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Police cover the bodies of two people on the plaza area around Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum, above, after 11 persons were killed as the crowd surged to get into a rock concert. Shoes and clothes, left, were strewn around the area where the people were killed and injured. (AP Laserphotos)

11 perish in stampede to grab concert seats

CINCINNATI (AP) — "I couldn't believe it. They could see the people all piled up and they still tried to climb over them just to get in," said one man who watched in horror as 11 persons died in a crushing human wave surging into Riverfront Coliseum for a rock concert by "The Who."

Police Lt. Col. Joseph Staff said seven young men and four young women were trampled and killed when the mob pushed into the hall on the Ohio River in a crush of bodies that continued for 30 minutes.

Eight other persons were seriously injured, police said. Twenty more were treated at four hospitals and released.

"They kept yelling to get back, but we couldn't," said Michael Jordan, 17, one of those caught in the stampede. "I saw people going down. I saw people hurt. People were flailing their elbows."

Dawn Gilmore of Dayton said, "I couldn't breathe. The crush was making me faint."

The Monday night concert, which drew an audience of more than 18,000 people, went on as scheduled and "The Who" made no mention of the tragedy during their performance.

"We decided to let the concert go on. If we stopped it, we would have had a worse panic," said Lt. Dale Menkausa who led 25 police officers in a crowd-control detail.

Menkausa estimated that more than 6,000 people, some who had waited more than three hours, were crowded on the coliseum's plaza level waiting for the doors to open. Many had been drinking and smoking marijuana.

As at some past rock concerts, some seats were reserved, but about half were available on a first-come, first-served. Authorities said pushing incidents in the past had led to arrests.

"The group likes to do a little sound test," Menkausa said. When the crowd heard the music, it surged forward.

"They opened only two doors. They have about 50. I suggested they open more," said Menkausa.

"First a bottle crashed through the glass. Then they started pushing more glass out and they started pouring in. We couldn't stop them," said Ray Schwertman, an usher.

Dick Ogburn, a concertgoer from Lexington, Ky., said, "People were going down. I saw people's heads being stepped on. I fell and I couldn't get up. People kept pushing me down. I was afraid for my life."

Menkausa said it was nearly 30 minutes before his officers could mount a charge into the crowd. "We found the first bodies about 15 feet from the door outside," he said.

Dr. Al Trott, emergency room supervisor at Cincinnati General Hospital, said all victims suffered "footprint-like injuries."

"Some made it. Some died within two or three minutes," said Isy D'Agostino, a nurse from Dayton. "It's a real sad way to go."

Autopsies were being performed today to determine the exact cause of death.

City Safety Director Richard Castellini said he will ask the City Council to pass a law requiring that all seats be reserved at future events. "It's the urgency of getting a seat that makes this happen," he said.

"The Who," among the oldest surviving British rock groups, is featured in a recently released film, "Quadrophonia." The four-member group wrote the rock opera "Tommy," which was made into a movie.

Keith Altham, the European press agent for "The Who" in London, said members of group "are absolutely devastated by the sheer horrific proportions of the tragedy." The group planned to appear as scheduled tonight in Buffalo for a reserved-seats-only concert.

Monday's mob scene was not a first for Riverfront Coliseum. On April 19, 1977, police arrested 76 people who tried to push their way into a "Led Zeppelin" rock concert.

Officials of the coliseum and Electric Factory Concerts of Philadelphia, sponsor of the concert, could not be reached for comment.

Jeff Chaney of Carlisle, an Army veteran, said he tried to revive three of the victims. His efforts failed mostly "because people just didn't seem to care."

"I couldn't believe it. They could see the people all piled up and they still tried to climb over them just to get in," Chaney said. He said one girl was clinging to his leg, but by the time he pulled her free, she was dead.

News of the deaths brought parents storming to the Coliseum, but they were turned away by security guards. "Go home and see if they come home," said one guard to a middle-aged woman, who was visibly shaken.

"We have all sorts of life-saving devices," said a tearful paramedic who declined to identify himself. "We have drugs. We have highly trained people, and none of it did a bit of good. They just died. We couldn't save a one of them."

For a half-hour the mass of humanity surged forward on its own momentum, crushing, smothering and trampling anything and anyone in its path.

"Your feet didn't even touch the ground. You were just carried along," said Tom Joyce of Boston, one of those caught up in the stampede outside Riverfront Coliseum Monday night.

"I couldn't breathe. The crush was making me faint," said another, Dawn Gilmore of Dayton.

"It was getting cold and we thought they'd open the doors a little early," said Michael Jordan, 17, who would say later, "I had to fight for my life."

Finally, two of the doors were opened to allow the crowd in. Thousands surged forward.

An usher, Ray Schwertman, 49, was holding other doors shut. "First, a bottle crashed through the glass. Then they started pushing more glass out and they started pouring in. We couldn't stop them," he said.

"Some were carrying people in. They brought one guy in and set him on that table and he died," Schwertman said.

Jordan, meanwhile, was trapped in the crowd and trying to protect his date, Suzanne Sudrack, 15.

Iranian voters support Khomeini 60-1

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iranians reportedly voted 60-to-1 for Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's Islamic constitution, giving the Shiite Moslem patriarch supreme power for life, but there was no word of how many boycotted the referendum.

Khomeini's militiamen increased the guard at the occupied U.S. Embassy, apparently in anticipation of a U.S. attempt to free the 50 Americans held hostage there by students demanding the return of the deposed shah. Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh said all the hostages were still being treated and fed well, and he denied reports that they were kept tied to chairs.

Final results of the referendum were not expected until later in the week. But initial returns from the vote Sunday and Monday pointed to landslide approval by those who voted.

The charter mandates theocratic government in this predominantly Moslem nation, and opponents claim it will confirm Khomeini as a dictator.

Reports from Isfahan, with a population of 671,825, said the vote was 38,672 for the constitution and 1,637 against. In the smaller northern city of Bandar Gavaneh a vote of 13,300-0

was reported, and in Ardebil, near the Soviet border, the tally was 50,000-112, the government said.

Leftist and centrist political parties had said they would boycott the referendum as did leaders of the Kurdish, Arab, Baluchi and Turkoman ethnic minorities. The political factions denounced the constitution as a tool of dictatorship while the minorities,

Iranian college students in San Antonio were surprised that the shah came to the Alamo City, and immigration officials are using a rarely enforced rule to deport students. Stories on Page 2A.

many of them Sunni Moslems, opposed it because Khomeini and his Shiite Moslems rejected their demands for autonomous home rule.

Officials had predicted the boycotts would have little effect on the outcome of the vote. At several polling stations, reporters saw Moslem priests sitting in front of the ballot boxes instructing people to "vote yes only." The clerics, and anyone else who chose to watch, could see whether voters deposited the green "yes"

ballot or the red "no" vote.

Meanwhile, the American hostages began the 31st day of their confinement, and a spokesman for the captors denied reports that eight of the hostages had been singled out for intensive interrogation in preparation for possible espionage trials.

However, there was speculation in Western diplomatic circles in Tehran

that the students were likely to single out the top officials among the hostages for more intensive grilling.

"We are checking all the documents and files we found in the embassy and questioning all the hostages about their spying activities," the spokesman told The Associated Press by telephone.

The students told a news conference Saturday that one of the hostages, William Daugherty, had confessed to being a CIA agent, and that another

captive, Malcolm Kalp, was suspected of being a spy.

Ghotbzadeh, in an interview with NBC-News, said, "It is not true that they (the hostages) are tied with the chairs... In the beginning, in a couple of days in the beginning, that matter was a little harsh. But later on it was eased off and now they are sort of free to talk to one another and go and discuss and even sort of make jokes. And they're becoming rather friendly with our students over there."

Ghotbzadeh said that Iran will not accept any U.N. Security Council decision on the crisis unless it includes the surrender of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and said he doesn't recognize the competence of the International Court of Justice to rule on the U.S.-Iranian stalemate.

A spokesman for the court in The Hague said it would begin private consideration today of the suit brought by the United States against Iran, and a public hearing was set for next Monday.

The Security Council held its fourth meeting on the crisis Monday night, a 32-minute session in which four more countries joined 28 others who earlier protested the detention of the Americans in Tehran.

Iran crisis at-a-glance

By The Associated Press

The U.S.-Iran crisis entered its 31st day today with 50 Americans still hostage in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and the deposed shah recuperating in Texas. Here are the highlights:

In Washington

Carter administration officials reported no progress in efforts to find a permanent haven for Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and some were beginning to talk of his American stay as "open-ended."

But the administration will not grant the former Iranian ruler permanent residence, officials said privately, because they feel the step would inflame the tense situation in Tehran.

In Iran

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In Texas

Iranian college students in San Antonio applied for permits to marches in protest of the arrival of the shah, and worried city officials were trying to decide whether to grant them.

The San Antonio College students requested parade permits to stage anti-shah demonstrations Friday downtown and outside Lackland Air Force Base, where the ailing shah is secluded in comfortable, heavily guarded VIP quarters.

In world markets

Silver and gold prices continued to reach record heights on the world's exchanges amid speculators' concern over the crisis, fear of Middle East tensions as a result of the stalemate and the prospect of sharp oil price increases.

In Mexico

President Jose Lopez Portillo said President Carter's freeze of Iranian government assets in the United States was "a precipitous decision that will seriously deteriorate the international monetary system."

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Oil exec predicts windfall's OK

Despite the oil industry's unified opposition

By BILL MODISETT
Staff Writer

Despite the opposition of oil companies, a windfall profits tax probably will be in effect early in 1980, predicted Maurice F. Granville, chairman of the board of Texaco Inc.

"We in Texaco, like most of the industry, believe it's wrong to take those so-called windfall profit funds away from badly needed exploration and production in this country," Granville said Monday in Midland.

Tax money collected via the windfall profits legislation could mean that one to two million barrels of oil per day that could be produced in the United States by 1990 won't be produced, Granville said.

"I think those figures are entirely possible," he said, reflecting on the possible impact of the tax. He added that the figure on production he quoted was not an estimate, but a probability. The figures could range higher, he indicated.

The windfall profits tax legislation is being debated on the floor of the U.S. Senate where the leadership is attempting to reach a compromise on amendments before putting the measure up for a final vote, possibly next week.

Granville said he believes a compromise will be reached on the bill and it will be brought to a vote prior to the Christmas recess in Congress.

"Eventually there has to be a compromise of some sort," said Granville.

Meanwhile, Texaco continues its search for gas in the depths of the Baltimore Canyon off the Eastern Seaboard.

"Before gas can be produced there commercially, a pipeline will have to be built," the Texaco executive noted.

Adding that Texaco is "encouraged" by initial results of drilling in the Baltimore Canyon, Granville said the company is attempting to determine whether sufficient reserves exist in the Baltimore Canyon to justify construction of the pipeline.

That pipeline with a drilling platform, he said, would cost "at least a half-billion dollars." Currently the oil industry already has spent more than \$1 billion in developing Baltimore

Canyon, he said.

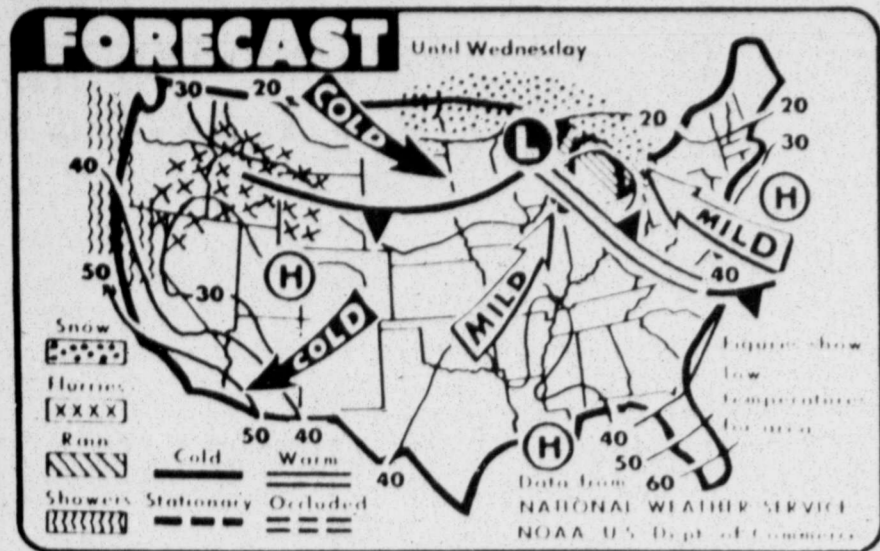
If the canyon proves commercial, Granville said, it probably would be at least five to seven years before the gas could reach consumers. That time factor is a direct result of "getting the necessary permits to proceed," Granville added.

Nothing unusual is planned for Texaco's operations in the Permian Basin in the foreseeable future, said Dosh T. McCreary, Midland division manager.

"We plan to maintain our organization at about the same level," McCreary added.

Granville, McCreary and several other Texaco executives were in the Tall City as special guests of The Midland Wildcat Committee for a reception given in their honor.

WEATHER SUMMARY



Showers are expected today through Wednesday for the central and northern Pacific Coast. Snow flurries are forecast for the central and northern Rockies and northern Plains.

Midland statistics

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Texas thermometer

Table showing high and low temperatures for various Texas cities like Abilene, Alpine, Amarillo, and Austin.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Clear to partly cloudy through Wednesday. Highs 55 to 72. Lows in the 30s except mid 20s in the mountains.

Extended forecasts

Thursday Through Saturday: West Texas: Partly cloudy Thursday through Saturday. Turning cooler north Saturday.

Border states forecasts

New Mexico: Fair to partly cloudy through Wednesday. Highs ranging from the upper 60s and lower 70s in the mountains.

Puerto Rican terrorists sought

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The FBI and Puerto Rican police hunted the nationalist terrorists who killed two U.S. Navy sailors and wounded 10 others as three independence groups claimed responsibility for the ambush.

Marines with M-16 rifles patrolled the entrance to the base where the victims were quartered, and Rear Adm. Arthur K. Knoizen, the Navy's Caribbean commander, said security was being stepped up at all other bases in Puerto Rico.

Responsibility for the attack Monday was claimed by the Armed Forces of Popular Resistance, the Puerto Rican Popular Army and the Organization of Volunteers for the Puerto Rican Revolution.

They said the attack was made to avenge the deaths of two youths in a shootout with police a year ago near a communications tower and the death of an anti-Navy activist in a federal prison in Florida in October.

It was the first fatal attack in nine years and the costliest ever made on U.S. military forces in Puerto Rico.

The terrorists in a van intercepted a Navy bus carrying 18 technicians to work at a transmission antenna site about a mile from the Navy's Sabana Seca Base at Toa Baja, about 10 miles west of San Juan.

The bus windows and windshield were riddled by 41 bullet holes, apparently from shotguns and pistols.

A survivor said the driver was shot in the head and killed instantly. A passenger grabbed the wheel and took the injured back to the base.

The Navy said the dead driver was John R. Ball, 29, of Madison, Wis., a communicator technician 1st class, and the other man killed was Emil E. White, 20, a radioman 3rd class from St. Thomas, in the nearby U.S. Virgin Islands.

The injured, including three Navy women, were not identified pending notification of next of kin.

White House press secretary Jody Powell said President Carter deplored the attack as "a despicable act of murder" inconsistent with the political attitudes of most Puerto Ricans.

The majority of Puerto Ricans, in referendums and public opinion polls, have repeatedly and overwhelmingly rejected independence for the island of 3.5 million. In recent years the main political conflict has been between those favoring statehood and those who want to continue the commonwealth status.

Gov. Carlos Romero Barcelo, an advocate of statehood, said the attack was an "irrational and cowardly act against the people of the United States and the people of Puerto Rico."

demned the killings "from the depth of my spirit."

But Carlos Gallisa, president of the Puerto Rican Socialist Party, called it "the product of the situation that the U.S. Navy has created in Puerto Rico."

Local fishermen for years have been fighting the Navy's use of the island of Vieques for bombing and gunnery practice, charging that it greatly curtails their catch.

Anti-Navy emotions were intensified this fall by the conviction of 19 protestors for trespassing on Navy property during a demonstration last spring. One of the 19, Angel Rodriguez Cristobal, was found dead in his cell in a federal prison in Florida last month.

Carter's catching up, polls say

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter, set to announce officially today that he is seeking re-election, has pulled almost even with Sen. Edward M. Kennedy in a new opinion poll.

Carter campaign chief Robert Strauss said he was surprised to see Carter coming on so quickly and suggested that Kennedy has caused himself further political damage by his criticism of Carter's decision to admit the former Shah of Iran to the United States.

Carter was scheduled to announce his candidacy officially in the East Room of the White House at 1:30 p.m. CST today, then attend a fund-raising dinner at a Washington hotel in the evening.

Aides said Carter might pass up the dinner, however, as an inappropriate outing at a time when the president must necessarily give prime attention to the conflict with Iran.

Earlier in the year, Carter was trailing Kennedy 2:1 in polls of Democratic voters, but an ABC-Louis Harris poll released Monday night showed Carter trailing Kennedy 44 percent to 51 percent among Democratic voters in a head-on race.

The poll showed Carter even closer in a three-way race including Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr., of California, the third major contender for the Democratic nomination.

Carter actually was ahead of Kennedy when Democrats were lumped together with independents, who can vote in some Democratic primaries. Among both groups of voters, the poll showed Carter led Kennedy 48 to 46 in a head-on race and 42 to 40 in a three-way race with Brown, who got 11 percent.

Carter's own chief pollster, Patrick Caddell, said the Iran crisis may be inflating the president's approval rating temporarily.

"We're still the underdog," Caddell told reporters. Strauss, speaking at a news conference at Carter campaign headquarters, said the Iranian situation has helped Carter politically by giving him an opportunity to show himself as steady, cool and decisive in a crisis.

And Strauss predicted Kennedy's attack on the shah had been a political blunder that will cost him votes. "I think it's damaging politically to Sen. Kennedy," Strauss said.

Kennedy said in a San Francisco television interview Sunday that the shah "ran one of the most violent regimes in the history of mankind," and questioned why Carter would admit him to the United States when "Hispanics who are here legally... have to wait nine years to bring their wife and their children to this country."

Kennedy later insisted he wasn't attacking Carter's handling of the hostage situation, but State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said Kennedy had not helped the crisis. Reporters were told that Kennedy's remarks could hardly help administration efforts to get another country to accept the shah as a resident.

White House spokesman Jody Powell said Carter would refuse to be drawn into a political debate on Iran while the hostages' lives are still at stake, but added: "I think you recognize how bloody my tongue is from being bitten."

Strauss was not so reticent, calling Kennedy's remarks ill-advised, out of step with American public opinion, harmful to Carter's efforts to win release of the 50 hostages in Tehran and contrary to the nice things Kennedy's brother John used to say about the shah when he was president.

"He just really doesn't know what he's doing," Strauss said of Kennedy.

Strauss said the Carter campaign hopes to raise \$2.5 million this week at a dozen fund-raisers and nearly 2,800 "grassroots" parties in the homes of Carter supporters.

Carter originally had planned a six-state campaign swing this week after the announcement, but canceled all political travel outside Washington because of the Iranian crisis.



Awarding the Eagle Scout pin Monday night to her son, Porter, is Mrs. William M. Hibbitts. Dr. Hibbitts, left, and Troop 85 Scoutmaster Mike Morgan look on. Young Hibbitts is a senior at Midland High School. Troop 85 is sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church. (Staff Photo)

Shah's arrival in Texas surprises Iranian students in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Iranian college students were surprised like everyone else here when the exiled shah arrived early Sunday at Lackland Air Force Base.

And the ones convinced he is at the nearby base will not know until Wednesday whether wary city officials will let them stage a rally against the man they say "urged" them to leave home for an education.

The San Antonio College students gathered Monday at a cafeteria table — their usual meeting place — as the shah recuperated behind a vast security system at the military base some 10 miles from the campus.

"He's not here," said one student, who, like many of the Iranians, asked not to be identified. "Why didn't they show him? They say they bring him someplace, but they take him, someplace else."

There are 212 Iranians among the 21,000 students at the junior college. Some say they have been harassed on the phone and in person after being quoted in local newspapers. The campus just north of downtown was the scene last summer of several low-key demonstrations against the shah.

No demonstrators have appeared at the campus or outside the base since the shah's arrival.

Immigration officials determined last week that 21 Iranians here are "out-of-status" — meaning their student visas are no longer valid.

Most are hesitant to give their names, but all are unquestioning in their support of the Ayatollah Khomeini — the man they call "Imam."

"If the order comes, we will fight the United States," said Mohsen Kashani, a 22-year-old medical technology student.

The student wanted to know they would fight the United States government — not the American people. To them, the difference is clear.

"I am not against the people," said Kashani, who has lived here two years. "The people are innocent. We want the people to understand they should not waste their money in a war with Iran."

The students said the taking of hostages at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran may violate international law, "but the people there do not believe international law anymore."

Kashani and the others say they would not hesitate to return home and enlist for a war against the United States. However, for now they think they should continue their studies. President Carter's order freezing Iranian assets in the U.S. makes it impossible for them to finance a trip home, the students said.

Kashani said Iran has long had enough money to open universities of its own, but the shah "urged us to come here."

"We did not want to come. It costs a lot of money for us to come," he said.

The students would not predict an Iranian victory in a war with the United States, but Kashani said the conflict would not end until all 35 million people in Iran were killed.

The students around the table said they had heard no plans of demonstrations. It was later in the day that an Iranian student showed up at City Hall to seek a parade permit for a Friday rally near the base and a parade that would end at the Alamo.

One Iranian enrolled in the Kingsville campus was ordered deported Monday by Administrative Judge Alonzo Minjares. The judge said Ahmadi violated conditions of his student visa by transferring from Bee County College to Texas A&I without permission.

Ahmadi said he would contest the order within a 10-day appeal period.

The deportation hearings resulted from President Carter's order to check visas of all Iranian students following the takeover more than a month ago of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

The president said he did not want any incidents by Iranian students in this country to jeopardize the 50 hostages being held at the embassy by militant students. The captors and Iran's leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, are demanding return of the deposed shah in exchange for the hostages.

'Rarely enforced rule' used against Iranians, student says

By SUSAN STOLER

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — American immigration officials are using a rarely enforced rule to deport Iranian students in a current crackdown, says one Iranian summoned for deportation hearings.

Bijan Rashidi, one of 36 Texas A&I university students up for review of their student visas, said Monday the government has allowed a foreign student to transfer schools pending approval from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

"That's the way they've been doing it for so many years," said Rashidi, who said the government now charges him with failing to get permission to switch schools. "I applied in January for transfer from North Texas State to Texas A&I and I just got the notice."

Rashidi received postponement of his case until he can find a local lawyer.

Four teen-agers arrested in noon-time school shootout

BALTIMORE (AP) — Four teen-agers have been arrested after a noon-time shootout in a crowded high school cafeteria that left three persons wounded, police said.

Three youths who were not students walked into the cafeteria of Eastern High School on Monday and exchanged gunfire with a 17-year-old youth, according to police. The shootings reportedly stemmed from a series of confrontations between two gangs, one of the victims told school security guards.

"It was lunch period when (the) outsiders came into the cafeteria through a side door," said Leon Billie, assistant chief of school security. "These guys came in and immediately started shooting. The initial report from a victim is it was a grudge-type thing."

Poerner to be featured speaker at bar meeting

Texas Railroad Commission Chairman John H. Poerner will be featured speaker Friday at a joint meeting of the Bar Associations of Ector and Midland counties at Midland Country Club.

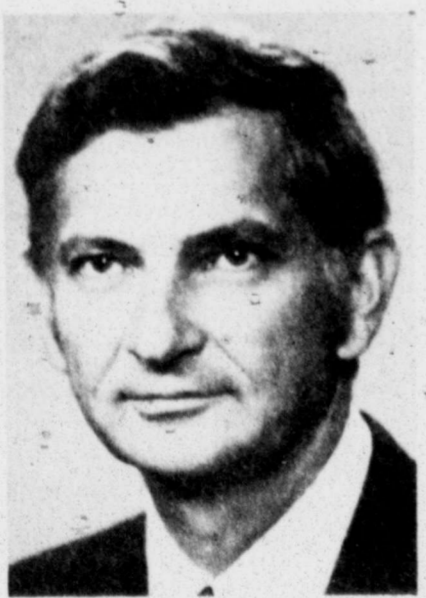
The meeting will begin at 11:45 a.m.

Poerner was named to the Railroad Commission by Gov. Dolph Briscoe Jan. 1, 1978. His current term expires Dec. 31, 1980. He was elected chairman Jan. 1 of this year.

Prior to his appointment on the commission, Poerner served three terms in the Texas House of Representatives from March 1969 to January 1975 and served in the Texas Constitutional Convention of 1974.

He received the Agricultural Hall of Fame award from Southwest Texas State University in 1972, the Outstanding Representative award from the Texas Sheriffs Association in 1973 and the Distinguished Legislator award from the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association in 1973.

Poerner served as a member of the Southern Regional Education Board for five years, was executive director



John H. Poerner

of the Governor's Committee on Aging in 1975 and director of the Governor's Office of Education Resources from 1975 to 1977. He was an administrative assistant to Briscoe in 1977 and 1978.

Warmer afternoons, fair skies forecast through Wednesday

Jack Frost apparently has decided to give the Permian Basin area a brief respite from nippy temperatures as the thermometer Wednesday should register in the low 70s.

The National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport is predicting fair skies with warm afternoons through Wednesday. Low tonight should be in the middle 30s. High Wednesday should be in the low 70s.

The mercury on Monday hit the 69

degree mark, below the record high of 83 set in 1954. Overnight low was 30 degrees, warm in comparison to the record of 20 degrees set in 1934.

No precipitation is expected, said the weatherman. No rainfall has been recorded so far this month, leaving the yearly accumulation at 13.25 inches.

Light rain was falling over extreme South Texas today, but the rest of the state was dry with cloudy conditions prevailing over most of Texas.

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DEATHS

Emma Hackfeld

SWEETWATER — Services for Emma Hackfeld, 85, of Sweetwater, mother of Bernice Patterson of Big Spring and Oscar Hackfeld of Hobbs, N.M., will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Salem Lutheran Church in Roscoe with Herbert Zimmerman, a retired minister, officiating.

Burial will be in Roscoe Cemetery directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Hackfeld was born April 11, 1894, in Alleyton. She was a member of Salem Lutheran Church and the Sons of Hermann Lodge in Roscoe. She was married to Otto Hackfeld Sept. 27, 1915, in Sweetwater. The couple farmed in the Roscoe area for many years. Her husband died in January 1957.

Other survivors include two daughters, two sons, two sisters, a brother, three step-sisters, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Joseph F. Rogers

O'DONNELL — Services for Joseph Franklin Rogers, 65, of O'Donnell, son of Nora Rogers and brother of Margaret Galneau and Willene Edwards, all of Hobbs, were to be at 2:30 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church here. Burial was to be in O'Donnell Cemetery directed by White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

He died Sunday in a Tahoka hospital after a lengthy illness.

Rogers moved to Lynn County in 1924 from Ellis County. He was married in 1936 to Burna Fae Brandon in Lamesa. He was a Mason and a Baptist.

Other survivors include two daughters, a son, four sisters, two brothers and eight grandchildren.

Ethel M. Richards

ODESSA — Services for Ethel May Pennington Richards, 50, of Odessa, were Monday in Easterling-Wilson Funeral Home chapel. Burial was to be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

She died Saturday following an illness.

Mrs. Richards was born Nov. 15, 1929, in Goldsboro, N.C. She moved in 1974 to Odessa. She was a licensed vocational nurse working at Deering Nursing Home. She formerly worked at Odessa Medical Center Hospital.

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Madrid of Iraan and Vicki Beran of Houston; two sisters, Mrs. M.B. Slay Jr. of Odessa and Mrs. E.L. VanHoy of Goldsboro; and two grandchildren.

Kenneth Wilson

Services for Kenneth J. Wilson, 27, 407 W. Dengar Ave., were at 3 p.m. Monday in Newbie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Ross Payne of Cottonflat Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Wilson died Saturday in a Midland hospital after an apparent heart attack.

He was born April 1, 1952, in Midland and was raised here. He was married Aug. 6, 1977, to Rebecca L. Mills in Midland. Wilson had worked the past eight years for Commercial Electronics. He was a member of Tower Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson of Midland; four sisters, Delilla Martin, Dottie Wilson and Connie Wade, all of Midland, and Cecelia Stewart of Robstown; two nieces and two nephews.

Pallbearers were Ricky Baker, Marshal Miller, Ken Marks, Newt Hays, George House and Terry Baker.

Myrtle Stegall

MORTON — Services for Myrtle Stegall, 89, of Morton, mother of J.C. "Jack" Stegall of Hobbs, N.M., are pending at Singleton Funeral Home here.

She died Monday in a Morton hospital following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Stegall was a native of Erath County.

Other survivors include two sons, three daughters, 20 grandchildren, 65 great-grandchildren and a number of great-great-grandchildren.

John R. Overton

KINGSLAND — Services for John Rorie Overton, 79, of Tow were to be at 10 a.m. today in Waldrop Funeral Home of Kingsland. Graveside services were to be at 4 p.m. today in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

He died Sunday in a Llano hospital.

He was the father of Ira Lewis Overton of Crane and brother of James Overton and Jewel Sutphen, both of Big Spring.

Overton was born Aug. 20, 1900, in Ballinger. He was a retired employee of an oil company. He was married to Eula Fannin Jan. 7, 1928, in Crane. He was a Baptist.

Other survivors include three sons, a daughter, two sisters, 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Detective Earl Claxton of the Longview police holds an infant found Monday at a Nativity scene at the First Baptist Church by Dr. Charles Holland, pastor of the church. Holland found the baby boy while making his usual check of the church grounds. The baby, said to be less than two days old, was found in a box with a note, "My name is Timothy. Please take care of me." (AP Laserphoto).

Shunned Mennonite cross-examines wife

CARLISLE, Pa. (AP) — Robert Bear, an excommunicated Reformed Mennonite, has cross-examined his wife in defending himself against charges of abducting her after she "shunned" him.

Bear has testified that he picked up his wife, Gale, from a farmers market in Lemoyne to expose the evils of shunning, which was imposed against him seven years ago.

Serving as his own defense counsel, Bear today was to question the bishop who cast him out of the church and imposed the 400-year-old sanction that forbids all members of the ultra-conservative sect from any contact with him.

The shunning order, Bear's penalty for criticizing church practices, extends to his wife and six children.

Bear, 50, is charged with simple assault and false imprisonment and faces a maximum of four years in jail if convicted on both counts.

The prosecution rested its case Monday, the first day of the trial. After Mrs. Bear claimed her husband had sexually assaulted her once and feared he would do it again.

"I didn't want to go with him. I was afraid of him," said Mrs. Bear, who police said was picked up bodily from the market and held in her husband's pickup truck for more than 30 minutes.

Pastor hears baby's cries, finds infant in manger scene

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) — The Rev. Charles Holland walked by the nativity scene in front of his church and heard the sound of a baby's cries coming from the manger.

"My initial impression was that they had added this as an effect. Then I realized it was not from a tape but it was for real," Holland said.

Close behind the manger, in a cardboard box about a foot and a half square, "sure enough, there was a little baby boy, without clothes, covered with a crib sheet doubled a couple of times," said Holland, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

An unsigned, handwritten note found along with the baby Monday read: "I'm Timothy. Please take care of me."

After a hospital checkup, the 3-day-old baby, who weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, was placed in a foster home while the Department of Human Resources tries to find the mother, said department spokeswoman Barbara Calvin.

"The baby was in good shape," said Betty Nethery, director of the church's day care center. "He was crying lustily out in the cold, but when he came into the warmth of the nursery, he became very still, very quiet. He was so still, I was alarmed. But on closer look, I realized he was bright and alert. He was looking around."

"He was clean and obviously had just been fed. There were traces of milk around his tiny mouth."

Timothy's appearance has the "whole church family filled with awe and wonder," Holland said. "It's been an unbelievable experience, ... a holy, unifying time for us. I see this as a reminder of another baby brought into a cold, angry, hostile world."

"My hope is that 'Timothy Christmas' will be a reminder of God's special gift ... My prayer in this experience is that this little baby born in this Christmas season will receive more loving care than that baby 2,000 years ago whose birthday we celebrate," he said. "This is Longview's Christmas gift."

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Islamabad riot victim buried

SWANSBORO, N.C. (AP) — The hearse rolled by Swansboro High School, where a flag draped at half staff and a sign below it told why the town was mourning. "In Memory of Bryan Ellis."

Ellis, 29, lived most of his life in Swansboro, a small coastal town, and was a 1968 graduate of the school. On Nov. 21, he was one of two American servicemen who died when an angry mob stormed the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan. He was an Army chief warrant officer, stationed at the embassy as a pilot.

At Piney Grove Cemetery Monday, Ellis was buried with full military honors. The other serviceman killed was Marine Cpl. Steven Crowley, who was buried last Friday at Arlington National Cemetery.

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Hodges Jr., representing President Carter, presented Ellis' wife and high-school sweetheart, Brenda, with the flag that had draped Ellis' coffin as her son, Chris, 6, looked on.

Another flag went to his mother, Mary Lee Ellis, who now lives in Mobile, Ala. Both women received the Purple Cross and Legion of Honor, medals presented posthumously to Ellis.

The Rev. Ben W. Cox called Ellis a man who "without hesitancy went to his objective" as more than 200 people listened.

Ellis was stationed at Fort Bragg until last April, when he was assigned to the embassy. He had also been stationed in Thailand and Vietnam, where he won medals the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Bronze star.

16-year-old waiting for charges in fiery car deaths of three

DUNCANVILLE, Texas (AP) — Charges were pending today against the 16-year-old driver of a car involved in a fiery two-vehicle crash that killed three persons — including two police officers.

Authorities said the wreck occurred early Monday after a high-speed chase by officers who were responding to a burglar alarm.

The police officers were identified as Roger Charles Hobden, 22, who had been a Duncanville policeman for two weeks, and Sgt. Michael Olin Poe.

Eric Lynn Hill, 16, a passenger in the fleeing car, also was killed in the crash, officers said.

The driver of the car was admitted to Parkland Hospital in Dallas for treatment of a broken jaw and leg. Authorities said charges were pending against the youth.

The chase began in Dallas after officers were called to an electronics store to answer a burglary report, Dallas Police spokesman Bob Worth said.

The officers chased a person, later identified as the juvenile driving the car, across a parking lot. A check of the license number revealed that the car had been reported stolen, leading the of-

ficers to stake out the car, Worth said.

Officers said they later saw two men, including the one they had chased, in the car. When officers approached the car, they said, it drove away at a high rate of speed.

The car was being chased across South Dallas by officers in a patrol car and in a helicopter. Dallas police radio dis-

patchers notified Duncanville authorities that the vehicle being pursued would soon reach the outskirts of Duncanville.

Poe was working with Hobden as part of his training program and the officers responded to the request for help, racing northward on the same road where the car was being pursued southward.

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U.S. says Soviet move 'propaganda ploy'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Describing the move as a "propaganda ploy," administration officials say they have strong indications the Soviet Union will start pulling a 10,000-man tank division from East Germany this week.

They view the action, signalled nearly two months ago by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, as a tactic in a campaign to persuade North Atlantic alliance nations to reject an American proposal for stationing longer-range missiles in Western Europe.

These officials, asking to remain anonymous, dismiss the impending withdrawal as having very little military significance because, they say, it would represent only a fraction of Russia's estimated 530,000 troops in East Germany and other Warsaw Pact nations.

According to the officials, there are signs the Russians will try to make the start of the withdrawal a "big media event," as one official put it. They said they understand the Russians are inviting Western press and West Berlin television to cover the event, probably Wednesday.

The officials said they have what they call good intelligence that the withdrawal will involve the 6th Guard tank division stationed at Wittenberg, East Germany. This division is said to have about 300 tanks.

The withdrawal would come less than a week before the NATO foreign and defense ministers gather in Brussels for a climactic vote on the U.S. proposal for future deployment of 572 medium-range nuclear-tipped missiles in West Germany and possibly several other NATO countries.

The United States has been urging NATO to approve deployment of advanced medium-range missiles in Western Europe to balance Soviet mobile SS-20 missiles, which U.S. intelligence says can hit Western Europe from positions in Western Russia. More than 100 SS-20 missiles already have been deployed, U.S. intelligence has reported.

Nearly two months ago, Brezhnev made a speech in East Berlin offering to cut back the number of Soviet missiles aimed at Western Europe if NATO would turn down the American bid to deploy 1,500-mile-range Pershing II missiles and ground-launched cruise missiles. These new weapons would have enough range to strike targets in the Soviet Union, something that current U.S. theater missiles in Europe cannot do.

The Soviet president linked his missile proposal with an offer to withdraw 20,000 soldiers and 1,000 tanks from East Germany. Administration officials said the 6th Guard division is the poorest of 20 tank and mechanized infantry divisions maintained by Russia in East Germany. They also down-rated its combat effectiveness because it is equipped with old T-54 and T-55 tanks.

Stressing their skepticism, the administration officials said they will be watching to see whether the Russians withdraw all of the 6th Division or only part of it, and whether the division is withdrawn all the way into the Soviet Union. U.S. intelligence credits the Soviet army in Eastern Europe with more than twice the strength of the roughly 212,000 American ground troops, principally in West Germany.

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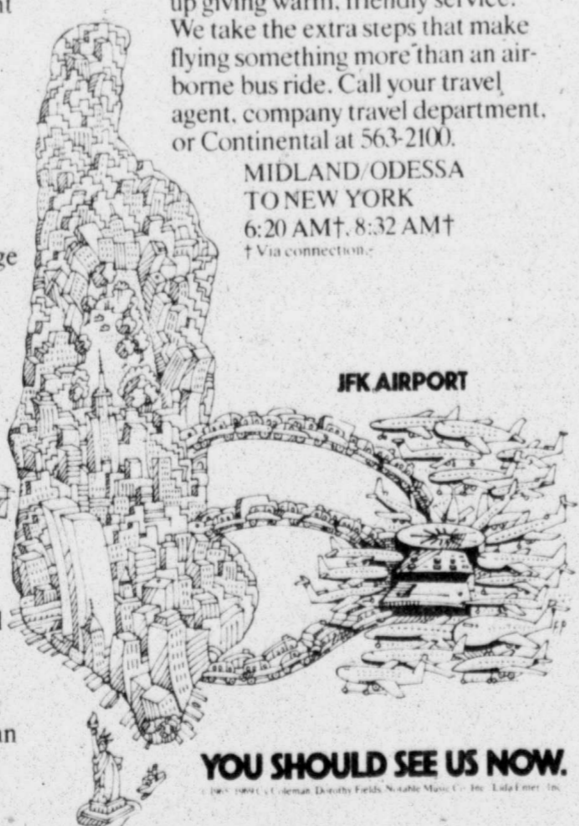
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Korean trial stopped

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Attorney An Sok-ho, a spokesman for the 21 lawyers defending Kim Jae-kyu and seven other South Koreans, said the Supreme Court might take a month to decide the matter.

Several of the defense attorneys said outside the court that the presiding officer's decision to suspend the trial was a victory for them in the first round of the legal battle.

Singh said involved in frame

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A key prosecution witness says Charan Singh, India's current prime minister, persuaded him to help frame Sanjay Gandhi on a charge of destroying a film satirizing Indira Gandhi's regime.

In a petition submitted Monday night, Amrit Nahata, a film producer and former member of Parliament, said he wants to provide "the real and true facts of the case" to the Supreme Court, which is hearing an appeal of the conviction of Sanjay Gandhi, the son of India's former prime minister.

Settlers reject move

JERUSALEM (AP) — Jewish settlers today rejected the government's demand that they move from their Elon Moreh settlement on the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River, Israel radio reported. The refusal raised fears that Prime Minister Menachem Begin might resign.

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Salt Lake has more of an imposing history than it is as an imposing site. It's flat, dry and barren low

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This isolated piece of wood casts a shadow like a snail on the dry salt lake bed. Legend says gold and

a spring are buried there. (Staff Photos by Ed Todd)

Salt Lake tales set sandy stage



Bud Wylie, a Midland-County rancher, has wandered out to Salt Lake but can't find much use for it. The lake's in the family, for whatever that's worth. (Staff Photo by Bruce Partain)

SALT LAKE — Tales are drifting around this old lake, which is as dry as a mound of drifting sand in a seven-year drought.

Salt cedar and scrawny mesquite line the eastern shore of the mile-long lake.

Shallow sandstone cliffs bearing miniature caverns eroded by ageless time, scarce rainfall and wind-blown sand, form much of the western shore.

A popping oilfield pump jack marks the southern boundary; a tank battery is to the west. Rangeland forms the northern line.

In between is a loamy lake bed, which occasionally is visited by coyotes, smaller roamers and hooved critters. Every now and then, shooters wander out to target practice. Their targets include beer cans, which somehow get dropped out here, a discarded barrel, an oil field sign, or one of nature's creatures which drifted onto the soft, sandy lake bed.

DRIFTWOOD, WHICH long has been as dry as sand, is scattered here and there.

A small turtle is motionless, as it faces west into the setting sun. It, too, is as dry as the shell of a bone it is. A lone piece of jagged, bleached-out wood casts shadows as if it were a prehistoric snail crawling along the lake bottom. The sun is setting.

But the flatbed lake, though considered wasteland, wasn't always counted as naught.

"It wasn't any resort or anything like that," says Morris Cooper, who started cowboying in Midland County in 1927. "It was just damaged land as far as the ranchers are concerned, and there's

rattlesnakes in them holes out there...eight feet long. It used to be solid salt."

The salt, once combined with bone meal, became quite useful to the ranchers as food supplement for their bellowing cattle.

"All livestock need salt," says Morris. "All cattle need bone meal to keep 'em from creeping. We'd put two sacks of bone meal to one sack of salt. I've mixed many a batch."

THE SALT IN THE LAKE gave birth to a bit of West Texas history.

"That (lake) was one of the sources of the Salt War," ventures E.A. Crook, who certainly was predated by the Texas Salt War of the late 1800s.

His history on the war saga out here is somewhat sketchy, but Crook knows for certain of an old fellow, since dead, who once hauled salt out of the lake.

The old-timer was M.W. "Burro" Smith of Sterling City.

He'd strap 100-pound sacks of salt on either side of burros and march them southwestward to country foraged by sheep and lamb and pestered by coyotes.

And, says Crook in relating a brief but true tale, "Burro" Smith was the sheepherders' hero; he decimated the coyote, which bothered the rancher, by letting his greyhounds run them down.

"HE WAS ONE of the main ones who cleaned the coyotes out of the land," allows Crook.

And the burro played a vital role in the kill; "Burro" Smith's salt-burdened, laboring beasts would develop unhealing sores from carrying the salt and would get deathly sick.

"And he'd butcher them and feed them to the hounds." The dogs got their reward.

And there are other tales about gold-laden wagons being buried in the lake, says Zula Wylie, who owns the barren and flat lake bed.

"My father (William Bryant) bought the land" out here early in the 1900s. "They said that there's (Spanish) gold buried" in the lake bed, but nobody

has found it or, if someone did, that gold-finder was quiet about it.

Mrs. Wylie, who lives in Cedar Hill in the Dallas area, only visited Midland and Salt Lake.

"I couldn't stand that hard water out there."

But her son, Bud Wylie, whether he could stand it or not, came out here and stayed on to ranch.

To him, Salt Lake is a wasteland.

"IF IT COMES A big rain, water will cover the lake bed." And the water will be brackish. "But it dries out," Wylie says. "Once in awhile, there'll be ducks on it... but it's dry."

Today, about all Salt Lake, which is about 15 miles south of the Midland County Courthouse, is good for is conversation or for wandering about like drifting sand.

And perhaps some of the old cattlemen, like Wylie himself, "shot the bull" over Salt Lake in their ramblings in Midland's Scharbauer Hotel, which today is but a ghost out of the past.

"There's been many a trade made right in that old Scharbauer," reflects Wylie. "The cattlemen would get in the (hotel's) Bull Pen and would discuss the problems and time of the day."

Chances are that few of the old-timers took much stock in Salt Lake. But it passed the time of day then as it does now.

Midland reception to honor wife of candidate Connally

Nellie Connally, the wife of Republican presidential candidate John B. Connally, will be in Midland Wednesday as part of a statewide campaign swing.

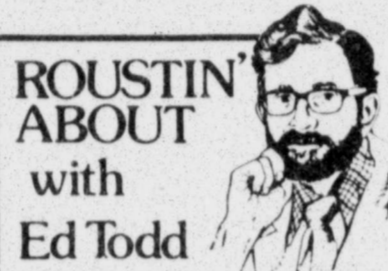
She will be honored at a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Allen, 1600 W. Ohio Ave.

The appearance is one of 11 she will make in a fund-raising tour ending

Dec. 20 in San Antonio.

The Midland reception is being hosted by the Connally for President Committee. Tickets for \$125 each may be obtained by telephoning Tom Sealy at 682-1616.

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