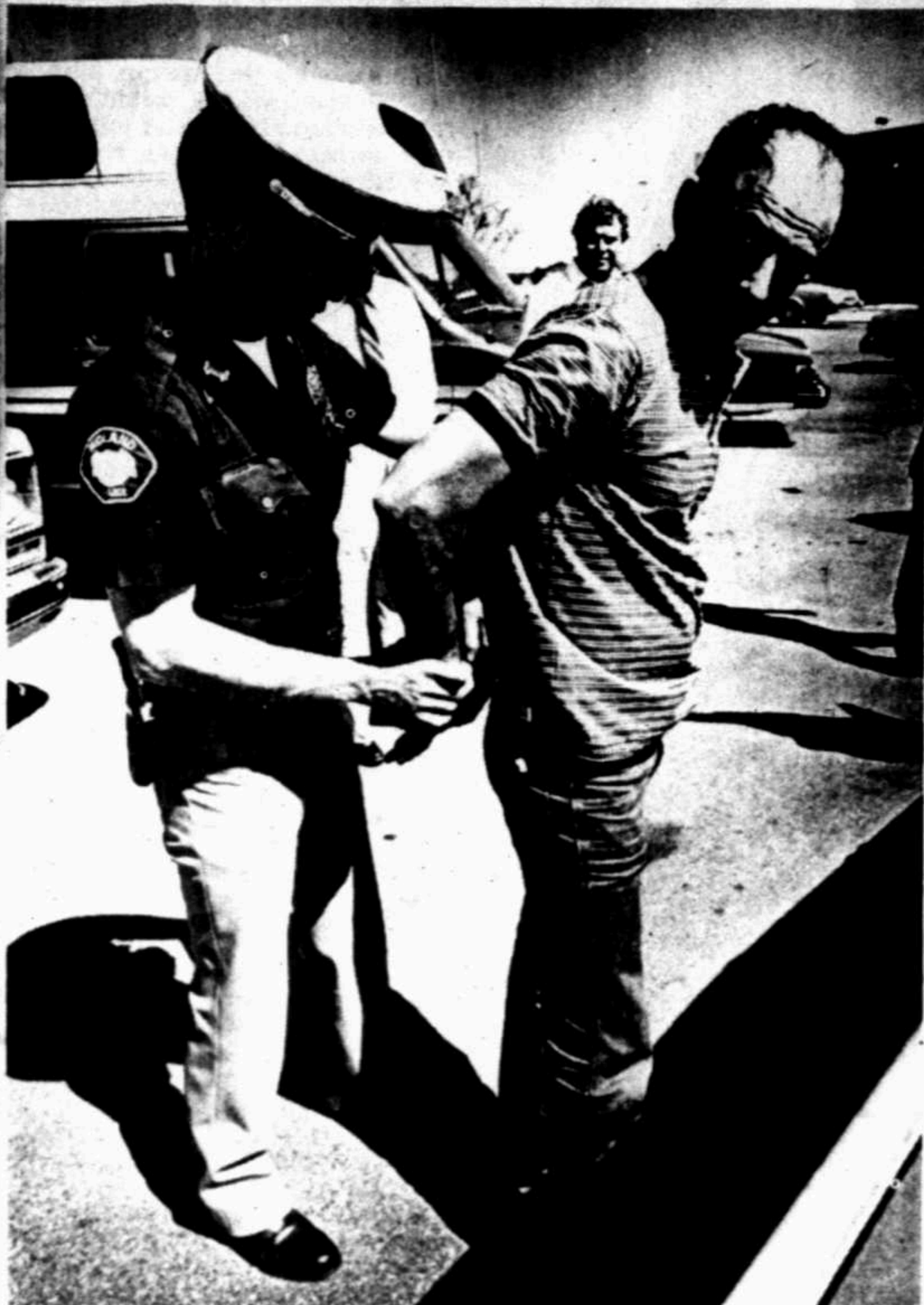


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The long arm...

Armed robbery suspect Joe Lee Corbin, left, who allegedly bought a golf shirt and had his hair cut while fleeing police officers at Midland Park Mall, is handcuffed by Officer Tommy Holder Wednesday morning outside the mall. Officer Terry Garner cap-

tures Richard Lee Uptain, above, while officers Jeff Marugg and Jim Sevey escort Gerald Fred Chapman to a patrol car. The three are being held in the armed robbery of a decorating supply store. Related photo, Page 2A.

Clerks' 'hunch' pays off

By GAIL BURKE
Staff Writer

There was "something unusual" about the sweat-drenched man who asked directions to the fitting room.

It was a gut feeling that two J.C. Penney store clerks said they felt when he approached the men's department late Wednesday morning.

Unknown to the two clerks, that "something" was the nervous actions of a suspected armed robber who had the law nipping at his heels.

Less than an hour before, the man and two accomplices allegedly heisted cash and jewelry valued at \$56,000 from Canton's Decorating Center at 4600 Sinclair, according to police.

A call to police from the shop's owner led them on a high speed chase, ending near Midland Park Mall. The suspects fled on foot toward the mall, sinking a .32-caliber revolver in a nearby Dumpster.

"He looked nervous," said Penney's clerk Cindy Wauer.

"He grabbed a shirt off the rack and automatically asked, 'Where can I try this on?'" she added, referring to a red, blue-striped golf shirt.

"He came out of the dressing room wearing the shirt," said Neil Jones, another clerk. "The white

shirt he had been wearing) was rolled up. I put it in a bag and he left without waiting for his receipt."

Apparently, the suspect walked through the mall, stopping at Great Expectations, a hairstyle salon, where Mike Fields gave the man "a \$10 special."

"He just came in and said he wanted a haircut," said Fields, a hair stylist. "He didn't say much. He just paid for the haircut with a \$50 bill and left."

Because the clerks sensed something was wrong and tipped off police about the customer, he was arrested shortly after his haircut and about an hour following the robbery.

A few minutes earlier, Penney's security guard George Scott helped police nab the second suspect.

"I chased the first guy who came running through here," Scott said.

At the same time, police outside were apprehending the third man.

Jailed were 33-year-old Gerald Fred Chapman, 34-year-old Richard Lee Uptain, both of Phoenix, Ariz., and 44-year-old Joe Lee Corbin of Texas, the man who allegedly bought the shirt and got a haircut.

All three, according to police, are unemployed

construction workers. Formal charges were expected to be filed this morning and bond set.

The hour-long saga began about 10:30 a.m.

"A guy came in to price some carpet," said Tom Canton, owner of the decorating store. "He came back 30 minutes later with another man and two guns."

Besides Canton, his daughter and an employee also were in the shop. Canton said a third man was parked outside in a butterscotch-colored Dodge Charger.

"They took our jewelry from us and told us to lie face down on the floor," Canton said. "They put our hands behind us and taped them with duct tape."

"I broke the damn tape, grabbed my gun, stepped out the door and shot at them."

Meanwhile, the employee noted the car's license plate. But the California plates turned out to be stolen, according to police.

Canton, who met police at the mall, identified the jewelry. He shook hands with one officer and later said: "The police did an excellent job."

Reagan's aid plan attacked

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite President Reagan's warning that "the safety of our homeland" is at stake in Central America, his proposed military aid package for El Salvador and CIA support for Nicaraguan rebels remain under attack in Congress.

In a rare foreign policy address to a joint session of Congress Wednesday night, Reagan declared that a leftist guerrilla victory in El Salvador could undermine U.S. credibility around the world, and he called for bipartisan backing for his Central American policies.

The first test of the speech's impact could come as early as today. The House Intelligence Committee was expected to consider a proposal to cut off CIA aid to insurgents fighting against the leftist Nicaraguan government.

That proposal, sponsored by Rep. Edward P. Boland, D-Mass., committee chairman, would terminate covert U.S. support for the insurgents within 45 days and establish instead a public fund to help Central American governments stop leftist gun-running in the region.

House Republicans are trying to delay a vote on the proposal. Although some Democrats praised the generally moderate tone of the president's speech, others disagreed with what they regarded as his over-emphasis on military assistance.

Sen. Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, responding for the Democrats, called Reagan's policy of increasing military aid to El Salvador and support for counter-revolutionaries in Nicaragua "a formula for failure" that could only lead to "a dark tunnel of endless intervention."

Dodd, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and a Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic from 1966 to 1968, urged instead a negotiated settlement to the Salvadoran conflict.

"American dollars alone cannot buy military victory," said Dodd, who argued that the source of revolution in Central America was not Cuba or the Soviet Union, as the president has argued, but poverty and injustice.

"The painful truth is that many of our highest officials seem to know as little about Central America in 1983 as we knew about Indochina in 1963," Dodd said. "We cannot afford to found so important a policy on ignorance."

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gress and around the nation.

"There was a noticeable lack of support for those who would just turn their back and cut and get out," said Sen. Charles H. Percy, R-Ill., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said he thought the president "definitely changed some minds because the American people have been believing the lies they read in the newspaper and now they have the truth."

Andy Messing, executive director of the Conservative Caucus, said that now, if Congress withholds the aid Reagan has requested, "it's Congress' fault if El Salvador goes communist."

Reagan's proposal to boost military aid to El Salvador by \$110 million has run into trouble in both the House and Senate. So far, only \$30 million of the aid to the embattled Salvadoran army has been approved.

In his speech, Reagan said the United States has "a vital interest, a moral duty and a solemn responsibility" to block communist expansion in the region, but again declared that he has no plans to send in U.S. combat troops.

"If we cannot defend ourselves there, we cannot expect to prevail elsewhere," he said. "Our credibility would collapse, our alliances would crumble, and the safety of our homeland would be in jeopardy."

While stressing the high stakes for the United States in Central America, Reagan argued that his request for military and economic aid to the region was "so small, so minimal." He said his total 1984 aid request of about \$600 million for Central America was "one-tenth of what Americans will spend this year on coin-operated video games."

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Central American proposal a 'formula for failure'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Christopher Dodd, giving a Democratic reply to President Reagan's Central America address before a joint session of Congress, attacked the speech as a "formula for failure."

But other key Democrats — including House Minority Leader Jim Wright of Texas — reacted more positively to Reagan's call Wednesday for a bipartisan consensus on U.S. policy toward the strife-torn region.

Wright warned against U.S. "self-righteousness" in attempting to impose unrealistic standards on the government of El Salvador, which has been heavily criticized for human rights abuses.

House Republican Leader Robert Michel of Illinois said Reagan's speech may have succeeded in gaining more public backing for additional U.S. military aid to El Salvador.

"It was a darned good speech," Michel said, adding, "Not everybody (in Congress) is set in concrete on this, and it may influence people out there."

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., also said he thought the speech would help enhance support for Reagan's policy. "I don't say he's going to get every dime and nickel (in aid funds) — but he is certainly going to get what is necessary to do the job," Jackson said.

Dodd, D-Conn., declared in a televised response on behalf of the Democratic Party that "American dollars alone cannot buy military victory" against leftist insurgents in El Salvador and elsewhere in Central America.

The Reagan administration's policy, he said, has involved "ever-increasing military assistance, endless military training, even hiring our own paramilitary guerrillas. This is a formula for failure."

"The American people know that we have been down this road before — and that it only leads to a dark tunnel of endless intervention," said Dodd, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In the House, Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., declined to comment when asked by reporters for his reaction following the Reagan address.

Wright, the House's No. 2 Democratic leader, said: "Fundamentally I agree with the basic precepts set forth in the speech."

Noting congressional demands that the Salvadoran government improve its record on human rights, Wright contended that "we have the responsibility, as well, to guard ourselves against the temptations to self-righteousness."

"We cannot, after all, insist that other governments fashion themselves ... as carbon copies of the

United States," he said.

Wright added that "there have been occasions in which we ourselves have not been paragons of political purity." As examples, he cited Abraham Lincoln's suspension of habeas corpus during the Civil War and the World War II internment of Japanese-Americans.

Rep. Michael D. Barnes, D-Md., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Western Hemisphere subcommittee, said: "I was very pleased by the general thrust and tone of President Reagan's address."

"I hope the effort that the president made tonight to reach out for a bipartisan consensus can continue," said Barnes, who has been an out-

spoken critic of the administration's policy in Central America.

Wright, Barnes and several other House members voiced their remarks in an unusual 1 1/2-hour floor session which began shortly after Reagan's speech.

Senate Democratic Whip Alan Cranston of California said the United States "should make clear to the government of El Salvador that if it does not grant human rights we will wash our hands of the struggle."

Cranston, in a news conference after the speech, called for a "large-scale Marshall plan" of aid to democracies in Central America.

Natural gas rates could climb despite decontrol

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's 45 million residential consumers of natural gas could get higher bills under proposed changes to President Reagan's decontrol bill, regardless of whether decontrol itself is approved.

The Senate Energy Committee was scheduled to vote today on a so-called "contract carriage" amendment that would force pipelines to transport natural gas between producers and industrial users, bypassing local utility companies.

Michael Baly, vice president of the American Gas Association, said Wednesday that the amendment by Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., could mean a \$1.4 billion loss to the hundreds of the local utilities belonging to his group.

Bill Cooper of United Distribution Companies, an organization of 33 local utilities primarily in the Mid-

west, said the remaining residential and small business customers would have to pick up the costs of facilities originally installed for industrial users.

"When industrial loads are lost, residential rates go up," Cooper said. "That was demonstrated dramatically in the natural gas shortages of the 1970s."

Bradley, however, contended that his amendment "will put a downward pressure on rates" by giving industry and local utilities an incentive to seek lower prices.

But the senator acknowledged that loss of a large industrial customer could harm the "financial viability" of some local utilities. "There's no way that you can guarantee that the rates won't go up" for a utility's other customers, he said.

INSIDE TODAY

Curtain call

Midland Arts Assembly enters "stage right" with "May Marquee," a series of seven free concert performances, and Norma Helm Webb, pictured, new executive director.

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An archives collection for New Mexico and Texas that has found a permanent home in Room 293 of The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

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Weather

Fair and warm Friday with a sizzling high in the mid-90s. Details on Page 2A.

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Professor attacks Alaska's favored drilling tax status

By SARAH McCLENDON
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Professor Stephen Williams of Colorado told the U.S. Supreme Court that it costs less to drill an oil well in Colorado "than it does in the lower 48 states."

In arguing that the Crude Oil Windfall Profits Tax law is unconstitutional, Williams said the higher costs for Alaskan oil comes in transportation, not production.

Williams represented the oil industry, nationally, in its claim that the Constitution requires all taxes to be applied uniformly.

"It is unjust to give an investor a tax incentive to invest in oil in Alaska," Williams said, adding that will drive more people to put their money there and pull it out of other states.

Associate Justice Sandra O'Connor, born and educated in El Paso, asked the first question in the line of nine justices. "Was Mr. Williams willing to concede that Congress had the right to apply an exemption on climactic grounds?"

Williams agreed that Congress had the power but said that portion of the Windfall law is getting it on other grounds than climate.

Lawrence G. Wallace, speaking for the government as Solicitor General, argued that the exemption granted Alaskan oil does not constitute a violation of the Constitution. He said it is assumed that this is a reasonable and just exception.

The Supreme Court is not expected to rule on this case until late June or early July.

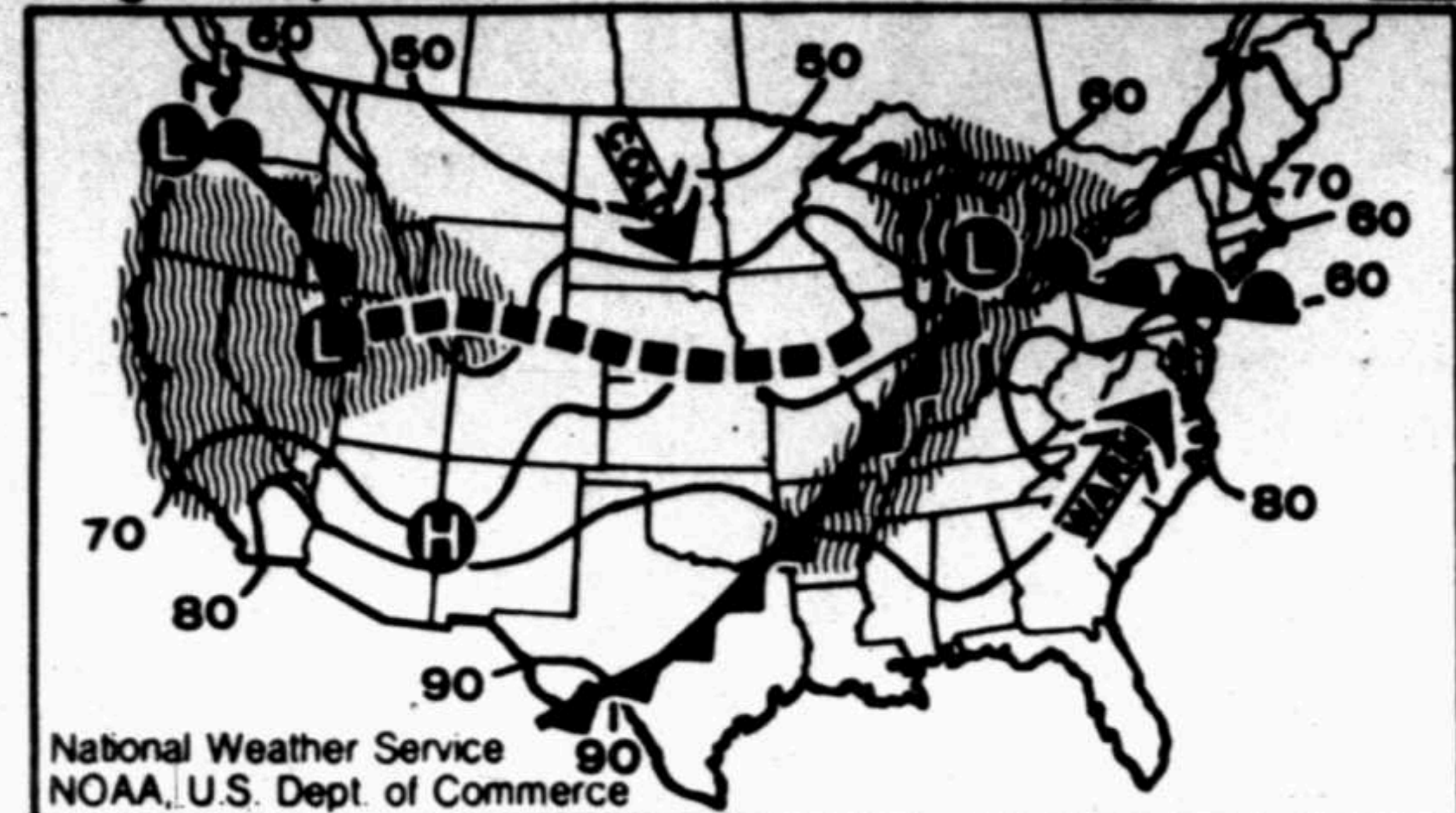
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WEATHER SUMMARY

The Forecast For 8 p.m. EDT
Thursday, April 28
High Temperatures



National Weather Service
NOAA, U.S. Dept. of Commerce

Fronts: Cold Warm Occluded Stationary
The National Weather Service predicts showers in an area stretching from the West Coast to parts of Wyoming and Colorado and from the Canadian border in Wisconsin and Michigan to Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Warm weather likely to continue

A continuing dose of summerish weather is in the offing for Midlanders on Friday when the temperature is to reach into the mid-90s. Winds are to be southerly at 10 to 15 mph. For tonight, the weatherman at the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport is forecasting a low of near 60 degrees and southerly winds at 5 to 10 mph. Thursday's high of 91 degrees was fairly close to the record high of 95 degrees for the date in 1974. The overnight low of 59 degrees wasn't close to the record low of 38 degrees for the date in 1934.

Midland statistics

FORECAST
Fair and mild tonight with a low near 60. Winds southerly at 5 to 10 mph. Fair and warm Friday with a high in the mid 90s. Winds southerly at 10 to 15 mph.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS
Yesterday's high 91 degrees
59 degrees
Sunset today 8:27 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:05 a.m.
Precipitation 0.00 inches
Last 24 hours 0.06 inches
This month to date 0.17 inches
1983 to date 0.17 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES
6 a.m. 60
7 a.m. 61
8 a.m. 65
9 a.m. 71
10 a.m. 78
11 a.m. 82
12 p.m. 87
1 p.m. 87
2 p.m. 89
3 p.m. 89
4 p.m. 90
5 p.m. 89

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES
Abilene 80
Amarillo 81
El Paso 82
Fort Worth 81
Houston 73
Lubbock 87
Marfa 85
Odessa 82
Wichita Falls 88

Weather elsewhere

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8 a.m. EDT

City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otk
Albany	73	48	rn	
Albuquerque	78	51	rn	
Amarillo	78	48	cl	
Anchorage	53	35	rn	
Atlanta	90	37	cdy	
Atlanta	79	52	cdy	
Atlantic City	73	59	cdy	
Austin	84	70	cdy	
Baltimore	81	51	cdy	
Birmingham	81	50	cdy	
Bismarck	56	35	01 cdy	
Boston	68	47	03 cdy	
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Brownsville	90	70	cdy	
Buffalo	67	43	cdy	
Burlington	66	47	07 cdy	
Casper	54	31	cdy	
Charleston, S.C.	83	60	cl	
Charleston, W.V.	83	48	rn	
Charlotte, N.C.	82	46	cdy	
Cheyenne	55	37	02 cdy	
Chicago	73	45	83 cdy	
Cincinnati	80	57	cdy	
Cleveland	80	55	cdy	
Columbia, S.C.	85	48	cdy	
Columbus	80	56	cdy	
Dallas-Ft. Worth	83	59	cdy	
Dayton	78	56	cdy	
Denver	61	46	cdy	
Des Moines	62	49	cdy	
Detroit	79	49	06 cdy	
Duluth	54	35	cdy	
El Paso	82	60	cl	
Fairbanks	52	33	cdy	
Fargo	59	38	cdy	
Flagstaff	56	37	cdy	
Greenville	41	23	05 cdy	
Hartford	77	46	cdy	
Helena	52	33	05 cdy	
Honolulu	77	68	cdy	
Houston	72	67	01 cdy	
Indianapolis	79	57	01 cdy	
Jackson, Miss.	81	61	cdy	
Jacksonville	81	48	cdy	
Juneau	63	39	cdy	
Kansas City	62	47	95 cdy	
Las Vegas	77	58	cdy	
Little Rock	78	64	cdy	
Los Angeles	68	57	cdy	
Louisville	81	58	cdy	
Lubbock	87	48	cl	
Memphis	78	66	cdy	
Miami	77	72	cdy	
Milwaukee	70	48	cdy	
Minneapolis	81	47	01 cdy	
Mpls-St. Paul	83	47	01 cdy	
Newark	84	57	cdy	
New Orleans	78	59	cdy	
New York	78	62	cdy	
North Platte	84	57	22 rn	
Oklahoma City	82	56	cdy	
Omaha	81	42	rn	
Orlando	82	67	cdy	
Philadelphia	76	49	cdy	
Phoenix	88	66	cdy	
Pittsburgh	78	53	rn	
Portland, Ore.	61	41	cdy	
Portland, Me.	73	54	01 rn	
Providence	73	50	cdy	
Raleigh	85	55	cdy	
Rapid City	57	38	rn	
Reno	55	38	12 rn	
Richmond	86	52	cdy	
St. Louis	76	54	120 cdy	
St. Pete-Tampa	83	58	cdy	
Salt Lake	56	45	03 rn	
San Antonio	85	69	143 cdy	
San Diego	69	59	cdy	
San Francisco	62	54	36 cdy	
Sioux Falls	58	28	cdy	
Seattle	65	47	cl	
Shreveport	79	64	cdy	
Sioux Falls	61	48	03 rn	
Spokane	48	36	cdy	
Syracuse	72	46	cdy	
Topeka	63	50	146 cdy	
Tucson	85	59	cdy	
Tulsa	79	61	08 cdy	
Washington	82	56	cdy	
Wichita	83	48	33 cdy	

Texas temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and low as of 7 a.m.

City	High	Low	Pcp
Abilene	89	65	00
Alamo	92	70	00
Amarillo	84	48	00
Austin	84	70	00
Beaumont	73	68	00
Brownsville	90	70	00
Childress	92	68	00
College Station	81	68	00
Corpus Christi	85	70	00
Dalhart	81	45	00
Dallas	82	68	00
Del Rio	91	69	00
El Paso	82	60	00
Fort Worth	81	61	00
Galveston	73	69	00
Houston	73	69	00
Longview	78	66	00
Lubbock	87	48	00
Lufkin	72	66	00
Marfa	85	45	00
McAllen	90	70	00
Midland	91	60	00
Palacios	78	70	02
San Angelo	90	67	00
San Antonio	85	69	00
Shreveport, La.	79	64	00
Stephenville	80	67	00
Texasarkana	77	68	00
Victoria	83	71	00
Waco	83	70	00
Wichita Falls	88	66	00
Wink	88	50	00

Border forecasts

New Mexico: Patchy low clouds northeast dissipating this morning, otherwise variable high cloudiness today through Friday with afternoon breezes. Isolated showers possible northwest Friday afternoon. Highs today and Friday, 60s and low 70s mountains and northwest with 70s and 80s elsewhere. Lows tonight, 30s and 40s mountains and north with 40s and 50s lower elevations of the south.

Louisiana: Partly cloudy today and Friday. Fair tonight with areas of fog. Widely scattered thunder showers extreme northwest Friday afternoon. Highs in the mid 80s except upper 70s along the coast. Lows tonight in the mid 60s.

Oklahoma: Scattered showers and thunderstorms through Friday. More likely during the afternoon and evening. Some of the thunderstorms will produce strong gusty winds and hail. Otherwise clear to partly cloudy through Friday. Continued warm days with high today and Friday in the 80s. Lows tonight in the low to mid 50s northwest and in the 60s elsewhere.

Extended forecasts

Saturday Through Monday
West Texas: Mostly fair with little day to day temperature changes. Highs near 80. Panhandle to near 90 southeast to upper 90s Big Bend valleys. Lows upper 40s Panhandle to low 60s southeast and extreme south.

North Texas: Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday, a chance of thunderstorms Monday. Continued warm. Highs low 80s to low 90s. Lows mid 50s to mid 60s.

South Texas: Considerable night and morning cloudiness otherwise partly cloudy and warm. Little or no change of rain. Lows from mid 60s to mid 70s. Highs mid 80s to low 90s except near 80 coast.

Port Arthur to Port O'Connor: Southeasterly winds near 15 knots decreasing to 10 to 15 knots tonight and Friday. Higher gusts near shore during the afternoon hours. Seas 3 to 5 feet.

Port O'Connor to Brownsville: Southeasterly winds near 15 knots through Friday. Higher gusts near shore during the afternoon hours. Seas 3 to 5 feet.

Delays in withdrawal discussed

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Secretary of State George P. Shultz met with President Amin Gemayel today on issues holding up the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon.

U.S.-sponsored talks between Israel and Lebanon have dragged on for four months without accord on a troop withdrawal and Shultz pledged in an arrival statement at the heavily guarded Beirut airport to "redouble" U.S. efforts to reach a solution.

"I am here to help bring these negotiations closer to a successful conclusion," he said. He then flew on a U.S. military helicopter to the site of the U.S. Embassy, where a terrorist bomb blast April 18 killed at least 49 Americans and Lebanese.

"It was a crime against both of our people and tied us closer together by the very special bond of shared sacrifice," Shultz said of the bombing.

After his two-hour meeting with Prime Minister Menachem Begin earlier today, Shultz said, "I expect to be in the area for a while, and perhaps we will regard this as the first in a series of private meetings which we will have."

A high-ranking Israeli official said his government hopes Shultz can convince Lebanon to accept Israel's conditions for a troop pull-out, including giving Maj. Saad Haddad, a Lebanese militia leader, a command role in southern Lebanon.

An Israeli official, briefing reporters under a guarantee of anonymity, said of Shultz's mission: "We would like him to get Lebanon to agree on those issues (that remain). It's as simple as that."

The official also said the United States should open talks with Syria to learn the conditions under which Damascus will withdraw its troops from Lebanon.

If Israel and Lebanon are unable to work out an agreement or if the Syrians fail to withdraw their forces, the official said, it is "a likely scenario" that Israel would unilaterally pull its troops toward its border but leave them in southern Lebanon.

Gemayel's government opposes such a move for fear it would divide



Speaking to reporters upon his arrival in Beirut today in U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. He is accompanied by ambassador Robert Dillon, right.

Lebanon into permanently held zones, with the Israelis in the south and the Syrians in eastern Lebanon.

On Wednesday, Begin and Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir told Shultz they feared Israeli's northern border with Lebanon would not be secure if all Israeli

troops were withdrawn now.

Shultz also met with Defense Minister Moshe Arens and Foreign Ministry and military officials. It was the first time Begin and Shultz had met.

Israel has insisted on leaving behind a small number of troops,



Officer Jeff Marugg recovers a .32-caliber revolver from a Dumpster at Midland Park Mall. The weapon allegedly was used in a three-man armed robbery Wednesday at Canton Decorating Center, 4600 Sinclair Ave.

Republicans remain divided on budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans are running out of time to settle deep divisions on a 1984 budget plan, or choose between a legislative deadlock and Democratic proposals on domestic spending and new taxes next year.

Most of the Republicans met Wednesday to discuss the budget resolution to be debated next week, and afterwards one member, Dan Quayle of Indiana, joked: "We've actually got 55 proposals and there are only 54 Republicans."

He said after discussing five separate blueprints for spending and taxes in the fiscal year which begins Oct. 1, there was "absolutely no consensus."

Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., said of the meeting: "It was a free-for-all."

If the budget debate begins next week with Republicans badly splintered among themselves, the 46 Democrats could recruit enough moderate and liberal Republicans to push through their own plan.

That would include higher taxes, more spending for social programs and less defense money than either Reagan or Senate Republican leaders now want.

The Republican-controlled Senate Budget Committee has approved a budget outline which allows for \$30 billion in new taxes next year, cuts Reagan's defense buildup from 10 percent to 5 percent and sets non-defense spending at about \$11 billion above the president's budget.

It was approved with only five GOP votes in a marriage of convenience with Democrats to get the issue to the Senate floor because Republicans on the panel could reach no consensus of their own.

There is a wide political spectrum among the Senate Republicans, from Sen. John Chafee of Rhode Island, whose priorities are very close to Senate Democrats, to Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, who is recommending an absolute freeze on 1984 taxes and domestic cuts even deeper than Reagan.

who would patrol jointly with the Lebanese army to protect the border. It also is demanding that Haddad, an ally of Israel who quit the Lebanese army, control a 25-mile buffer zone in the south. Haddad, whose men were armed and trained by Israel, commands a militia in southern Lebanon.

The Lebanese Parliament has rejected any form of Israeli military presence in southern Lebanon and refuses to take Haddad back into the Lebanese army.

Shultz, in his first attempt at shuttle diplomacy, said he would return from Beirut to Israel later today and then go back to Lebanon on Saturday. He also said he expects to go to Syria to meet with President Hafez Assad.

On the first stop of his trip, in Cairo on Monday and Tuesday, Shultz won the support of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in his efforts to get an agreement on troop withdrawal.

On his arrival in Israel, Shultz made clear he expects Israel to agree to withdraw all its troops from Lebanon and drop demands for a military presence there.

"Our immediate task is bringing peace to Lebanon, restoring Lebanese sovereignty, and withdrawing all foreign forces and ensuring peace and security" on the Israeli-Lebanese border, he said. "Any arrangement that falls short of that is not going to be the basis for a Syrian troop withdrawal."

Israel, which invaded Lebanon June 6 to force the Palestine Liberation Organization to get out of Beirut, has about 25,000 troops in Lebanon. Syria has about 36,000, and has had troops in the country since the 1975-76 civil war. An estimated 6,000 to 8,000 Palestinian guerrillas remain in Lebanon after the evacuation of the PLO from Beirut in September.

A Cairo newspaper reported today that Mubarak told Shultz the role of the PLO in Middle East peacemaking "cannot be minimized or written off."

The semi-official newspaper Al-Ahram said Mubarak also was critical of recent attacks on the PLO by the Reagan administration.

House launches 5th debate on nuclear freeze

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House today headed into its fifth round of floor debate on a nuclear weapons freeze resolution, with Republican opponents set to renew efforts to tone down the measure.

President Reagan has charged that the resolution — calling for a "mutual and verifiable freeze" on U.S. and Soviet nuclear arsenals — would undercut U.S. arms negotiators and lock the United States into

strategic inferiority to Moscow.

Republicans and conservative Democrats opposing the freeze have conceded that the resolution is virtually certain to pass in the Democratic-controlled House. But it remained uncertain how soon the chamber would be able to dispose of a long series of amendments and move to a final vote.

Debate over the non-binding measure already has totalled more than 30 hours, spread over four separate

days — far longer than had been expected when the freeze resolution first went to the House floor last month.

Last week, the House adopted by voice vote in an amendment by Rep. Trent Lott, R-Miss., stating that "any item both sides do not agree to freeze would not be frozen" whenever a U.S.-Soviet arms freeze was implemented.

But Rep. Thomas J. Tauke, R-Iowa, a freeze advocate, said Wednesday

he would be pressing for reconsideration of this amendment, contending that it "cuts at the very heart of the rationale for the freeze resolution."

Tauke said that while the freeze concept was intended to ban development and deployment of new types of nuclear weapons, Lott's amendment apparently would permit building of any weapons which were not specifically listed in a freeze accord.

Libyan oil production stepped up in exchange for arms

By BERNARD D. KAPLAN
Hearst European Bureau

PARIS — Libyan Colonel Moamar Khadafi, caught in the act earlier this month surreptitiously shipping weapons to Nicaragua, has drastically stepped up his country's oil production in order to pay for Soviet arms.

Both Western intelligence and oil industry informants have confirmed that, at the very moment when OPEC has agreed to cut-back production to shore up crude oil prices, the Libyans have actually doubled their average output to a million barrels a day.

But the increase has so far had no impact on international oil markets and is unlikely to in the future. That is because the expanded output is going exclusively to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

"Khadafi, in effect, is bartering oil worth approximately \$1.4 million per day on the open market for Russian armaments," according to a French intelligence official. "That represents a substantial increase over Libyan arms purchases from the Soviet bloc in the previous two years. The reasons for the change aren't entirely clear."

In trying to ship 150 tons of arms and ammunition to Nicaragua

aboard four giant cargo planes that were stopped by the Brazilian authorities, was Khadafi acting for himself or as an "agent" for the Russians?

Intelligence officials here think that it hardly matters. Whether the arms were bought and paid for by him or he was acting as a middle man, the arms traffic is seen by them as part of a well-coordinated arrangement between Moscow and Tripoli.

They believe that the restless colonel, thwarted in his African ambitions and especially his hopes of annexing Libya's southern neighbor, Chad, has reverted to his earlier

obsession with sponsoring worldwide "revolution." His interest in the latter apparently tapered off somewhat in 1981-82 when Libyan oil revenues, affected by the drop in oil prices everywhere, declined.

His new deal with the Soviets is once again permitting him to exercise his aspirations to be a global godfather to leftist subversion and terror. At the same time, as officials here emphasized, nothing could suit the Russians better.

Khadafi is again sharing in some of the "overhead" involved in sustaining costly left-wing insurgency movements in many different places. Whatever their commitment

to world revolution, the Russians never have been ones to overlook the expense. Whenever possible, the record shows they prefer to be paid for their material support in hard cash and on favorable terms.

With arms worth nearly a million-and-a-half dollars a day at his disposal, experts here predict that Khadafi's Brazilian fiasco won't long discourage his efforts to bring aid and comfort to leftist rebels in El Salvador and probably elsewhere in Latin America. The Colombian government has said that it suspects some of the weapons aboard the Libyan cargo planes were destined for its leftist guerrillas.

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MUTUAL FUNDS

Table listing various mutual funds and their performance metrics.

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Text discussing the freeze on dividends and its impact on investors.

Stock market mixed

By CHET CURRIER AP Business Writer. Stock prices turned mixed in the busiest trading in almost four months Wednesday.

BUSINESS MIRROR Manufacturing recovering from slump

By JOHN CUNIFF AP Business Analyst. NEW YORK — One of the brighter but less dramatic signs of the economic times has been the improvement, slow though it is, in manufacturing.

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Wanted: crossword puzzle answers. Includes a grid and a list of words to be found.

Nukes: Will waste, less demand kill them?

By VIC OSTROWDSKI
Hearst Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court decision upholding the right of states to ban new nuclear plants until the federal government finds a way to dispose of used atomic fuel may have dealt a mortal blow to an already reeling industry.

"Nuclear power is dead in the water in terms of new orders for the near future," says Eric Van Loon, executive director of the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), an industry critic.

"The industry is so far gone that nothing can revive it at this point," adds Richard Udell, an official with Ralph Nader's anti-nuclear Critical Mass energy project.

Industry officials, however, contend that although nuclear power may not be the picture of health, the reports of its demise are greatly exaggerated.

INDUSTRY SPOKESMEN point out that by the end of the year, nuclear energy will move into second place behind coal as a generator of electricity in this country. Last year nuclear power produced 13 percent of the nation's electricity and by the end of the century, nukes may produce about 25 percent.

But even the Reagan administration, a staunch nuclear power supporter — trying to revive an industry that has seen 48 plants canceled and no new plants ordered since 1978 — does not seem confident of the industry's future.

A White House spokesman said the administration was totally "shocked and disheartened" by the ruling. "We're trying to figure out whether this is the end of the road for nuclear power," admitted a high-ranking official. "Plants in the pipeline could be held up until a way is found to dispose of nuclear waste."

The industry's spokesmen ruefully remember their lawyers' earlier warning to the court that a negative decision could well "sound the death knell" for future plant construction.

THE BEST THE Atomic Industrial Forum — industry spokesmen — could do was to insist the decision would have no effect on the 72 plants already operating or the 60 plants that are under construction.

The Forum said recently that the utility industry is attempting to "match the generous free media space and time accorded the critics of nuclear power" by launching a \$25 million advertising campaign.

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The mid-April Supreme Court decision was bad news for an industry already beset by serious economic problems — soaring cost overruns, lagging orders for reactors, lack of enthusiasm on the part of investors, unfinished plants, environmental suits, shoddy workmanship, public mistrust — accompanied by a slowdown in electric power demand.

That is, 2.1 percent lower in the first nine months of 1982 than the same period in 1981, a drop which has left the industry with the largest unused reserve capacity since 1938.

EXAMPLES OF problems abound:

The travails of the auto industry are blamed for the drop in the use of electricity in Michigan. Critics now question the need for two reactors being built in Midland, Michigan by Consumers Power and Detroit Edison's Fermi plant nearing completion near the Motor City.

In the west, not one of California's six nuclear-power reactors is functioning, victims of safety problems and faulty designs.

Long Island's Shoreham nuclear-power facility is six years behind schedule, 10 times as costly as planned. Its rates when finally functioning will probably be the highest in the nation. It now faces a new, unforeseen obstacle to starting up.

Suffolk County, L.I., where Shoreham is, blocked implementation of an emergency evacuation plan for the reactor — which should be ready to load fuel by the end of June.

PROBABLY THE LAST plant to be completed in New York state in this century is likely to be Nine Mile Point No.2 on the shore of Lake Ontario. Its total cost is expected to hit at least \$4.2 billion, or 11 times its original estimate. That means power from the plant is likely to cost nearly twice as much as power from other sources cost now.

Public Service Co. of Oklahoma cancelled its proposed Black Fox Nuclear Station near Tulsa after unsuccessfully trying to get a construction permit for years.

The industry's problems are so apparent that the UCS no longer wage protest against manufacturers of nuclear power plants and utilities — it has turned its attention to fighting nuclear arms growth.

There are 72 plants operating in the U.S., generating about one-eighth of America's electricity. The plants have generated nearly 270 billion kilowatt hours in 1981 alone — about as much as all the electricity the U.S. was using at the close of World War II. Some 60 additional nuclear plants are in various stages of construction — two-thirds of them 50 percent or more completed.

BY 1990, THE total investment by the industry in nuclear power will hit \$150 billion, even without orders for new plants. The industry employs more than 300,000 people, a large proportion of them technically trained or highly skilled.

The Supreme Court decision upheld a moratorium imposed by California and 10 other states — including New York, Maryland, Oregon and Massachusetts — on new nuclear plants. It is also likely to encourage another 20 states which had supported California in the Supreme Court suit to pass similar measures.

The Pacific Gas and Electric Co., joined by the federal government, argued before the court in January that the Atomic Energy Act gives the federal government sole authority to design, build and operate nuclear plants and thus preempted state laws.

California maintained that states have the right to refuse nuclear plants as too costly and unsafe until the federal government has solved the problem of waste management and disposal.

CONGRESS PASSED a law last winter that sets rules and timetables for selection of waste disposal sites and methods, but those solutions still lie a long way down the road.

Residents of Washington and Nevada, where hearings were held last month, came out in force to oppose selection of their states for new sites. Additional hearings are planned in a few weeks — in Texas, Louisiana, Utah and Mississippi.

Even if the process for selecting and constructing the nuclear waste depository is adopted soon, it will not be ready to accept spent fuel from atomic power plants until the late 1990s. Spent fuel remains radioactive for thousands of years. The problem of how to dispose of it has taken on an increasing urgency, because atomic plants already have begun running out of storage space.

The industry was damaged by the accident in 1979 at the Three Mile Island nuclear facility near Harrisburg, Pa. where small amounts of radioactive gas and particles were released into the atmosphere.

THE ACCIDENT brought the industry — already barely alive — to a near standstill. Cancellations came in a flood tide. Work on 18 reactors was halted, bringing total cancellations since 1972 to 102.

"The accident showed that a \$2 billion investment could disintegrate in 30 seconds," Van Loon said.

The irony is that at one time energy officials were touting nuclear power as the wave of the American future, predicting that as many as 1,000 plants would be generating electricity by the turn of the century. At one time, President Carter had hoped nuclear power would supply the energy equivalent of four million barrels of oil a day.

It now supplies the equivalent of about one million barrels, with total U.S. consumption at about 15 million barrels.

With the industry's future on the line, the administration has proposed to streamline the licensing process by curtailing public participation and instituting regulatory shortcuts. It contends that the reforms it presented to Congress last month can slash five years from the 12 to 14 now required to build a nuclear power plant.

(Friday: Conserving Energy)

DRILLING REPORT

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ANDREWS COUNTY
ARC Oil & Gas No. 1 A S Univer City 11 sec 12 PD 7,200 setting casing
ARC Oil & Gas No. 1 A S Univer City 11 sec 12 PD 7,200 testing
Callaway Production Co. No. 1 Cowden A PD 11,800 drilling 7,147 feet made of 10 1/2 inch 22 1/4 hours
William E Hendon No. 1 Univer City A2 Rev. shut in for build up

BORDEN COUNTY
Bush Exploration Co. No. 1 First PD 8,400 location
Delta Drilling Co. 2 B J Below PD 9,300 location
Delta Drilling Co. No. 1 488 Don A Jones PD 8,500 production testing
Durham Inc. No. 1 Jones Ranch PD 8,500 location

CHAVES COUNTY
Harper Oil Co. No. 1 M Gainer PD 7,200 light
Mesa Petroleum Co. No. 1 Travis Federal PD 4,500 light

COCHRAN COUNTY
Gulf Oil Corp. No. 2 M C Gandy PD 4,900 no report
John H. Hendrix Corp. No. 1 Beard PD 5,150 no report

CRANE COUNTY
Brazos Petroleum Co. No. 1 Glass PD 4,500 light

DAWSON COUNTY
Robert Griffin No. 1 Cline PD 9,200 drilling 8,345 feet dolomite and shale
RR Petroleum No. 2 Highline PD 7,900 location
Tipperary Oil & Gas Corp. No. 1 128 Etland PD 12,300 testing
TXO Production Corp. No. 1 Super PD 7,600 location
TXO Production Corp. No. 2 Super PD 7,600 location

ECTOR COUNTY
Gulf Oil Corp. No. 1389 D C A Goldman et al PD 8,200 Total depth 8,400 feet PBD 8,344 feet lay down 8 joints 2 7/8 inch tubing out of derrick, shut in production pulling unit, turn to rig down from testing

EDDY COUNTY
Amoco Production Co. No. 1 Slaughter Canyon Federal Unit PD 12,300 location
Amoco Production Co. No. 1 Federal 'CY' Gas Com PD 9,500 dropped from report
Amoco Production Co. No. 1 State M T Total depth 10,405 feet moving in service unit
Cities Service Oil Co. No. 1 Federal 'X' Gas Com PD 12,700 Total depth 12,900 feet. PBD 2,333, 7 5/8 inch casing at 9,000 feet per inch 2,780 2,802 feet and 2,500, 2,593 feet pulled out of hole with drilling assembly
HNG Oil Co. No. 1 Mckittick 30

FEDERAL LOCATION
W A Moncrief Jr. No. 1 Guadalupe Federal PD 11,900 waiting on permit to drill
The Superior Oil Co. No. 1 Dunes State location

GAINES COUNTY
Aaron F. Giebel No. 1 Adams PD 7,700 light

GARZA COUNTY
Holly Energy Inc. No. 1 H C Lewis PD 8,200, no report
Woodbine Petroleum Inc. No. 1 Hattie Spelling PD 8,800 location

GLASSCOCK COUNTY
Beach Exploration No. 2 Houston A PD 11,300 waiting on completion unit
Beach Exploration No. 1 Houston Estate PD 11,300 waiting on completion unit
William E. Hendon No. 1 Powell 32 A drilling 7,370 feet
Texaco Inc. No. 1 Glasscock 'L' Fee PD 11,500, drilling 4,590 feet, lime and shale, ran 9 5/8 inch casing at 3,220 feet

HOWARD COUNTY
Blanks Energy Corp. No. 1 Crawford PD 7,300 light
TXO Production Corp. No. 3 Fryer PD 9,900 total depth 9,666 feet waiting on production facilities

IRION COUNTY
TXO Production Corp. No. 4 Winterbotham F PD 8,900 light

KENT COUNTY
DAMCO Energy Corp. No. 1 Hall PD 7,900 location
TXO Production Corp. No. 1 134 Spres PD 8,000 T-6,020 feet, dropped from report

KING COUNTY
Fairchild Petroleum Corp. No. 1 Gillespie PD 3,500 location

LEA COUNTY
Amoco Production Co. No. 1 Y El Alto Grande total depth 14,270 feet, prep to spot cement plug
Amoco Production Co. No. 1 Federal 'CP' shut in
Amoco Production Co. No. 1 State DV PD 12,750 total depth 12,800, waiting on completion unit
Dowling Petroleum Inc. No. 1 Hooper PD 13,250, total depth 13,136 feet, waiting on orders
Amoco Production Co. 1 Federal 'DD' total depth 16,109 feet, plugged back 14,217 feet, shut in for evaluation
Great Western Drilling Co. No. 1 State 82 PD 11,000 testing
Santa Fe Exploration Co. No. 1 Haley Hill shut in testing
Amoco State PD 10,400 location

LOVING COUNTY
American Trading & Production Co. No. 2 A 4 Lineberry PD 20,000 waiting on completion unit
Halco Production Co. No. 1 1 Halco Hill shut in testing
Sun Down Petroleum No. 1 Malcom Madera PD 5,033 waiting on equipment
J C Williamson No. 1 Exxon PD 6,200 waiting on potential

MARTIN COUNTY
Parker & Parsley No. 1 Caprock PD 11,500, pumped 91 barrels oil, 170 barrels water
Wilson Energy Inc. No. 3 Sprawls PD 11,000 waiting on completion unit
Wilson Energy Inc. No. 1 Bobbitt A PD 12,500 waiting on completion unit
Wilson Energy, Inc. No. 1 R

PECOS COUNTY
Jack N Blair No. 1 Fay State PD 10,500, light
Cities Service Oil & Gas Corp. No. 1 J Sibley PD 9,500 light
Conoco Inc. No. 1 Elenore '73' PD 15,800 location
Cities Service Oil Co. No. 1 A Loper total depth 11,842 feet, ran 9 5/8 inch casing at 4,501 feet, 51 feet in 10 1/2 hours
Dyad Associates No. 1 Superior PD 4,800 location
Conoco Inc. No. 8 Charles Canon, PD 10,700, location
Dinero Operating No. 1 Annihil State No. 84, PD 10,000, drilling 5,332 feet (373 feet) Dolomite, sand, mud weight 8 7/8 C L PPM 38,000
Gentry Oil Co. No. 1 White Estate '42' PD 9,600, rigged down, moved off rotary tools
HNG Oil Co. No. 1 Hayter State '20-2' total depth 5,16 feet in Clay, fishing for broken drill line, prep to go in hole with broken drill line, prep to go in hole w 3 prong crabs
TXO Production Corp. No. 1 Toyah 'B' PD 12,800 total depth 14,960 feet

REEVES COUNTY
Maralo Inc. No. 1 Texaco '3' PD 16,000, total depth 5,16 feet in Clay, fishing for broken drill line, prep to go in hole with broken drill line, prep to go in hole w 3 prong crabs
TXO Production Corp. No. 1 Toyah 'B' PD 12,800 total depth 14,960 feet

REEVES COUNTY
Ken Regan (Delaware)
The Eastland Oil Company No. 1 H M C, 600 feet & full of lease, sec 20, blk 56, T-3, T&P, 10 ne Ohio, TD 3,384, Elev. 2,879, Completed 3/24/83
Casing 4 1/2 inch at 3,374, Perforations 3,364-3,384, Acid 250 gallons, Frac 2,500 gallons and 3,000 pounds sand
Potentialized 4/10/83, Flowing 23.8 barrels oil, 155 Mct of gas, 50 barrels water daily on 14/64 inch choke, Gravity 35.5, Gas oil ratio 6.5/1
Formation tops: Base Salt 3,126, Delaware 2,308, Olds Sand 3,378

WARD COUNTY
Rhoda Walker (Canyon 5900)
Tenneco Oil Co. No. 1 G Q Avery, 660 feet, 1,980 feet of lease, sec 132, blk 34, H&TC, 5 5/8, Prote, TD 8,785, PB 8,746, Elev. 2,870, Completed 3/19/83
Casing 5 1/2 inch at 6,785, Perforations 6,648-6,872, Acid 2,000 gallons, Frac 48,000 gallons and 65,000 pounds sand
Potentialized 4/15/83, Flowing 220 barrels oil, 6 Mct of gas, 410 barrels water daily on 31/64 inch choke, Gravity 43, Gas oil ratio 22.7
Formation tops: Lamar Shale 5,106, Ramsey Sand 5,136, Cherry Canyon 5,978

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RUNNELS COUNTY
Petroleum Acquisition Corp. No. 1 W J Morgan, completed as producer

SCHLEICHER COUNTY
Triax Oil and Gas Inc. No. 1 W C Pope PD 5,800 location

SCURRY COUNTY
Woods Petroleum Corp. No. 1 Freytag PD 7,700 total depth 7,600 feet, shut in for evaluation

SUTTON COUNTY
Newhall Res. No. 1 Powers PD 5,300 location
Tom Brown Inc. No. 1 Heel Randy Fawcett Trust 'A' PD 7,129, shut in

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Amoco Production Co. No. 1 Emmett Jacobs PD 5,400 dropped from report

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Bakke (Wolfcamp)
Maralo Inc. No. 1 Bennett 600 feet, 1,980 feet of lease, sec 1, blk 44, PSL, 3 se Andrews, TD 9,632, PB 8,882, Elev. 3,139.4, Completed 4/8/83
Casing 5 1/2 inch at 9,662, Perforations 8,816-9,184, Acid 3,500 gallons and 21,500 lbs sealers
Potentialized 4/20/83, Pumping 89 barrels oil, 1 Mct of gas, 208 barrels water daily, Gravity 41.4
Formation tops: Wichita 7,847, Wolfcamp Pay 8,742, Base Permian 9,337

GAINES COUNTY
Means North (Queen Sand)
Sabine Production Co. No. 17.5 North Means Queen Sand Unit, 1,320 feet & full of lease, sec 1, blk A-34, PSL, 5 se Flory, TD 4,270, PB 4,280, Elev. 3,187.8, Completed 4/15/83
Casing 5 1/2 inch at 4,282.35, Perforations 4,202-4,218, 4,223, 4,240, 4,245-4,249, Acid 2,400 gallons and 500 acf. Boil off
Potentialized 4/23/83, Pumping 90 barrels oil, 15 Mct of gas, 24 barrels water daily, Gravity 32.0, Gas oil ratio 19.1
Formation tops: Queen A Sand 4,200, Queen B Sand 4,223

GLASSCOCK COUNTY
Blalock Lake, SE (Wolfcamp)
BTA Oil Producers No. 1 8102

J V Fry, 1,800 feet, 660 feet of lease, sec 30, blk 35, T-3 S, T&P, 5 se Garden City, TD 8,310, PB 8,171, Elev. 2,725, Completed 4/19/83
Casing 5 1/2 inch at 8,310, Perforations 8,155-8,168, Acid 2,250 gallons
Potentialized 4/20/83, Flowing 210 barrels oil, 237 Mct of gas, 210 barrels water daily on 24 64 inch choke, Gravity 42.4, Gas oil ratio 108.1
Formation tops: Lower Clearfork 6,020, Upper Spraberry 6,322, Wolfcamp Reef 8,132

Spraberry (Trend Area)
Devon Energy Corp. No. 2 J W Driver, 660 feet & full, sec 30, blk 36, T-4 S, T&P, 14 ne Midway, TD 8,526, PB 8,480, Elev. 2,683, Completed 3/21/83
Casing 5 1/2 inch at 8,526, Perforations 8,380-8,447, Acid 3,350 gallons, Frac 60,000 pounds sand and 45,000 gallons
Potentialized 4/18/83, Pumping 71 barrels oil, 100 Mct of gas, 40 barrels water daily, Gravity 37.6, Gas oil ratio 140.8
Formation tops: Upper Spraberry 6,352, Lower Spraberry 7,500, Spraberry Dean 8,229

HOWARD COUNTY
Howard-Glasscock (Glorieta)
Exxon Corp. No. 41 H R Clay, 900 feet, 2,250 feet of lease, sec 138, blk 29, W&NW 135 se Big Spring, TD 3,303, Elev. 2,689

Completed 4/9/83
Casing 4 1/2 inch at 3,303, Perforations 2,894-3,129, Acid 7,000 gallons, Frac 42,000 gallons and 4,19,83
Potentialized 4/20/83, Pumping 55 barrels oil, less than 1 Mct, 102 barrels water daily, Gravity 28.6, Formation tops: Glorieta 2,739, Clearfork 2,861

MARTIN COUNTY
Spraberry (Trend Area)
RR Petroleum Corp. No. 3 Glen Cox, 660 feet, 1,980 feet of lease, sec 30, blk 37, T-2N, T&P, 2n & 1 w of Tarzan, TD 9,350, Elev. 2,824, Completed 4/22/83
Casing 4 1/2 inch at 9,350, Perforations 9,120-9,183, Acid 1,500 gallons, Frac 54,000 gallons and 108,000 pounds sand
Potentialized 4/22/83, Pumping 303 barrels oil, 615 Mct of gas, 0 barrels water daily, Gravity 38, Gas oil ratio 203.1
Formation tops: Spraberry 7,588, Lower Spraberry 8,074, Wolfcamp 9,086
Tamarack Petroleum Co. Inc. No. 1 Catch Beam Unit, 700 feet, 711 feet of lease, sec 23, blk 36, T-1 S, T&P, inside city of Stanton, TD 8,651, PB 8,590, Elev. 2,670, Completed 4/19/83
Casing 4 1/2 inch at 8,651, Perforations 8,370-8,542, 7,866, 7,960, 7,039-7,124, Acid 6,500 gallons, Frac 175,000 gallons and 331,000 pounds sand

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Train, truck crash

No injuries were reported when this construction truck was hit by an eastbound three-car Missouri Pacific freight train at a crossing near the Interstate 20 overpass of East Highway 80 about 5

p.m. Wednesday. The impact severed the trailer, the tractor, spilling a load of sand along the railroad right of way. The crossing

is protected by flashing lights. The name of the driver was not available.

Economist: Not smart to cut aid

By VINCE GIORGI
Staff Writer

ODESSA — The former president of Honduras' Central Bank said Wednesday "it wouldn't be too smart" for the United States to reduce or discontinue military aid to the El Salvadorian government.

Praxides Martinez, a Harvard-educated economist and private consultant, said with the widespread involvement of foreign powers in El Salvador and elsewhere in Central America, "it wouldn't be too smart to reduce aid now, knowing that things might worsen."

When asked whether he subscribes to the "domino theory" in Central America, a fear by the Reagan administration that Marxist revolution could sweep the entire region, Martinez said: "It might be a danger every time a country falls into the hands of the communist threat."

"The involvement of foreign powers is a reality in Central America," said Martinez, speaking at a hastily arranged afternoon news conference at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. "It seems to me that once a program (U.S. aid) has been started out, it's quite difficult to stop it."

The Reagan administration plans to send as much as \$110 million in military aid to El Salvador this year. A House committee recently lopped Reagan's first request for \$60 million in half, heralding the president's appeal to a joint session of Congress Wednesday night for increased aid to the country.

Martinez, 57, said U.S. aid is looked upon favorably by the people of El Salvador, where leftist guerrillas and a U.S.-backed conservative government are locked in a bitter struggle for control of the tiny country.

"I would say that the El Salvador people have lived in democracy and they want to keep in the democratic system," Martinez said.

President Reagan's plan to send a peace envoy to Central America has merit, according to Martinez. But he added that a negotiated peace in El Salvador is



Praxides Martinez

doubtful because the Marxist guerrillas there "don't want peace in the sense that the democratic people want peace."

Despite the government's willingness to negotiate, Martinez said, the leftist guerrillas seem bent on achieving peace through a military victory.

Martinez said his country, despite sporadic shooting on the Nicaragua-Honduras border, is probably the most stable in the region and is accepting refugees from El Salvador and Nicaragua.

He said all of Central America's countries are "very depressed," suffering from high unemployment, low economic growth and governments too destitute to spend money on social programs.

The region's instability has driven out foreign investors, and low prices for coffee, bananas, timber and other commodities have drained the region's economy, according to Martinez.

"There are several problems that have to be overcome to bring (the region) back to normality," he said.

When asked whether economic aid might be more essential to El Salvador's survival than military assistance, Martinez quoted an ancient Latin maxim: "First we live, later we eat."

Martinez will take part in a seminar on the economics and politics of Central America May 4-5 at UTPB.

UTPB bills unusual, witness says

By HALLYE JORDAN
Staff Writer

If bills introduced in the Texas Senate and House are approved, the Legislature and the Texas College and University System Coordinating Board may be swapping positions.

Bills introduced by Rep. Jay Gibson, D-Odessa, and Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, calling for four-year status for The University of Texas of the Permian Basin are unusual, according to an expert witness who testified before the House Higher Education Committee.

Dr. Kenneth Ashworth, commissioner of higher education with the coordinating board, was called to testify Monday.

"This is an unusual bill in that it delegates authority of the Legislature to the coordinating board to create a four-year institution," Ash-

worth told The Midland Reporter-Telegram Wednesday.

In the past, he said, the Legislature has had the only authority to delegate a four-year school. The coordinating board, which reviews certain decisions made by UT System Regents and local schools, was established to provide input on the Legislature's decision.

"Normally, the Legislature would make this decision," he said. "They would ask the coordinating board what we think. This time, instead of asking us what we think, (the Legislature is giving its opinion by considering the bills and leaving the final decision to the coordinating board and regents.)"

"They are saying, 'Just let the coordinating board do it,'" he said.

The bills, SB 1014 and HB 598, allow the University of Texas System Regents, with the approval of the coordinating board, power to

establish UTPB as a four-year school.

The bills argue granting UTPB four-year status will encourage other senior level institutions to seek expansion — a costly situation. "This is certainly not a propitious

time," Ashworth said, adding he feels the state budget is not adequate to handle the costs. He also said he doesn't think there is enough student enrollment to fill the upper-level colleges if they do expand.

"It surely does look at this time (the bills) will pass in both houses," Ashworth said. "But I don't know what position Gov. (Mark) White will take on it."

Although the coordinating board was established to provide information and assistance to the Legislature, Ashworth said it does have the authority to be sure at least two criteria are met: No unnecessary duplication of courses occur and resources aren't diluted by unnecessary expansions.

Those are two issues some junior college presidents opposing the bills are using to argue against the expansion of UTPB and other upper-level institutions.

Archives collection has 'lots of little tidbits'

By PATRICK DEAREN
Staff Writer

ODESSA — It's a mecca for historians, says special services librarian Bobbie Klepper, a pausing place "with lots of little tidbits" from centuries ago for those on a quest for self-identity.

It's known as Regional Historical Resource Depository and Local Records Division of the Texas State Library — a mouthful for any historian. More succinctly, it is an archives collection for New Mexico and Texas that has found a permanent home in Room 293 of The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Not associated with the learning institution, the state-owned archives collection is the result of 24 years of research by members of Permian Historical Society and others.

"We do not have enough material for any one (project), but for those researching a paper, an article or a book, we do have many things that would aid," said Mrs. Klepper.

But one problem, she said, is a lack of awareness regarding the collection's existence.

"You'd be surprised at the people that go to school here that don't know it exists," she said.

It was started in 1959 with the

establishment of Permian Historical Society, an organization of almost 300 persons whose aim is to collect and preserve the area's history. The society's archives were housed in several locations, including Ector County Library, before finding permanence at UTPB in 1971.

Permian Historical Society's archives became a part of the State Archives in 1973 with the precedent-setting initiation of Regional Historical Resource Depository at UTPB. Since that time, 23 more such regional depositories have been established.

The archives consists of extensive materials relating to the enigmas and lore of that part of Texas and New Mexico bordered by Lea County, N.M., and Culberson County on the west, Yoakum County on the north, Mitchell County on the east and Pecos and Crockett counties on the south. Included are such obscure items as county records, census records, KOSA-TV news reels from 1960-1976, tapes of interviews with old-timers and copies of land surveys.

Additionally, "we are one of the major sources for early area photographs," said Mrs. Klepper.

Her role in the depository is an important one, faced with cataloging items and assisting researchers.

But as one who has had an interest in history "all my life," it's a job that matches her profession with her hobby.

"I'm an avid western fan," she noted. "I thought westerns were all fiction, and then I realized that some western writers write about real places and real people. So I kind of sidled into the field through westerns."

Mrs. Klepper became involved in the Regional Depository while working on her masters in history at UTPB. She became a graduate assistant for the archives and, upon receiving her degree, found herself as the logical successor for the position as head of the depository.

As one who undertook two research projects for her masters — one involving a Baptist church and another involving Methodist women — Mrs. Klepper has an assurance that the work of historians is invaluable.

"You don't know who you are if you don't know what the past is," she said, "and you don't know where you're going if you don't have something to build on."

Mrs. Klepper, who doubles as secretary-treasurer of Permian Historical Society, noted that some persons enmeshed in deciphering history are "kind of fanatic about it. I think



Bobbie Klepper

really to be an archivist you have to be sort of a pack rat."

The results of years of work by other pack rats can be studied Mondays, Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. while research during summer months must be approved by UTPB library officials.



Norma Helm Webb

Midland Arts Assembly announces 'May Marquee' concerts

MC teacher chosen executive director

The Midland Arts Assembly lifted the curtain and focused the spotlight this morning on its "May Marquee," a series of seven free concert performances for Midlanders seeking some entertainment "punch" with their lunch.

Heading the "Marquee," which features Midland actors and musicians, is Tuesday's noon Lone Star Brass concert at the First National Bank Plaza. The other "Marquee" performances, locations and scheduled dates include:

—Tuesday, May 10; Midland Community Theatre, musical comedy excerpts; noon, First National Bank Plaza.

—Saturday, May 14, Lone Star Brass, 1 p.m., Midland Park Mall.

—Tuesday, May 17; Midland High School Reader's Theatre, Westminster Handbell Ringers; noon, First National Bank Plaza.

—Saturday, May 21; MHS Reader's Theatre, Westminster Handbell Ringers; 1 p.m., Midland Park Mall.

—Tuesday, May 24; Midland Col-

lege Roadrunners, country and western band; noon, First National Bank Plaza.

—Saturday, May 28, Midland College Roadrunners, 1 p.m., Midland Park Mall.

The Arts Assembly, a recently formed non-profit organization consisting of more than 20 independent Midland cultural group, also announced the selection of an executive director at a morning news conference.

Norma Helm Webb, a teacher and

director of senior services at Midland College, assumes the post June 1.

Mrs. Webb earned a bachelor's degree in art from Texas Tech University and a master's in education from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Her art work has been featured at two one-woman exhibits and has earned her many awards.

Before moving to Midland, she taught art in the Dallas and Hurst-Eules-Bedford school districts.

During her 14 years here, Mrs. Webb has served as president, treasurer and show chairman for the Midland Arts Association. She also served as city chairman of the Arthritis Victory March in 1975 and has done volunteer work for Casa de Amigos and the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Association.

The Midland Arts Assembly is dedicated to the promotion and coordination of cultural activities in Midland.

New GOP chairman wants to regain lost ground

HOUSTON (AP) — George W. Strake Jr. is expected to become chairman of the Texas Republican Party this Saturday. It's a job, he says, that can either end his political career or put him into the governor's mansion.

"Everybody who has had the job has ended up being chewed up like a piece of raw hamburger," said Strake, a soft spoken, 47-year-old Houston oilman. "It could happen to me."

Strake said that if he survives in the job politically, he'll consider running for governor in 1986.

"I will (run) if the conditions are right," he said. "But if I find somebody better than me, I will work for him or her."

The important thing, he said, is for the Republicans to regain the momentum lost last November when Bill Clements, the first GOP governor in Texas since Reconstruction, was defeated by Democrat Mark White.

It was, said Strake, a severe blow to the century-long efforts to turn Texas into a true two-party state.

Strake was part of the loss — he was a candidate for lieutenant governor and was buried at the polls by Democratic incumbent Bill Hobby.

After the defeat, some Republicans blamed the loss on Chet R. Upham of Mineral Wells, the current state party chairman. There was a movement to put another man at the helm of the GOP organization. Upham agreed to step down, provided Strake was named as his replacement.

Pat Black, executive director of the Harris County Republican Party, said Strake was viewed as a man who could bandage the wounds of the crippled party and pull warring elements together.

And that's what the Houstonian plans to do.

"I want to turn the guns of the Alamo outward, not inward," Strake said.

The targets of those guns are Democrats and Strake's already talking like a political warrior.

White was elected on promises that he can never keep and the state's voters are just beginning to



George W. Strake Jr.

understand that, Strake said. "White misled the teachers into thinking he can deliver a 24 percent

pay raise," said Strake. "He's painted himself into a corner."

If White sticks with the teacher pay raise plan, he will force 564 school districts in the state to hold tax increase referendums, he said.

"Taxpayers aren't ready for that," he said.

Added Strake: "White made so many promises to get elected he is now finding himself unable to live within the limits of the state's revenues. The result, said the Republican, may be new state debts.

"He's saying I'll build my political palaces today and let the children pay," said Strake. "He's leading us into a New York State-like system (of high debts)."

Strake believes the state and the nation should stick to the Republican principles of fiscal conservatism. But to make that happen, he said, the state's Republicans have got to stick together.

"I've got to try to keep the various factions (within the party) from warring with each other," he said. "If I can, I've got to keep them focused on re-electing Ronald Reagan."

George Bush and John Tower. We can't do that by dissipating energy on each other."

Strake's master plan calls for erasing the state party's \$160,000 debt, building a block worker program, reorganizing a telephone bank system that Clements used so successfully in 1978 and starting neighborhood drives.

The long political pathway toward the November 1984 elections starts for the Republicans on Friday night with a fund-raising dinner for Sen. John Tower. President Reagan and other Republican notables are expected to attract enough of the party faithful to the \$1,000-a-plate function to raise more than a million dollars.

That should be only a part of what Tower will need for his war chest. The four-term senator is expected to face one of the toughest battles of his political career.

"I wouldn't even guess at how much money that campaign will require," said Strake.

A Houston native, Strake comes from a family that has lived here for

three generations. His grandfather was in the cotton business and his father made a fortune in oil.

Strake graduated from a private prep school in Houston and then earned a bachelor's degree from Notre Dame and a business degree from Harvard. In between, he served a tour in the Navy.

For more than 20 years he has taken on party jobs, starting with pounding the pavement in neighborhood surveys and then slowly taking on more responsibility.

Along the way, say party regulars, he's managed to keep friends in all camps of the sometimes-splintered state organization.

Strake has been married almost 25 years and he and his wife, Annette, have six children — three sons and three daughters.

His family helped him in his unsuccessful race for lieutenant governor and he says they are not eager for another political campaign.

He said that for that reason, they're happy he's to become the state party chairman, a job that has often been a politician's graveyard.

DEATHS

Cecil C. Smith

Services for Cecil C. Smith, 83, of 1803 W. Ohio Ave., were to be at 3:30 p.m. today at the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with Dr. Kenneth Hall of Crestview Baptist Church officiating and Dr. James Reid of San Antonio assisting. Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Fort Worth with Dr. James Reid officiating.

He died Wednesday morning in a Midland hospital.

Smith grew up in Greenville, where he attended school and played football when Greenville was state champion. He enlisted in the Army during World War I and served in the 36th Division in France. Upon discharge he returned to Greenville, where he married in 1919.

In the early 1920s he moved to Fort Worth and worked for Pittsburgh Plate Glass. He transferred to Midland in 1950 and worked as manager of the West Texas division of Pittsburgh Plate Glass. He retired in 1961. In 1974 he married Eula Mask.

He was a member of the Crestview Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Eula Smith of Midland; a son, Cecil C. Smith Jr., of Houston; two daughters, Mrs. Jack Schuler of Midland and Mrs. James Reid of San Antonio; two brothers, Clifford Smith of Denison and Dwight Smith of Longview; and a sister, Elizabeth Smith of Kilgore.

Derrel Van Perry

Derrel Van Perry, 47, of Route 2 died Tuesday morning in Houston after an illness.

Services were to be at 11 a.m. today in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Perry was born Jan. 3, 1936, in Brownfield. He attended Odessa Junior College and Texas Tech University, then served two years in the U.S. Army. He married Jane Miller in Odessa on Dec. 21, 1957.

He had lived in Midland since 1970. He worked for several years for the Borden Co., and had been assistant manager of Tall City Vending Co. since 1976.

He has served as president of Big Spring Optimist Club, member of the Southwest Football Officials Association and president of Tower Little League in Midland. He recently was made an Honorary Chapter Farmer by Lee High School FFA and served on the Adult Advisory Council for Vocational Programs. He was a member of Wilshire Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Larry Perry and Paul Perry, both of Midland; daughter, Connie Perry of Midland; two brothers, Max Perry of Midland and Roach Perry of Lockney; a sister, Monah King of Abilene; two grandchildren, a niece and a nephew.

Louis Zinterhofer

Services for Dr. Louis Zinterhofer, 78, of 4605 Andres Highway, were Wednesday at St. Ann's Catholic Church, with burial following in Danevang Cemetery at Danevang, directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home. A rosary was recited Tuesday night in the Ellis Chapel.

Zinterhofer died of a brief illness Monday night in a Midland hospital.

Pallbearers were Ernest Qualia, Maurice Kennedy, Ron Britton, Dr. Henry Page, Al Vogel and Clarence Kerth.

Honorary pallbearers were W.D. Yarbrough, Murray Fasken, Francis McGuigan, Lynn Durham and Dr. Durwood Clader.

O.C. Harvey

BIG LAKE — Services for O.C. "Sonny" Harvey, 62, of Big Lake were to be at 10:30 a.m. today in the First Baptist Church here. Burial was to be at 3:30 p.m. today in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens, directed by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Harvey died Tuesday in a San Angelo hospital.

He was born Sept. 18, 1920, in Rogers. He was a World War II veteran and a long-time employee of Marathon Oil Co. in Iraan and Texon.

Survivors include his wife, Velma, six sisters and several nieces and nephews.

BIRTHS

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Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Moell Blalock Jr., 3413 W. Louisiana Ave., a boy.
April 27, 1983
Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Alonso Yharte, 1815 S. Colorado Ave., a boy.

Convicted rapist claims wrongful imprisonment

A Galveston man, who in 1976 in Midland's 142nd State District Court was sentenced to a 40-year prison term for raping a 60-year-old Midland woman in 1972, has filed a writ of habeas corpus in federal court.

The man, Cecil Ray Willis, is contending that he is wrongfully imprisoned due to some improprieties in the course of his trial.

Willis, now about 50, was accused of attacking the elderly woman, knocking out two of her teeth, beating her, tying her up, raping her and then choking her until she became unconscious. At the jury trial the victim identified Willis as her assailant.

In his petition, Willis is complaining that:

—The jury should not have been apprised of his 1965 conviction for theft since the conviction was "no good" and could "be proved invalid." Willis says he was represented by "incompetent counsel" in that 1965 case.

—That the implication to the jury was that "sex was forced upon her."

—That the indictment was defective.

—That the victim may have been promiscuous and may have picked up men in bars.

In that 1976 case, Willis was defended by Odessa attorney H. Thomas Hirsch, then was prosecuted by Rusty Wall, then an assistant district attorney. Judge Perry D. Pickett presided over the trial.

Another lawsuit filed as result of Warwick crash

Another lawsuit in a series of suits totaling almost \$8 million has been lodged against Louisiana and the Louisiana Department of Corrections and LDC pilot Alex A. Sheets as a result of an airplane crash into Midland's Warwick Apartments on Sept. 24. This suit has been filed in federal court here.

Filing suit is Nancy Lewis, who claims that her household goods and personal items were destroyed in the fire at the apartment complex where she lived. In addition to her seeking compensation for her actual losses, Ms. Lewis is seeking \$10,000 in exemplary damages.

Bill would compensate sign owners

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate has approved a bill that would require cities to compensate certain outdoor sign owners if the owners are forced to remove their signs.

Sen. John Sharp said Wednesday most Texas cities already compensate outdoor advertisers, but state law does not require it.

If the sign was legal when it was erected and the city orders the

owner to remove it, the city would have to compensate the owner, said Sharp, D-Victoria. He said his bill would require "just compensation."

The Senate, at Sharp's request, rejected an amendment that would have limited compensation to the dollar amount that the sign is carried on property tax rolls.

Randy Sellars, then 20, a Warwick dweller who was injured in the apartment fire, is seeking more than \$6.55 million in damages.

4-year-old girl bitten by skunk

Results of rabies tests on a skunk were due today after a 4-year-old girl was bitten by the animal Tuesday afternoon about three miles southeast of Midland.

Midland County Constable Tom McGinnis said Wednesday the skunk emerged from under a house and bit the girl in the left leg.

McGinnis said the girl, whose name is being withheld pending results of the rabies test, was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital and given a rabies vaccination shot.

An MMH spokeswoman said the girl is due for another shot of immunoglobulin, a rabies vaccine administered in the hip, today. The spokeswoman said that depending on the test results the girl could receive as many as five vaccinations during the four weeks following the biting incident.

A Midland Animal Control spokeswoman said 17 of 19 — or 89 percent — of the skunks found in Midland County and sent to Austin for testing this year have tested positive for rabies.

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