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A fireman carries the body of a victim dug out of the debris of a church in the village of Balvano, Italy, after it collapsed Sunday during a series of devastating earthquakes. (AP Laserphoto)

At least 773 killed as quakes batter Italy

NAPLES, Italy (AP) — A series of devastating earthquakes battered Southern Italy Sunday, killing at least 773 people in cities, towns and villages, and injuring more than 1,000, officials reported today.

Thousands were homeless after shivering through a foggy, freezing night outside their collapsed homes and apartment buildings. The Italian government declared a day of national mourning and dispatched 10,000 troops to the shattered area.

Rescue efforts were hampered by damage to roads and rail lines.

One of the worst tragedies hit the small town of Balvano, 60 miles east of Naples, where the walls of the church of Santa Maria Assunta collapsed on an evening Mass filled with children. More than 50 bodies were removed from the rubble, half of them children.

Firemen were able to save a two-year-old boy, still holding a toy car, from the church rubble. Next to him, his grandparents had been crushed to death under the stones.

But fragmentary reports from the town of Sant' Angelo dei Lombardi in Avellino province indicated 300 persons perished in that town. Pescopagano, another poverty-stricken small town in the province of Avellino, reported 70 bodies had been recovered from the debris.

The quake, measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale, destroyed hundreds of buildings, including a 10-story apartment house in Naples.

Casualty totals increased as more reports were received from the 29 cities, towns and villages that suffered the most damage in the Naples-Salerno area of southern Italy.

"We have only our eyes left to cry," said the mayor of

San Mango, a town of 1,800 in Avellino province. "My house, my car, everything is gone. There is no one left up there."

The quake was felt from Sicily to the Alps, but the hardest hit area was northeast of the bay of Salerno. More than 100 deaths were reported in the provinces of Salerno and Avellino, while the mountainous interior province of Potenza reported more than 150 deaths.

Premier Arnaldo Forlani called an emergency Cabinet meeting, which proclaimed a day of national mourning, then flew south with Italian President Sandro Pertini to visit the stricken area.

Pope John Paul II sent a telegram to the Cardinal of Naples expressing his "shock" for the "unspeakable suffering" of the population, and named a special representative bishop to coordinate church relief efforts.

"I saw the buildings move like waves of the sea," said Luigi Iannone, who was driving near Salerno when the first quake hit at 7:34 p.m. Sunday (1:34 p.m. EST). "It was something terrible."

Aftershocks continued through the night. Countless thousands spent the night in the open. A heavy fog hung over the disaster area inland from the Gulf of Salerno as the government rushed in medical teams, tents and bulldozers.

Doctors canceled a nationwide strike scheduled for today and reported to their hospitals or rushed to the disaster area.

Seismologists said the quake was centered at Eboli, 17 miles southeast of Salerno, and officials reported at least 11 people were killed there.

In Balvano, the worshippers were crushed to death by the collapsing walls of their church as they tried to flee.

Hotel owners urged to expand sprinklers

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — The fire chief of Clark County said today officials tried without success earlier this year to persuade the operators of the MGM Grand Hotel to expand the sprinkler system in the building where 83 people were killed and 500 were injured.

The hotel had sprinklers only on the first two floors and the 26th floor and guests said they heard no alarms before choking black smoke filled the 26-story building Friday. The fire was the second worst ever in an American hotel.

Fire chief Roy Parrish, in a live interview from Las Vegas on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" show,

said fire officials and building inspectors met with MGM officials and the company's architects a few months ago. Parrish said he later got a letter from the architects saying that since an enlarged sprinkler system was not required under existing law, they were not going to do it.

Meanwhile, MGM officials say they will reopen the hotel and casino in seven months with all its former glitter.

But Fred Benninger, chairman of the board of MGM Grand Hotels Inc., wouldn't say Sunday whether the new MGM Grand would include smoke detectors or sprinklers in all rooms. Clark County Coroner Otto Raven-

holt said he did not expect that any more bodies would turn up.

"It may have been a blessing in disguise" that the alarm system did not go off at the MGM Grand, Benninger said. "A lot of guests would

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have gone into the hallways and suffocated from the smoke. Staying in their rooms may have saved them," Benninger contended.

"We may have some officials from Washington and elsewhere going in there to observe what happened," said Capt. Ralph Dinsman. "But as far as we're concerned, the investiga-

tion is concluded."

Meanwhile, in Reno, a grease fire broke out Sunday night in a kitchen at Harrah's Club, forcing evacuation of the 25-story hotel-casino. No injuries were reported and guests were allowed to return after the blaze was extinguished.

Armed guards ringed the MGM Grand hotel as survivors went back to reclaim their possessions and complained that their rooms had been looted.

"There's some stealing going on up there," said policeman Dan Harness. "There's one lady who lost a \$30,000 ring. We won't know how much was lost until later, when people go home,

look in their suitcases and really see what's missing."

It was not known how much of the hotel's money was lost in the fire. Nevada Gaming Commission Chairman Harry Reid said he believed the hotel would have had at least \$1 million on hand to pay off gamblers.

One security guard at the hotel, John R. McManus, 47, a retired New York police sergeant, was arrested Saturday at the neighboring Barbary Coast Hotel after allegedly dropping fire-blackened coins into a slot machine. He was arrested for investigation of grand larceny and carrying a concealed weapon. Gift shops at other hotels reported

brisk sales of film as people took photographs of the MGM Grand. Traffic snarls, some over a mile long, plagued the Strip as gawkers lined up to view the wreckage.

Parrish said the blaze began in electrical circuits above a delicatessen on the hotel's main floor and smoldered for four hours before exploding down out of the ceiling in a fireball that sent dense smoke upward through elevator shafts.

Guests dangled out of windows by bedsheets and, despite warnings from firefighters with bullhorns, some jumped in attempts to save themselves. At least three people were killed that way.

Hundreds evacuated during fire at Harrah's

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Operations at Harrah's Club are nearly back to normal today after a kitchen fire Sunday forced about 1,500 patrons to flee the club in a reminder of the MGM Grand Hotel's fatal fire in Las Vegas.

No injuries were reported in the fire that broke out at 10:19 PST Sunday in a kitchen at the 25-story, 324-room hotel-casino, authorities said. The fire was extinguished in 10 minutes with most damage limited to the kitchen of the Steakhouse Restaurant in hotel's basement, said Reno Fire Department Battalion Chief Jim Neil.

About 500 lodgers and 1,000 gambling guests were evacuated from the building 15 minutes after the fire started, said hotel spokeswoman Candy Pearce. By this morning, all guests had returned to the hotel, she added.

Friday's fire at the MGM Grand killed 83 people and injured more than 500.

"The smoke was pretty well funneled outside," Neil said. "There was some smoke in the building but nothing that represented any danger."

But John Weiss of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in his room on the 18th floor, said he felt threatened and that there was no warning.

Reagan begins paring Cabinet list

But no word as to when selections will be revealed

By MAUREEN SANTINI
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ronald Reagan and six of his closest advisers are paring the long list of prospective Cabinet secretaries. But the president-elect says he doesn't know when decisions will be made.

Reagan scheduled a two-hour meeting today at his Pacific Palisades home with six aides he calls "our own people," including Vice President-elect George Bush, who flew in for the session.

Also invited were Edwin Meese, who will be Reagan's White House counselor; Michael Deaver, a close aide; James Baker, who will be White House chief of staff; Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev.; and Pendleton James, an executive talent scout.

After attending church Sunday, Reagan told reporters, "We are beginning to narrow the list." Asked, however, when he expected any decisions to be made, he responded: "I couldn't tell you. We are sure going to

do our best."

Reagan met for three hours Saturday with 20 members of his so-called kitchen cabinet, whom he asked to prepare a list of possible choices for each of the 13 Cabinet posts.

Asked afterward if the list had been narrowed to three names per position, Reagan told reporters: "Oh, my goodness. I wish it were down to three." He called the Saturday session "a good meeting," but said it was just part of a "long and laborious process of combing a lot of names."

Meese said there would be no announcements until after Thanksgiving. One aide said the announcements probably would come between next Sunday and Dec. 5, three days before Reagan is scheduled to return to Washington.

On Reagan's schedule after today's meeting were the presentation of a turkey by the Turkey Growers Association and a visit to his allergist. Reagan and his wife, Nancy, travel on Tuesday to their 688-acre Santa Barbara ranch for the Thanksgiving holi-

day.

Talking with reporters after Sunday's service at the Bel Air Presbyterian Church, Reagan also said he still opposes a peacetime draft, but appeared disinclined to abolish President Carter's registration program immediately.

"I am sure it will have been extended for another year before I get there because it comes due for extension," Reagan said. "And then I will just

take a look at it. But I still don't believe in a peacetime draft unless there is a state of emergency that calls for it."

Asked about requests from black leaders that he make some gesture of reassurance to blacks who fear his presidency, Reagan replied:

"I think my record indicates that. What we did in California (while he was governor) I hope to do even better at the national level."

Lamesa man dies of injuries received in highway accident

LAMESA — A 27-year old Lamesa man died early Sunday morning from injuries he received in a one vehicle accident 10 miles north of here on U.S. Highway 87.

Bruce Savage was pronounced dead at the scene by Dawson County Peace Justice Fred Vera.

According to a Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman, Savage lost control of his vehicle when he attempted to pass a truck in the southbound lane he was traveling.

The pickup truck he was driving rolled over twice, the DPS spokesman said.

Another hearing slated on use of federal funds

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

Midlanders who failed to tell the city how they want to spend \$1.13 million in federal funds during the first public hearing will get another chance at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. This session will be in City Hall Council Chambers.

The first session was Nov. 4, Election Day, and city officials were criticized by some citizens for choosing that day, claiming people were too interested in the election to attend the meeting. City Council members elected to try again.

The federal funds are coming out of the Community Development Block Grant program, and this is the first time in more than four years the council voted to apply for the money. Also attached with the application this time will be a Section 8 rental subsidy program as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Under the HUD guidelines, the money may be used as follows: —Acquisition of real property which is blighted or undeveloped; appropriate for rehabilitation or restoration, such as historic sites; appropriate for conservation, such as recre-

ation and open space; used for public works or other public services otherwise eligible under the act.

—Disposition of real property acquired with block grant funds.

—Public facilities and improvements to include senior centers, parks, playgrounds, centers for the handicapped, neighborhood facilities, solid waste disposal facilities, fire protection facilities and equipment, parking facilities, street improvements, public utilities, water and sewer facilities, foundations and platforms for air rights, pedestrian malls and walkways, flood and drainage facilities, other public facilities and improvement and clearance.

—Public services including those concerned with employment, crime prevention, child care, health, drug abuse, education, welfare or recreational needs.

—Urban renewal completion, relocation for displaced individuals and loss of rental income incurred in holding for temporary periods housing units to be utilized for the relocation of individuals and families displaced by program activities.

—Removal of architectural barriers for elderly and handicapped.

Walter Ashby, city planner, said (See ANOTHER PUBLIC, Page 2A)

Bodies of beached whales to be hauled out to sea

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (AP) — A Coast Guard cutter and a Navy tug were dispatched to an isolated cove today to haul the carcasses of 10 beached sperm whales back to the sea, officials said.

The whales died Saturday after stranding themselves despite efforts to push them back into deep water. Officials said they did not know why the mammals headed inland to their deaths.

"They could have been cruising and simply have gotten lost," said Ed Asper, a marine biologist and curator of a marine attraction. "Then they possibly panicked when they found themselves touching bottom as the tide went out. Finally, when the tide was down to its lowest ebb, several animals found themselves literally high and dry, and dead or dying."

The whales which entered the inlet near this North Florida coastal town ranged in length from 14 to just over

30 feet. The largest weighed up to six or seven tons.

Initial reports indicated that as many as 15 whales entered the inlet. "There were some that were headed back out to sea, but we lost them during the darkness," said Asper.

Asper, fellow workers from Sea World Inc., an attraction and marine-life center near Orlando, and other marine experts from state and federal agencies spent the night cutting open the 10 whales stranded in the cove, taking tissue samples and vital organs.

"We didn't find anything obvious," Asper said. "It will be a couple of weeks before we get any results from the tissue studies."

Beachings by deep-water animals such as sperm whales and certain species of dolphins are not unheard of but are not common, Asper said. Beachings by shallow-water or coastal animals, such as pilot whales, are more common.

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WEATHER SUMMARY



Showers are forecast over the northern Pacific coast. Rain is expected for the mid-Atlantic coastal states. Snow is predicted over the southern Plains and northern Texas while furies are forecast for much of the northeastern parts of the nation. (AP Laserphoto Map)

Midland statistics

Mostly cloudy tonight and Tuesday with a chance of light rain mixed with snow. High today 39° and 41° on Tuesday. Low tonight 28° and 29° on Tuesday. Precipitation 15-20 mph tonight and Tuesday. Partly cloudy with chance of rain or light rain or light snow and some sleet. Snow possibly locally heavy tonight. Precipitation gradually diminishing Tuesday. Colder, fresher today and next. High today 48 to 54. High tonight 36 to 42. Low tonight 28 to 34. Low today 20 to 26. High Tuesday 36 to 42. Low Tuesday 28 to 34.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Winter storm watch north tonight and Tuesday. Cloudy north and increasing cloudiness south today with chance of snow or of light rain and snow mixed north. Mostly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Snow likely north tonight with chance of light rain or light snow and some sleet. Snow possibly locally heavy tonight. Precipitation gradually diminishing Tuesday. Colder, fresher today and next. High today 48 to 54. High tonight 36 to 42. Low tonight 28 to 34. Low today 20 to 26. High Tuesday 36 to 42. Low Tuesday 28 to 34.

Poland's rail lines shut down

WARSAW, Poland (Pp) — Railway workers shut down commuter lines in Warsaw and Gdansk today in a two-hour warning strike to press wage demands. Other strikes were threatened for the Warsaw area unless a worker for the Solidarity union was freed from detention.

The train strike began on schedule at 9 a.m., two hours past the rush hour, on the WKD line that carries 150,000 people daily. Loudspeakers announced that other rail services would not be affected. "It's time for an end to all these strikes," said an angry young judge at one railway station. "They are abusing the rights. It will lead to tragedy."

"They are exploiting the right to strike," said another stranded commuter, an old man in work clothes. One of the strikers said non-rush hours were chosen "to cause less inconvenience for passengers."

A spokesman for Solidarity, the big independent trade union, said the workers demanded to meet with Deputy Premier Aleksander Kopec and other senior government officials to discuss the allocation of pay raises totaling some \$6.3 million.

Under a previous agreement, the raises are to be distributed nearly equally, but Solidarity wants lower paid workers to get more.

The union plans to shut down the commuter lines for four hours Tuesday if a meeting with Kopec is not arranged.

The strike was a reversal of a Solidarity decision Saturday to stage protests by loudspeaker announcements and placards in train stations and to refrain from strikes "for the good of the country."

Meanwhile, four Solidarity officials were meeting today with Solicitor General Lucien Czubinski to discuss the case of a local employee detained last Friday in connection with the search of the union's Warsaw office, a union spokesman said. Police said they found a copy of a classified document from the solicitor general's office outlining steps for prosecuting anti-socialist forces.

Police called in Jan Narozniak, a volunteer in the union's print shop, for questioning Friday, and a spokesman for the dissident Committee for Social Self Defense said he was served with a 90-day detention order prior to being charged with betraying state secrets.

Solidarity's Warsaw local threatened strikes at factories in the area if Narozniak was not released.



Buildings and greenhouses were destroyed on Jefferson Island, La., last Thursday after a drilling rig punctured a salt mine shaft 1300 feet below the surface of Lake Peigneur. Inspectors are trying to

piece together exactly what happened in the incident of the cave-in that has left 250 salt miners out of work. (AP Laserphoto)

Scientists monitoring collapsed mine shaft

JEFFERSON ISLAND, La. (AP) — Scientists armed with gadgets for monitoring the earth's slightest moves were keeping watch today over the gaping mouth of a mine shaft that collapsed and sucked millions of gallons of water beneath the earth.

Authorities fear the water drained from Lake Peigneur could eat away the big salt pillars that support the crown of a salt dome outcropping.

If the dome goes, much of this island could collapse into the Louisiana marsh. Scientists say that also could be bad news for sealife in the rich marshlands, which serve as a nursery for shrimp, crabs and fish.

Frank O'Gorman of the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration said Sunday that seismographic equipment at the Diamond Crystal Salt Co. mine indicated the dome had stabilized for the time being.

The shaft collapsed Thursday, apparently when an oil drilling rig punctured it, opening a hole that swal-

lowed the 20-acre lake as well as a \$5 million oil drilling rig, a tugboat, a house trailer, a string of salt barges and a botanical garden.

The lake filled back in Sunday with water from nearby marshes. The flow sent submerged barges bobbing to the surface like giant corks.

By Sunday, erosion around the quarter mile-wide crater had claimed an area 1,000 feet by three quarters of a mile along what was formerly the southeast side of the lake, said Iberia Parish Sheriff Romo Romero.

He said cracks 18 to 24 inches wide and up to 50 feet long extended from the crater.

Diamond Crystal officials have shut down the mine, leaving more than 250 workers without jobs.

A natural gas fire continued to burn in the crater's mouth, and Texaco Inc. considered drilling a relief well to shut off the fuel to the blaze. The burning gas was escaping from the well that was being drilled when the shaft collapsed, officials said.

There was no immediate threat to life since no one lives near the mine, but scientists don't yet know how the shaft collapse will affect marine life.

"It appears that the total effect on coastal fishing will be minimal," said Dr. Darryl Felder, a biologist from the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

He said a collapse of the salt dome would dramatically raise the salt level in the area's waters. And he said Lake Peigneur, a breeding ground for marine life, will never be the same.

It was a shallow lake, made slightly brackish by water from the Gulf.

Now, it is much saltier and deeper. "The hole eventually will silt in and we'll have a unique situation. We'll have a very deep hole in a shallow, coastal lake," he said.

Authorities say the shaft collapsed when a Texaco drilling rig punched into it. About 50 miners were evacuated from the salt mine, and seven workers were removed from the drilling rig when it began to lean.

Texaco says workmen didn't know they were drilling over an abandoned mine shaft 1,300 feet below them.

Bond denied Kermit suspect

KERMIT, Texas (AP) — Bond has been denied for a 19-year-old man charged with capital murder in the brutal stabbing death of two women who apparently surprised an intruder in their home.

Victor Velasquez, of Kermit, was also charged with one count of attempted capital murder, police said. He was arrested Friday night in Odessa for a traffic violation and transferred to Kermit Saturday, where he was arraigned before Peace Justice Lee Rutledge.

Velasquez was charged with two counts of capital murder and one count of attempted capital murder. Rutledge set bond on the attempted murder count at \$50,000.

Rain, snow in Tuesday forecast

Pull out the thermal underwear. There is a 40 percent chance of light rain mixed with snow tonight.

And the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport is predicting a 30 percent chance of precipitation to follow tonight's cold temperatures on Tuesday.

Tonight's low should be in the upper 20's while the high for Tuesday should be in the upper 30's.

Northeasterly winds should be 15-20 mph tonight and Tuesday.

Although Sunday's high was 50 degrees, the record high remains at 84 degrees, which was set in 1945. Sunday night's low of 28 degrees didn't break any records, leaving the 1938 low of 10 degrees on the books.

Area weather watchers reported heavy overcast skies with the potential for snow or freezing rain this morning.

Extended forecasts

Wednesday Through Friday: West Texas: Decreasing cloudiness Wednesday becoming partly cloudy Thursday and Friday. Cold nights with continued warm afternoons. Highs lower 40s north to near 50s south. Lows near 30 north to middle 30s south.

Texas temperatures

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Dead parachutist probably caught by wind, says wife

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Veteran parachutist Kenneth Swyers, who landed atop the 630-foot Gateway Arch and then fell to his death, meant only to

Man jailed for using motel room

A Midland man was arrested early today and booked into City Jail after he and a woman were found occupying a motel room which had not been rented to them.

According to police reports, a security officer found the man and woman in a room at Holiday Inn, 4300 W. Highway 80, about 12:55 a.m. today. The report indicated inn employees found a master key on the man and an inn towel in his vehicle.

No charges had been filed by early this morning.

Paul Valerius reported the theft of a 19-inch color television set from Holiday Inn West, 3904 W. Wall St. The television was valued at \$550.

Julie Pulson reported a burglary at

Police Roundup

The 7-Eleven Store at Midkiff Road and Illinois Avenue. Reports indicated \$100 in cash was taken from the store. Entry was gained by using a truck to break down the back door at the store.

Firemen responded to a house fire at 1:47 p.m. Sunday at the home of Frank Panell, 2907 Garden City Highway, but the fire was out when they arrived.

Fire had burned carpet and a wall in the home, according to fire department reports. Probable cause was listed as a natural gas leak.

Firemen extinguished a car fire about 2:35 a.m. Sunday in the 600 block of East Kansas Avenue.

The vehicle, blazing on arrival of the firefighters, is owned by Eddie Edwards, 600 N. Mineola Street. The front seat sustained heavy damage.

Probable cause was listed as a cigarette.

glide between the legs of the monument but may have been felled by wind, his wife says.

"He wanted a picture of himself as he came down, getting the Arch in the background while he was under full canopy," said Millie Swyers, who was watching from below when the accident occurred Saturday.

"All I saw was his canopy collapse. I thought, 'He must be holding on to something up there.' I knew something was wrong, but it didn't hit me until I saw people start running," she said. "All I can think of was that it might have been the wind — he might have got caught as he started to make a turn."

Mrs. Swyers said her 33-year-old husband, an employee of Westinghouse Electric Co. and veteran of more than 1,000 jumps, had planned the jump for two weeks.

"Kenny was not a hot dog, daredevil skydiver," Mrs. Swyers said, adding that "the closest thing he ever did to a stunt" was to make nine successful jumps into Busch Stadium for events such as the Shriner's Circus.

One witness said he thought Swyers was trying to land on the arch.

Peter Loehr of Ohio, said Swyers apparently aimed for the peak of the arch, where a trapdoor opening into the monument is located.

"He landed very well. I guess he had no footing. He just slid down, fast. Where he landed was out of our field of vision, but I knew he was dead," Loehr said.

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Another public hearing set on ideas for federal funds

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funds accepted by the city in the past went for street paving primarily in the south and east sides of Midland. Some of it was funneled into drainage and \$160,000 was hammered into housing rehabilitation.

In addition, there was some park land acquired with the money, along with improvements made to Washington Park, he said.

"We're trying to find out the feelings of the community in how the money should be spent," Ashby explained.

The first meeting brought out ideas on housing rehabilitation, street paving, code enforcement and community rehabilitation.

Besides public input, the city planners are seeking ideas from the public works and parks departments and the

Housing Authority.

"Our philosophy," said Ashby, "is we feel it is important that some comprehensive good be achieved with the money, rather than shotgunning the money out rapidly."

At the end of this month, city planners will meet with City Manager James Brown "to make some sense" out of the public input. At 7 p.m. Jan. 12 another public hearing will be held on the final decisions of what programs the application will include.

The Section 8 plan is "one of the sources of funds" to achieve the required Housing Assistance Plan under the CD funding program, Ashby said. The money can be applied for "to meet some housing goals."

Details of this part of the application will be worked out with the rest of the programs.

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SALT and the Soviets

Even before the election of Ronald Reagan as the nation's new president, beginning late in January, the SALT II treaty was long dead and merely awaiting burial. Reagan's election and losses in the Senate suffered by pro-treaty forces marked the burial of the treaty. That's good. It was badly flawed, weighted heavily in the Soviet Union's favor.

Reagan has said the SALT II treaty should be renegotiated to account for the Soviet military buildup in recent years and to realistically redesign limitations on the United States contained in the current treaty.

First, however, the United States needs to rebuild its military might to bring it back into line with the Soviet Union and to ensure American security.

Strategic arms limitation treaties are important because they can alleviate the need for costly, irrational arms races. But if they are to be useful, such treaties have to be realistic. The one formerly negotiated was not and it was recognized as such by the Senate, which declined to ratify it in the present form.

The United States currently is

not in a favorable bargaining position on a treaty. The nation's military might is being questioned from all sides.

Further, Soviet leaders recently have signalled their willingness to begin a new round of negotiations on strategic arms. Past Soviet tactics on SALT have resulted in endlessly protracted negotiations that have given the Russians more time to build up their arsenal. That must be avoided this time around.

After Reagan takes office in January one of his administration's first priorities should be to improve the nation's security and its credibility throughout the world, which deteriorated during the Carter administration.

That likely will be an expensive proposition and not an easy one since the new president has promised to cut taxes by as much as 30 percent in three years. But appeasement will not suffice, as evidenced by the four Carter years.

Once the U.S. bargaining position is sufficiently improved, the nation can and should approach a new round of SALT talks with Moscow's negotiators. But not before.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Nov. 24, the 329th day of 1980. There are 37 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Nov. 24, 1963, Lee Harvey Oswald, suspected assassin of President John F. Kennedy, was shot to death in Dallas by Jack Ruby as millions watched on live television.

On this date:

In 1867, barbed wire was patented by Joseph Glidden of De Kalb, Ill.
In 1942, during World War II, the Germans were suffering heavy losses in the battle of Stalingrad in the Soviet Union.

In 1974, President Gerald Ford and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, meeting in Vladivostok, reached a tentative agreement to limit the number of offensive strategic nuclear weapons.

In 1976, an earthquake hit eastern Turkey, taking at least 574 lives. The government estimated the death toll could reach 3,000 or more.

Five years ago: Gov. Marvin Mandel of Maryland and five colleagues or political supporters were indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of mail fraud, bribery and "a pattern of racketeering activity."

One year ago: Government investigators said tens of thousands of U.S. servicemen in Vietnam may have been exposed to Agent Orange, a toxic

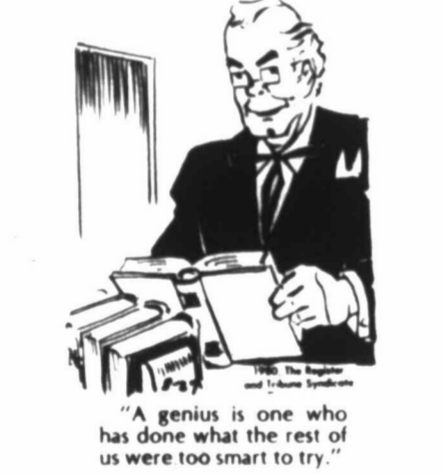
herbicide linked to cancer, impotence and genetic damage.

Today's birthdays: Writer and political commentator William F. Buckley Jr. is 55 years old. Former New York City Mayor John Lindsay is 59.

Thought For Today: The sooner every party breaks up, the better — Jane Austen, English novelist (1775-1817).

The Country Parson

by Frank Clark



"A genius is one who has done what the rest of us were too smart to try."



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Report cites possible corruption in probe

WASHINGTON — Senate investigators have found shocking evidence that the Justice Department conducted an "inefficient and possibly corrupt" probe of charges that a federal judge mishandled a case involving a party which had good political connections.

A confidential Judiciary Committee staff report says the department "went to great lengths to cover up the fact that there had been no investigation" of serious charges against U.S. Judge Joseph Weis. The Senate investigators have recommended that the Judiciary Committee summon Philip Heymann, chief of the department's criminal division, and Thomas Henderson, former head of the public integrity section, to answer questions at a full-dress public hearing.

The charges of wrongdoing against Judge Weis came from Jack Nard, a Pittsburgh developer. He claims that Weis ignored evidence of perjury and criminal concealment by the Armour Co., Nard's adversary in a construction contract dispute. He further claims that the judge had political ties to the law firm that represented Armour in the civil suit. Though Weis found both parties to blame, Nard was ordered to pay \$600,000 while Armour was let off without penalty.

Nard has been trying for eight years to have the Justice Department look into the judge's conduct. He initially complained to Richard Thornburgh, then U.S. attorney in Pittsburgh and now governor of Pennsylvania. Thornburgh, like Weis, a protégé of former Sen. Hugh Scott, R-Pa., ignored Nard's charges. And when Nard pressed his complaint against Weis in Washington four years later, he was again stymied by Thornburgh, who by then was head of the Justice Department's criminal division.

Interestingly, Nard in 1973 had



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given the Watergate special prosecutor documents that led to convictions of Greyhound Co. executives for illegal contributions to Richard Nixon's 1972 campaign. Armour, incidentally, is a subsidiary of Greyhound.

The Senate staff report, seen by my associate Indy Badwar, makes a number of points about Justice's handling of Nard's charges:

— Although department officials gave repeated assurances that Nard's charges against the judge were thoroughly investigated, "internal Justice Department documents reveal that the case was never investigated at all."

— Three grand juries were convened on the matter, but interviews with jurors revealed that they were never told the purpose of their investigation. "It appears Nard was set up by the U.S. attorney," the Senate investigators concluded.

— Finally, the investigators concluded: "(Nard) was probably the victim of an incremental conspiracy in which the initial act of wrongdoing by a federal judge was compounded by a series of coverups. There is evidence that Judge Weis dealt unjustly with Nard, possibly as a political favor."

Footnote: Judge Weis denies any misconduct, and notes that his decision was upheld on appeal — an act

CHARLEY REESE

Better voters and press would improve campaigns

The kind of mud-slinging President Carter indulged in during the presidential campaign is a self-correcting problem. It always backfires, just as it did in President Carter's case. The true problem of the campaign was the simplistic level of the political discussion even when there was no mud-slinging.

This is a most serious problem. For one thing, nearly all of the problems facing the American people are complex and not easily solved. Simplistic rhetoric tends to create high expectations for quick solutions which are inevitably followed by disillusionment, and disillusionment, in a self-governing society, can be dangerous.

The probability is extremely high that inflation will accelerate during President Reagan's first year. The deficit budget of the Carter administration cannot be undone; the price of domestic oil is scheduled to go from about \$17 a barrel to the world market price in 1981 and that is already over \$30 a barrel. If the Iran-Iraq war drags on or spills over, there's no guessing where the price of oil will go.

The 1980 drought will cause a surge of food prices which will further fuel inflation. Moreover, no president has any control over the Federal Reserve Board, which may decide to put the brakes on the money supply and precipitate another recession. Thus, at the end of 1981, President Reagan may find himself with both persistent inflation and high unemployment no matter what he does.



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Admittedly, Reagan has two assets which ought to help — trust and the ability to communicate. If he can manage to maintain confidence in himself and, at the same time, explain what is happening as it occurs, he might be able to break the cycle of high expectations and disillusionment. The job would be much easier, however, if there had been less demagoguery during the campaign.

Two factors are responsible for the low level of campaign rhetoric. One is universal suffrage. So long as a candidate is forced to speak to everyone 18 and older, illiterate or literate, educated or uneducated, interested or apathetic, informed or ignorant, then the conversation must necessarily be conducted on a very basic and simple level.

Universal suffrage is one of those democratic vices which has been foisted off on the American people as a right. Voting should be considered a privilege to be earned, not a right which occurs at a certain age like the appearance of body hair.

I realize it is heresy to speak about taking the vote away from people but that is just what we should do. So long as we adhere to the Constitution, people retain their genuine rights and liberties whether they vote or not; by the same standard, if we abandon the Constitution, we could easily lose our rights even while we vote by the millions.

The trick would be to set some fair standard attainable by all with some minimum effort. Considerable thought would have to be given to the standards, and safeguards would have to be provided to make sure the standards were not abused to discriminate unfairly against anyone. But the alternative to some type of restricted franchise is more demagoguery.

A second cause of the low level of campaign rhetoric is the press. Having worked both sides of the street as a reporter and a professional campaign staffer, I can tell you the press shares a large portion of the blame for the non-information campaign speech.

With rare exceptions, reporters and commentators cover a political campaign like the police beat. Their interest span is short. They look for melodrama and controversy. They pounce on any careless word or phrase, any offhand remark, and blow it all out of proportion. They complain that the candidates speak in generalities but when one dares to be specific, he is either ignored (specific programs are rarely exciting) or his program is picked to pieces and he has to spend the rest of his time on the defensive.

It is an indictment of American journalism, for example, that Ronald Reagan was forced to deny over and over statements he never made (that social security should be made voluntary, that unemployment insurance is a prepaid vacation for freeloaders) or that so much attention was focused on minor gaffes. Jimmy Carter's presidency is an indictment of American journalism, for only an adoring but superficial press corps allowed Carter to defeat his betters in the 1976 primaries.

To sum up, what is needed to elevate the level of political campaigns is to elevate the level of the voters and the press.

THE BIBLE CAN YOU QUOTE IT?

By ELIZABETH ROSS WIERSEMA

1. Stothens (SOS-the-ne) is mentioned in Acts 18:17 and I Corinthians 1:1. Who was he and what part did he play in Paul's life?
 2. Give the sum of the main points in Paul's letter to Corinthians 1:1 in trying to unify their church and also subdue arguments among the intelligentsia. I Corinthians 1.
 3. How many types of Arks are quoted in the O.T.? Genesis 6; Exodus 2:37.
 4. Who said, "Am I my brother's keeper"? Genesis 4:9.
 5. Quote the last verse of the Twenty-third Psalm.
- Four correct ... excellent, three ... good.

BIBLE VERSE

Is he the God of the Jews only: is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: Romans 3:29.

INSIDE REPORT

Insiders urging Reagan to sing quieter Israeli love song

By ROWLAND EVANS AND ROBERT NOVAK

WASHINGTON — Ronald Reagan's lulling love song for Israel that drove Saudi Arabia and other pro-American Arab states into a frenzy during the presidential campaign has become muted, a result of missionary work by insiders and Menachem Begin's miscalculation.

Prime Minister Begin's lack of gratitude for Reagan's ardent courtship of Israel reduced effusive pro-Israeli comments even before the election. That unwittingly bolstered efforts by advisers urging Reagan to take an even-handed approach in the Mideast.

These advisers seem to be winning out over Reagan operatives selling an all-out, pro-Israel position. If so, Reagan would have his only chance to gain mastery over the Arab-Israeli dispute and win what has eluded his predecessors: the West Bank settlement and Arab-Israeli peace that are inseparable from long-range American interests.

No change in the president-elect's attitude toward Israel has been proclaimed. In fact, some misleading evidence points the other way.

At Begin's gala Manhattan dinner last week, the head table bulged with top Reaganites: Richard V. Allen, national security adviser-to-be; William Casey, campaign chairman; former and perhaps future Secretary of the Treasury William Simon; Republican National Committee Chairman William Brock. "I was asked by the Israeli ambassador," Allen told us, "and I attended with pleasure. We



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are good friends."

But other Reagan insiders less sympathetic to Israel received no invitations. Gov. Bill Clements of Texas and George Shultz, a key transition adviser, are warning Reagan that he needs equally good relations with Saudi Arabia and Jordan. Reagan's Mideast policy experts are eyeing Jordan as the crucial link in Reagan's plan for peace on the West Bank.

Exponents of a balanced Mideast policy for the new Reagan administration are pushing hard for a shattering break with President Carter's Camp David process, which is clearly failing. Key elements in their plan:

- Replace Camp David's design for West Bank autonomy with a territorial exchange between Israel and Jordan. That would abruptly shoot down Begin's claims to security rights over the entire West Bank.
- Terminate Ambassador Sol Linowitz's mission impossible as special Egyptian-Israeli-U.S. go-between on the autonomy plan.
- Assure Saudi Arabia that the new administration will quickly approve the bomb racks and fuel tanks the

Saudis must have to give their F-15 fighter-bombers worthwhile range in the Persian Gulf.

Adm. Thomas Moorer, a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, warned Reagan just before the election that Saudi Arabia and other Persian Gulf oil states will never fully cooperate with the U.S. until the Palestinian homeland on the West Bank has been returned. That directly contradicts Begin's line that biblical authority gives Israel perpetual West Bank rights.

Begin's allies in the Reagan camp, who believe the fate of the U.S. in the Middle East will rise or fall with that of Israel, are battling back. This is their program in the Reagan transition: Give Israel "veto power" over U.S. arms to the Arabs; push for a ruthless housecleaning of so-called anti-Israel "Arabists" from the Defense and State Departments; persuade Reagan to insist on U.S. military base rights in parts of the Sinai being returned to Egypt by Israel.

Until just before Election Day, the struggle for Reagan's Mideast policy was tilting toward the pro-Israel faction. It is now tilting the other way. Besides the efforts of the even-handed school, Reagan felt Begin's government failed to show proper gratitude for his effusive pro-Israeli positions early in the campaign.

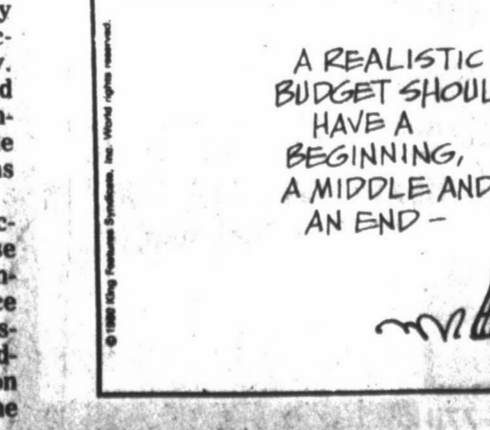
In the three weeks before the election, while former Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman went campaigning with Carter in Air Force One, Reagan scarcely mentioned Israel. One senior Reagan aide, conceding that Reagan had put a silencer on encomiums to Israel, claimed the

reason was simply that "he said it all before."

In fact, it was during this period that Reagan heard alarm from advisers advocating even-handed treatment of Israel and the Arabs. Sen. Richard Stone, defeated for Democratic renomination in Florida and now being considered for a high State Department or diplomatic post, warned Reagan to beware Israel's claim to sovereignty over all of Jerusalem. The private advice from Stone, who is a prominent Jewish leader: Work at a Vaticanization of Jerusalem as a minimum favor to Saudi Arabia.

Stone's advice had an impact on Reagan. The battle to pull the president-elect back from the brink of all-out support for Israel is far from over. But if it continues on its present path, there is reason for hope in the Mideast by the U.S. and its allies.

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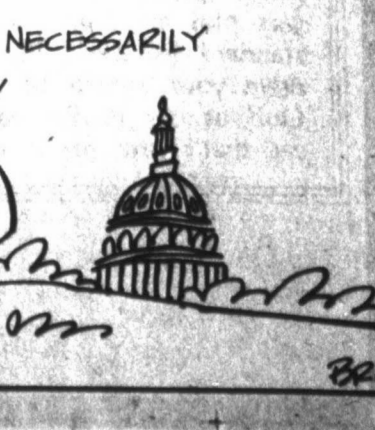


BEN WICKS



"For an 'undecided' you've got a hell of a lot to say."

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Mae West is shown, from left, in 1933, 1949, 1968 and 1970. The 87-year-old sex symbol died Saturday in her Hollywood apartment. She had returned home three weeks ago after a three month recuperation at a hospital after suffering a stroke. (AP Laserphoto)

Private services set for Mae West

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Mae West, the unabashed seductress of stage and screen who purred "Come up and see me sometime" and became an American legend, will be buried at private services this week.

Miss West was sitting in a chair in her Hollywood penthouse when she died Saturday at the age of 87, apparently of old age and the aftermath of a stroke that had hospitalized her for three months this fall.

The stroke had impaired her speech, but not the spirit that carried her through an 80-year career. From her hospital bed she sent word to a reporter friend that she was suffering from a fall out of bed while dreaming about Burt Reynolds.

Earlier, Miss West's agent, Jerry Martin, said a memorial service was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church in Beverly Hills, with interment to follow at a Brooklyn, N.Y., cemetery where her father, mother and brother are buried.

Miss West made only 10 films, but became famous in the 1920s and 1930s for her platinum hair, violet eyes, hourglass shape, undulating walk and the risque one-liners she delivered with one hand on hip and one patting her curls.

She wrote many of the lines herself. "Come up in see me sometime" and "When I'm good, I'm very good, but when I'm bad — I'm better" were daring in those days, but a Depression-stricken America laughed.

Mae West gave her birthdate as Aug. 17, 1893. The daughter of a Brooklyn livery stable owner, she started performing at age 5 and by 14 was a regular on the national vaudeville circuit.

She married her song-and-dance partner Frank Wallace in 1911, but the alliance did not last long. The judge that tied the knot, she later said, "must have learned it from a drunken sailor."

In 1911 she made her Broadway debut, but it wasn't until 1920 that she wrote her first play, which she also produced. It was called "Sex" and despite the refusal of newspapers to advertise it, it ran for 375 performances before it was closed by police.

Her films included such classics as "I'm No Angel" and, with W.C. Fields, "My Little Chickadee." Together with her theater revenues, she earned millions of dollars which she shrewdly invested in real estate.

After a 27-year hiatus from filmmaking, she appeared in two movies in the 1970s, "Myra Breckenridge" and "Sextette." Both were box office flops and Miss West was rarely seen in public in recent years, receiving only a few favored guests in her all-white living room.

Boston pays respects to former House speaker

BOSTON (AP) — Senior politicians mingled with rank-and-file voters as Boston paid its respects to John W. McCormack, the former speaker of the U.S. House who quietly quarterbacked landmark legislation for the New Frontier and the Great Society.

McCormack, hospitalized in September for pneumonia, died at a Dedham, Mass., nursing home Saturday at the age of 88.

A congressman for 42 years, he served as speaker from 1962 until his retirement in 1970. He kept doing favors for constituents up until his final illness.

President Carter, held that the way to win re-election was "just be a good Democrat." It typified McCormack's allegiance to the party that lifted an eighth-grade dropout and son of a poor bricklayer to one of the nation's most powerful positions.

"We have lost a great American," said current House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., one of scores of visitors to McCormack's wake Sunday.

The wake continued today. A funeral Mass is scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Monica's Church in South Boston.

McCormack's congressional career, from 1928 to 1970, spanned eight presidencies.

It was McCormack who helped obtain enactment of the draft in 1941, by a single vote. During the Johnson administration, under McCormack's stewardship, Congress enacted such measures as Medicare, the anti-poverty program and rent subsidies.

At 71, he was the next in line for the presidency for more than a year after the assassination of President John Kennedy. He said he prayed every night for Lyndon Johnson's health.

Born on Dec. 21, 1891, the future house speaker had to quit school at 13 when his father died. He delivered messages for \$3 a week to help support his family.

He became a lawyer through apprenticeship, served in World War I and then entered public service.

In 1969, McCormack was shaken by influence peddling indictments against his chief administrative assistant, Martin Sweig, and a close friend, Nathan Voloshen.

McCormack denied his 1970 retirement had anything to do with either the indictments or the changing face of Congress. He said his decision was made prior to the 1968 election due to his wife's poor health.

His wife, the former Harriet Joyce, died in 1971. The couple had no children.

Iraq, Iran both claim battle front victories

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iran claimed its forces routed an Iraqi brigade from the town of Susangerd on the southern war front, while Iraq said its paratroopers and helicopter gunships smashed an Iraqi counterattack at the northern end of the

As the war entered its 10th week, Iran also reported Iraqi artillery bombardment of besieged Abadan started new fires in the big oil refinery on the Shatt al-Arab estuary. Pars, the official Iranian news agency, said President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr told it Iranian troops killed 400-450 Iraqi troops, destroyed 20 enemy tanks and captured seven others at Susangerd Sunday.

scores of burning tanks," Pars said.

Meanwhile, the Iraqi military command reported rocket-firing helicopter gunships at the northern end of the war zone killed 50 Iranians and destroyed four tanks and three other vehicles in the hills overlooking Iraqi positions at Gilan Garb. It said 95 Iranians

were killed in other fighting Sunday.

Both sides reported an Iranian air attack Sunday on northern Iraq, but Baghdad claimed only a civilian car was damaged and its driver wounded. Iran claimed its planes destroyed an electric power station, a chemical plant and a cement factory near Iraq's borders with Turkey and Syria.

DEATHS

'Shorty' Manley

NEW BOSTON — Military services for "Shorty" T. Manley, 72, of Arlington, father of Thomas Manley and Don Manley, both of Midland, will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Bates Funeral Home chapel here. Burial will be in Daniel's Chapel Cemetery.

Manley died Sunday night in an Arlington hospital after a brief illness.

He was born Sept. 28, 1908, in Tye. He was a World War II Navy veteran. He was married to the late Agnes Marie Manley.

Other survivors include a brother, a sister, a son, two daughters, 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

E.C. Gillett

McCAMEY — Services for E.C. Gillett, 77, of McCamey, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Johnson's Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Robert Nickle officiating.

Burial will be in Fairmount Cemetery.

Gillett died Friday night in an Amarillo hospital following an illness.

He was born March 17, 1903, in Comanche County. Gillett had been a longtime resident of McCamey.

Survivors include his wife, Viola Gillett of McCamey; two stepsons, Jack Brunson of San Antonio and Fred Brunson of Vinita, Okla.; a sister, Loraine Wood of Fort Worth; and several nephews and nieces.

Two killed, 10 hurt in Spain

IRUN, Spain (AP) — Masked gunmen killed two French citizens and wounded 10 others in a submachine-gun attack on a bar in the Basque town of Hendaye on the French side of the Spanish-French border, Spanish police said today.

They said Jean Pierre Aramendi, 67, and Jose Camio, 53, were playing cards in the bar Sunday when three men opened fire.

The bar is frequented by Spaniards living in France. But no group claimed responsibility for the attack, police said.

Meanwhile, in Zaragoza, northeast Spain, air force Col. Luis Constante Afin, 63, died today from wounds he received in a terrorist attack five days ago, medical officials said.

Constante was shot by four youths who escaped in a waiting car. The Maoist-Leninist terrorist group GRAPO said it was responsible. It was the 120th political killing in Spain this year.

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Lunch: Hot dog, chili, mustard, baked beans, fruit salad, ice cream.
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Wednesday — Turkey with gravy, green beans, noodles, rolls, milk or tea.
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS.

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Monday — Hamburger on bun, chips, soup, salad, sandwiches.
Tuesday — Steak finger, cream potatoes, gravy, hot rolls, green beans, soup, salad, sandwiches.
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MIDLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS
Tuesday — Breakfast: Fruit juice, cold cereal, milk.
Lunch: Baked turkey, pressed ham and cheese sandwich, dressing, gravy, green beans, waldorf salad, peanutty pie, ice cream.
Wednesday — Breakfast: Fruit juice, scrambled eggs, buttered toast, milk.
Lunch: Hot dog, manager's choice, baked beans, fruit salad, cookie, ice cream.
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Monday — Corn dogs, ranch style beans, potato chips, peach half, cookies, milk.
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Tears on hold at White House

By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — At Jimmy Carter's White House the tears have all been shed, the bitterness put on hold. The staff appears resigned to the fact that most of the visitors are Ronald Reagan's deputies, sizing up the place for their boss.

There is plenty of time to read the papers and take long lunches. The telephones don't ring as often as they used to. The president has time for three-day fishing weekends. Jody Powell, the press secretary, went duck hunting for three days in the middle of last week. His party bagged 11 ducks.

If there is any inclination anywhere to reflight the campaign, to treat the Reagan staffers as political enemies, to drag one's heels, the order of the day is: Cooperate, get on with the transition, do it well, and "bite your tongue."

"We are not overwhelming them with a lot of theoretical detail," said White House Chief of Staff Jack Watson.

"We are giving them the practical things they need. We are telling them, 'Here are the buttons, here are the levers that need to be operated, here are the compelling problems the new president will have to deal with and this is the time-frame he has to handle them in.'"

"We are being very forthcoming," Watson said. "Way and above and beyond any call of duty."

The order to cooperate comes from the president himself. The nuts and bolts of the transition dominate the president's last days in office.

But any sense of urgency, of any overriding purpose, is gone, dissipated by the landslide vote that elected Reagan.

"It just doesn't make all that much difference anymore," one staff member said this week.

Nonetheless work continues in the 180-year-old house described this week by Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of West Germany as the primary symbol of "American power and American elegance."

The White House congressional liaison office is busy dealing with the lame-duck session of Congress. The president is directing the preparation of his final budget. Work has begun on his final State of the Union address. Arms-length negotiations continue for

the release of the hostages in Iran. "The president is pulling together a lot of loose ends," said press secretary Jody Powell.

Among them is a planned interim report on progress made toward a settlement in the Middle East under the Camp David accords "to form a basis for moving the process along once the Reagan folks get in," he said.

"We will be trying to move bills — perhaps the (environmental) superfund — we don't know which will move till you try to get a consensus," he said.

And then there is the work of leaving. "Moving a president out of the White House involves a lot more than packing the clothes and shipping the furniture," Powell said.

"There are a tremendous amount of records and documents to be sorted out and transported to Atlanta" (for the planned Carter library).

But beyond that the people who work at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. are thinking about their own futures, considering, but not dwelling on, the recent past.

"The defeat is one which they share with the president in terms of feeling and emotion," Watson said. "You don't feel wonderful."

"People here tend to be very competitive," said Powell. "They don't like to lose any time, any place."

"But at the same time," Watson said, "the prevailing attitude is that we took our best shot and we lost. The verdict is rendered. This government is going to be taken over by a new set of folks. Let's do the best we can to prepare these people. I think that's the prevailing feeling around here."

Powell agrees. "I think all of us have fairly strong opinions over what happened over the past four years," he said. "And we have some disposition to say something about it."

"But there is a time and a place for that and now is not it," Powell said. "You sort of have to bite your tongue and let things take their natural course."

In the meantime, there are resumes and jobs to think about.

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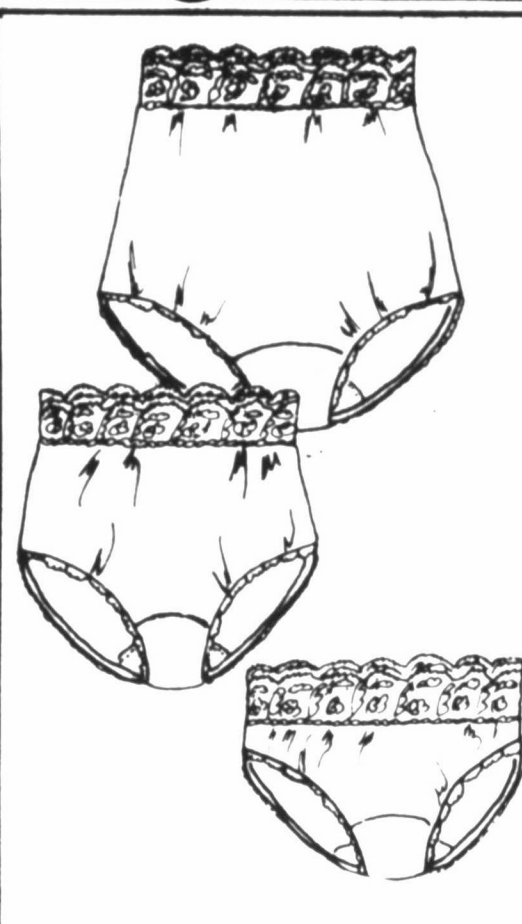
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Dark days now on hand for PLO

By DOYLE McMANUS
The Los Angeles Times

BEIRUT, Lebanon — These are dark days for the guerrilla politicians of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In the warren of shabby office buildings that make up PLO headquarters, flanked by a refugee camp on one side, and the Arab University of Beirut on the other, there is open talk that things have gone wrong, on both the diplomatic and military fronts.

Ronald Reagan is taking over the White House after a campaign in which he dismissed the PLO as a "gang of thugs," scotching whatever hopes Palestinian moderates still had of dealing with the United States.

In Europe, the nine Common Market countries appear to have shelved their Middle East initiative, a set of draft peace proposals that were expected to endorse the idea of Palestinian self-determination and a negotiating role for the PLO.

The Arab nations, which provide the PLO's basic political and financial support, are divided as never before. Some are backing Iraq in its war with Iran, others are siding with Iran. PLO leader Yasser Arafat has tried to stay on friendly terms with both sides, pleasing neither. His mediation attempts have never gotten off the ground.

Even worse, from the standpoint of some PLO officials, the war in the Persian Gulf region has pushed the Palestine issue off the world's center stage. Saudi Arabia and the other oil states are too preoccupied with the Iran-Iraq conflict to give much time to the confrontation with Israel.

In South Lebanon, Israel has launched increased

ground and air raids against Palestinian positions, weakening the guerrillas' military position — but the attacks have attracted little outside attention.

"We are a part of the Arab world, and the Arab world is facing a bad situation," Majed Abu Sharar, an adviser to Arafat, said with a shrug.

"When the situation is bad, we share in it." Other analysts are more blunt. "Arafat looks like a real loser these days," an Arab newspaper editor said.

The mood at PLO headquarters seems not so much gloomy as resigned. The Palestinians have been here before. In some ways the guerrillas' leaders are more comfortable playing their old roles as defiant outsiders than dealing with the refinements and demands of diplomatic success.

"This is not the first time we have faced such a complicated and difficult situation," Abu Sharar said. "We are accustomed to it."

But the PLO's minority of moderates — those who want the organization to concentrate on the drive for diplomatic recognition in the West, and who say, usually privately, that they are willing to negotiate with Israel — are disappointed.

"First the West tells us we should not use terrorism or attack Israeli settlements," one Palestinian moderate complained. "Now Reagan tells us we have no business in any negotiations. So you say we can't fight and we can't negotiate. What's left?"

The Palestinians' reaction to Reagan's election divided basically along the PLO's own partisan lines: Moderates were unhappy with Reagan's absolute rejection of any role for the PLO in a Middle East peace, but hard-liners dismissed the choice between Reagan and President Carter as irrelevant.

Conoco stakes 11,600-foot prospector in Reeves County

Conoco, Inc., operating from Midland, announced location for an 11,600-foot wildcat in Reeves County, 10 miles west of Toyah.

The prospector is No. 1 Lowe Estate-State, 660 feet from north and west lines of section 40, block 71, ps1 survey.

The drillsite is four miles southwest of the San Martine (Fusselman) field which produces at 10,944 feet.

HOWARD PROJECT
Regal Development, Inc., of Eldorado, will drill No. 1 Florence Hall as a 7,600-foot project in Howard County, eight miles southeast of Big Spring.

It will test for production in the

tested in the Devonian. If successful, it will be the field's second well from that pay.

The old total depth is 11,700 feet, and the location is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 18, block A-34, ps1 survey.

GARZA PROJECT
Petroleum Corp. of Texas of Breckenridge staked No. 4 Rain as a 1,500-foot east stepout to production in the seven-well Sims (Glorieta) field of Garza County, 12 miles north of Post.

The 4,000-foot project is 467 feet from south and 1,650 feet from east lines of section 23, block D-19, D&SE survey. Ground elevation is 2,678 feet.

CRANE LOCATIONS
Bass Enterprises Production Co. of Midland spotted three projects in the seven-well Troporo, north (Devonian) field of Crane County, 24 miles west of Crane.

Each of the project will be drilled to 5,700 feet.

No. 27 L. D. Moss and others is one location northwest of production and 7,850 feet from northeast and 50 feet from northwest lines of section 29, block 1, H&TC survey.

Bass No. 28 L. D. Moss and others is one location north of production and 6,825 feet from northeast and 50 feet from northwest lines of section 29, block 1, H&TC survey.

The operator's No. 29 L. D. Moss and others is one location north of production and 5,975 feet from northeast and 50 feet from northwest lines of section 29, block 1, H&TC survey.

WINKLER RE-ENTRY
Sun Oil Co., operating from Midland, will re-enter its No. 1 R. A. Wheeler, Devonian producer in the Wheeler multipay field of Winkler County and deepen to 10,711 feet from

recompletion in the Ellenburger. The field, which has four Ellenburger wells, is 20 miles east of Kermit.

No. 1 R. A. Wheeler is 1,982 feet from south and 660 feet from east lines of section 13, block B-7, ps1 survey.

SCHLEICHER TEST
Tucker Drilling Co., Inc., of San Angelo, No. 1-66 Thomerson is to be drilled as a 5,400-foot project 16 miles northeast of Eldorado.

Location is 720 feet from north and west lines of section 66, block H, GH&SA survey.

The drillsite is 1/2 mile south of the Toe Nail (Strawn and Harkey oil and gas) field. It is contracted to test the field's pay zones.

FISHER COUNTY
C. C. Calhoun of Aspermont spotted No. 1 D. R. DeRusha as a 5/8-mile east stepout to the Raven Creek (Strawn 5800) field, six miles north of Trend.

Location is 660 feet from north and 467 feet from east lines of T. H. Cosby survey No. 220.

IRION STEP-OUT
Arvin Norwood Drilling Co. of Midland No. 1 Mobil is a new project 5/8 mile north of production in the Rock Pen (Canyon oil) pool of Irion County, three miles west of Mertzton.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 39, block 1, H&TC survey. Contract depth is 7,200 feet.

UPTON LOCATION
John L. Cox of Midland No. 2 Halameck "B" is a new test in the six-well McGill (Spraberry oil) area of Upton County, 16 miles northwest of Rankin.

The project, scheduled to 8,000 feet, is 1/2 mile southeast of production and 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 50, block C, CCSD&RGNG survey.

Shallow gas strike finals in Crane

Permian Brine Sales, Inc., No. 1 Sandhill Ranch has been completed as a Rustler sand discovery in Crane County, 22 miles northwest of Crane.

Operator reported a calculated absolute open flow potential of 67,000 cubic feet of dry gas per day, from open hole and 380 to 390 feet.

Total depth is 390 feet and 5 1/2-inch pipe is set at 390 feet.

The Rustler anhydrite was topped at 290 feet, the Rustler dolomite at 340 feet and the Rustler sand at 380 feet. Ground elevation is 2,803 feet.

Location is 180 feet from south and 510 feet from west lines of section 21, block B-21, ps1 survey.

BORDEN COUNTY
Par Producing Co. No. 1 Frank Miller has been completed to reopen Mississippi production in the Rafler Cross (Mississippi) field of Borden County, five miles northeast of Gall.

The operator reported a daily flowing potential of 264 barrels of oil and 20 barrels of water through a 1/4-inch choke and perforations from 2,250 to 2,264 feet.

The gravity of the oil is 40 degrees and the gas-oil ratio is 1,000-1.

Total depth is 2,485 feet, 5 1/2-inch casing is set at 2,442 feet and hole is plugged back to 2,442 feet.

Location is 2,173 feet from south and 467 feet from west lines of section 3, block 26, T-5-N, T&P survey.

The Mississippi was topped at 2,250 feet on ground elevation of 2,504 feet.

ECTOR WELL
Amoco Production Co. No. 1 David Panken "B" is a new well in the Panken, South (Alaska) field of Ector County, eight miles north of Odessa.

It finished for a 24-hour flowing potential of 112 barrels of 42.7-gravity oil

and no water, through a 12/64-inch choke. The gas-oil ratio is 1,089-1.

Completion was through perforations from 10,224 to 10,750 feet after a 43,700-gallon fracture job.

Total depth is 10,855 feet, and 5 1/2-inch pipe is set at 10,824 feet.

Location is 681 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 46, block 41, T-1-N, G&MM&A survey.

ANDREWS OILER
Exxon Corp., operating from Midland, reported potential test on its No. 322 J. S. Means A/C 4, new well in the Means, South (Wolfcamp) field of Andrews County, 3 miles northeast of Andrews.

It finished for a daily pumping potential of 247 barrels of 39-gravity oil and 13 barrels of water, through perforations from 9,442 to 9,473 feet. The gas-oil ratio is 161-1.

Total depth is 9,500 feet, and 5 1/2-inch casing is set at 9,494 feet.

Location is 660 feet from north and 2,620 feet from west lines of section 20, block A-45, ps1 survey.

WARD PRODUCER
Mobil Production Texas & New Mexico, Inc., No. 1 State "AO" is a new well in the Caprito (middle Delaware) field of Ward County, five miles northwest of Pyote.

It completed for a 24-hour flowing potential of 37 barrels of 38.2-gravity oil and 170 barrels of water, with a gas-oil ratio of 1,702-1.

Completion was through a two-inch opening and perforations from 6,118 to 6,168 feet. The pay was fractured with 62,796 gallons.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and east lines of section 1, block 18, University Lands survey.

COKE WELL
Fisher-Webb Inc. No. 4-309 Price is

a new well in the Arledge (Pennsylvanian) field of Coke County, 12 1/2 miles northwest of Robert Lee.

It completed for a 24-hour flowing potential of 145 barrels of 44-gravity oil, through a 12/64-inch choke and perforations from 5,254 to 5,305 feet.

Total depth is 5,380 feet, 4 1/2-inch pipe is set at 5,371 feet and hole is plugged back to 5,340 feet.

The Canyon sand was topped at 5,252 feet. Kelly Bushing elevation is 2,155 feet.

Location is 1,300 feet from south and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 309, block 1-A, H&TC survey.

DAWSON COMPLETION
RK Petroleum Corp. of Midland No. 2 Lamesa Farms is a new well in the Lamesa Fams (Siluro-Devonian) field of Dawson County, 12 miles northwest of Lamesa.

A north offset to the field discovery, it finished for a 24-hour flowing potential of 176 barrel of 36.8-gravity oil, through a 12/64-inch choke, with gas-oil ratio of 204-1.

Completion was through perforations from 12,194 to 12,207 feet, natural.

The Clear Fork was topped at 7,750 feet, the Spraberry at 7,949 feet, the Dean at 9,063 feet, the Pennsylvanian at 9,617 feet and the lower Mississippian at 11,723 feet.

Ground elevation is 3,070 feet.

Total depth is 12,216 feet and 5 1/2-inch casing is cemented on bottom.

Location is 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 106, block M, EL&RR survey.

Russians nears huge East-West deal

By MARC ROSENWASSER

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union is expected to approve soon the biggest single East-West business deal — a \$14 billion, 2,400-mile pipeline to supply Western Europe with natural gas for the rest of the century.

Some Americans caution that completion of the Western-financed project, three times the length of the Alaska oil pipeline, could make members of the Western defense community dependent on Soviet energy and make them vulnerable to what one source called "political blackmail at the turn of a switch."

But Western Europeans, sensitive to the problems of importing oil from the politically volatile Middle East, are described as anxious to complete negotiations on the gas line that will start in the frozen fields of northwestern Siberia and dip south into Poland or Czechoslovakia for subsequent connection to West Europe.

In Washington the Commerce Department gave a license to the Caterpillar Tractor Co. to negotiate a deal to supply the Soviet Union with heavy

equipment for laying the pipeline. If the Soviets agree, the deal could involve hundreds of millions of dollars, department sources said. The license was approved despite U.S. restrictions on trade with the Soviets since they sent troops into Afghanistan last December.

By 1990, if projections prove accurate, Western nations involved in the deal could receive as much as 25 percent to 35 percent of their natural gas and about 5 percent of all their energy from the Soviet Union.

The price for the gas and the interest rates on Western loans are still possible roadblocks to completion of the deal. However, Western sources say negotiations are already under way on supply of materials for the project and talks on the outstanding issues are accelerating.

A French energy delegation arrived here Monday for three days of talks, and the head of one of West Germany's largest banks is due here in December.

The main recipients of the gas are expected to be West Germany, France, Italy, Holland, Belgium and

Austria. Spain and Sweden are also mentioned as possible users.

"When the U.S. government talks to the Europeans about political problems stemming from the deal, the Europeans say they have political problems now in terms of energy," one well-informed Westerner said.

"Besides," he added, "the Russians have proved reliable energy suppliers in the past. So the Americans aren't jumping up and down hysterically about it."

Getting the gas will be a "planner's nightmare," according to one Westerner familiar with the project. "The terms are there. The people aren't."

The gas is to come from the Yamal field, where construction teams will have to deal with severe cold and permafrost, but the Soviets hope to have the gas flowing as early as 1984. The supply is expected to last approximately 15 years.

According to a published West German report, a West German banking consortium has already agreed to advance the Soviets \$5.3 billion to be used for building the gas line and the loan will be repaid in gas deliveries. Other banks in Western Europe are said by sources here to be "scrambling for a piece of the action."

The Soviets are also said to be keenly interested in moving ahead on the project. It is seen as an important part of the Soviet five-year plan to be approved early next year.

In exchange for providing the West Europeans with natural gas, the Soviets will earn some badly needed hard currency.

Western Europe still depends more on oil than natural gas. Last year, oil accounted for 68 percent of Italy's energy and natural gas only 15 percent. West Germany got 51 percent of its energy from oil and 16 percent from gas.

But with concern rising about oil reserves and the price of oil escalating, increasing attention is being paid to natural gas as an alternative energy source.

West Europe already receives some gas from the Soviet Union, which is believed to have as much as 40 percent of world reserves.

"Just about any place in industry you can use oil, you can use natural gas," said one knowledgeable Westerner, noting that even though the price of natural gas has risen sharply in recent years, it remains cheaper than oil.

ENERGY OIL & GAS

Hutto, South (Clear Fork, Wolfcamp and upper Wolfcamp) field and to 7,600 feet as a wildcat.

Location is 933 feet from south and 1,281 feet from east lines of section 8, block 31, T-1-S, T&P survey.

KENT COUNTY
Stringer Oil & Gas of San Antonio No. 1 R. G. Hall and others is to be dug as a 7,500-foot wildcat in Kent County, 3 1/2 miles southwest of Jayton.

Operator staked location 660 feet from south and 3,400 feet from east lines of section 69, block 98, H&TC survey, abstract 199.

Drillsite is 1 1/2 miles southeast of the Toni C (Noodle Creek) field which produces at 3,992 feet.

CRANE PROJECT
Gulf Oil Corporation has added wildcat status to its No. 41 J. B. Tubbs "B," a project in the Sand Hills (McKnight) field of Crane County.

The project, bottomed at 4,640 feet, will test as a wildcat at 4,000 feet.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and 1,100 feet from east lines of section 31, block 32, ps1 survey and 14 1/2 miles northwest of Crane.

FISHER EXPLORER
ERGO Corp. of Dallas announced location for a 6,050-foot wildcat in Fisher County, one mile east of Sylvester.

The prospector is to be drilled as No. 1 Stuart, 3,925 feet from north and 467 feet from east lines of E. A. Williams survey.

The drillsite is in the four-well Sylvester multipay field. The project also will test that field's Goen pay.

TOM GREEN TEST
Crown Exploration Co. of Abilene spotted No. 1 Robertson as a 5,400-foot wildcat in Tom Green County, five miles southwest of Christoval.

Location is 660 feet from south and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 9, block 22, H&TC survey. Ground elevation is 2,265 feet.

The site is surrounded by dry holes and 5/8 mile north of the lone well in the Allen Hill (Strawn) field.

NOLAN WILDCATS
Chalmers Operating Co., Inc., of Abilene, staked a 7,100-foot Ellenburger wildcat seven miles south of Sweetwater in Nolan County.

It is No. 1-96 Booth, 1,980 feet from south and west lines of section 96, block 22, T&P survey.

Drillsite is 3/8 mile northeast of a 7,000-foot Ellenburger dry hole and two miles southeast of the depleted Tram-mell, East (Ellenburger) field.

F. W. Burger, Inc., of Abilene No. 1 Lewis Porter Unit No. 2 is to be drilled as a 6,800-foot wildcat 15 miles southeast of Sweetwater.

Location is 3,107 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 67, block X, T&P survey.

It is one location north of Canyon sand oil production in the EVB, Southwest field, and 5/8 mile southwest of the field's Canyon reef oil production.

RUNNELS WILDCAT
The Desana Corp. of Midland No. 1 Byrnes is a new 4,700-foot wildcat in a depleted area of the Winters multipay field of Runnels County.

Location is three miles southeast of Winters and 1,200 feet from south and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 330, block 64, H&TC survey. Ground elevation is 1,792 feet.

GAINES PROJECT
The Carm-Ann (San Andres) pool of Gaines County gained a new project with the staking of Rogers Oil Co. of Levelland No. 1 Howard-Mayo.

Scheduled to 4,900 feet, it is 660 feet from south and 855 feet from west lines of section 18, block A-22, ps1 survey and 11 miles south of Seminole.

Ground elevation is 3,242 feet.

YOAKUM AREA
The three-well Sable, North (San Andres) field of Yoakum County gained a new project with the staking of Monsanto Co., operating from Midland, No. 5 Bedford.

The 5,300-foot test is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 162, block D, J. H. Gibson survey and nine miles northwest of Plains.

Government pledges to back synthetic fuel plant

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

WASHINGTON (AP) — What is expected to be this country's first commercially operating synthetic fuels plant is a giant step closer to being a reality today, following a pledge from the government to back a \$1.5 billion loan.

The Energy Department announced it had given conditional approval for a \$1.5 billion loan guarantee to the Great Plains Coal Gasification plant in Beulah, N.D.

The department acted with unusual speed in approving the guarantee. The period in which companies could apply for the first \$5 billion available ended only last Friday. Great Plains and 17 other companies put in bids for government aid.

Energy Department officials said there was nothing unusual in the speedy decision because the Great Plains project is much farther along than any of the other synthetic fuels plants.

Officials said the plant had already received a \$250 million loan guarantee from the government in July with the understanding that its request to bring the full guarantee amount to \$1.5 billion would receive expedited processing.

Because of the size of each project, it is not expected that more than a

dozen or so plants will receive loan guarantees or price support commitments out of the initial \$20 billion the government has to spend.

Congress provided that money to spur development of 500,000 barrels of oil equivalent daily by 1987 from coal, oil shale and other products.

The Energy Security Act, passed last summer, also pledges up to \$68 billion in a second phase of the synthetic fuels program. But aides to Ronald Reagan say the president-elect is not at all convinced that the program's second phase is necessary and may urge Congress not to commit any money beyond the initial \$20 billion.

The Great Plains project, which is expected to be operating in 1984, will turn 4.7 million tons of coal annually into daily production of 125 million cubic feet of gas — the equivalent of 20,000 barrels of oil.

The Great Plains plant is being built by a consortium led by subsidiaries of American Natural Resources Co. of Detroit and Peoples Energy Corp. of Chicago.

The Energy Department has authority to hand out the first \$5 billion in loan guarantees while the Synthetic Fuels Corp. is gearing up to take over the program.

RRC gives coal permit

AUSTIN — The Railroad Commission approved an application by the Dow Chemical, U.S.A. to conduct lignite exploration in Freestone County at a site approximately 1 1/4 miles south of Dew.

The permit, signed by Chairman John Poerner and Commissioner Mack Wallace, is the first coal exploration permit sanctioned by the commission since its Surface Mining Division's inception in 1975.

In its exploratory operations, Dow proposes to remove from 40 to 80 tons of lignite per month.

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NHL at a Glance

Conference	Game	Score
Campbell Conference	Philadelphia 13	3-0
	Los Angeles 12	3-0
	San Jose 11	3-0
	San Diego 10	3-0
	San Jose 9	3-0
	San Jose 8	3-0
	San Jose 7	3-0
	San Jose 6	3-0
	San Jose 5	3-0
	San Jose 4	3-0

NBA at a Glance

Conference	Game	Score
Eastern Conference	Philadelphia 10	3-0
	Philadelphia 9	3-0
	Philadelphia 8	3-0
	Philadelphia 7	3-0
	Philadelphia 6	3-0
	Philadelphia 5	3-0
	Philadelphia 4	3-0
	Philadelphia 3	3-0
	Philadelphia 2	3-0
	Philadelphia 1	3-0



Houston's Eddie Wright (33) is stopped by Texas Tech's Jeff McCowan (45) and Rusty Maroney, behind ball carrier, both Midland, in Saturday action at Jones Stadium. (Staff photo).

Can anyone win national title?

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
AP Sports Writer

Can anyone win college football's national championship? Consider this: Nebraska and Ohio State, last week's Nos. 4 and 5 teams in the Associated Press poll, fell out of the championship picture over the weekend. Nebraska's Orange Bowl dreams were virtually erased when the Cornhuskers dropped a last-minute 21-17 decision to ninth-ranked Oklahoma. Meanwhile, Ohio State bowed to Michigan 9-3 and had its Rose Bowl itinerary rerouted to the Fiesta Bowl while the winners made it to Pasadena.

Of course, top-rated Georgia, the nation's only unbeaten-untied team, can determine its own fate by continuing to win. The Bulldogs idle this week, wind up the regular season against 1-8 Georgia Tech this Saturday and then meet second-ranked Notre Dame in the Sugar Bowl.

Now what happens if, as is far from impossible, Notre Dame (9-0) following Saturday's hard-earned 24-10 triumph over Air Force) loses to Southern California and then beats Georgia in New Orleans while third-ranked Florida State loses to

Maroney, behind ball carrier, both Midland, in Saturday action at Jones Stadium. (Staff photo).

Big Eight champion (probably Oklahoma)? Is it possible for the winner of Friday's No. 6 Pitt-No. 7 Penn State clash to vault to the top by winning a non-New Year's Day bowl (Pitt in the Gator, Penn State in the Fiesta)? Is eighth-ranked Alabama still alive after all? How about No. 9 Oklahoma and No. 10 Michigan, both, like Alabama, with two losses? Do once-beaten No. 11 Baylor and No. 13 Brigham Young have a prayer? And don't overlook North Carolina, down in the No. 15 spot last week but loser of just one game.

Whatever happens, it appears to be the most wide-open national championship scramble in years.

Besides Nebraska and Ohio State, three other members of the Top Twenty lost over the weekend. Bluebonnet Bowl-bound Texas, the No. 20 team, was lassoed by No. 11 Baylor's Cotton Bowl-bound Southwest Conference champs 16-0 and No. 12 Southern California was upset by No. 18 UCLA 20-17. Both are ineligible for bowl action.

The other casualty was No. 14 South Carolina, a Gator Bowl entry but a 27-6 loser to Clemson as Obed

Schoolboy pairings

Class	Game	Time
Class 4A	El Paso Bel Air vs Amarillo	7:30 p.m., Friday, at Sun Bowl, El Paso
Class 5A	Odessa Permian vs Fort Worth Richland	7 p.m., Saturday, at Texas Stadium, Irving
Class 6A	Highland Park vs Dallas South Oak Cliff	8 p.m., Saturday, at Texas Stadium, Irving

NFL standings

Conference	Team	W	L	T	Pct.
American Conference	Buffalo	9	7	0	.563
	New England	8	6	0	.571
	Baltimore	6	6	0	.500
	Miami	6	6	0	.500
	N.Y. Jets	6	6	0	.500
	Cincinnati	5	6	1	.455
	Oakland	4	6	1	.407
	San Diego	4	6	1	.407
	Denver	3	6	1	.344
	Seattle	4	6	0	.400

NFL SUMMARIES

Lions 24, Bucs 10
Detroit 9-14 3-0-1
Tampa Bay 3-7 9-10-0
TB-PG Yegorjian 24 TD-Jones 12 pass from Williams (Yegorjian kick) DE-R. Williams 11 run (Murray kick) DE-Sims 21 run (Murray kick) DE-PJ Murray 20 Dec-Murray 5 run (Murray kick) A-49,79

Texas A&M's 'Wall' stands firm in SWC

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — At Texas A&M University, there's an intimidating basketball player in G. Rollie White Coliseum called "The Wall."

Junior Rudy Woods, a 6-foot-11 center is flanked by muscular senior forwards 6-6 Rynn Wright and 6-8 Vernon Smith.

Eagles 10, Raiders 7

Oakland 0-0 9-1-7
Chicago 14-10 10-2-0
Chi-Payton 1 run (Thomas kick) Chi-PG Thomas 41 run (Murray kick) Chi-PG Thomas 41 run (Murray kick) Chi-PG Thomas 41 run (Murray kick) Chi-PG Thomas 41 run (Murray kick)

Cowboys 14, Redskins 10

Washington 0-2 9-10-1
Dallas 7-6 9-1-1
Dal-Dorsett 3 run (Gonzalez kick) Wash-PG Moseley 34 Dal-Cole 43 pass interception (Septien kick) Wash-Jackson 8 run (Moseley kick) A-52,81

Falcons 28, Bears 17

Chicago 7-7 9-11-1
Chi-Payton 1 run (Thomas kick) Chi-PG Thomas 41 run (Murray kick) Chi-PG Thomas 41 run (Murray kick) Chi-PG Thomas 41 run (Murray kick)

49ers 12, Giants 0

N.Y. Giants 0-0 9-1-1
San Francisco 6-11 9-2-1
SF-Coyne 8 pass from Frazier (Werschling kick) SF-SF Werschling 4 A-30,74

Jets 31, Oilers 28

New York 0-0 9-2-0
NYJ-Schroy 82 interception return (Leahy kick) NYJ-Todd 1 run (Leahy kick) NYJ-Todd 1 run (Leahy kick) NYJ-Todd 1 run (Leahy kick)

Broncos 38, Seahawks 20

Seattle 0-10 9-10-2
Denver 7-10 10-2-0
Den-Odoms 3 pass from Morton (Steinleitner kick) Den-PG Herrera 21 Den-PG Herrera 21 Den-PG Herrera 21

Bills 28, Steelers 13

Pittsburgh 7-7 9-1-3
Buffalo 7-7 9-1-3
Buff-PHarris 3 run (Bahr kick) Buffalo 7-7 9-1-3 Buffalo 7-7 9-1-3 Buffalo 7-7 9-1-3

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DATELINE AUSTIN

Regional primary may be another hot issue

By GARTH JONES
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AUSTIN (AP) — Most Texas voters like the idea of the state having an earlier say in the selection of presidential candidates.

But the "how-to" details of presidential primaries usually start an argument with cross-over voters on one side and party purists on the other.

Gov. Bill Clements fanned the flames last week when he announced plans to present the 1981 Legislature with a bill that would let Texas take part in a regional primary with New Mexico, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Details have not been worked out, but the five-state vote on presidential possibilities — which would influence selection of national convention delegates — probably would be held in March.

"This would give us a position in the presidential election process that we do not have now," Clements said. "The Northeast and Eastern seaboard have an unusual effect now with their early primaries."

"Personally, I have a lot of reservations about a regional primary," said State Democratic Chairman Bob Slagle. "This form of nominating centers on folks with the glamorous image, the new-face syndrome. A man may be a good campaigner but not be the best one to govern. I think that selection of nominees in conventions over the years has resulted in better quality candidates than those named in primaries ... Jimmy Carter can't stand up to Franklin D. Roosevelt."

ON THE OTHER HAND, Attorney General Mark White, who may be a Democratic candidate for governor in 1982, said he has been advocating regional presidential primaries for five years.

"It is a mistake to let New Hampshire be the beginning of a successful presidential campaign where critical issues are addressed before they are in Texas," he said.

"I do not think a candidate should be predetermined before a significant bloc of the nation is heard from ... The campaign in Texas should not be confined to issues that were brought up in earlier primaries in other states."

State Republican Chairman Chester Upham thinks a regional primary is a good thing "although a lot of details have to be worked out ... To have one early enough to have an impact on Southwest thinking is good ... I'm sure each party would still hold a separate primary."

It was the idea of an early presidential primary in Texas that brought on the walkout of 12 "Killer Bees" from the Texas Senate in 1979. Their absence made it impossible for the Senate to do business and had the effect of killing a bill to set up a March primary.

Opponents claimed the bill was aimed at giving John B. Connally an early push from Texas voters in his presidential campaign, which later was abandoned.

Later, Sen. Ron Clower, D-Garland, one of the 12 absentee senators, said neighboring states did not want a regional primary despite claims of Speaker Bill Clayton, who first offered the idea.

Clower said he and other senators checked New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi. "Not a single one indicates any possibility or even any interest in participating in a regional primary," Clower said in 1979.

THREE OF THE KILLER BEES, including Clower, were defeated in recent elections. The Senate makeup will be changed considerably in 1981 and may view the presidential primary situation differently.

Another stumbling block of a regional primary is the issue of cross-over voting — whether a voter should be allowed to vote in one party's presidential primary and then vote later in another party primary for state and local offices.

The Dallas Times Herald said Clements was right in trying to enhance the vote of Southwestern citizens in the selection of party presidential candidates. However, the newspaper warned, political parties and the Legislature should balk at any attempt to eliminate the party role in presidential primaries.

So, you can add another firecracker issue to the growing list of controversial subjects for the 1981 Legislature.

Labor takes no pleasure in Hatch's appointment

By OWEN ULLMANN
AP Labor Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Few senators have been more loyal to organized labor in recent years than Democrat Harrison A. Williams Jr. of New Jersey; few have been more of a scourge than Republican Orrin G. Hatch of Utah.

So it will be a particularly bleak winter day for labor when Republicans take control of the Senate in January and Hatch replaces Williams as chairman of its Labor and Human Resources Committee.

The day will be equally bleak for other left-of-center constituencies that have found a constant friend over the last two decades in a committee Hatch calls the most liberal in Congress.

Since the birth of the Johnson administration's Great Society, the committee has helped shepherd through Congress a lengthy list of social legislation — anti-poverty and employment programs, improved worker protections, and increased aid for education, health care, the aged and the arts.

Even in the late 1970s, when a growing conservatism made passage of such laws more difficult, the committee remained an accessible platform for preachers of liberal and pro-labor causes.

The Nov. 4 election, however, guarantees a more conservative committee makeup in the new Congress. Bolstered by that rightward drift, Hatch, 46, is taking aim at laws organized labor considers sacred.

HIS TOP PRIORITIES: lower the federal minimum wage for young people and tighten up labor's cherished Davis-Bacon law, which sets wage rates for federal construction projects based on the prevailing wage in the local community.

If labor won't compromise, Hatch says, he just might consider pushing for outright repeal of both laws.

He also wants restrictions on the powers of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to make random safety inspections of businesses.

And he wants to eliminate affirmative action rules that set specific goals for the employment of women and minorities by federal contractors. Affirmative action "quotas," he said, are a form of government discrimination on the basis of race. "That's why we have a revival of the KKK and the Nazi Party," he said recently.

Hatch has headed just about every union lobbyist's hate list since 1978, when he led a filibuster to block Senate passage of a labor-backed bill to revise federal labor laws.

Since joining the Senate in 1976, Hatch has voted labor's way on just nine of 85 votes, according to the AFL-CIO. Williams has supported

voted with labor on 212 of 228 votes during his 22-year Senate career.

SINCE ELECTION DAY, Hatch has extended an olive branch to labor — having lunch with AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland and other leaders, and promising a chairmanship of moderation, cooperation and conciliation.

"I'm going to try to approach this in a moderate and reasonable way," Hatch said in an interview. "I have no rancor. I have no animosity." He noted that he spent 10 years as a member of an AFL-CIO metal lathers union in his hometown of Pittsburgh.

Hatch acknowledged he may have seemed unyielding on labor issues in the past, but said he now is willing to compromise, a price that must be paid for attaining power.

He said if labor leaders compromise on some issues he will accommodate them on others. "If they don't, I'm going to do it anyway," he said. "I mean business, but I'll be fair to them."

To show he wants to cooperate with labor, Hatch said, one of his committee's first projects may be to hold hearings on an issue of mutual concern — job discrimination against women.

But wary union officials fear the olive branch Hatch is extending is covered with thorns.

"I'M NOT IMPRESSED by someone who says they've changed," said Kirkland's chief assistant, Kenneth Young. "I go by what they do. If they stick to their track record, it could be trouble."

Some labor officials fear Hatch may launch a full-scale attack on them with bills that put new restrictions on union activities, dismantle Davis-Bacon and eliminate subsidized jobs from the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA).

Hatch's youth minimum wage bill has excellent chances for passage as a result of the gains the Republicans made in the House and Senate. The bill has the support of President-elect Ronald Reagan.

The minimum wage, now \$3.10 an hour, goes to \$3.35 on Jan. 1. Hatch wants to set a rate equal to 75 percent of that — \$2.51 an hour — for the first six months of employment for 16- to 20-year-olds.

He claims the minimum wage is responsible for high unemployment among young people because employers are unwilling to hire and train inexperienced teen-agers for unskilled jobs at such pay rates.

Labor contends a youth rate only undermines the minimum wage by letting employers replace adult workers with teen-agers.

Hatch's other goals may prove more difficult to attain.

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