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Wednesday — Cloudy, intermittent rain. Easterly winds 10-15 mph. High 61°, low 51°.

Thursday — Cloudy. Rain in the morning. Easterly winds 10-15 mph, becoming northerly 10-15 mph late afternoon. High 66°, low 54°.

Nixon's Peking trip to last a full week

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Nixon plans to spend a full week in Communist China, visiting three cities, during his historic journey there in February.

After the White House made the announcement Tuesday, Dr. Henry A. Kissinger said summit talks to be held in Peking, Shanghai and Hangzhou Feb. 21-28 will not result in bringing peace to Vietnam or settling the future of Taiwan.

Kissinger, the President's national security affairs adviser, said Nixon's conferences with Chairman Mao Tse-tung, Premier Chou En-lai and others would focus on problems of direct concern to the two countries rather than those involving third parties.

The White House foreign policy specialist said arrangements which have been made indicate "a reasonably successful outcome" for the first visit ever made to mainland China by an American president.

Mrs. Nixon will make the trip, too, and will have a schedule of her own.

Kissinger said Nixon will spend at least four days in Peking and that the early-morning hours may be devoted to face-to-face talks with Chinese leaders.

The President's full itinerary has not been fixed but Kissinger said Nixon would stop only on American territory during the flights to and from China. At least one stop, he reported, would

afford the President an opportunity to rest and adjust himself to time-zone changes.

Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Kissinger will accompany the President.

In summarizing the American approach to talks, Kissinger said of Vietnam: "We do not expect to settle it in Peking."

While he predicted the Chinese will raise the subject of Taiwan, he said, "the United States position is that the ultimate relationship between Taiwan and the People's Republic of China should be settled through direct negotiations."

Nixon will seek a better understanding of the views of Chinese leaders, said Kissinger, and a means of continuing communication between two countries isolated from each other for nearly a quarter century.

Kissinger said Nixon would like also to make "at least a beginning" in opening areas of

communication outside the political or diplomatic realm.

Peking, the Communist Chinese capital of four million, is a northern city lying between the upper reaches of the Yellow Sea and Mongolia. Shanghai is the country's largest city with a population of 6.9 million and is a seaport lying west of the southernmost main islands of Japan. Hangzhou is inland southwest of Shanghai.

While he reported that a general outline for Nixon's meetings has been fixed, he said "there's going to be a free-wheeling nature to the discussion."

Any participant, he reported, can raise any question he deems urgent.

But he added that "no agreements will be made about third-party problems . . . There will be no deals made concerning other countries or at the expense of other countries."

Another American advance

team will go to China prior to the Nixon visit but Kissinger, who returned from the first advance in October, said the next one will be exclusively technical.

Reminded that more than 2,000 newsmen have been assigned by the White House to accompany Nixon, Kissinger said the size of the traveling press party will be less than normal for presidential trips abroad but far larger than the Chinese has originally envisioned.

The United States, he said, would aim for press coverage consistent with the worldwide interest in the Nixon journey.

Responding to another question, Kissinger said late February was chosen as the time for the trip because it was the earliest that technical preparations could be completed and the earliest that "all other arrangements indicated a reasonably successful outcome."

Houston man is charged with one of area killings

WILLIS, Tex. (AP)—A Houston man was charged Tuesday with murder with malice in the death of one of seven young girls killed in the Houston area since June.

James M. Whittle, 28, a Houston wrecker driver, was charged before Justice of the Peace James Bailey of Willis with murdering Miss Adela Margaret Crabtree, 16, a waitress in a Houston tavern.

Two Montgomery County sheriff's officers brought Whittle before Judge Bailey.

But Montgomery County Sheriff Gene Reaves said he did not believe Whittle would be a suspect in any of the other six deaths of young women whose bodies have been found in Harris and Galveston Counties in the past few months.

Sheriff Reaves said Whittle was arrested late Monday at his parent's home in Splendora.

Harris County Sheriff Lt. Bill Fisher gave Whittle a lie detector test early Tuesday morning. Sheriff Reaves said Whittle failed the test.

Miss Crabtree, of Houston, was shot Nov. 2. Houston police said she was pregnant at the time of her death.

Her body was found Nov. 3 about two miles northwest of Conroe.

Judge Bailey set Whittle's bail at \$25,000.

Meanwhile Tuesday, searchers combed the wooded area where the bodies of two of the young women killed were found came across parts of a human skull.

The skull, apparently the top portion, was found about 140 feet from where the headless

body of Colette Anise Wilson, 13, of Alvin, was found last Friday.

The body of Gloria Ann Gonzales, 19, of Houston, was discovered in the government reservoir area a week ago. Miss Gonzales had been missing since Oct. 28, the Wilson girl since June 17.

The skull portion was taken to the Harris County Medical Examiner's office for analysis.

The skull was not buried. Sheriff's officers were shoveling every mound they could find in the area in the search for other parts of the victims.

Sheriff C. V. Kern said he expects the arrest of a suspect in the next few days. Kern said the suspect is a man who hopes he will be arrested before he commits additional crimes.

The sheriff labeled the suspect a "psychopath and sex maniac." Kern said sex was the motive in the slayings.

Kern said the suspect abducted a 20-year-old waitress and forced her into a car at Houston Nov. 14 but the woman escaped by jumping from the car in the downtown area.

The sheriff quoted the victim as saying her captor said he wanted the police to catch him and believed he would "fry in hell for what he had done."

The man who abducted the woman is a prime suspect in the murder cases, Kern said.

"We think we know the man's name, but I don't believe he lives here or we would have already found him," Kern said.

The sheriff declined to release the man's name to newsmen.

President nominates Gen. Cushman next commandant of Marine Corps

WASHINGTON (AP)—Lt. Gen. Robert E. Cushman Jr., who led Marines in Pacific battles of World War II and now is deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, was nominated Tuesday by President Nixon as the next commandant of the Marine Corps.

Cushman was Nixon's military aide during the 1950s when Nixon was vice president. If confirmed by the Senate for his new post, he will succeed Leonard F. Chapman Jr., who retires Dec. 31 after a four-year term as commandant.

As top Marine, Cushman would receive a fourth star.

The 56-year-old Cushman, a native of St. Paul, Minn., has been a Marine officer since his graduation from the Naval Academy in 1935.

Following World War II, he held a series of teaching and staff positions until his assignment as Nixon's assistant for national security affairs in 1957. He was promoted to brigadier general the following year.

The announcement of Cushman's nomination as commandant came as a surprise to headquarters where the betting favorite was Lt. Gen. John R. Chaisson, currently chief of staff.



THIS IS MONEY that didn't go down the drain. Police detectives in Philadelphia lay out wet and torn \$100 bills to dry after the sodden mass was discovered by two city water department workers. The money, which is genuine, is estimated to be between \$100,000 and \$200,000. (AP Wirephoto)

President Williams announces 'Harrington Day' is established

Dec. 11 has been designated "M. T. Harrington Day" at A&M, announced President Jack R. Williams.

Dr. Harrington, president of the university from 1950 until 1953 and chancellor of the A&M University System from 1953 until 1965, retired from the institution Sept. 30 after nearly 30 years of service. He was named president emeritus upon retirement.

"M. T. Harrington Day" coincides with A&M's mid-term graduation, at which Dr. Harrington will deliver the commencement address.

Dr. Williams said Dr. and Mrs. Harrington also will be honored guests at the president's traditional commencement-commissioning luncheon following the morning graduation exercises.

Additionally, Dr. Harrington will present the last warrant at commissioning ceremonies and

then be honored at a special review by the Corps of Cadets.

Engineering Dean Fred J. Benson, who is serving as "M. T. Harrington Day" chairman, said activities honoring Dr. and Mrs. Harrington begin with a dinner Dec. 10. The dean said the invitational dinner will include current and former members of the board of directors, administration and Association of Former Students who worked closely with Dr. Harrington during his years as president and chancellor.

Dr. Harrington joined the A&M faculty as a chemistry professor in 1924 and has been continuously associated with the institution, except for a one-year leave of absence to complete graduate work.

He has held all academic ranks on the teaching staff. He was named dean of arts and sciences

in 1947 and dean of the college in 1949. Following his administration as president and chancellor, he served six years as coordinator of programs for the system's Office of International Programs.

Counting his years as a student, Dr. Harrington has been associated with A&M for 53 years. The Plano native enrolled here in 1918, received a B.S. de-

Day care center available at reasonable rates in fall

"An inexpensive day care center located near campus will be made available next fall, possibly sooner," according to Randy Ross, Student Welfare Committee Chairman.

"The center will run on a non-profit basis but will charge about \$50 a child per month," Ross said.

"Hopefully the center will enable student wives to go to work who could not previously do so," he said.

The Our Savior's Lutheran Church at Northgate has offered the use of the Old Fellowship Hall as a site for the day care center. The Student Welfare Committee had approached several other churches in the College Station area seeking a site but had been turned down. None of the university's facilities are available for use.

To keep the cost of the project to a minimum the Student Welfare Committee is trying to obtain federal funds from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The committee

Drive started to aid people at Christmas

The Student "Y" Association is sponsoring a canned goods and clothes drive for needy families this Christmas.

Anyone interested in contributing should leave their canned goods or unwanted clothes at the All Faith's Chapel on the A&M campus.

gree in chemical engineering in 1922 and an M.S., also in chemical engineering, in 1927. He earned his Ph.D. at Iowa State University in 1947.

Dr. Harrington is married to the former Ruth Norris of Dallas. They have one son, John Norris Harrington, a 1961 graduate of A&M and 1967 graduate of the University of Tennessee Medical School.

hopes that the center will be student staffed.

"Despite a low budget we hope to maintain a certain degree of quality," Ross emphasized. "The center will be a learning experience for the children."

Air cadets fly military planes at Easterwood

Air Force ROTC sophomores and freshmen were exposed to flight patterns, control tower clearance and military aircraft flying Tuesday at A&M.

More than 150 cadets took orientation rides in the Air Force's O-2 aircraft. The planes and pilots came from 702nd Tactical Air Support Squadron at Bergstrom AFB.

Cadets taking the orientation ride under supervision of Lt. Col. Robert E. C. Delaney, 702nd operations officer, may become Air Force pilots or navigators through the TAMU AFROT program.

The twin-engine, "push-pull" "O-2s were flown by Maj. Larry E. Butts, Maj. Lee L. Buyer, Maj. Roger E. Schemenaur, Capt. James L. Fuller, Capt. Ned Oswald and Capt. William C. Vasser Jr. of the 702nd. All six are Vietnam veterans and forward air controllers. Vasser was graduated and commissioned at A&M.

Handling the project for the Aerospace Studies Department under Col. Robert F. Crossland were Maj. Lorenzo N. Williams and Maj. Robert H. Epperson.



A&M Air Force ROTC cadets board an O-2 military aircraft at Easterwood Field for a 20-minute orientation ride.

Houston rail crash termed train's fault

HOUSTON (AP)—A Santa Fe railway executive testified Tuesday an accidental use of air brakes, or some other type of "impact" may have caused the Oct. 19 derailment and explosion of railway tank cars.

James R. Fitzgerald, assistant general manager for Santa Fe, testified before a hearing into the causes of the accident which killed one fireman and injured 27 other persons.

Twenty-six persons are expected to testify at the National Transportation and Safety Board hearing which will continue through Friday.

Fitzgerald said he considers it likely that the train's operation, rather than faulty tracks, caused the derailment.

Fitzgerald said that contrary to some previous reports, workmen were not repairing the tracks on which the derailment occurred, causing chemical-filled tank cars to burst into flames.

He said workmen were in the

area, but were constructing a siding adjacent to the existing tracks instead of doing repair work.

He said cross ties stacked in the area of the derailment were for use on the new switch track, not the main tracks.

Houston City Atty. Bill Olsen attempted to question Fitzgerald further about the possibility of an internal train "impact" causing the derailment but the line of inquiry was stopped by Board Chairman Mrs. Isabel A. Burgess.

She said later witnesses who were more directly involved in the train's operation would testify later.

Fitzgerald testified the tracks were inspected at least once every 24 hours and noted that 11 other trains had passed over the tracks in the 24-hour period before the derailment.

Mrs. Burgess said the inquiry will not seek to determine individual liabilities, but probable causes of the accident.

More than \$6 million in damage suits have been filed as a result of the accident.

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"On the side of Texas A&M."
—Adv.