

Clear
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cool

Friday — Clear. Easterly winds 8-10 mph. High 75° low 42°.

Saturday — Clear to partly cloudy. Southerly winds 5-8 mph. High 77°, low 45°.

Kickoff—75°.



THE TIME APPEARS TO have run out for the owner of this vehicle in Houston. But the sign on his briefcase in the window is the gospel truth for this man. This particular day was Sunday and a meter holiday. (AP Wirephoto)

Amchitka protesters prepare last appeal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House turned aside mounting protests against a planned underground nuclear test off the Alaskan coast Thursday as opponents prepared a last-ditch appeal to the Supreme Court.

The explosion is scheduled for Saturday at 5 p.m. EST on Amchitka Island to test the five-megaton hydrogen bomb warhead of the Spartan anti-ballistic missile.

Asked about White House reaction to continuing protests and petitions, press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said "a most careful study was given to all aspects including potential environmental risks."

It was decided to proceed with the test, he said, because of overriding interests of national defense and security.

Seven environmental groups opposing the explosion prepared their appeal to the Supreme Court, asking for an injunction against the blast.

Sen. Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana told re-

porters he hopes the court stops it.

Sens. George McGovern, D-S.D., and Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., also joined in protests.

Two members of Congress accompanied Atomic Energy Commission Chairman James R. Schlesinger on a flight to Alaska Thursday to observe effects of the explosion. They were Reps. Craig Hosmer, R-Calif., and Orval Hansen, R-Idaho, both members of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. Also in the party were Mrs. Schlesinger and two young Schlesinger children and Mrs. Hosmer.

Schlesinger planned to be at the Amchitka Island Command post 37 miles from the site of the blast, code named Cannikin. The explosion is to take place almost 6,000 feet underground.

Mansfield said the test poses dangers of killing sea life, increasing radiation and creating tidal waves, as well as harming U.S. relations with Canada and Japan. Governments of those two countries have protested the

explosion.

The basic controversy is over the AEC's site for the test. Amchitka Island is in the Aleutians between Canada and Russia and near an earthquake belt that runs from Japan to the California coast.

Lawyers for the environmental groups contended there is evidence the AEC violated the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 by refusing to include adverse comment on the test in its environmental impact statement.

They pointed to formerly secret documents that showed President Nixon's chief environmental adviser concluded almost a year ago that the test could trigger a large natural earthquake and release radiation into the sea.

The statement by Dr. Russell E. Train, chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality, was released Wednesday at the order of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Scientists to examine blast for evidence of tidal wave

PALMER, Alaska (AP)—Minutes after the underground explosion of a five-megaton bomb on Amchitka Island, scientists here will be checking to see if the blast has triggered a tidal wave.

The scientists operate the Palmer Seismological Observatory of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The observatory, nestled in the Matanuska Valley about 40 miles north of Anchorage, is able to pinpoint earthquakes or tidal waves anywhere on the globe.

Here's the way the system will work on Saturday when the bomb—250 times stronger than the one that leveled Hiroshima—is scheduled to be detonated:

The scientists at Palmer will be tied by multiple communications systems to Amchitka and to the Atomic Energy Commission's press center in Anchorage.

About one hour before the blast—now set for 5 p.m. EST—the scientists will issue a tsunami or tidal wave watch message. This message will be delivered to disaster agencies, the media and other earth-monitoring stations. Observatory officials said such a watch message is standard procedure before any nuclear test.

When the bomb is exploded, the scientists will check seismographic readings and tide gauges throughout Alaska and the Aleutian Islands to tell what sort of earthquake the blast has generated and whether the quake has triggered a tidal wave.

If the explosion causes an earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale, Howell M. Butler, director of the observatory said, a tidal wave warning message will be issued. He explained that the magnitude of 7.0 is considered potent enough to generate such a wave.

On the Richter scale, anything from the magnitude of 4.5 up is considered potentially destructive. The San Francisco earthquake of 1906 measured 8.3.

After issuance of a warning, the scientists will wait to see when the first water waves—if they occur—reach a tide gauge at Adak Island. Butler said it would take at least an hour from the time of the explosion for the waves to reach Adak.

Butler also said, however, it was unlikely that such an event would occur. He said no tidal waves have been generated from the Amchitka area since records have been kept.

Excellent weather is forecast for Saturday's football game

Weather almost made to order for football coaches and fans is forecast for the weekend in Bryan and College Station.

A&M and SMU play at 1:30 p.m. Saturday on Kyle Field, under predicted clear to partly cloudy skies, 74 degrees, northwesterly winds 10 to 15 mph and low relative humidity of 35 to 40 per cent.

Jim Lightfoot of the A&M Meteorology Department weather station said a pair of weak Pacific fronts will bring about the cool, mild fall weather for the weekend.

The first of the fronts is expected to pass here Wednesday

afternoon or evening. Lightfoot said a slight chance of thunderstorms will accompany the front, but the air behind it will be dry. Temperatures Thursday and Friday should range from the low 50s in the mornings to the mid or high 70s in the afternoon.

"Another weak surge should arrive Friday night or early Saturday," the practicing meteorologist said. "The only thing it should do is shift the wind back to the north. No temperature drop is expected from it."

The Saturday low will be 58 and the afternoon high 76 degrees. Rain is absent from the weekend forecast.

At Student Senate

Optional athletic fee is defeated

A plan for an optional athletic fee rather than the mandatory fee students now pay was voted down Thursday night at the Student Senate meeting.

The plan called for a Service Fee of \$27 and an optional athletic fee of \$15. The current method is a Services Fee of \$30 and no optional fee.

The proposal was made by Mark Blakemore (Geosciences) who said that he made the proposal not to be passed, but to show the students how expensive an optional plan will be.

The proposal is the only one that has been made to the Senate concerning the possibility of an optional athletic fee. Sam

Drugan (Sr-Sci) proposed that a resolution be sent to the Southwest Conference board asking for a reduction of guest tickets, to be in the prime seating areas, from their current price of \$6 to a \$3.

Such a change would have to come from the Southwest Conference since SWC rules state that the tickets must be priced at \$6.

Another change to be made would give the ticket holder all rights of property. Currently, a student ticket can be used by a student only. If Drugan's proposal was acted on, a student could give his ticket to anybody, whether they attended A&M or not.

All the proposal does, said Drugan, is legalize that which students have been doing illegally all this time.

The proposal was tabled by the Student Senate.

A proposal appropriating funds to be used for joining the Texas Intercollegiate Student Associa-

tion was passed, after extensive argument.

The controversy extended over from the last meeting. Most of the argument came from the Board of Directors asking the Student Senate not to use university funds for joining TISA. The reason is that Ed Wendler, head of TISA, is involved in actions against the A&M system because of the events at Prairie View last year. The board feels that the use of university funds to pay TISA dues would be a conflict of interest.

The final vote was 50 for, 22 against, and two abstentions. Funds to join TISA may come from the Association of Former Students.

The Student Senate seated two new members, both women, on the senate. Carol Silverthorne from Pre-veterinary Medicine and Sandy Eichorn from Education were both seated without the argument that accompanied appointments made at the last meeting.

Sociology, anthropology in demand as elective subjects in universities

In colleges and universities all over the country, sociology and anthropology have become in demand much more as elective subjects, according to Dr. R. L. Skrabanek, head of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

"But until this semester, A&M did not concern itself with anthropology per se," the professor of sociology and anthropology said. "Until now, we have only taught the subject from the viewpoint of the sociologist; or in physical anthropology, from the viewpoint of the biologist."

Last year the Sociology Department merged and became the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. A&M received its first qualified anthropologist, Dr. Vaughn Bryant, Jr. who is presently instructing 86 students in two sections of Anthropology 201, an introductory course in pure anthropology.

"This is our starting point," Skrabanek said.

The student response to this course has been very good, and

I have talked to a number of students who have indicated that they would desire an anthropology major if we had such a program."

In answer to the demand for more anthropology, the department is asking that five new courses be added to the university curriculum for the fall semester 1972.

These would include archeology, archeology of North America, Peoples and Cultures of Africa, Peoples and Cultures of the New World, and North American Indians.

"These courses will definitely be added next fall," Skrabanek said. "We plan to employ new anthropology faculty members, and hope that within a couple of years we will be able to offer a major in the subject. Then as soon as it is practical, we plan to offer a graduate degree."

One of the reasons for the great demand in the social sciences at present is the fact that people have become much more "people-conscious" than they were five or ten years ago, Skrabanek commented.

"We have moved from an age of slide rule problems to one of people problems," he said. "Architects don't just build houses any more; they study structures and build them to fit the people who inhabit them."

"The pendulum has swung away from the accent on science to a real concern on people and cultures," he said, "I think such studies have a tremendous future."

Red China wants to fill high U.N. post vacancy

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — Peking wants one of its citizens selected for the high U.N. post formerly held by Ralph J. Bunche, an official source reported Thursday.

Bunche, a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, was for 14 years undersecretary-general for special political affairs — the highest administrative post ever attained by an American. He was in effect chief troubleshooter for the secretary-general. Bunche retired in June because of ill health, and the post is vacant.

The source for the information about Peking's goal said the Communist government, as it has in the past, used a third party to communicate the information to Secretary-General U Thant. That

was after the Oct. 25 vote in the General Assembly expelling Taiwan and giving China's U.N. seat to the People's Republic.

Red China, as one of the Big Five world powers, apparently feels it should occupy a top U.N. slot commensurate with its international status.

That is scheduled to retire Dec. 31 after 10 years as U.N. chief, and his successor will be free to reshuffle chief aides.

When Thant was appointed he named eight principal advisers, representing the five major powers and the key regional areas of Africa, Asia and Latin America. Since then other undersecretaries-

general have been appointed. All have equal status as advisers.

The contest to choose Thant's successor has not begun in earnest, although several U.N. ambassadors have declared their availability.

Discussions among the big powers have been held up pending the arrival of the delegation from Peking, which is expected here in a few days.

A reshuffle of the top positions under a new secretary-general is inevitable, since a number of assistant secretaries-general are slated for retirement in March 1972. Included are American David B. Vaughan, chief of general services, and Bruce Turner, the organization's New Zealand controller.

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COLLEGE READING MATERIAL TAKES a downward trend intellectually, but upward in popularity. David Faggioli, University of Utah junior, reads one of hundreds of old comics he has on sale. He has made over \$2,000 so far and pays his tuition with his earnings. (AP Wirephoto)