

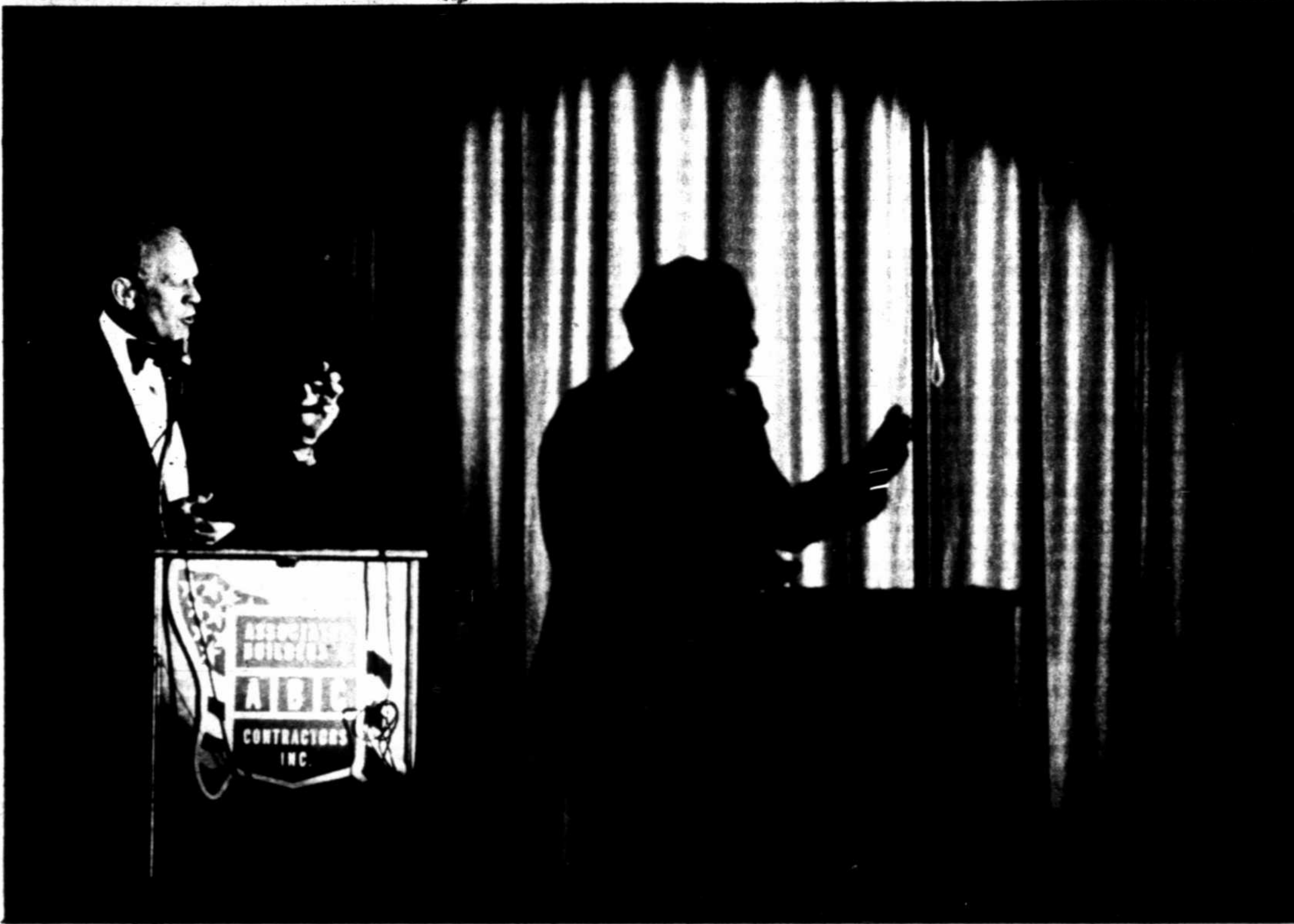


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Out of the shadows

His shadow captured in the spotlight, former President Gerald Ford gestures to emphasize a point during his talk Tuesday night

to a dinner crowd in Midland Center. He focused on the assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and problems in the Mi-

deast. The \$500-per-couple dinner was sponsored by the Permian Basin Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors.

Ford focuses on Sadat's assassination

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

Still recovering from the 60-hour whirlwind trip to Egypt to attend Anwar Sadat's funeral, former President Gerald Ford focused the beginning of his talk Tuesday night on the Egyptian leader's assassination and future for the Middle East.

Ford was guest speaker for the \$500-per-couple dinner in Midland Center sponsored by the Permian Basin Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors. Proceeds from that dinner will go to establish a training school for the building trades in this area.

Speaking hesitantly and without organization at first, Ford said his beginning remarks would be predicated by the trip he took less than two weeks ago with former presidents Jimmy Carter and Richard Nixon. The three represented the United States at Sadat's funeral in Cairo. During the second half of his speech, Ford concentrated on the economy with the familiar words rolling out in a systematic fashion.

Sadat, in Ford's view, "was a leader of great wisdom, courage and dedication. He will be badly missed as we try to find a solution to the controversial issues of the Middle East."

After reviewing the assassination, Ford said he is convinced that more than four persons were involved.

"MY SPECULATION is that there must be more to the assassination than four people dressed as the military. That assassination was so well-planned and so skillfully executed," he said. "I'm personally convinced that more than four persons were involved."

Contributing to the success of the killing was the inadequacy of Sadat's security people, Ford added. "The security people connected to Sadat weren't doing their job. Pictures show there was no reaction by them. Those involved in the so-called protection weren't in place to do their essential job."

Ford praised Sadat's widow, Jihan, calling her "one of the most outstanding women in the world today."

Mrs. Sadat told the three former U.S. presidents that her husband "died in the cause of peace," and Ford agreed with that assessment. He

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Midland police officer suspended pending probe

By RICHARD ORR
Staff Writer

A three-year veteran of the city police force has been suspended without pay in the wake of an incident last week which sent a Midland youth to the hospital for emergency treatment of head injuries.

In a memo to City Personnel Director David Hunter Tuesday, Chief of Police Wayne Gideon said: "On Oct. 19, I received a complaint from a Mr. Walter Sowell, 116 South County Road, Midland, concerning an alleged civil rights violation involving Officer Terry Lowe."

"I have reviewed video film of the arrest-procedure and I am of the opinion Officer Terry Lowe is in violation of article 2-20 of the Midland Police Department rules and regulation 'use of force' and under the City of Midland Personnel Policies...specifically 'mistreatment of the public.'"

"I have notified Officer Terry Lowe of his immediate suspension without pay pending the completion of an internal investigation of the matter."

Gideon said Tuesday afternoon two other officers involved in the alleged beating also were under investigation but had not been suspended "at this time." They are reportedly a sergeant and a booking desk officer.

Gideon declined to discuss the matter further, except to deny reports from police sources who say Lowe's suspension marks the first time in memory that an officer has been suspended without pay while an investigation was taking place.

"No, it has happened before," said Gideon. He did not elaborate.

Sowell, a 17-year-old furniture store employee who is 6 feet, 2 inches and weighs 130 pounds, was arrested at 1:30 a.m. Oct. 16 on charges of public intoxication, disorderly conduct and offensive language to a police officer. His mother, Dorthea Sowell, has been a cook at the city jail for about a year.

Sowell told The Reporter-Telegram he contacted the law firm of Odessa attorney Warren Burnett about handling the case, but would not say if they had agreed to take it.

Sowell also said he had never been arrested before and claims he was beaten at the booking desk and later in an isolation cell the night of his arrest.

He was treated for head injuries at Midland Memorial Hospital and received eight or nine stitches to close a scalp laceration, according to hospital records.

Lowe, 32, has worked for the department since Aug. 16, 1978. He was assigned a canine unit and worked the "hot hours" of police duty: 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. His monthly pay was \$1,769.

He's a decorated Marine Corps Vietnam veteran and an underwater explosives expert who received Navy frogman training and went through Army Airborne School.

Lowe was hospitalized for stab wounds received in the line of duty the night of Aug. 5, 1979. No arrests were made in the case.

Lowe declined comment on his suspension, other than to say he has contacted the police union's attorney about the matter. The investigation is expected to be completed in a few days, according to Gideon.

'Freedom of choice' failed

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

Odessa public school officials, in an allegedly token effort to desegregate schools, offered secondary students a "freedom of choice" to attend whatever other Odessa schools they wanted in 1955 following a U.S. Supreme Court order to desegregate schools.

But no students from the black and Mexican-American communities opted to switch from the "colored" school, Blackshear Junior-Senior high school, to the all-white Odessa High School in the 1955-56 school year, testified Edward Downing, director of special services for the Ector County Independent School District and former principal of Blackshear.

Likewise, no white students elected to transfer to Blackshear.

Downing was testifying in federal court in Midland on Tuesday in a 10-year-old case to determine if Odessa school officials intentionally sidestepped desegregation and maintained a dual system of education.

U.S. Department of Justice attorney Richard Epps asked Downing why no black students transferred to the Anglo school or why Anglo students did not transfer to the black school.

"I suppose they were happy in the schools they were attending," said Downing, a black educator who testified that "We were instructed to an-

nounce it (the freedom-of-choice plan) in classes and assemblies."

THE "HITCH" to the choice in 1955 and in subsequent years was that Odessa schools, unlike many across the nation, did not offer intra-city busing. School officials there practiced the neighborhood concept of education, as did Midland until the late 1960s.

In the mid-1960s, school officials again passed the freedom-of-choice resolution, and relatively few black students elected to transfer to Anglo schools. Then, in 1965, about 30 Blackshear students "decided to transfer to Ector (High School), which was built about 1957, testified Howard Butler,

former principal of Ector High School.

In the trial before U.S. District Judge Fred Shannon of San Antonio, the government is trying to show that Odessa school officials operated a systematic dual-education program for Anglos and non-Anglos and condoned "educational inequities."

ECISD's court thrust is to show otherwise—that it offered students the option of which schools to attend under the freedom-of-choice policy.

JUDGE SHANNON is hearing the case in lieu of the federal court's Midland-Odessa Division's resident

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UW reaches 45.8 percent of 1982 goal

With the United Way of Midland's campaign for 1982 at its halfway mark, volunteers reported at noon today a total of \$617,829.95, or 45.8 percent of this year's goal of \$1.35 million.

At a report meeting today at the Yucca Theatre, Campaign Chairman George W. Bush noted that figure reached the objective of 45 percent for the first reporting period.

"I am very pleased with our first results," Bush noted, adding "the time has come to re-double our efforts if we are to reach 70 percent of goal just one week from now and complete our drive in three weeks."

More than \$300,000 in additional contributions are needed by next week if the drive is to stay on schedule, Bush added.

According to United Way groupings of contributors by field of employment, major oil companies and their employees are nearest completing their objective, having reached 67.4 percent of their projected total. Chairman of the Major Oil Section is Dan Mendell.

Other sections leading in collections include Finance and Services, Marilyn Culp, chairman; Manufacturing, Jim Ingram, chairman; Intermediate Oil Companies, Will Green, chairman; and Professional, Jane Wolf, chairman.

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Plans complete for reunion

Plans have been finalized for the staging of the 12th biennial reunion of Permian Basin Petroleum Pioneers here Oct. 30, according to Chairman Jno. P. Butler.

He announced a change in location for one of the reunion's major events, stating that the evening reception for both men and women will be held in the Midland Hilton, rather than at the Petroleum Club, as previously announced. The function is scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m.

The men's luncheon, at which Gov. Bill Clements will be the featured speaker, also will be held at the Hilton.

A reception and luncheon for the women will be held at the Midland Country Club, with bus service from the hotel to be provided. Mrs. Clements will be the guest of honor.

Tours of Midland and vicinity and the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame will highlight the afternoon entertainment.

Butler said that advance registration indicates a record attendance at this year's celebration.

The event is sponsored by the Permian Basin Petroleum Pioneers Association; in cooperation with the Petroleum Committee of the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

The registration desk will open at 9 a.m. on the day of the reunion at the Hilton, staffed by members of the Midland Desk and Derrick Club. A coffee and visitation period will begin at 9:30 a.m.

All men and women who were engaged in some phase of the oil business in the Permian Basin area of West Texas and Southeast New Mexico at least 30 years ago, prior to Oct. 30, 1951, qualify as Permian Basin Petroleum Pioneers. Those persons who are eligible and who have not previously enrolled as pioneers are invited to do so at the Chamber of Commerce, Les Weatherall, membership chairman, said.

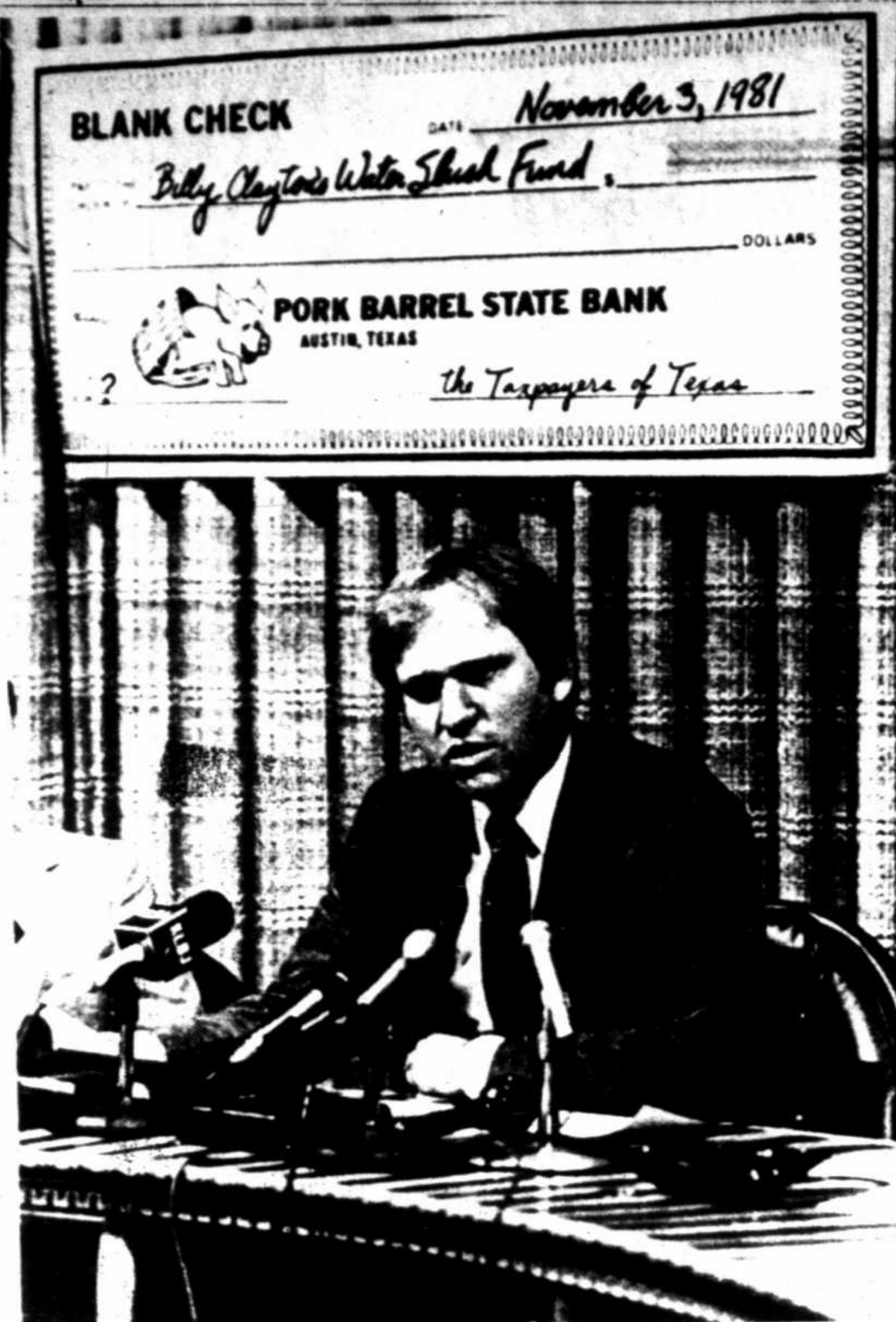
17-year-old suspect held following Tuesday night shooting incident

A 17-year-old suspect was in custody at the county jail this morning following a shooting early last night that left one man dead.

Ron Ferrenburg, no age or address immediately available, died in Midland Memorial Hospital shortly before midnight, according to a sheriff's department investigator who said the

shooting took place about 6 p.m. in the yard of a residence on County Road 174, a quarter-mile east of CR 170 South.

Ferrenburg reportedly suffered a gunshot wound to the head. A .38-caliber revolver was taken into evidence. The suspect was expected to be formally charged with murder later today.



Rep. Bill Keese, D-Somerville, at a news conference Tuesday, says Citizens Against Water Taxes would reject the water fund constitutional amendment if they understood how it would affect their pocketbooks.

Bentsen seeks Senate study of agricultural subsidization

By CHARLES RICHARDS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Lloyd Bentsen has called for Senate hearings into what he said is unfair subsidization of agricultural products by European countries.

Europe's policy of subsidizing its surplus production for export purposes raised Europe's share of the world market from 6.2 percent in 1970 to 15.6 percent in 1980, Bentsen said Tuesday.

The Texas Democrat wrote Sen. John C. Danforth, R-Mo., chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on International Trade, to call hearings as soon as possible on the problem.

Bentsen is the ranking Democrat on the subcommittee.

"This policy is having disastrous effects upon U.S. agricultural exports to markets other than Europe. In a diverse range of products from poultry to barley and sugar, European market shares have shot up on the basis of subsidies," Bentsen said.

Bentsen said the European nations are supposed to be bound by an agreement not to grant export subsidies on agricultural products if it produces more than an equitable share of world export trade in the product.

Hearings should touch not only on that point, but on what remedies are available to U.S. exporters and whether those remedies are effective, he added.

The recent Multilateral Trade Negotiations were intended to abolish hidden practices that give one country trade advantages over another. Section 301 of the 1974 Trade Act provides for the filing of complaints if U.S. exporters feel their competitors in other countries are acting unfairly.

The complaints are filed through the president's special trade representative. "I am concerned that Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 as amended is not being used appropriately," Bentsen wrote Danforth.

The problem should be addressed "before the Europeans make our access to markets virtually impossible through increased market share, long-term contracts, and sharply increased subsidies," Bentsen said.

Texas expresses his interest in return to gold standard

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Texas congressman has made another pitch for the United States to solve many of its monetary problems by returning to the gold standard.

Rep. Ron Paul, R-Lake Jackson, testified Tuesday in a House subcommittee that he shares the concern with high interest rates, but said they are not the problem in themselves.

"I don't see high interest rates as the disease but as a symptom, a symptom of a very sick currency," Paul told the House Consumer Affairs Subcommittee.

Paul, ranking Republican on the subcommittee, is a member of the U.S. Commission on Gold Policy, which is studying the role of gold in domestic and international monetary affairs.

"You must get to the core of the problem by addressing monetary policy. When you have a sound currency,

you don't have 20 percent interest rates. The problem is caused by the never-ending expansion of money and credit," Paul said. The cure is a return to the gold standard, he added.

Paul's comments came during hearings by the subcommittee on two bills designed to override interest rate ceilings imposed by states on consumer loans.

Two lawyers for the subcommittee testified Tuesday they made an undercover investigation of furniture stores and auto dealer showrooms in Texas and Arkansas to compare their prices.

Their investigation turned up no evidence, they said, to suggest that things are significantly worse for consumers in Arkansas, the state with the lowest usury ceiling in the nation.

Amendment has about 50-50 chance

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A pollster for Citizens Against Water Taxes says a recent poll shows the water fund constitutional amendment has a slightly more than 50-50 chance of passing.

The organization said, however, Texans would defeat the proposal on the Nov. 3 ballot if they "understood how it would affect their pocketbooks."

Rep. Bill Keese, D-Somerville, and environmentalist Stuart Henry held a news conference Tuesday to discuss the results of a poll taken by Opinion Analysts Inc. between Sept. 21 and Oct. 1.

The poll showed 38 percent of the 806 persons polled favored the water proposal while 17 percent opposed it and 44 percent were undecided.

Pollster Jeffrey Smith said because the election

will be a "low-interest, low-turnout election," the results could not be taken at face value.

"If the proposal shows a two-to-one favorable margin in the poll, it is probably at about a break-even position. Thus, our statewide results would indicate a slightly more than even chance of the amendment passing at this time," Smith said.

He said the poll had a sampling error of "about 4 percent."

Smith's report said the favorable response to the amendment dropped when those polled were asked if they would vote for it even if they learned it would allow the Legislature "to by-pass constitutional spending limits." He said 43 percent of those favoring the proposal said they would be less likely to vote for it if that were the case.

Opponents of water trust fund amendment reveal results of poll

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Opponents of the proposed water trust fund amendment Tuesday released the results of a poll they contend show that Texas voters would reject the proposal "if they understood how it would affect their pocketbooks."

State Rep. Bill Keese, D-Somerville, said the poll shows that the proposed amendment, which will appear as Proposition 4 on the Nov. 3 general election ballot, has a "slightly more than even chance" of passing at this time.

"If the fiscal impact of the proposed 'water tax amendment' is even partly understood, however, the voters would overwhelmingly reject this proposal," Keese said.

The poll, commissioned by Citizens Against Water Taxes and conducted in late September by Opinion Analysts Inc. of Austin, shows 38 percent of the voters questioned favored the amendment, while 17 percent opposed it. A total of 44 percent of the 806 voters questioned were undecided.

However, when asked if they would favor the amendment if they learned that it would allow the Texas Legislature to "bypass constitutional spending limits," 48 percent said they would be less likely to vote for Proposition 4, while 23 percent said it would make no difference and 18 percent were unsure.

"Texas voters overwhelmingly said they didn't want to be lied to again," Keese said. "In 1979, Texas voters approved a constitutional amendment limiting the increase in state spending to the same rate as the growth of the Texas economy as a whole. Today, the same people who proposed that 'spending limit' are attempting to subvert and effectively repeal it with the 'water tax amendment,' which would automatically spend half of whatever tax revenue might remain in the treasury over and above the spending limit."

Keese said that, as a legislator, he represents statements by proponents of the amendment that the Legislature would "fritter away" those funds if not dedicated to the water plan.

"What we are talking about is taxes and spending," Keese said. "The adoption of Proposition 4 would probably necessitate the largest tax increase in Texas history."

"Texas has avoided new or increased state taxes for the past decade only because there have been surpluses in each budget period which have been used to keep up with inflation and unexpected emergencies," Keese said. "If those excess taxes are already spent, the Legislature will have no alternative but to impose new taxes — possibly a personal or corporate income tax — or drastically reduced needed services such as aid to public education and highway maintenance."

Common Cause board opposes water trust fund

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Common Cause said Tuesday its state board has voted to oppose proposed amendments to create a so-called water trust fund and to establish a state finance management committee.

The board at its meeting this month voted to support only one of seven amendments on the Nov. 3 ballot, one that would grant an East Texas farmer and others in this situation clear title to their land.

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Austin attorney Stuart Henry, representing the Sierra Club, added that passage of the amendment is almost sure to result in increases in local property taxes and water bills in order to finance revenue bonds issued under the water plan.

Keese said groups opposing the proposition will be touring the state soon to "educate" the voters about the adverse impacts of Proposition 4. Henry added that Citizens Against Water Taxes so far has collected only \$10,000 to support their efforts to defeat the measure.

"Obviously, the problem is overcoming the hundred of thousands of dollars that the lobbyists, bond lawyers, contractors and other special interest groups who stand to profit from the adoption of the 'water tax amendment' are willing to spend to mislead the voters," Keese said. "They can't win this election unless they buy it — and that's what they're trying to do."

The proposal would dedicate half the state treasury surplus — defined as the difference between revenue collected in a biennium and the state spending limit — to a fund to finance water projects. The Legislature could spend the money on other things, however, by majority vote.

The spending limit says state expenditures may not rise faster than the growth rate of the Texas economy.

In an apparent reference to Speaker Bill Clayton, the architect of the Water Trust Fund proposal, Keese said, "Today, the same people who proposed that 'spending limit' are attempting to subvert and effectively repeal it with the Water Tax Amendment, which would automatically spend half of whatever might remain in the Treasury over and above the spending limit."

Austin Mayor Carole McClellan, general chairman of Water for Texas, which supports the amendment, said:

"Not satisfied with the results of their poll, however, the opposition has tried desperately to come up with a finding in keeping with its own views by injecting a misleading question based on the assertion that passage of the Water Trust Fund amendment would allow the Legislature to bypass constitutional spending limits. Such a question is shameful deception."

Henry said Citizens Against Water Taxes has only \$10,000 in its campaign treasury and would fight the amendment mainly by sending caravans of speakers over the state.

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State flood panel named

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A House committee to study new methods of controlling floods was named Tuesday by Speaker Bill Clayton.

Rep. Rodney Tow, D-Conroe, was appointed chairman of the committee, which also includes Reps. Gerald Geistweidt, R-Mason, vice chairman; Chip Staniswalis, R-Amarillo; Gerald Hill, D-Austin; and Joe Hanna, D-Breckenridge.

"Damaging flood water resulting in the loss of property and lives have ravaged many areas of our state," Clayton said in a statement. "Moreover, the high cost of flooding disasters has become a serious burden on individuals and local governments."

The committee will make recommendations to the 1983 Legislature.

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Army private waives jury trial

By BEN DE FOREST
Associated Press Writer

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Against the advice of his defense attorney, a white Army private accused of the "22-caliber" slayings of three blacks waived his right to be tried by a jury.

Joseph Christopher, 26, made the surprise motion Tuesday as jury selection began in Supreme Court. Christopher has pleaded innocent to second-degree murder charges in the separate shootings of two black men and a black teen-ager in Erie County in September 1980.

Christopher has also been indicted for a murder in New York City and for a homicide in Niagara Falls. The New York slaying was one of four in one day that police believe are related, but Christopher has not been charged in the other three. He also has not been charged in two other upstate New York slayings that police believe are related to the "22-caliber" killings.

"I feel you're an educated man. You know the law, and you're the judge," Christopher told Judge William Flynn after the judge explained to him his rights to a jury trial.

"Your honor, I don't approve of this ... It is not consistent with my advice," defense attorney Mark Mahoney said.

And Christopher balked for a moment after Flynn told him he would have to sign a waiver to a jury trial.

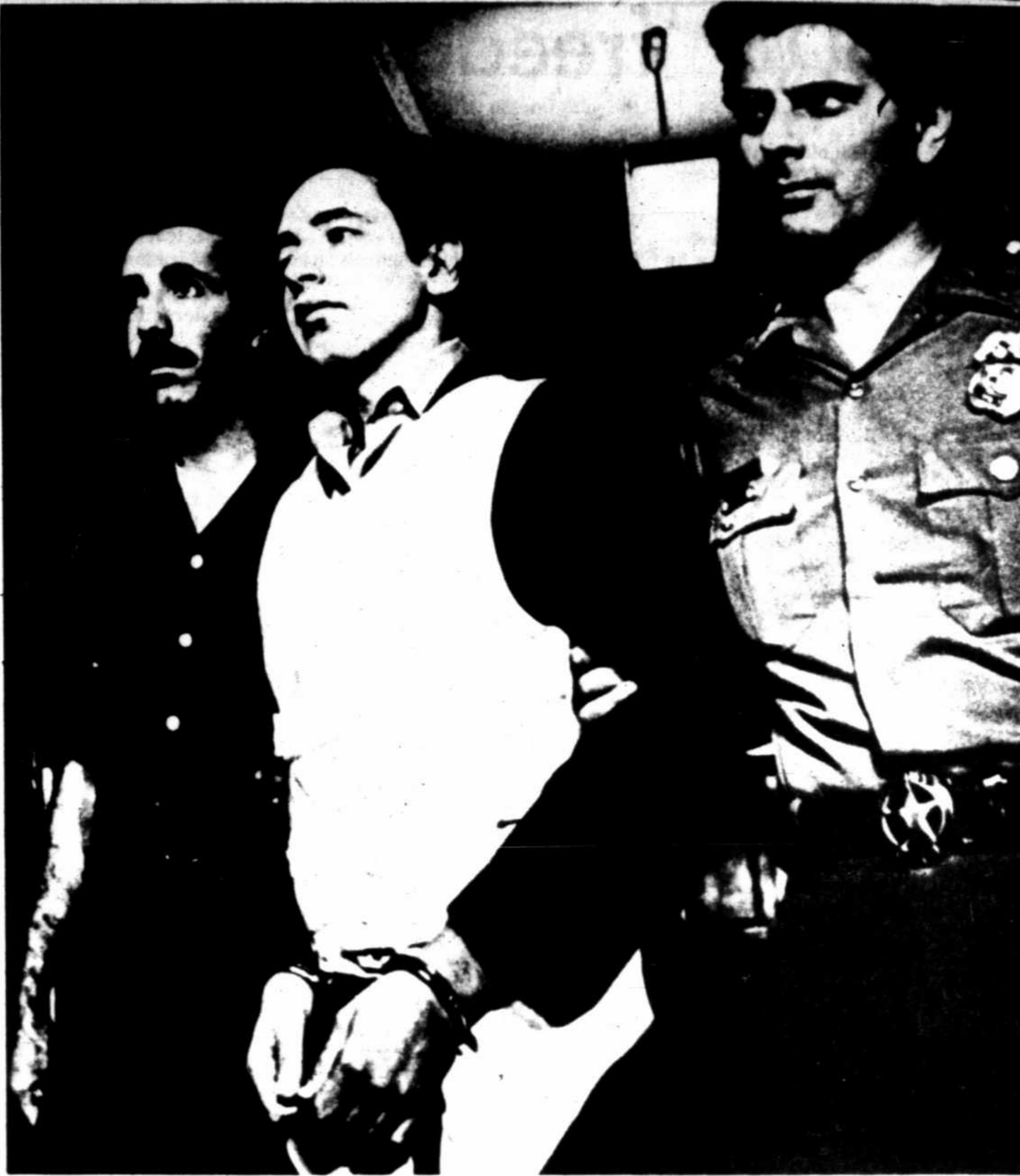
"I'm not signing nothing. Just put it on record I'm waiving a jury trial," Christopher said in a court that was cleared of spectators except for reporters and his mother, Therese.

But he signed the document after Flynn ordered jury selection to continue and seven prospective jurors had been dismissed.

Mahoney objected, asking Flynn for a further hearing.

"Am I on trial against an indictment or against my attorney?" Christopher asked.

No date was set for opening statements or the calling of first witness. The trial is expected to last three to four weeks.



Joseph G. Christopher, charged with four counts of second-degree murder in connection with the slaying of four black men last

fall, is led to court in Buffalo, N.Y., by county sheriff's deputies to begin his trial.

Chief prosecutor says media biased toward Vickie

By MIKE COCHRAN
Associated Press Writer

LIBERTY, Texas (AP) — Flashing traces of anger, the chief prosecutor in Vickie Daniel's murder trial says he wants only the truth in the slaying of former Texas House Speaker Price Daniel Jr.

"I'm not trying to hide anything," Liberty County District Attorney Carroll Wilborn told a cluster of newsmen after Tuesday's testimony.

"We're just trying to find out what happened."

Obviously upset by media coverage he considered biased toward the defendant, the normally affable Wilborn declared, "I can't help the fact that there were two witnesses to the killing and one of them is in the ground ... I'm just doing my job. I'm not

going to walk in and dismiss the case.

"She admitted that she shot him. If she intentionally did the act that caused the death, then it's murder."

The state charges that Mrs. Daniel, 34, did knowingly and intentionally shoot her 39-year-old husband on Jan. 19. She never has denied firing the fatal shot, but said it was an accident.

Her murder trial is in its third week.

Not unlike the victim, Wilborn is a member of a wealthy and quite prominent Southeast Texas family.

He all but said he doesn't need the job of district attorney, which he doesn't. But supporters are quick to say Wilborn accepted the case because he's not one to sidestep responsibility.

"Are you going to seek re-election?" he was asked by a reporter.

"Why?" he smiled. "Am I doing that bad?"

The problem to a large extent would appear that despite the power and prestige of the Daniel family, sympathy rides largely with the blond defendant.

"That's the risk I assumed when I took on this case," Wilborn said in a response to a question.

"It's been a difficult case for me ... but don't sell us short until you hear the whole case."

The district attorney's comments stemmed in part from the testimony of the state's 11th witness, an identification expert from the Harris County Sheriff's Department.

Sgt. J. D. Satcher told the jury he wanted to

compare fingerprints removed from the death weapon with those of the victim but no prints were available before Daniel was buried.

Wilborn labeled the lack of prints an "investigative mess-up."

During Tuesday's testimony, the victim's younger brother — Houston Daniel — said he arrived at the home of

Price and Vickie Daniel about 7:30 p.m. the night of the shooting, Jan. 19, and found medical technicians trying to restrain Mrs. Daniel.

However, Daniel said he did not know what transpired in the Daniel house that night.

"I have an opinion," he said.

"But you don't know?"

asked defense lawyer Jack Zimmerman.

"No," Daniel replied.

Dr. Jerry Bunce, who treated Mrs. Daniel after the shooting, did not tell her Price was dead until the following day, he said.

"After I told her he was dead, she became hysterical again," he said.

"I don't know why I killed Glenn."

lawyer, Thomas J. Saunders, opposes his client's death penalty request.

"When I saw the autopsy photos, it sent chills through me," Scott said Tuesday. "I don't know why I killed Glenn."

The sentencing hearing was scheduled to continue today. Mental health specialists were to testify for both the state and defense, and Scott's

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More commissioners sentenced

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Two more former county commissioners have been sentenced to prison as the result of an investigation into allegations of bribery and kickbacks among county officials and equipment sales representatives in Texas and Oklahoma.

were ordered to serve three years probation after the end of their prison sentences. In addition, Parrish was ordered to repay \$4,246.92 to Titus County, and Reese was ordered to make restitution of \$1,246.20.

Former Titus County commissioners Carthel "Shorty" Reese and Alvin Parrish Jr. on Tuesday were sentenced to 18 months in prison and fined \$2,500 by U.S. District Judge William Steger of Tyler.

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Labor workers warned of layoffs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some 3,500 Labor Department employees are on notice that they could lose their jobs because of agency budget cuts, sources say.

The sources, declining to be named publicly, stressed that the notices of a possible reduction in force were only preliminary and were necessitated by union contract provisions requiring 60-day notice of possible firings.

"Before an actual RIF (reduction in force) could take place, specific individuals would have to get specific notices," one source said.

He said all of those receiving the general notice of possible termination work for the Employment and Training Administration, which was most affected by the \$7.8 billion in cuts announced early this year as part of the first wave of Reagan administration budget-slashing.

The notices of possible reduction in force were sent to some 3,500 ETA employees on Monday under terms of the agency's contract with Local 12 of the American Federation of Government Employees, said the sources, who declined to be identified publicly.

The "letters of intent," given to some 1,100 ETA employees working in Washington and about 2,400 others working in field offices around the country, do not mean that all of those people will be terminated, the sources said.

They said the letters merely represent the Labor Department's compliance with provisions in its union contract.

One source said that as many as 500 ETA employees could be terminated, "but that decisions on which employees will be affected have not been made."

"We don't really know how many will actually be affected because that depends on whether the further budget cuts are approved by Congress," he said.

Since President Reagan sought — and won from Congress — some \$35 billion in department and agency budget reductions this summer, the president has ordered all agencies to slash their spending by another 12 percent in fiscal 1982, which began Oct. 1.

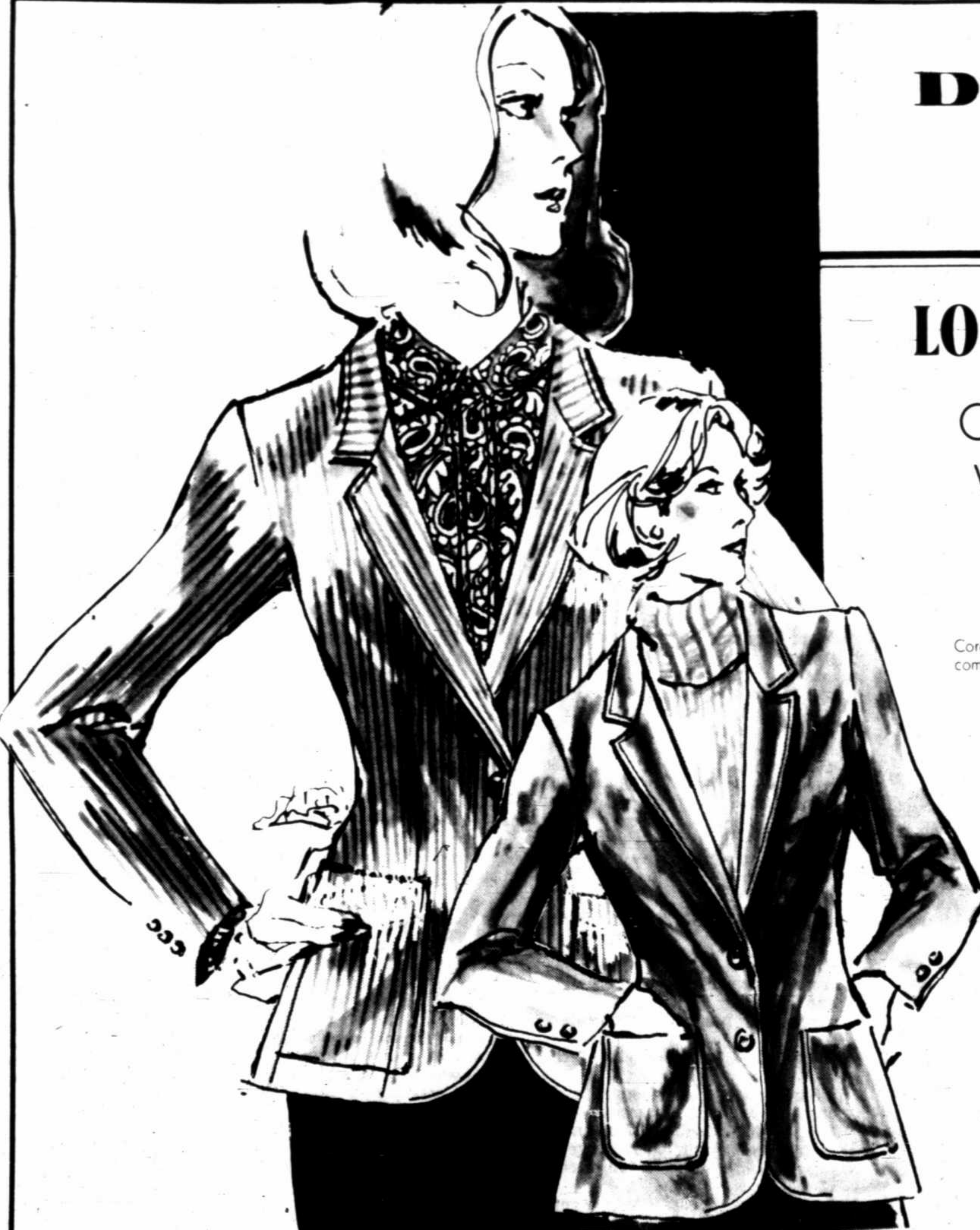
Labor Department officials had said earlier that as many as 2,500 of the agency's 20,000 employees here and around the country might lose their jobs. The agency's overall work force at the start of 1981 was 21,500.

The sources said the 1,500 terminations this year had been achieved through normal attrition.

Most affected by fiscal 1982 budget cuts at the Labor Department was the federally subsidized public service jobs program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

Some 310,000 CETA public service jobs were phased out at the end of fiscal 1981 on Sept. 30.

Agency officials have refused to say whether other CETA programs would be affected by the second wave of budget cuts.



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Reagan keeps open mind as he flies to summit

By GEORGE GEDDA
Associated Press Writer

CANCUN, Mexico (AP) — President Reagan, expecting opposition to his free-market prescriptions for the Third World, is keeping an open mind as he flies to this island resort for an unprecedented 22-nation economic summit, U.S. officials say.

Reagan's emphasis on the role of private enterprise in improving living conditions and domestic economies in developing countries puts him at odds with many of the leaders attending the conference.

Reagan himself acknowledged last week that he will be entering a "hostile atmosphere" among some "who simply want a policy of take away from the haves and deliver to the have nots."

But Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr., who also is attending the summit, said Reagan is coming here "very sensitive to the problems of the developing world, problems which also cause great problems in the developed world, the rising cost of energy, the tendency toward the declining economic growth rates, protectionism...unemployment and other economic dislocations."

"The president goes with an open mind," Haig said Tuesday in Washington. "He wants to listen and he wants to learn and he hopes his own view will be accepted with an equally open frame of mind."

Delegates to the North-South summit, representing capitalist, socialist and Marxist nations, have been arriving here since Monday.

After a late-morning arrival, Reagan planned to join his colleagues at a buffet dinner this evening hosted by Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo. During the day, he planned private meetings with Lopez Portillo, Premier Zhao Ziyang of China, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India, President Shahu Shagari of Nigeria and President Luis Herrera Campins of Venezuela.

While downgrading the role of foreign assistance, Reagan has said the key to global prosperity rests on a combination of fiscal discipline, free enterprise and expanded trade.

But in the two days of meetings scheduled to begin Thursday, most leaders are expected to contend that Reagan's formulas are irrelevant to Third World needs.

They are prepared to argue that nothing short of the creation of new global financial and economic institutions — giving political power to poor countries — will enable them to raise their living standards.

Over the past month, Reagan and his top aides have served notice in a series of speeches that they will oppose any proposals for a fundamental restructuring of the international economic system.

"The challenge is to create new wealth, rather than redistribute current wealth," said Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan, who is accompanying the president and Haig.

From a security standpoint, Cancun is an ideal location for a summit because its only direct links to the Mexican mainland are two bridges, one at each end of the sickle-shaped island.

Nonetheless, gunboats patrolled the offshore area while marine guards walked the white sand beaches, with the heaviest concentrations near the site of the summit.

The U.S. delegation will be joined by the leaders of seven other industrialized countries and fourteen developing nations.

China and India, the world's two most populous countries, will attend, as will Saudi Arabia, the world's largest exporter of oil. Also represented will be two of the poorest countries, Bangladesh and Tanzania.

Reagan and his aides initially were reluctant to take part in such a gathering because of the long history of acrimonious debates in North-South forums dating back almost two decades.

But Reagan relented in the face of a strong lobbying effort by Lopez Portillo and Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

Reagan also was reassured by the absence of the Soviet Union and Cuba from the proceedings and by a format which emphasizes informal exchanges and limits the possibility for public posturing.

Nonetheless, it is likely that Reagan will be on the defensive. According to most estimates, some 800 million people — more than triple the U.S. population — live at subsistence levels worldwide with little hope for the future.

'Home on the Range' composer buried in hometown of Ballinger

BALLINGER, Texas (AP) — Composer David Guion, who helped make the cowboy ballad "Home on the Range" a national favorite, was returned to this West Texas town for burial today.

Guion, a Ballinger native, died Saturday in Dallas. He was 88.

He wrote several original compositions but was best-known for his adaptation of traditional American folk songs, most notably "Home on the Range," which is now the state song of Kansas. It originally was written in the mid-19th century by Brewster Higley.

"There was an old cowboy lament that just traveled around from ranch to ranch, from state to state," Guion once said of the piece. "It was about a cowboy that loved his place on the range. When I was about 15, I changed the words around and set it to music."

Years later, Guion said, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's told him "Home on the Range" was his favorite tune.

Guion also wrote the music for the plays "Green Grow the Lilacs" and "Green Pastures" and the movie "Grand Hotel" and is credited with writing the popular arrangement of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot."

Guion attended Fort Worth Polytechnic College and the Royal Conservatory in Vienna. Before the age of 20, he was director of music at Daniel Baker College in Brownwood.

Later, Guion taught in Dallas at Southern Methodist University, Fairmount Conservatory and the Southwestern School of Fine Arts.

He is survived by a brother, Wade Guion of Wimberly.

Former publishing-house chairman dies

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Hastings Harcourt, the retired chairman of an old-line publishing house, has died at the age of 73 after a lengthy illness.

His death at a Santa Barbara hospital Sunday was confirmed by a family spokeswoman Tuesday. The cause of death was not disclosed, but he had suffered from a kidney ailment.

Harcourt was a former chairman of Harcourt and Brace of New York City, founded in 1919 by his father Alfred Harcourt and Donald Brace after both left executive positions with Henry Holt and Co. publishing. Since 1970, the company they built has been known as Harcourt Brace Jovanovich Inc., and has become the nation's largest publisher of textbooks.

Hastings Harcourt and members of the Brace family sold large shares of their holdings in the company when its shares went public in 1959, but Harcourt continued as a board member at various times until 1968.

Harcourt's father had stepped down as board chairman of publishing firm in 1940, and the following year moved the family to the Santa Barbara area.

A successful auto racer as a young man, Hastings Harcourt was a yacht racer and horse breeder after moving to California. He founded the Flag is Up horse breeding ranch — the first of several horse breeding operations in the Santa Ynez valley north of Santa Barbara.

Although he was not actively involved in publishing since 1968, his continuing business interests included real estate, investments and oil and gas exploration.

Survivors include his wife, Frances, a son, Donald Hastings Harcourt, and three grandchildren.

Five short courses scheduled at MC

Of the five short courses scheduled to begin at Midland College the week of Oct. 26, four are continuations of courses offered earlier this semester.

Jody Hawkins will teach Cake Decorating II at 7-9 p.m. each Monday for six weeks. The fee is \$15 and the course is limited to 25 students who completed her beginning course. Methods for making intricate flowers, garlands and roping for special occasion cakes and how to set up wedding cakes will be demonstrated.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) will be taught by Paula Ketchum at 7-10 p.m. on Oct. 27, Oct. 29 and Nov. 3. This three-evening course will cover the basic life support procedure for a victim whose heart and lungs have ceased to function effectively. The course is approved by the American Heart Association and is limited to 16 students. Fee is \$10.

Betty Brannen will continue her instruction in self-hypnosis for students who successfully completed her beginning classes. Self-Hypnosis II will meet at 7-10 p.m. on Tuesdays for six weeks and the fee is \$24. Advanced methods for increasing confidence and abilities will be taught.

Classes in Christmas Decorating II will meet at 7-9 p.m. on Thursdays for five weeks. The class, taught by Betty Ambrose, will cover new subject matter as well as projects undertaken in the beginning course. Fee is \$13.

Jay Grizzle will instruct a one-evening Microwave Cooking II class for those who completed the first course or who have some knowledge of the appliance. Three full meals and party snacks will be prepared during the class which will meet at 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29. The class is limited to 35 students and the fee is \$6.

Pre-registration for each course may be completed now in room 156 of the Midland College Administration Building from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, including the lunch hour. For more information, call 684-7851, extension 147 or 216.



Staff Photo by Chad Puerling

City firemen work to extinguish a blaze that gutted a mobile home in the 2500 block of South Terrell Street Tuesday night and left its occupant, Larry Randolph, no age available, in

critical condition with second and third degree burns. Randolph was transferred to the burn unit at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston after emergency treatment at Midland Memorial

Hospital. The blaze broke out shortly after 11 p.m. Tuesday. Five fire units responded to the call. Cause of the fire was not immediately determined.

Breshnev denies claim

By DAVE MINTHORN
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — President Leonid I. Brezhnev, denying President Reagan's claim that the Soviets believe they could win a nuclear war, says that only someone bent on "suicide" would instigate such an attack.

The Soviet leader urged Reagan on Tuesday to "make a clear and unambiguous statement rejecting the very idea of nuclear war attack as a criminal one."

Countering Reagan's assertion that the Soviets believe a nuclear war "is possible and they believe it is winnable," Brezhnev said the Kremlin is working to eliminate "the very danger of its outbreak."

"Among ourselves we are saying...that it is a dangerous madness to try to defeat each other in the arms race and to count on victory in a nuclear war," he said in an interview with the Communist Party daily Pravda, distributed by the official Soviet news agency Tass.

"Only he who has decided to commit suicide can start a nuclear war in the hope of emerging a victor from it," Brezhnev declared.

Responding to a question of whether a nuclear exchange could be limited or would simply escalate, Reagan told visiting newspaper editors in Washington on Friday: "I don't honestly know...There never has been a weapon that someone hasn't come up with a defense. But it could...and the only defense would be, 'Well, you shoot yours and we'll shoot ours.'"

"And if you still had that kind of a stalemate, I could see where you could have the exchange of tactical weapons against troops in the field without it bringing either one of the major powers to pushing the button."

Brezhnev said he is "leaving to Mr. Reagan's conscience" the claim he "supposedly knows" what Soviet leaders think about nuclear warfare.

"No matter what method of unleashing nuclear war he chooses, he will not attain his aims," Brezhnev said. "Retribution will ensue inevitably."

"For if there is no first nuclear strike then, consequently, there will be no second or third nuclear strikes," he said. "Thereby all talk about the possibility or impossibility of victory in nuclear war will become pointless — the question of nuclear war as such will be removed from the agenda of the day."

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Ocean vents could predict volcanic action

By PATRICIA WOLF
Hearst Feature Service

LOS ANGELES — Marine biologists believe four Los Angeles area scuba divers have made an extraordinary ocean find off the coast of Palos Verdes — hydrothermal vents close to shore.

The vents, warm, often bubbly seepages of hydrogen sulfide — readily identifiable by its rotten egg odor — might be used one day to predict volcanic action and earthquakes.

"It is quite a rare find," said Horst Felbeck, a marine biologist at Scripps Institute of Oceanography in La Jolla and an expert on the vents. Marine biologists have studied hydrothermal vents, but only at depths of 8,000 feet, said Felbeck.

Water in excess of 300 degrees Fahrenheit has spewed up from sand and between rocks off Baja California and the Galapagos Islands. Expeditions to the islands, 600 miles west of Ecuador, have turned up unique life forms, such as giant crabs and 8-foot worms, and a complete ecosystem reliant on hydrogen sulfide rather than light as the basis for synthesis (in chemistry, the formation of a complex compound by the combining of two or more simpler compounds or elements).

Such an ecosystem, chemosynthetic instead of photosynthetic, appears to exist at White Point Shore on the Palos Verdes coast, although the spews average only about 80 degrees.

Marine biologist Jeff Stein, one of the four divers who discovered the White Point vents and is now studying them, said more common life forms, such as abalone and limpets, cluster around the Southern California vents. But these ocean creatures also seem to be part of the chemosynthetic ecosystem.

Stein, who uses a steel cage to study animal and plant life in the area, said the abalone and limpets feed off a wavy white filament-type substance and not their usual food source.



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Former Pres. Gerald Ford, third from left, and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, third from right, join cast and crew members of "M-A-S-H" during a visit to 20th Century-Fox studios in Los Angeles. Cast members, from

left to right, are: William Christopher, Harry Morgan, David Ogden Stiers, Jamie Farr, Alad Alda, and director David Dubin.

El Pasoans pulling for park honoring Gen. Omar Bradley

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A group of El Pasoans are urging federal officials to create a park along the Rio Grande that would be named for the late General of the Army Omar N. Bradley.

A nine-member delegation of citizens, including former Mayor Don Henderson and beer distributor Richard Azar, went to Washington on Monday to seek support from Secretary of Interior James Watt, congressmen and the staffs of Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger.

The group was to be accompanied on its Washington rounds by Kitty Bradley, widow of the late general, who spent his last years in El Paso.

El Pasoans have been discussing a river park since 1925 when the first master plan for the city suggested it. Since then, every new city plan has called for development of the area between the river levee and the Rio Grande.

There have been attempts by the city to develop the 11-mile strip of land, but they have fallen through.

"We think we have a lot of good selling points," said Suzie Gardy, community affairs director for Azar's company and a member of the delegation.

First, she said, no land would have to be bought since the 598 acres proposed for the park already belongs to the federal government. The group already has acquired the support of International Boundary and Water Commissioner Joseph Friedkin, who says the park wouldn't interfere with flood control.

Secondly, there is the plan to name the park after Bradley. "That's why we're going to the federal government," Ms. Gardy said. "We want their support before we go to Watt because he'll be the toughest."

"We think he'll accept it because he's committed to acquiring no new land and to parks that are more accessible to people," she said.

Finally, the group plans to raise as much as \$4 million to match federal money and to create a maintenance fund for the park.

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All ex-students are urged to attend and refreshments will be served. Persons wanting more information can call 915-459-2413.

...**SAN JACINTO SCHOOL** will have a retake on all school pictures because of equipment failure. Retakes will be Friday.

...**POTPOURRI STUDY GROUP** of the American Association of University Women will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the home of Joyce McClaine, 2312 Cimmaron. Topic will be on "Stress" presented by Sam Guyton, therapist for the Permian Basin Community Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

...**ANNUAL FUND-RAISING** project for the Midland Association for Retarded Citizens is now underway. MARC members are taking orders for fresh, fragrant pine wreaths, cheesecake and fruitcake which can be picked up at the MARC office or delivered to home or office early in December.

MARC sponsors more than a dozen special programs and activities for Midland's retarded citizens, and recently has launched the development of "Opportunity Complex," a program which will combine educational and social services with independent living facilities for the handicapped.

Proceeds from MARC's Christmas sales are used to make these services available in Midland. Deadline for ordering wreaths, cheesecake and fruitcake is Oct. 31.

To place an order or obtain more information, call the MARC office at 682-9771.

...**SELENA NUNEZ**, daughter of Cruz and Socorro Nunez, celebrated her 15th birthday with a "Quinceanera" Saturday.

A Holy Mass in her honor was celebrated at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Her theme for the mass was "You Have the Right To Be Here."

A reception followed in the parish hall where Miss Nunez was presented with gifts from her friends and relatives.

A dance concluded the celebration held at Alamo Hall with music by Tequila 80. She was introduced with her Damas and escorts. They were Mary Ann Gomez and Mark Nunez; Elaine Gonzales and Felix Tagle; Jeanette Hernandez and Martin Cortez; Cynthia Lopez and Danny Quiroz; Maria Lopez and Israel Robledo; Melissa Ochoa and Dennis Cano; Dena Ozuna and Joey Reyes; Eva Rangel and Paul Lopez; Liza Revelez and Joe Torrez; Melissa Rodriguez and Alvin Navarrete; Lila Salazar and Arthuro Salazar; Florida Sanchez and Raul Sanchez; Anna Villareal and Andy Mancha; Sandy Zarate and Jerry Morales; Selena Nunez and Thomas Quintela.

She is a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and is involved in the CCD program.



Sweet treats

Janeen Judah, left, and Christine Washburn get a preview taste of the Pumpkin Pops to be sold by their alumnae chapter of Permian Basin Phi Mu this year. Proceeds from the sale of these Halloween treats will go to Project HOPE and Phi Mu Foundation which promotes continuing education scholarships. Along with this annual sale of the Pumpkin Pops, the chapter also participates in community projects, including blood donations, bazaars, toy campaigns and visit to the elderly. The fraternity adopted Project HOPE as its national philanthropy in 1963. It is the principal activity of the People-To-People Health Foundation Inc. and has for 22 years provided health education programs to those in medically underserved areas. Persons interested in purchasing Pumpkin Pops should check for cans in local stores and restaurants, or contact Diana McBride at 686-0542 or 683-1885 during the day. It's a safe treat for local Halloweeners.

Staff photo by Chad Puerling

Some are 'accident-prone'

NEW YORK (AP) — Accidents to children cause more deaths each year than the five most fatal childhood diseases combined but 90 percent of all these accidents are fully preventable, says Dr. Bernard Raxlen, a psychiatrist and director of the Graduate Center for Family Clinical Studies in Bridgeport, Conn.

"Accidents are not merely 'freak occurrences.' They don't 'just happen' or have anything to do with 'bad luck,'" says Raxlen. "Actually, there is no such thing as an accident — something that happens for no reason at all."

Children are most apt to have accidents when they are tired, hungry or frustrated, he notes.

"From the child's point of view it is an accident," he explains, "but if you go over the circumstances with the advantage of hindsight, if you dissect it, you find that it could have been avoided."

"Perhaps toys are always left on stairs, and one day a child falls. That is called an 'accident,' but it could have been prevented."

Raxlen supervised the "Child Proofing" booklet for the new Child Safety Kit produced for the makers of Q-tips cotton swabs in cooperation with the Child Safety Institute.

Raxlen believes there are certain types of parents and children who seem to be more accident-prone than others. From his clinical experience, he has found that five types of families seem to have more than the normal amount of childhood accidents.

"One group is the home where both parents work and are out of the house a great deal," he explains. "The care of children is often left to an older sibling who can be more easily distracted from watching the child, or not as cautious as an adult would naturally be."

Another type is the home where the parents are in constant conflict. The child is part of a triangle and feels pressure.

"If, for example, the child has a condition like diabetes or asthma," says Raxlen, "he or she will forget to take medicine, or go off a diet. This is quite unconscious on the child's part, but the result is that a family crisis occurs and the parents unite to cope with it. Therefore, the dissension is temporarily gone."

"This is equally true for accidents. When a child hurts himself, the parents stop their own fighting and unite to help their child. The child actually, though unconsciously of course, has an accident in order to reunite his parents and to lessen his fear that one or both of his parents will go away and leave him."

Other accident-prone families are those where there is a high alcohol intake, and homes where parents are chronically depressed.

"This depression also affects the child, and he is more accident-prone," says Raxlen. "The child will often forget things, be fatigued, distracted and withdrawn. All these conditions can cause accidents, obviously. A child who is distracted, for example, will not watch where he is going as carefully as he should; he will not notice dangers that an average child would see, and he will get into an accident."

A fifth type of accident-prone family is the hyperkinetic group. They are always rushing around; they find it hard to sit still or to slow down.

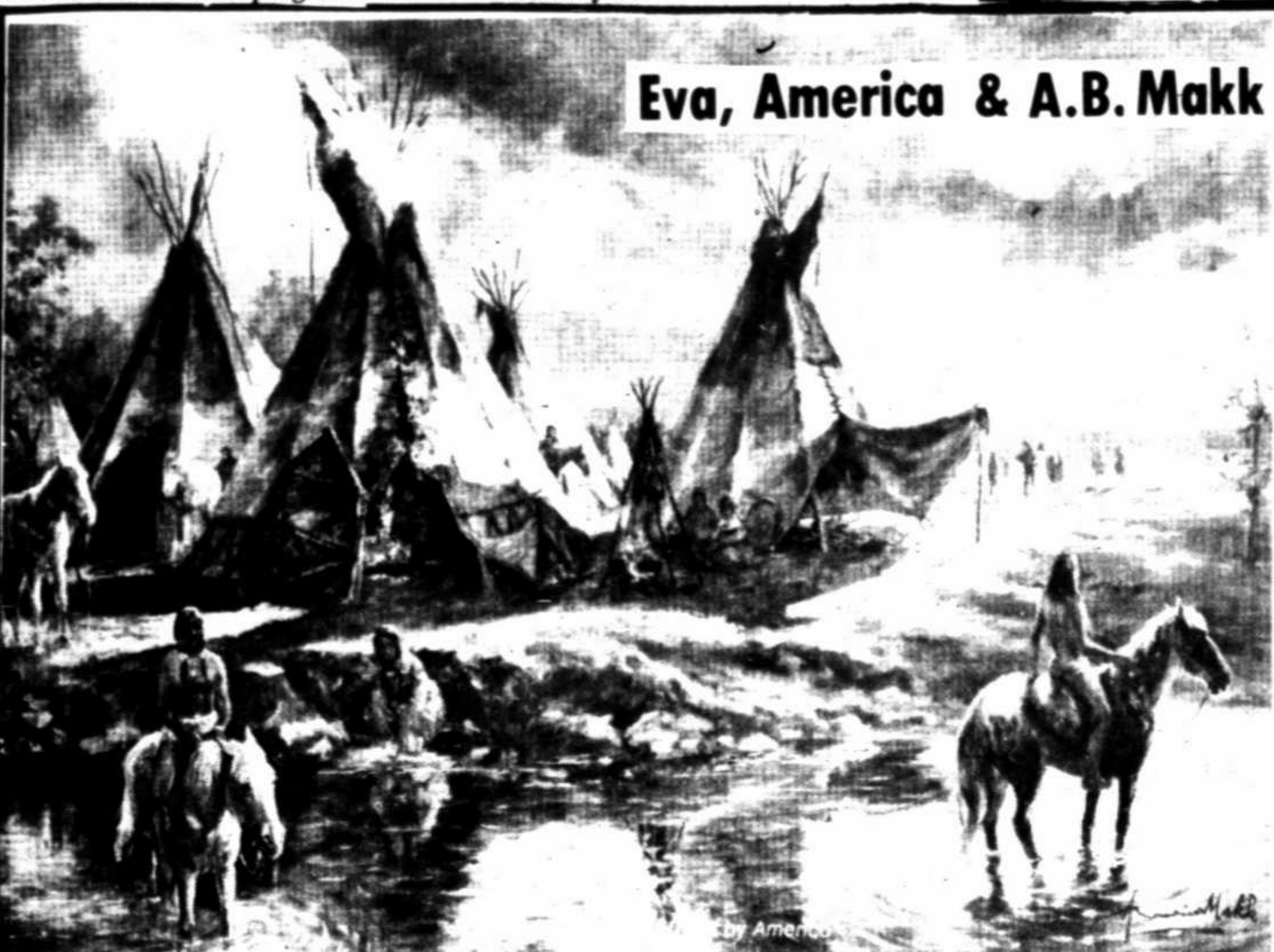
A short drink

NEW YORK (AP) — Some bar manuals say the Bloody Mary was conceived as a short drink, four or five ounces, shaken with chopped ice, then strained off. Lemon was the only juice added.

Bloody Mary experts warn against leaving ice in tomato juice because the ice will melt and cause the juice to separate. Without ice, the drink should not be too large so it can remain cold.

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Suggestions for first-time renters

By BARBARA HARTUNG
Copley News Service

Q. I am moving into an unfurnished apartment and will be faced with buying furniture for the first time. As a 25-year-old with my first job I am carefully planning my budget because I have a limited amount of money. However, I do have a good job and the need to furnish an attractive apartment. What I DO buy I want to be good investments for the future when I am able to perhaps buy a condominium of my own and later my own house. What do you think are

the best buys in furniture when you are planning for the future? What should I buy now, what later? My apartment now is quite spacious but I suppose later I will be more limited in space because the condos I've seen within the financial range of young people are pretty small. — E.C.M.

A. Probably the most important and most flexible pieces of furniture you could buy today are modular seating and lounging sets. You might well consider a U-shaped design with four corner units and perhaps five armless seats. Add a couple of ottomans for additional lounging. This gives you a giant amount of seating in the least amount of space. And the flexibility is such that you can break up the arrangement into smaller units and use the armless pieces individually as chairs. These pieces can function in almost any room in the house. Because of their small size, they are easy to transport in elevators, a consideration if moving is a possibility.

Augment your upholstered pieces with some inexpensive chairs for dining — perhaps basket chairs and a second-hand table. Add a dining set when you are a bit more settled.

Invest now in a good double bed or a pair of twins. Don't worry yet about a headboard and expensive chests. Consider a handsome armoire or bookcase for your apartment bedroom now if you have lots of room. Utilize the piece later in another room as your space enlarges or contracts. The armoire or bookcase might be a reproduction or an old piece you might pick up in a second-hand shop. Refinish the inside to coordinate with your bedroom's colors (either with wallpaper or paint or fabric).

Add end tables for the living room and night stands in the bedroom when you can. Purchase good accessories, including mirrors, lamps and art objects as you can afford them. These move from home to home but always give the feeling of your personal space. Later you may wish to buy additional bedroom furniture as well as the dining room pieces.

Q. I'm moving into a new condominium with beige carpeting and ivory-colored walls. I'm going to re-

upholster my sofa and create new pillows for two wicker chairs. Also, I want to buy a new cocktail table. I have two hand-me-down end tables in rattan which I'm going to strip down and leave natural. What colors would you suggest to give a quiet yet warm and inviting look? Are there some additional accessories I might add to enhance the room? — W.B.

A. If you wish to stay with a natural background, you might like a warm, rust fabric on your upholstered pieces. This might be plain or have a small geometric design in beige or off-white. Use this on both your sofa and chair cushions. An oak and oak-glass coffee table would be an excellent choice with the oak in a natural honey tone. Accessorize with baskets and interesting woven pieces and add drama to the beige carpeting with a beige and cream and black or navy patterned Oriental carpet.

Q. I have a small guest room with a sleeper sofa in bright blue sailcloth fabric. The walls are white and the two windows have white louvered shutters. I have existing off-white carpeting. The room is just fine so far but it lacks some warmth and personality. What small things might I do to enliven the room? — N.H.

A. Probably all you need to do is accessorize. Add a colorful and whimsical touch at the windows by hanging a brass bar above the shutters and tie red and white bandanas to it, letting the bandanas fall in triangles from the bar. Make some pillows using the bandana fabric. Maybe even a bright red cord of lacquer on a secondhand chest or table would add personality. You can make lampshades from the fabric by gluing it to a white paper shade. Add a magazine rack, some interesting wall decorations and you should have a very personable room.

Please send questions for Decor Score to Copley News Service, P.O. Box AG, Lemon Grove, Calif. 92045.

Ex-butler recalls work days

DINUBA, Calif. (AP) — Like many little boys, Hugh Bennett imitated his movie hero.

But Bennett didn't dream of becoming a rugged, romantic figure like Humphrey Bogart or Clark Gable.

He wanted to become a

butler like Arthur Treacher.

"I remember Arthur Treacher in the movies, the suave, debonair English butler," Bennett said in an interview. "I was told that when I was 12 years old, I used to hold a tray in my hand

and play like I was a butler."

The years passed, and Bennett grew up to be a management official with a concrete-pipe firm.

But at the age of 42, he decided to fulfill his lifelong dream. Bennett contacted a vocational consulting firm in San Francisco, told them "I want to be a butler for millionaires" and won a trial position with Mrs. J. D. Zellerbach of Crown-Zellerbach paper company.

"The first evening, I prepared the table, impeccably, I thought," Bennett recalled. "But she tapped on the table, 'Bennett,' she said, pointing to the salt shaker. The monogrammed Z on the salt shaker was turned 90 degrees off. It was not facing her, and of course it was not proper."

Despite that shaky start, Bennett spent five years on the Zellerbach estate before becoming head butler for Jack Warner of Warner Bros. Pictures. There, he supervised a staff of 19 in a Beverly Hills mansion that "was so large that I got lost twice in the first week that I was there."

But Bennett missed his girlfriend, Ruth, who worked at the Zellerbach estate, so he left Warner after four months.

— After a stint as confidant for an oil distributor, he spent 2½ years as butler to Spreckels sugar heir John Rosekrans in San Francisco. He served art connoisseurs from France, dukes and lords from England and

the sister of the king of Spain.

Even though Bennett found being a butler "quite an enthusiastic experience," he left domestic service in 1976.

"Ruth and I wanted to be married and have a home of our own in lieu of serving other people," he said.

Free low-vision eye clinic to be offered in Midland

Visual Aids News Mobile (VAN) of Midland will host Dr. Bill Chapman of Lubbock at a free eye clinic from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 28. Clinic will be held at VAN's offices at 211 N. "B", across from the First Presbyterian Church and Midland High School.

Dr. Chapman, who specializes in low vision equipment, will have all types of visual merchandise on display, including telescopic and magnifying eyeglasses. Part of the equipment will have variable magnification up to 600 times.

Also available will be eye testing by Dr. Chapman. There is no charge for the testing or attendance at the clinic and anyone with an interest is encouraged to attend. Salads and snacks will be served and transportation provided.

There is no need to make an appointment, but persons with limited time may call 683-3438 for a special appointment for the mornings of Oct. 28 and Oct. 29.

VAN is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing to the visually and physically handicapped persons in West Texas aids and services not available by other means.

Odds of not being audited better than ever this year

Chances are better than ever that you won't be audited this year, according to Family Circle magazine's money management editor, Barbara Gilder Quint.

She notes in a recent issue that in 1981, estimates are that only 19 out of every 1,000 returns — or 1.9 percent — will be audited. Back in 1976, the Federal Government audited 24 out of every 1,000 income tax returns — or 2.4 percent.

Audit risk varies with your income, says Ms. Quint. Higher wage earners are more likely to get audited than those with lower incomes. In the magazine, she gives a table that pinpoints the chances of being audited for various income ranges.

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Patent process sometimes makes getting patents hard

By Los Angeles Times

In 1962, Wayne Knitting Mills of Chattanooga, Tenn., accused Russell Hosiery Mills of Star, N.C., of violating its patent on the shoot-high footsock, a new hosiery item being snapped up by the thousands of American women.

Fifteen years later, after appearing before 17 different federal judges, Wayne Knitting finally won its suit.

But what a Pyrrhic victory it proved to be. Only two years remained on the patent's life before the footsock invention would become public domain. And the final damages awarded to Wayne Knitting did not even cover half its legal fees, which exceeded \$500,000.

"It was a very disillusioning experience. We put a couple of North Carolina patent attorney's kids through college," said Wayne Knitting Vice President Jack L. May.

The Wayne Knitting case is not an aberration in the Byzantine world of U.S. patent law. For decades, inventors have struggled to fend off patent infringement, often only to be hamstrung by technicalities and the disarray of the patent system itself.

But now, there are portents of a vastly more favorable climate for patent holders, offering the promise that inventors will find it easier to escape protracted and costly disputes over "intellectual property."

Many of the traditional approaches to patent law practice are being revolutionized, thanks to profound — if little noticed — changes mandated by Congress, the Supreme Court and the Justice Department in recent months.

Other proposals are still being debated, such as one to create a single tribunal to handle patent cases on a nationwide basis, a step some hope would eliminate the present great disparity between court findings around the country.

The recent changes are also creating new incentives to reward innovation and creativity — at a time when American inventors have been losing ground to foreign scientists at an alarming rate.

"For decades, the judiciary and the other branches (of government) have been hostile to the patent system," said attorney Irving S. Shapiro, one of the nation's most respected business leaders and former chairman of Du Pont.

"But the good news is that we have begun recognizing that the pendulum had gone too far," Shapiro said. "Now there's a greater recognition that you can't have research and development without a healthy respect for the patent system. Without that, we'd be killing the goose that lays the golden eggs."

The first patents were issued in 15th Century Italy, and the practice soon spread across Europe. In the United States, "the patent system has been with us since the country was started," said James W. Geriak, a Los Angeles patent lawyer.

The framers of the Constitution believed that if inventors were able to prevent others from appropriating their intellectual property, the number of inventions would greatly increase. Their vision, of course, has been affirmed by a long list of inventors whose genius must be familiar to all school children. Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas A. Edison, Eli Whitney, Samuel F.B. Morse, Edwin Land, to name but a few.

To date, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has issued 4.25 million patents.

A patent secures for its holder the right to prevent others from making, using or selling his or her invention in this country. In order to obtain a patent, an invention must be a process, a machine, a variety of plant, a product or a design that is different from what already is known. Patents are not issued for methods of doing business, newly discovered laws of nature or

purely mental processes.

Most patents are granted for 17 years. An invention, after its expiration, becomes public property and is available for use by anyone.

About 3.25 million U.S. patents are now in the public domain.

Typically, when a person has conceived an invention, he or she goes to a patent attorney with a record of the invention, describing what it is and how it works, perhaps accompanied by sketches, drawings or photographs.

The attorney, or a patent researcher, then sets out to ascertain if the invention can be patented, or whether similar inventions already have been patented.

This sometimes tedious quest leads to any one of 37 libraries operated by the Patent and Trademark Office, a division of the Commerce Department.

To make matters worse, between 7 percent and 25 percent of all patents ever issued are missing from patent office files, especially patents in rapidly develop-

ing fields.

The main branch of the Patent and Trademark library has the most complete files, with some 500 different subject matter headings and more than 100,000 subcategories. But those records are on paper, and thus are not immune from sloppiness by searchers.

"We rely on patent attorneys to help police the files," said Isaac Fleischmann, a patent office spokesman. He said there also is "a constant inventory going on year-in, year-out" to im-

prove the integrity of the records.

The integrity of such patent searches is vital to the validity of a patent, if challenged. And until Congress produced a remedy that took effect July 1, courts have been quick to invalidate a patent if its holder had overlooked a pertinent prior patent or invention and thus did not present that information to patent examiners.

The patent office relies on an inventor's legal representative to perform searches because it is facing a backlog of

200,000 patent applications that grows by the day, and so it does not allow its examiners to conduct their own searches when considering an application.

In an age when communications advances stir the imagination, the patent office is lagging far behind. Its 900 examiners, for instance, must file their formal opinions on the question of patentability in longhand.

It is not surprising, then, that "the average time it takes to get a patent will continue to increase by about two

months each year until it reaches three years in 1988," Commissioner Gerald J. Mossinghoff of the Patent and Trademark Office said in an interview.

Mossinghoff's office issues about 60,000 patents a year, or 66 percent of all applications filed. But although less than 2 percent of all patents granted become embroiled in litigation, half of those that end up in court are invalidated, according to Fleischmann.

One such invalidation nearly 20 years ago in-

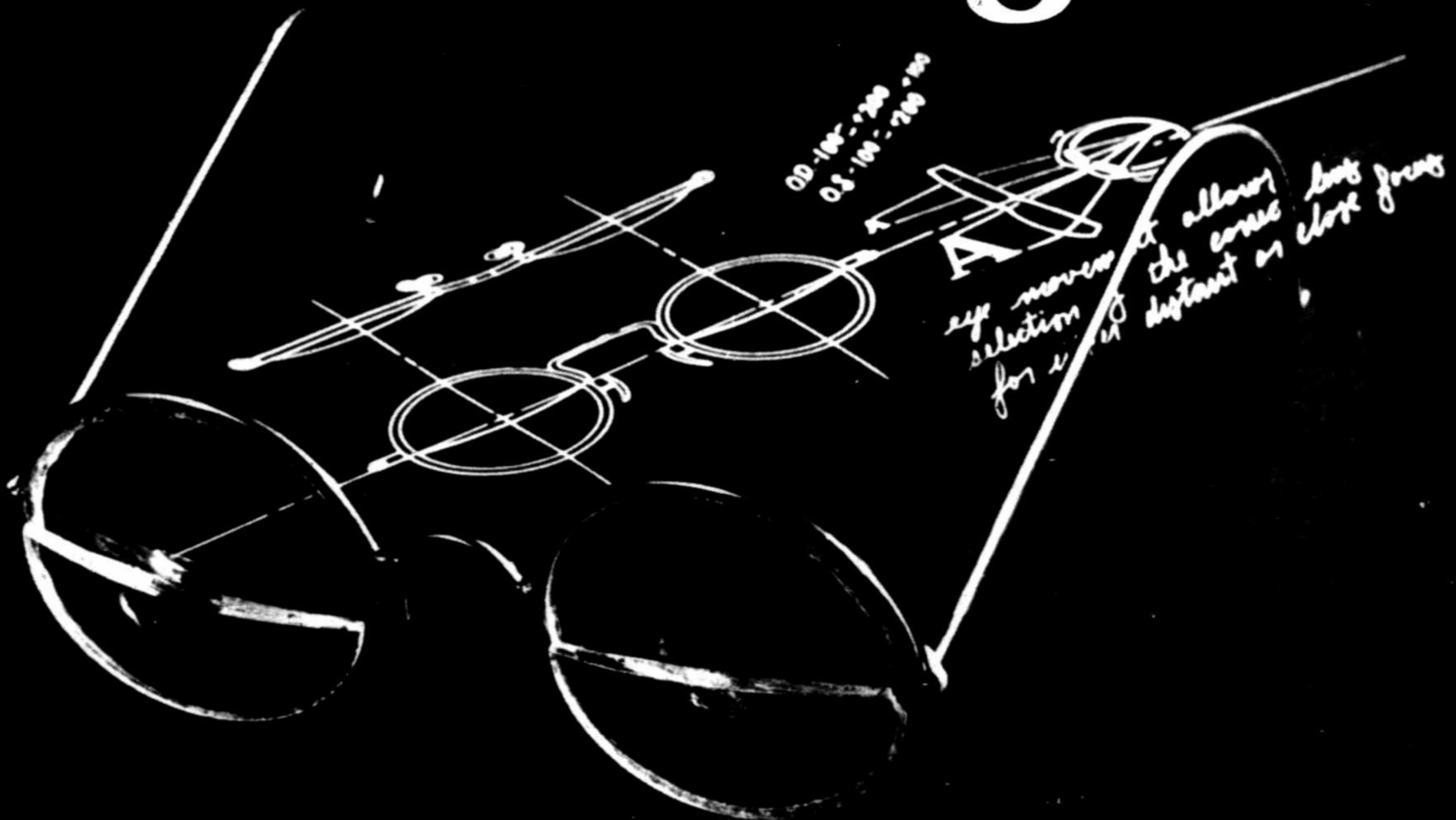
volved a device to help people start to water ski. Even though a U.S. district judge in Minnesota found that the stepladder-like device had met every test of patentability, he invalidated the patent because, he said, the gadget was "just too simple to be patented."

recalled Douglas B. Henderson, a leading Washington patent attorney.

The ruling was the first time that simplicity constituted grounds for unpatentability, according to Henderson, who said he learned to water-ski with the help of that de-

vice. Favorable developments in recent months point to a rosier future for the patent office, Mossinghoff said. Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige has "shielded" the patent office from President Reagan's budget slashers so that at least 107 additional examiners now can be hired, Mossinghoff said. That is a radical change from the Carter administration, when the office was allowed to hire only one replacement for every two departed examiners.

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