Vietnamese.

But the fruits of victory have not been sweet. Vietnam's soldiers continue to fight and die. About 180,000 in Cambodia and 45,000 in Laos are helping pro-Hanoi regimes. Both China and Vietnam report frequent skirmishes along the Sino-Vietnamese frontier, following their 17-day war in 1979.

Vietnam maintains a military force estimated at one million men, a resource-draining measure for a nation which the International Monetary Fund lists among the dozen poorest in the world. Gross national product per capita is \$160 per year.

Although Vietnam has expressed a desire for normalized relations with the United States, prospects for diplomatic ties are dim.

Small U.S. government missions and private groups, however, deal with Hanoi on such matters as the 2,500 Americans still missing from the Indochina war; the controversial issue of the defoliant Agent Orange which U.S. forces employed in Vietnam, and, most recently, the fate of several thousand Amerasians, children of American fathers and Vietnamese mothers still living in Vietnam.

The Vietnamese have allowed three airlifts of these children to the United States; the fourth and largest took place Thursday.

"We have been able to win on the battlefield, but we can't win in the economic field," Vietnamese officials have told visiting newsmen. Vietnam's economy, which was in danger of collapse during the five years following the war, continues to be plagued by a lack of raw materials, poor transportation, admitted waste and corruption as well as mounting debts.

Reporters visiting Vietnam in 1982, however, noted some improvements and Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach summed it up saying, "Very bad but not worse."

Free enterprise has been given some encouragement.

Farmers and factory workers in northern Vietnam have been allowed to devote part of their time to personal rather than collective labor, while in southern Vietnam the rush to full-scale socialism has been slowed.

In the Mekong River delta, Vietnam's rice bowl, the government has increased the price it pays farmers for rice and has otherwise allowed them to remain free producers.

Vo Van Kiet, the country's new economic czar, announced last year that Vietnam hoped to attain self-sufficiency in food during 1983. In the past, mismanagement, natural disasters and foreign wars have led to huge food deficits, which the Soviet Union and its East European allies have had to fill.

Life in Vietnam's capital, Hanoi, is spartan, drab and organized. Most of the people live in overcrowded tenements, carefully count their ration coupons for necessities and save for years to buy small luxuries. A worker who earned 200 dong (\$22) a month last year had to spend 120 dong if he wanted a new bicycle tire.

In contrast, Saigon, now called Ho Chi Minh City, remains tough, cocky, resilient and greedy. It has an officially tolerated black market which offers stereos from Singapore and beer from Australia.

But there is a far greater gap than in the north between those who have and those who must eke out an existence on the streets.

Many want out. They fear re-education, being shipped off to rugged "new economic zones" in the countryside and future political and economic crack-downs.

Escapes by sea continue but at a declining rate. The office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees says 44,135 boat people reached Asian shores last year, as compared to 79,113 in 1981. Another 12,500 exited via the orderly departures program, with about 4,000 going to the United States.

China, the United States and the non-communist countries of southeast Asia have hoped that Hanoi's problems would force it to compromise, especially on the key issue of pulling its troops out of Cambodia which the Vietnamese invaded in late 1978. So far, it has not given in.

"Sometimes I think of Vietnam as a rubber band that's been stretched too much. I keep expecting it to snap but it doesn't," says one American diplomat.

Council takes over government

The Revolutionary Council took over the government of Iran on Nov. 6, 1979, on the orders of Ayatollah Khomeini.



AP Wirephoto

Homeless people in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, sleep on the street. A decade after the signing of the Paris peace agreement and eight years after the communist troops rolled into Saigon, Vietnam continues the battle against hostile neighbors and against internal problems such as a faltering economy plagued by lack of raw materials, poor transportation, waste, corruption and mounting debts.

Senator applies

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — State Sen. Marty Markowitz is neither black nor Puerto Rican. So why is the Jewish Democrat from Brooklyn trying to join the Legislature's Black and Puerto Rican Caucus?

Caucus Chairman Angelo DelToro, a Democrat from Manhattan, said he didn't know if a white had ever applied for membership in the 14-year-old caucus.

DelToro said Markowitz's application to join the 24-member group was under consideration.

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reduce the number of C-5 flights at dawn and sunset, when geese are most likely to be flying. The base, near wildlife refuges along the Delaware Bay, also is shifting some local training missions to the New York area.

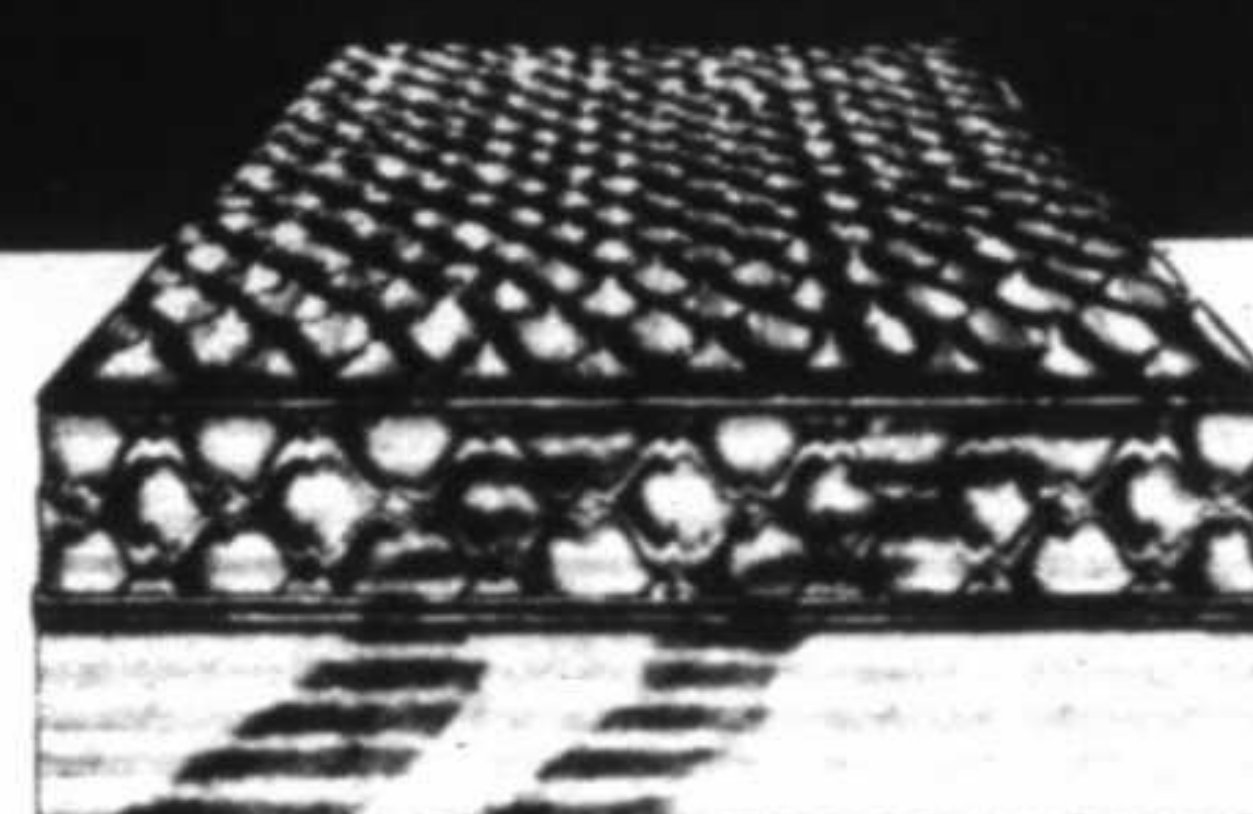
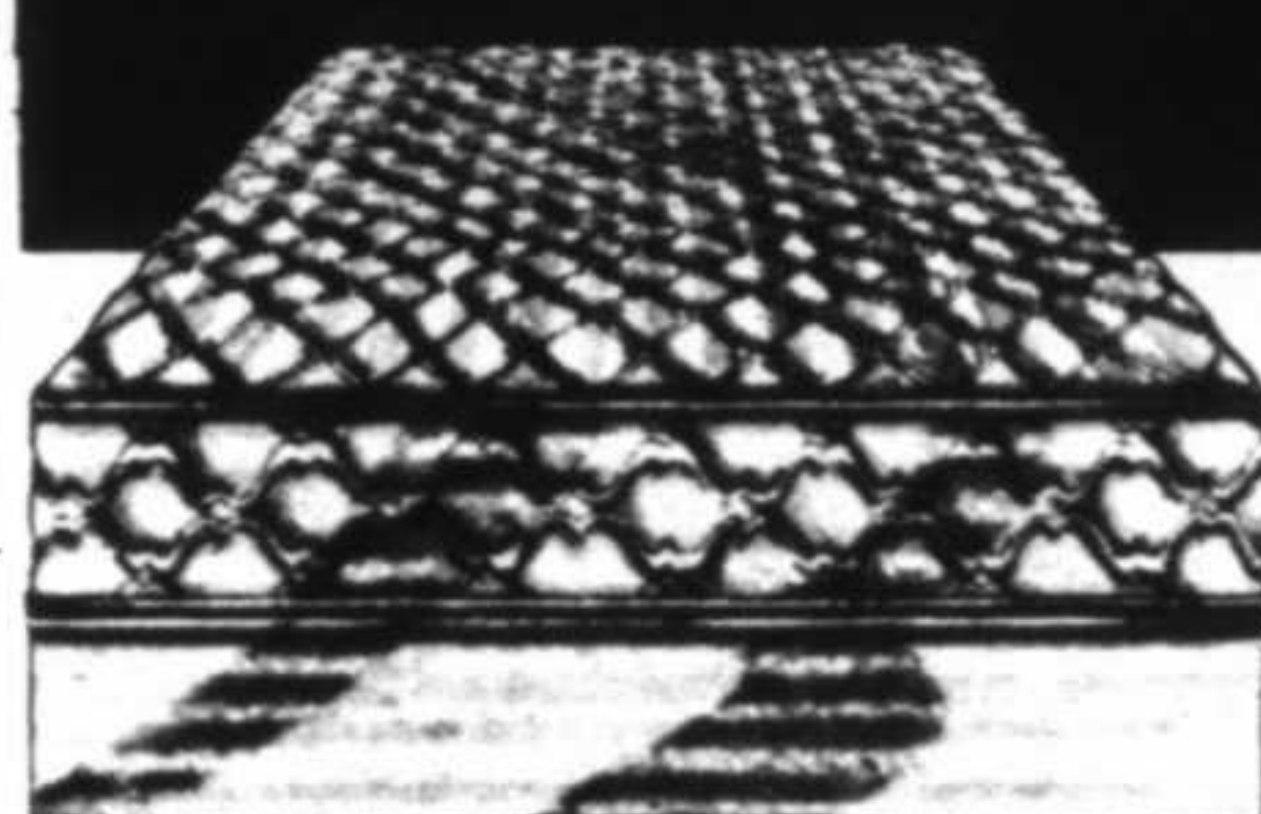


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A miner watches as the shearer moves through a section of coal in a mine near Fairmont, W. Va. This method of shearing coal

along a face is called longwalling and is the subject of criticism by owners of land mined for coal near Wilkesville, Ohio.

Mining process divides residents of southeastern Ohio's coal country

WILKESVILLE, Ohio (AP) — Its exterior walls are twisted, many of its floors have buckled and the well on the back porch has gone dry. Lavern and Mary Jordan's 100-year-old farmhouse is the victim, its owners say, of a coal-mining process called longwalling.

Longwalling has divided residents of southeastern Ohio's coal country, pitting them against coal companies that for years brought jobs and sometimes prosperity to a part of the state where both have often been in short supply.

Caught in the middle is the United Mine Workers union, which says the dispute is threatening jobs in an industry already decimated by layoffs.

For the Jordans it has meant sleeping in a mobile home, a few yards from their farmhouse.

"We were afraid of fire," Mrs. Jordan said. "We were afraid of it pulling apart the electrical wires."

In longwalling, a huge shearing machine removes coal from the face of a wall as much as 500 feet wide in about 22 minutes. The machine then advances into the coal face and repeats the process.

Industry officials say it is one of the safest methods for mining coal because the machine provides its own ceiling, a canopy of steel, within the mine.

IT ALSO PROVIDES a more efficient means of removing coal. In traditional room-and-pillar mines, only about 55 percent of the coal in a vein can be mined. Longwalling allows for recovery rates of up to 90 percent, mining officials say.

But the Jordans and other residents are worried about another aspect of longwalling — rapid collapse of the earth above.

In traditional mining, pillars of coal are left behind after the mining is done, and they support the ceiling so that subsidence is so gradual it often goes unnoticed. In longwall mines, the ceiling behind the machine collapses almost immediately as the machine moves forward.

The effects above ground, according to some residents of Meigs County, are just as immediate — and costly.

Three years ago, Mark Spezza purchased a 57-acre farm with its own woods, a pond and a barn he could use for his business, pottery making.

Today, the brick foundation of Spezza's barn splits along a mortar joint, and a yard-wide concrete slab in the middle of the barn floor sinks into a three-foot crater. A six-inch crack runs the length of the floor. The building's walls, which Spezza says were once plumb, now bend.

"You know, I'm not even motivated to do things around here any more," Spezza said during a walk around his property. "I used to come down here and try to clean things up. But anymore, it just doesn't seem worth the trouble."

THE SOUTHERN OHIO Coal Co., which has owned much of the coal beneath Meigs County land for a quarter-century, began mining beneath Spezza's property last year. Before operations began, the company shored up the barn with cables and braces.

Spezza says he noticed changes within days.

"I walked in the barn, and I noticed there was a crack in the floor about an inch wide...and then I looked at the wall and there was a crack there about an inch wide," he said. "I went to sleep, and I got up in the morning and it was two inches wide."

Residents of Meigs County, where longwalling is being used in two mines, have form a protest group, Citizens Organized Against Longwalling (COAL), to fight the new mining method. The UMW says they should be aware of the consequences.

"We want to make fully sure that people know what the impact would be if longwalling were not allowed," said Tony Bumbico, a UMW District 6 official. "The effort to stop it jeopardizes 2,000 jobs at a time when the area can ill afford any more layoffs."

"Our position has been: If we're going to mine, we'll cause some damage. And if we cause damage, we'll pay for it," said Robert Rine, an official of the American Electric Power Service Corp. which includes Southern Ohio Coal.

"WHATEVER'S GOING to happen, happens...in a fairly compact time span," he said. "It's observable and can be fixed."

Rine said "98 percent" of the cracks that appear in the earth eventually close up, "and most water supplies come back."

But there are problems that can't be fixed, such as the Jordan house. AEP officials admit the house is damaged beyond repair and are negotiating to replace it.

In Spezza's case, AEP officials believe the barn can be saved, although a settlement with him has not yet been reached.

State officials must decide by May whether to allow Southern Ohio Coal to continue longwalling in Meigs County.

Bob Rothwell, an official with the state's Division of Reclamation, said there may be little the state can do.

"We're sort of caught in an area where our jurisdiction might be questionable," he explained.

Current state law governing subsidence requires companies to control it "to the extent technically and economically feasible." But Rothwell pointed out that language in the law does not govern planned subsidence.

Because the subsidence effects of longwall mining are predictable, he said, some companies contend these effects are planned and consequently not covered by state law.

GOREN BRIDGE

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North-South vulnerable.

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Bob Hamman of Dallas is

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master point list. He

will get a chance to close in

on the leaders at this year's World Team Championship, where the U.S. No. 1 team will probably start as favorites to win the Bermuda Bowl. Here's an example of his skill from the Spingold Championship last summer.

In competitive situations with distributional hands, it is usually wiser to bid one more than to elect to defend. Even though it seems that both six clubs and five spades must go down a trick, it is by no means easy for the defenders to collect their tricks against a spade contract, as Hamman demonstrated.

West led the king of clubs against five spades and continued with the ace. Hamman discarded his heart. Now the defenders missed their last chance when West shifted to a heart. Declarer played dummy's nine and ruffed East's queen. He then ran his trumps, coming down to this position:

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Feather for the board

Midland Independent School District administration officials deserve a pat on the back for their accurate enrollment projections — projections essential to adequate planning.

The most recent indication of their accuracy came during the board of trustees' Tuesday meeting when Supt. Dr. Joseph P. Baressi Jr. noted the district's projection for current year enrollment was only off the mark by 37 students. The district had projected total enrollment for this year at 17,395 and the actual enrollment was only slightly higher — 17,432 students.

If school officials' projections continue to hold true (and we have every reason to believe they will), Midland's public school population will climb to 18,504 students by Oct. 7. That's consistent with the trend in Midland during recent years.

As any businessman, businesswoman or housewife knows, accurate projections are vital to proper planning. By projecting business volume accurately, adequate inven-

tory can be maintained and expansion of the business can be carried out at the appropriate time. Furthermore — and just as importantly — waste can be kept to a minimum to keep profit margins at the highest level.

Midland Independent School District, too, is a business. It merely operates on tax dollars which necessitates sound financial planning to keep the cost to taxpayers the lowest possible.

The future looks bright for Midland's public school system. The city is growing and, in turn, the school district population is growing. New schools are being built in some instances to meet the demands of the growing student population. In such a situation, accurate planning takes on added importance.

Accuracy of the school officials' enrollment projections underscores the fact they are staying abreast of Midland's growth while not overbuilding. That's a feather in their cap and taxpayers should be appreciative.

Shades of Vietnam

The United States is not getting involved in a war in Nicaragua. It is not sending troops to Nicaragua to help right-wing factions overthrow the Sandinista regime. These assurances have been made repeatedly by our government, but they do not ring convincingly.

After months of denying that the CIA or the Pentagon was performing more than an advisory service training Nicaraguans in Honduras, it turns out that 900 U.S. military personnel will participate in military exercises near the Nicaraguan border.

According to the Pentagon, about 4,000 Honduran troops will take part in the exercise. No mention was made of how many Nica-

raguans would be in the field.

U.S. helicopters will be used to move troops, which will come within 10 miles of the Nicaraguan border. Of course, someone might miscalculate distance.

First it was advisers. Now it is a joint field exercise. What happens next?

In Vietnam, American troops accompanied South Vietnamese, and then American bombers blasted the North Vietnamese. And eventually there was full involvement in the Asian land war to keep an unpopular, undependable and corrupt ally in power. We don't want to see America drawn into another Vietnam. The government should tread lightly in Nicaragua.

Another View:

Natural gas issue

By law, there are still supposed to be certain controls on the price of natural gas. But since the Reagan administration began, the federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which administers the law, has been doing just about everything it can to decontrol gas prices through regulatory decrees. And its latest regulatory step may be the biggest so far. The FERC has decided that gas producers can add to the "controlled" price they charge for gas an extra amount to cover certain production costs. In fact, the FERC has decided that when the new regulation goes into effect, the gas producers can charge for production costs retroactively. As a result, consumers nationwide could end up paying as much as \$3 billion extra for gas this year and \$3 billion extra next.

The FERC doesn't expect the price hike to be that high. Because there is a glut in the natural gas market just now, the FERC predicts producers won't risk increasing prices much. The FERC is counting on the fact that natural gas prices are so high already (due largely to the FERC's own decisions) that the industrial customers that can be starting to switch to oil. Competition, it says, will temper prices.

But the FERC is forgetting that there is far less flexibility and competition in the rest of the natural gas market than in the industrial sector. Not only are most residential and smaller-business customers connected to a natural gas delivery network that gives them no choice of suppliers, but many of the pipeline companies that buy from producers, and many of the utility companies that buy from the pipelines, are locked into "take or pay" contracts that leave them with no way to avoid any price increase that gets passed on to them. In this

situation, decontrol of gas prices has far different implications than the FERC's free-market model admits.

Moreover, the situation will get even more complicated in 1985 when, by law, all price controls are to be lifted off many kinds of natural gas. With little influence over the mix of cheap and decontrolled gas that is supplied to them, most consumers and utilities will lose again. And the more they cut down on their gas use as a result, the more they will have to be charged for each unit of gas to cover the fixed costs of the delivery system.

Both the White House and the natural gas producers are pressuring Congress to resolve the growing problem by deregulating the gas industry altogether. But that would hardly help consumers, and it would be a mixed blessing for an industry in turmoil.

A better approach would be to revise the law that the FERC is supposed to be administering, the Natural Gas Policy Act passed by Congress several years ago to get the country out of a similar mess. That act combined price controls and deregulation measures in an attempt to get fair results out of a system that is neither entirely responsive to free-market forces nor entirely appropriate for stringent regulation. It worked rather well until the soaring price of competing fuels, changes in gas contracts, and the recession changed the parameters of the natural gas market and overtook the law. At this point it does need revision — but to say that is quite different from writing it off as a failure. While the FERC is trying to get around the law and others are angling to scrap it, the best move Congress could make would be to bring it up to date.

— The Sacramento Bee



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Attache promoted despite misuse of funds

WASHINGTON — Locked in the Defense Intelligence Agency's files is a strange case of military justice. It involves a high-ranking DIA official in West Germany who confessed to misappropriating government funds. Yet he was promoted, while officers who knew of his misconduct were removed from the scene.

My associate Donald Goldberg has seen investigative files and DIA cables. He has interviewed Pentagon officials and talked with sources at the U.S. Embassy in Bonn. Here's the story:

Air Force Col. Ronald Lord was first suspected three years ago of having misused several hundred dollars of DIA funds. He was stationed in Bonn at the time as the DIA's air attache for West Germany.

Lord's commanding officer, Col. Jack Calloway, called in the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. According to DIA cables, Lord confessed that he had taken the money, and he made restitution.

Calloway sent this message to Washington: "I see a fairly consistent pattern of decisions made by Col. Lord, all of which revealed bad judgment and some of which would seem to indicate that deliberate deception was involved. I request that Col. Lord be removed from the (embassy) at least, and that consideration be given to removing him from the attache position."

There were two reasons for wanting Lord out of Bonn. The first involved his subordinates in the embassy. As Calloway explained in a cable to the Pentagon: "The enlisted personnel in the office will not respond well to Col.

Lord if he is found guilty and remains on station. They will not be disoriented or insolent, but they will suffer a drop in morale, motivation and efficiency."

The second reason involved U.S.-German relations. As another DIA official reported to Washington: "Knowledge of Col. Lord's involvement in these indiscretions stretches far beyond the walls of the Defense Attache Office, to include influential members of the U.S. embassy community, the foreign attache corps and the German Ministry of Defense."

Indeed, sources said a high-ranking German official spoke to Calloway about the incident at a diplomatic function. Speaking quietly in German, the official told Calloway he knew the Americans had a problem on their hands, and that he was confident they would take care of it. He implied that such a situation would not be tolerated by the West German military.

But the DIA handled the situation by leaving Lord at the Bonn embassy. Recently he was promoted to a post at the Allied Forces Central Europe headquarters in Brunsum, The Netherlands. His only punishment was a written reprimand in his personnel file.

Meanwhile, Calloway, his disciplinary recommendations ignored, hurried his already-scheduled retirement. One of his subordinates also took retirement ahead of schedule, while another was transferred back to the United States.

As a DIA officer's cable to the Pentagon observed: "Those who know the situation could only interpret it as a strange application of justice — a case of the jury finding the defendant guilty and then sentencing the witnesses to punishment."

Footnote: Lord refused to comment when approached.

PTL PROBE: The Justice Department is quietly studying an explosive, still-secret report of Federal Communications Commission investigators that raises questions about TV evangelist

Jim Bakker and his multimillion-dollar fundraising efforts for the "Praise the Lord Club."

A summary of the staff report alleges that there are "serious questions about the possibility of fraudulent solicitation of funds over the airwaves by PTL, about PTL's possible breach of fiduciary duty, about possible false testimony by the president and chairman of the board of PTL (Bakker) and about possibly corrupt influence of Commission witnesses."

A spokesman for PTL said, "We have yet to find that money was diverted to personal use." As for the possibility of false statements by Bakker, the spokesman said, "We haven't been told about that."

In fact, an FCC legal source told us the allegations raised by the secret report are "very, very unproven at this point," and added: "We haven't heard PTL's side in a public hearing. They might have reasons for doing things (that the FCC staff questions)."

Essentially, what worries the FCC investigators is the possibility that funds PTL has raised for overseas use weren't used for that purpose, and that Bakker may have lied under oath about this and other matters in testimony to the FCC. The FCC felt the charges were serious enough to be turned over to the Justice Department's Fraud Section for review.

WHITE HOUSE PIPELINE: Fred Fielding's diverse duties as White House counsel keep him pretty well chained to his desk while other members of the presidential staff are gallivanting off to faraway places with the boss. But as consolation — or maybe to rub it in — his peripatetic colleagues bring him exotic headgear as mementos of the occasions he has missed. Among the stay-at-home's souvenirs are a blue-and-white baseball cap from the president's trip to New Orleans and a black-and-gold NASA cap from the last space-shuttle launch.

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INSIDE REPORT:

De-Reaganization of president accomplished

WASHINGTON — President Reagan's call for government to "take the lead in restoring the economy" was as much a defeat for the administration's austerity bloc, led by budget director David Stockman, as for the supply-siders at the hands of the victorious West Wing at the White House.

It had been obvious for weeks that the supply-siders, led by Rep. Jack Kemp, had lost their fight for a growth-oriented statement to lure back blue-collar workers. But these supply-siders had assumed that the battle had been won by Stockman, their former ally but long since a high priest of austerity.

Helped by chief economic adviser Martin Feldstein's exceptionally low economic-growth estimates, Stockman did spotlight budget deficits to the exclusion of nearly all else. In Cabinet meetings preceding the State of the Union, Interior Secretary James Watt was a voice in the wilderness calling for more optimistic growth estimates.

Nevertheless, both Treasury and OMB wanted the president's speech to sound a more positive tone about economic policy of the past two years. They found themselves shut out of the speech-writing process, receiving the final version of the address Tuesday afternoon, a few hours before it was released to the press. "All we had time to do was pencil in a few critical comments," an economic policy official told us. The comments were ignored.

Treasury-OMB inability to put the president in a more upbeat posture about the economy connotes no great debate over economic philosophy with Jim Baker, who freely acknowledges ignorance about economics. Rather, the un-Reaganlike hand-wringing over

hard times is the political base for the conciliation and bipartisanship that Baker long has argued is necessary for the president to survive in the second half of his term.

"Bipartisan" was the controlling word in the final draft of chief presidential speechwriter Aram Bakshian Jr. that reflected the editing touch and political philosophy of White House communications chief David Gergen. Conservative speechwriter Tony Dolan, as usual, got nowhere near the draft. Nor did Rich Williamson, Baker's most conservative deputy, who is in the bad graces of his boss and probably headed out of the White House.

The dwindling little band of faithful Reaganites inside the administration was nonplussed by the line that aroused such raucous, if sarcastic, approval from Democrats at the joint session: "We who are in government must take the lead in restoring the economy." Absent from earlier drafts, it mysteriously — and anonymously, save for the West Wing inner circle — found its way into the final version.

"I can't believe the president realized he was betraying everything he stands for with that one sentence," one distraught official told us. But except for some tightening of the foreign policy language that still ended up sounding more like Jimmy Carter than Ronald Reagan, there is no evidence that he complained about the words written for him. If the de-Reaganization of the president was the product of the West Wing, the Oval Office was an unprotesting accomplice.

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CHARLEY REESE

Politicians re-creating a disaster

This may startle you, John D. Hicks, Morrison professor of history at the University of California, wrote "The American Nation" which was published in 1941. In this book he listed the causes of the Great Depression. Here they are:

1. Agricultural over-expansion which resulted in huge surpluses which depressed prices at a time most farms were heavily mortgaged.
2. Industrial over-expansion.
3. Technological unemployment. This may come as a surprise, but in the 1920s and 1930s, new machines were replacing workers, many of whom could not find new jobs.
4. Capital surplus. The great corporations and trusts had increased their profits enormously during the 1920s but had not shared them via comparable wage increases. There was a great disparity in income.
5. Over-expansion of credit.
6. International trade out of balance. Europe, heavily in debt to the United States for war aid, could not pay its debts without exporting, but to counter technological unemployment, the U.S. enacted higher tariffs.
7. Political unrest throughout the world.

The ominous parallels are obvious. The situation today in agriculture is virtually identical. Huge surpluses have depressed prices in some cases below costs. Farm debt is at a staggering level.

Technological unemployment is very much with us and is aggravated by the new phenomenon of multi-national corporations which continue to move American manufacturing jobs overseas. Overseas investment by U.S.-based corporations now exceeds \$200 billion.

Capital surplus remains with us. One hundred corporations own nearly 60 percent of all corporate assets. A tiny percentage of the population controls a majority of the wealth. Real wages have not advanced significantly at all in the last decade.

Over-expansion of credit is even worse. Corporate, consumer, and public debt are at record levels. The federal debt alone requires \$100 billion a year just to pay the interest. In Hicks' book, he noted too much of the national income was being spent on interest.

International trade is certainly out of balance. The foreign nations are heavily in debt and cannot hope to pay their debts without increasing exports. But as economies contract, nations tend to limit imports.

Political unrest remains a factor. Most of the world remains in a state of conflict or potential conflict. This means large amounts of each nation's wealth must be diverted to arms which are non-productive.

The only one on the list perhaps not strictly applicable is industrial over-expansion, though to be sure what remains of our industrial base is grossly under-utilized at the present.

It is at least interesting to see history repeating itself for the usual reason that no one bothers to learn from it. In our case, we re-adopted, after World War II, the same basic policies we had before the war. The reason was that the same vested interests still controlled the power structure.

The one different factor are the transfer payments made by the welfare state. These did not exist in the 1920s by and large and unemployment then meant a total loss of purchasing power. I fear, however, these are offset by the public debt required to provide them, as well as the heavy taxation.

I think we are going to have a depression, probably preceded by one final attempt to postpone it by inflation. The reason no one else is telling you this is that the politicians and their supporters have no desire at all to admit the extent of the disaster they have created.

Be of good cheer, however. Liquidation is the natural, inevitable end of financial folly. It will not be the end of the world. We will survive. If we are wise, we may grow even stronger as a result.

Life is a merry-go-round. If you miss a disaster, just hang around and catch the re-run.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 1983. There are 337 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On Jan. 28, 1871, Paris surrendered to Germany in the Franco-Prussian War.

On this date: In 1547, 9-year-old Edward VI succeeded as King of England on the death of Henry VIII.

In 1909, the United States ended its direct control of Cuba.

In 1915, President Woodrow Wilson signed legislation creating the U.S. Coast Guard.

In 1932, Japanese troops occupied the city of Shanghai in China.



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Gov. Mark White, at microphone, after he was introduced to give his state of the state address to a joint session of the Texas Legislature Thursday. Left to right, Lt. Gov. Bill

Hobby, Linda Gale White (partially hidden), Janie Vaughn, and her father, former Gov. Dolph Briscoe. On the far right is House Speaker Gib Lewis.

Utility companies uncertain about White's plan that PUC be elected

AUSTIN (AP) — Utility company officials say they fear Gov. Mark White's plan for election of the Public Utility Commission would attract candidates worried only about promising low rates.

"We're apprehensive that candidates for election might run on a platform of penalizing utilities," said Dale Johnson of Southwestern Bell. "Even though such a platform would have temporary appeal, in the long run it would be counterproductive for ratepayers and the utilities."

The White plan, announced Thursday in his "state of the state" speech, calls for scrapping the three-member appointed PUC in favor of a three-member commission elected statewide for six year terms.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby dismissed the idea as "not so hot." It would do little to control rates, according to Hobby, who presides over the Senate.

"I just think it's a greatly overblown issue," he said. "Utility costs are high. Fuel costs are high. If I knew a way to make costs go away, I'd do it. If it were possible by the stroke of a pen or passage of a law to make utility rates go down substantially, obviously that would have long since been done."

Speaker Gib Lewis, however, predicted White's plan has a "very good chance" of winning legislative approval.

White told reporters his proposal was sparked by his look at utility regulation in Texas.

"Every time we look under some other rock on this thing, there's another something that crawls out," he said. "It's just an amazing revelation to see all of the tragedies. A lady burned to death last week in her home in Houston. She had no utilities. Last night, they discovered a lady who died of hypothermia because there were no utilities hooked up."

In his speech to legislators, White said the appointed PUC has become a "captive handmaiden" of the utility companies.

White is using \$163,000 of his campaign funds to bring his elected PUC idea to Texans. In a 30-second television ad, White says, "We must elect our public utility commissioners so they will be directly accountable to you."

Media consultant Roy Spence said another \$30,000 would be spent on newspaper ads.

Graham Painter of Houston Lighting & Power, said, "We think, to the extent possible, regulation should be removed from politics."

T. Louis Austin, Texas Utilities chairman of the board, said, "If we can elect fair-minded people it will be all right. But if somebody runs on the basis of no increase in rates, it would be hard to live with and would hurt the state."

White's plan includes a ban on contributions to PUC candidates by utility companies. State law now bans

political contributions by corporations, but companies use "political action committees" to make donations.

Southwestern Bell, for example, made \$90,000 in political donations through its committee last year.

Sen. Ike Harris, R-Dallas, questioned the legality of banning contributions from utility company interests.

"When you say one person can give to a campaign and another can't, I don't think that will stand up in court," he said.

Johnson said, "As a PAC we have the same rights as any other group would have to contribute to candidates of our choice."

Sen. Kent Caperton, who has introduced a bill identical to the White proposal, said there would be no legal problem in banning donations from utility companies.

"Even assuming there's something unconstitutional about limiting utility companies, I would think we could limit the amount they could give to be an insignificant amount, \$10 or something like that," said Caperton, D-Bryan.

In a similar bill, Sen. Hugh Farmer on Thursday called for \$1,000 limit on donations to PUC candidates, and a ban on donations from utility company interests.

"In the event that the prohibition of campaign contributions is ruled unconstitutional, the \$1,000 limit will serve as a back-up safeguard to prevent the utilities from buying a seat on the PUC," said Farmer, D-Fort Worth.

PUC Chairman Moak Rollins had no comment on the White proposal. The other two commissioners, George Cowden and T.G. Smith, were not in their offices Thursday and unavailable for comment, said PUC spokeswoman Ronna Martin.

White's proposals listed

AUSTIN (AP) — Here are the major proposals recommended by Gov. Mark White in his "state of the state" speech Thursday:

— A "catch-up" pay raise for Texas schoolteachers of 24 percent over the next two years. The same amount was recommended by the Texas Education Agency, and compares to a recommended 18 percent pay raise proposed by the Legislative Budget Board.

— Tax credits to businesses which hire the unemployed.

— Low-interest loans of up to \$20,000 for military veterans to use as house down payments, an idea proposed by Land Commissioner Garry Mauro when he was running for office. At present, veterans can get low-interest, 40-year loans to buy rural land but get no state help in trying to buy a home.

Judge allows media to interview Wood jurors

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A federal judge says he has given the go-ahead for Texas jurors to discuss with the news media the convictions they returned in connection with the 1979 assassination of U.S. District Judge John H. Wood Jr. in San Antonio, Texas.

U.S. District Judge William S. Sessions, who presided at the Wood trial, said he signed the order after receiving a copy of a decision by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The El Paso Times, The San Antonio Express-News, The San Antonio Light and The Associated Press had asked Sessions, and then the 5th Circuit, to allow them to interview the jurors.

The order signed Wednesday by Sessions was in response to the news organizations' challenge of local Rule 500-2, which prohibits the interviewing of jurors in federal trials in the Western District of Texas.

Sessions said his order on the Wood jurors will not take effect and that interviews will not be permitted until the order is officially filed in San Antonio. That could be as late as Monday because Sessions said he is having typographical errors corrected.

He also said no juror could be contacted until receiving a letter from Sessions outlining details of the order, that attorneys or other parties in the case are barred from contacting jurors, that jurors cannot discuss actions or comments of fellow jurors, and that jurors declining comment cannot be harassed.

The first Wood trial in San Antonio ended with three convictions on Dec. 14. Sessions currently is here overseeing the trial of Jamiel "Jimmy" Chagra, who is accused of paying a hitman \$250,000 to murder the judge on May 29, 1979.

The news organizations had asked to be allowed to talk to the jurors after last month's verdicts, but Sessions refused.

Wilson jury selected

HOUSTON (AP) — Attorneys have finished selecting the federal jury that will try a former CIA agent on charges he conspired to smuggle explosives to Libya, a defense lawyer says.

Herald Fahringer, chief counsel for Edwin Wilson, said two alternate panelists were added Thursday evening to the five men and seven women jurors already chosen.

U.S. District Judge Ross Sterling told jurors to return at 9:30 a.m. today.

Fahringer said he expected attorneys would present opening statements, but said they had "other things to take care of" first. He said he could not elaborate.

Wilson, 54, faces charges that he conspired to illegally ship 42,470 pounds of the plastic explosive C-4 from Houston to Libya in unmarked cans in October 1977.

Selection of jurors from the pool of 60 was held behind closed doors.

Twelve people were seated on the jury Thursday morning, but Sterling said he wanted to have two alternates. A second jury pool was summoned and the alternates selected.

Two other men, Edward Bloom, 74, of Pomona, Calif., and Donald Thresher, 41, of Houston, also are charged in the shipment of explosives from Houston. Sterling has granted them trials separate from Wilson.

If convicted, Wilson and Bloom could be sentenced to 17 years in prison and fines of \$145,000.

Mason chosen

AUSTIN (AP) — Elvis Mason, chairman of InterFirst, the largest banking organization in the Southwest, has been named Thursday as head of a bipartisan emergency task force on employment and jobs.

Gov. Mark White said Mason also is chairman of the board of trustees of the John Gray Institute, Beaumont, at Lamar University. He said Mason was instrumental in founding the institute, an organization dedicated to the mutual advancement of business, labor, industry, education and "the general well-being of the economy of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast area."



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Wilcox must leave wife alone

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former "CHIPS" star Larry Wilcox has been found innocent of contempt of court for an altercation with his estranged wife, but was ordered to stay away from her except when visiting their child.

Superior Court Judge Kenneth Black said Thursday he was convinced there had been some "mutual combat" between the 35-year-old actor and Johanna Wilcox, but there was "a small reasonable doubt" Wilcox had wilfully struck her during a Jan. 3 argument.

Black granted Mrs. Wilcox's request for a restraining order barring her husband from coming within 100 yards of her except when exercising his visitation rights to their 20-month-old daughter, Wendy.

Mrs. Wilcox, 34, had accused Wilcox of contempt of court for allegedly disobeying a May court order barring him from striking, restraining or harassing her.

She testified Wednesday that he struck her about the upper body when she refused to discuss a financial settlement in their divorce when he visited her Woodland Hills home. Her attorney, Robert V. Madden, said she suffered bruises but was not seriously injured.

Wilcox, who took the stand Wednesday and Thursday, said he only struck his wife after she slapped him.

Ruling on a separate motion by Mrs. Wilcox, Black also ordered Wilcox to pay \$3,750 in monthly spousal support and \$500 a month for child support pending a property settlement when their divorce case comes to trial March 22.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A ride by Gov. Bob Graham with the Florida Highway Patrol might land him in court, because the lawyer for a man arrested on a drunken driving charge wants him to testify.

Graham was riding with the patrol on Nov. 13, to find out more about law enforcement, when a trooper arrested Michael Durmiaki.

"Whoever is present at the scene is fair game, in my opinion," said public defender Gary Cowart, who wants to subpoena the governor. "It might have a great impact on the jury that the governor's down here testifying."

Graham, however, has no intention of appearing in court and has turned the matter over to his lawyers, said spokesman Steve Hull.

"The governor has worked on several law enforcement jobs, but there has never been one in which people subpoenaed him," said Hull.

Prosecutor Chris Pole said Graham's presence at the scene had nothing to do with the arrest.

"The governor was nothing more than an observer," said Pole. "He didn't make any arrests."

ELLICOTT CITY, Md. (AP) — An assault charge filed against rhythm and blues singer Lou Rawls has been dropped, after the plaintiff said she no longer wanted to pursue the case.

The charge stemmed from a dispute following a concert by Rawls last July at the Merriweather Post Pavilion in nearby Columbia.



Larry Wilcox

Sally C. Carroll, identified in court papers as Rawls' personal assistant, said the singer "struck me with his fist on the right cheek, eye and nose, causing fractures."

Rawls' lawyer said the 49-year-old singer was innocent of the charge. After Ms. Carroll decided to drop charges, Howard County District Judge R. Russell Sadler agreed Wednesday to dismiss the case.

ATLANTA (AP) — The Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference from 1968 to 1977, may require surgery at Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore.

Doctors are determining whether the civil rights leader is healthy enough to have a bypass operation on a cerebral artery.

His doctor in Atlanta, Dr. Bernard J. Bridges, said the 56-year-old Abernathy was admitted to Crawford Long Hospital here last week after his speech became slurred.

Tests showed "symptoms of an early or incomplete stroke manifested by the slurred speech," Bridges said.

Abernathy's daughter, Donzaleigh Abernathy, said her father was flown Thursday night to Baltimore and admitted to Johns Hopkins for observation.

PARIS (AP) — Louis de Funes, France's most popular comic actor, died following a heart attack, sources at a hospital in Nantes said today. He was 68.

The typical de Funes character — a small man with flashing eyes and rapid speech — brought laughter to millions of fans in France and abroad.

It was not until the mid-1940s that he made his first appearance on the stage and he was 40 before his career took off. Between 1954 and 1963, de Funes appeared in more than 100 comic films.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Frank Bane, first administrator of Social Security, is dead at 89. Bane helped organize Social Security, started in 1935, and served as the first executive director of the old Social Security Board from 1935 to 1938.

He died Sunday of cancer at a nursing home in Alexandria, Va.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (AP) — Michael Patrick Bilon, a 2-foot-10, 45-pound midget who played the character "E.T." in major portions of the hit movie "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial," died Thursday of complications resulting from pneumonia. He was 35.

Bilon had acted in several films, most notably "Under the Rainbow," which starred Chevy Chase.

NEW YORK (AP) — Henry Schwartz, founder of the Paragon Oil Co. and president of the Brookdale Foundation, died Saturday at age 86.

Schwartz and his four brothers — Irving, Robert, Benjamin and Arnold — founded Paragon in 1925. The company became a division of Texaco, Inc. after World War II.

LODI, Wis. (AP) — Albin C. Wopat, father of actor Tom Wopat of the "Dukes of Hazard" television program, died Thursday of a heart attack. He was 63.

Jewish Daily Forward takes step backward

NEW YORK (AP) — After 86 years of news, advice, poetry and fiction, all written in Yiddish, The Jewish Daily Forward is taking a step backward. After today's final edition, it becomes a weekly, partly because it helped so many Jewish immigrants learn English.

Editor in chief Simeon Weber, sitting in his second-floor office of the paper's midtown Manhattan headquarters, offered to read from his editorial for today's edition. He pulled the handwritten text from the desk drawer and began, translating into English, but didn't get very far.

"I can't," he said, putting the paper down. "I don't want to bring back the tears." The tears came just the same. He dried his eyes, smiled and added, "The past is so much nicer."

The Forward was founded in 1897, financed by the contributions of workers and tradesmen of New York's garment district. A strong advocate of democratic socialism and trade unions in its early years, it has maintained close ties to organized labor.

At its height during World War I, the Forward was the wealthiest and most widely read Yiddish newspaper in the country. It had a circulation of 200,000, with separate editions in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Los Angeles.

It explained the workings of American democracy to its readers, most of them poor, uneducated immigrants from Eastern Europe. It served as counselor and confidant, counseling generations of readers with its famous advice column, A Bintel Brief, or A Package of Letters.

It published fiction and poetry of the most prominent Jewish writers, among them Elie Wiesel and Isaac Bashevis Singer, who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1978. Singer still sends Weber handwritten Yiddish drafts of his short stories, which appear first in the Forward.

The Forward taught many Jews to read English, meaning they no longer needed a paper in their native language, and helped prompt the decision to go weekly. Circulation has dropped to 20,000 or less.

Mellon donates art works

WASHINGTON (AP) — A major collection of 19th and 20th century European and American art works has been given to the National Gallery of Art by Paul Mellon, son of the museum's founder.

President Reagan announced the gift Thursday night at a white-tie dinner opening the gallery's rebuilt ground-floor exhibition rooms.

Reagan noted that President Franklin D. Roosevelt had been present for the opening of the original building financed by Andrew W. Mellon, and that President Carter opened the new East Building five years ago.

"It's taken 42 years, but now a Republican has a chance to share in the fun," Reagan told more than 200 art patrons, museum supporters and government officials assembled to honor of the elder Mellon, who conceived the idea of a national gallery, put up the building and gave it his personal collection of 125 paintings and 24 works of sculpture.

Paul Mellon, who with his sister Ailsa Mellon Bruce donated the modern East Building, on Thursday gave the National Gallery 93 works, including many important impressionist and post-impressionist paintings by such major artists as Claude Monet, Eugene Boudin, Paul Gauguin, Mary Cassatt, Vincent Van Gogh, Pierre Auguste Renoir and Georges Seurat.

The collection, which has been exhibited at the National Gallery on loan for some time, also includes more than 20 paintings, prints and drawings by American artist George Bellows.

The gallery declined to estimate the dollar value of the gift, but many of the paintings are believed to be worth more than \$1 million each if sold privately.

Lottery winner gives away windfall

BRUSH, Colo. (AP) — A woman who won \$10,000 in the new state lottery, and remembers when she didn't have a dollar for her sons, is giving away some of her prize money to children in this northeast Colorado town.

"I'll get a million dollars' worth of good" from handing out the cash in the community of 3,600, said Barbara Richter, 47.

She said she is giving out \$5 at a time. "Any more (money), people tell their kids, 'Don't take anything from strangers,' but I tell them who I am, and ask if they know I won a lot of money. Most say yes," Mrs. Richter said.

She said she isn't telling the children how to spend their windfalls, recalling her days as a single parent and not having any money to give her four sons.

The Forward will still publish once a week. "This is not an obituary," said Walter Kirschenbaum, a member of the paper's board of directors.

But for Weber, who has worked as a reporter and editor at the paper for 44 of his 71 years, a weekly will not be the same. He will stay on as editor, but his work load will be cut.

"I'm still going to be working, but the fact that I am not going to see the product each day will be peculiar," he said.

Among those mourning the decision to stop printing seven days a week is Singer, who published some of his first short stories in this country in the Daily Forward.

"It helped me make a living, which is not a small thing for a young writer," Singer said.

Singer, who began as a copy editor and reporter at the Forward in 1935, is still listed as a staff writer and continues to receive a weekly pay check, although he said it will be cut in half now.

Weber plans to run the final installment of Singer's autobiography in the first edition of the weekly, and in the following weeks, two short stories, "Gifts" and "The Divorce."

The Forward's style was established by its first editor, Abraham Cahan, who guided it for nearly 50 years and whose name is still revered by the staff.

Cahan was "oriented toward the reader," Weber said, and insisted on human interest stories. The emphasis on easy-to-read features, criticized by some readers at first, was a precursor of the trend in many newspapers.

In 1906, Cahan began publishing the Bintel Brief column, in which readers asked questions from the worldly to the mundane.

For example, there was the agnostic Jew who agonized about whether he should go to Temple to recite the mourner's prayer after his father's death. His mother wanted him to go, he wrote, but wouldn't that be hypocrisy?

Don't disappoint your mother. Go pray for him, counseled the Forward.

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