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Cloudy with rain

Friday — Partly cloudy. Southerly winds 10-15 mph. High 81°, low 67°.

Saturday—Cloudy in the morning. Partly cloudy in the afternoon. Scattered afternoon rainshowers. Southerly winds 15-20 mph. High 81°, low 64°.

Military cargo will be moved on West coast

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Pacific Maritime Association reversed itself Wednesday and ordered its member shippers to begin handling military cargo immediately at struck West Coast ports, PMA president Edmund Flynn announced.

The development came as the striking International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and shippers agreed to resume negotiations as soon as possible and the White House prepared legislation to force the strikers back to work.

Flynn told a new conference that the PMA executive committee took the action after a telegram had been received from Barry J. Shillito, assistant secretary of defense, in which he stated: "Interference with the movement of essential defense cargo by ocean transportation would seriously jeopardize the efficient discharge of the responsibilities of the Department of Defense and thus impair the national safety."

An estimated 75 per cent of Southeast Asia-bound military cargo originates in the Pacific ports.

In a telegram of reply, the PMA said its members will immediately make ships available for handling of military cargo.

The wire said that when the PMA decided Tuesday to stop handling military cargo at Pacific ports, "it was of the opinion that military controlled vessels at Atlantic and Gulf coasts ports could be used for the shipment of military cargo normally moving through West coast ports. Therefore, the PMA decision was not intended in any way to impair the national interest."

Flynn said the PMA action was "intended solely to equalize the economic imbalance created in favor of the ILWU by the large earnings available to longshoremen working military cargo during the strike.

The International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union on Monday resumed at 24 West Coast ports a 100-day strike which had been halted Oct. 6 by a Taft-Hartley Act injunction.

The PMA president told Shillito: "During the 100-day strike which ended Oct. 5, income to longshoremen from handling military cargo acted as a substitute for strike benefits normally made available through union sources. The PMA action, therefore, had as its objective the shortening of the renewed strike."

Flynn said he had received a letter from the ILWU president, Harrry Bridges, saying the union was willing to resume negotiations by Jan. 31 or earlier if feasable.

Earlier, James Robertson, PMA secretary, said the employers were willing to reopen talks and were only waiting word from Bridges' union.

The walkout is a resumption of a 100-day strike that was ended last Oct. 6 by a Taft-Hartley back-to-work orded which expired Christmas day. Bargaining during two later contract extensions failed to produce a settlement.

In Washington, Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott said he expected the White House to send Congress legislation to end the strike by this weekend, unless there is a settlement.

The Pennsylvania Republican said there was some hope for agreement without federal action, and in San Francisco, federal mediator Edwin M. Scott said: "If there's a possibility of a settlement, we expect to be an instrument in achieving it."

The extended walkout has cost billions of dollars in losses to the Pacific economy.

MOON CRYSTALS estimated as being 3.9 billion years old are the subject of this electron microscope view of a nest of crystals found in a rock brought to earth by Apollo 14. The crystals grew from a hot vapor in the cavity of a fragmental rock. (AP Wirephoto)

Mediterranean on agenda for summer 'Clipper' trip

"Mediterranean ports dominate the itinerary for A&M's 1972 Summer School at Sea."

The June 5-Aug. 6 program for spring high school graduates is conducted in association with the annual summer training cruise for the Texas Maritime Academy, part of TAMU's College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources.

Dr. William H. Clayton, dean of the TAMU college at Galveston and acting TMA superintendent, said the first stop for the 15,000-ton training ship "Texas Clipper" will be Valencia, Spain, followed, hopefully, by a visit to Split, Yugoslavia. Genova, Italy, is the alternate port.

If arrangements can be made for the visit to Split, TMA officials noted it would mark the first time a United States training vessel had docked at the Adriatic port in recent years, possibly the first since World War II.

Other ports of call are Palma in the Balearic Islands and Las Palmas in the Canary Islands.

High school graduates have the opportunity to earn six hours of college credit in English, American history or algebra, Dean Clayton noted. The credit may be applied to a course of study at TAMU's College Station campus, TMA or any other college or university.

The "Summer School at Sea" program is jointly sponsored by the University's College of Liberal Arts and TMA.

Two named to Maritime school posts

Two appointments to the faculty-staff of A&M's new College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources have been announced by Dean William H. Clayton.

Michael R. Bonsignore has been named assistant to the dean, and George H. Carter has been appointed an assistant professor in general academics at the Texas Maritime Academy.

Bonsignore, 30, had been with Honeywell, Inc., in California since 1969, following six years of service in the Navy. He is a 1963 graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy, where he minored in oceanography.

Carter's, also 30, is completing requirements for a Ph.D. degree in economics at TAMU's College Station campus and serving as a graduate asistant. He earned his undergraduate degree in 1963 and master's in 1969, both from the University of Southern Mississippi. He served three years on active duty in the Navy and is currently a lieutenant in the Naval Reserve unit at Galveston.

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—Adv.

Bill curbing campaign costs receives Congress approval

WASHINGTON (AP)—The most sweeping campaign-spending reform bill in a half-century cleared Congress Wednesday to climax a bipartisan effort to curb campaign costs and close financial loopholes.

By 334 to 19, the House passed a Senate-approved compromise writing new rules for political-finances reporting and restricting a presidential candidate's radio-TV ad budget to $8.4 million this fall. It is the first such White House campaign-spending ceiling in American history.

The bill was sent to President Nixon, who is expected to sign it. In 1970, he vetoed a bill to limit election spending for radio and TV—saying it plugged "only one hole in a sieve."

At the White House deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren said the bill meets the president's objectives and he expects it will be signed expeditiously, following the usual staff review. Warren didn't indicate when that might be.

The current measure includes broadcasting, newspaper, magazine and outdoor advertising plus paid-telephone campaigns. Phoning by volunteers would not be charged to a candidate, and postage for mass mailing. is excluded.

The bill sets a formula limiting what federal office-seekers can spent on these items—an all-media spending ceiling of 10 cents per potential voters, with no more than 6 cents of each dime going for broadcasting ads.

The only over-all gift limit is on what a candidate can contribute to his own campaign—$50,000 for the presidency or vice presidency, $35,000 for the Senate and $25,000 for the House.

While there is no ceiling on what others can contribute to a candidate for federal office, the bill requires regular reports when spending reaches $1,000. Those contributing $100 or less would not have to be identified in reports.

The bill's backers said it creates realistic and enforceable limits on campaign spending, with flexibility in light of differences in various states and at levels to be fair to incumbents and challengers.

Each primary, general, special or runoff election would have a separate expenditure limit applicable to it. Presidential primaries would have state-by-state limits, computed on the states' voting-age population. If signed by the President, the bill would be effective in 60 days—thus missing early primaries such as New Hampshire and Florida.

Job recruiting getting tight but could improve slightly

"Campus recruiting is a several million dollar operation with some companies — a pretty big business! Companies may even set up their recruiting schedules as much as two years in advance to be sure to select the most well-qualified young people," Robert Reese, director of the placement office, explained.

"Students actually select the companies that they wish to investigate for job purposes. In esssence, it is the student's option, as long as he meets certain requirements that the company sets up," Reese continued.

"If the student prefers a firm which has no present openings, he has several other means of placement at his disposal. The "Alumni Placement File" exists for companies too small to exert a formal recruiting effort. These firms are able to write to different schools asking for qualified students.

On the other hand, "Grad," a computerized placement service sponsored by the College Placement Council, is another path for students to explore. "This service retains résumés from interested students in all fields. Whenever a company has some vacancies, Grad can help with the selection of sound material," Reese said.

"I would be exaggerating if I said the downtrend in business opportunities had not affected A&M. Consequently, we have lost some of the 300 companies on our recruitment list," Reese commented, "but we are graduating more people each year who find job positions in comparison to most schools."

In reply to this shrinkage of job opportunities, one hopeful article in a recent issue of the "Wall Street Journal" said that business is expecting a five per cent increase in the number of job openings for college graduates.

Any graduating student who wishes to take advantage of this service, should report in the near future to Robert Reese, Placement Office, Room 303, YMCA.

Under U. S. escort

Charges face Soviet ships

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Soviet fishing vessels headed southward out of the North Bering Sea toward Adak, in the Aleutians, under U. S. escort late Wednesday after giving up efforts to resist arrest for fishing in U. S. territorial waters.

The two ships were being escorted by the icebreaker Storis. The Coast Guard vessel had placed boarding parties on both Soviet vessels, and then had to pursue one and threaten to fire across its bow, in order to halt its escape attempt.

After hours of silence on the incident, Coast Guard headquarters here said late in the day that the Soviet vessels had indicated their readiness to proceed to Adak, 600 miles to the south, to face charges of fishing violations.

A buoy tender based at Adak, the cutter Balsam, is en route to the area and will act as an additional escort, the Coast Guard said.

Earlier the Russians reportedly had proposed that a responsible Soviet official represent the fishing-boat captains to avoid forcing the vessels, one of them the mother ship of the Soviet fishing fleet, to undertake the long and time-consuming journey.

The Coast Guard reportedly denied the request.

It still was not clear just what the Soviet vessels would be charged with.

Earlier Coast Guard headquarters here had refused to confirm or deny information previously released by its Juneau office.

The earlier reports said parties from the icebreaker Storis had boarded the 362-foot factory ship Lamut, flagship of an 80-vessel Soviet fishing fleet, and the 278-foot stern trawler Kolyvan, Tuesday 9½ miles off uninhabited St. Matthew Island.

The skipper of one of the ships, and the fisheries director of the Soviet fleet, were held under arrest aboard the Stories.

The Coast Guard said then that the seized vessels had been charged with violating the U. S. 12-mile contiguous fishing zone.

Shortly after the seizure, it said, the Lamut broke away and led the Storis on a four-hour chase through the icechoked northern Bering sea.

The Storis maneuvered the Russian ship into the ice and warned that it was ready to open fire. Only then did the Soviet vessel abandon its escape attempt.

The Storis had planned to escort the Soviet vessels 600 miles southward to the U. S. Naval Station at Adak, in the Aleutians.

The captain of the Storis reported that the Soviet ships refused to go along with the instructions.

In Anchorage, U. S. Attorney Kent Edwards said that if the U. S. District Court authorizes a warrant, the Soviet vessels would be arrested at Adak. Maximum penalties for the masters, if convicted, would be a $100,000 fine and a year in prison.

The ships and gear also could be forfeited under civil charges, Edwards said.

He added that initial reports from the Coast Guard indicated that neither vessel was fishing, or had nets in the water, at the time of the seizure.

Edwards added that until he received a specific report from the Coast Guard it would be difficult to determine what violations the Russians might have committed.

State congressman distrusts reports of Vietnam deaths

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — A Congressman says the handling of reports on a soldier's death makes him wonder if the Defense Department is trying to "change the picture of casualties in Vietnam."

Rep. Henry Gonzalez told the San Antonio Light Wednesday that he has written Defense Secretary Melvin Laird for clarification of the death of Spec. 5 Albert Robalin Jr., 22, of San Antonio.

Robalin died Dec. 28 in South Vietnam and the Defense Department listed the death as nonhostile, the Light said in a Washington dispatch.

Gonzalez said the soldier's family first was told he died from an accident during the handling and assembly of explosives, but after the body was sent to the United States, an Army pathologist changed the cause of death to combat-inflicted bullet wounds.

"I had heard long ago about some erroneous reporting of deaths in Vietnam, but not as bad as this," Gonzalez said.

"How can you make that kind of mistake? How could they let all this time go by without knowing?" the San Antonio Democrat said of the death ruling. "I wonder if this was an isolated case or a practice here to try to change the picture of casualties in Vietnam."

Pentagon officials told the Light they were looking into a request by Gonzalez for information on the Rebalin case and on whether the Defense Department makes an effort to see that all combat deaths are listed as such.

"We don't play games in this casualty business," one official said.

Gonzalez said the soldier's family had received a letter from him shortly before his death, saying he had been going out on combat missions with insufficient ammunition.

The Defense Department official denied that any soldier is sent into combat without enough ammunition.

Sophomore Sweetheart spot now open to coed applications

Applications for Sophomore Sweetheart are now available in the Program Office of the Memorial Student Center.

The contest is limited to Aggie sophomore coeds. Applications must be returned by Feb. 2.

Feb. 11-12 has been designated as Sophomore Weekend and will feature a woodsy, a bar-b-que and a formal dance.

The woodsy will be held on Friday of Sophomore Weekend near Wilbur. Sophs will meet at 7 p.m. at the Kyle Field parking lot and should bring their own picnic supper.

The Cellar Door of Houston will cater Saturday's barbeque in Hensel Park which is due to start at 1 p.m.

The Big Boss Sound currently at the Pelican Club in Louisiana will perform at the formal dance Saturday night. The dance will be held in Duncan and will last from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The Sophomore Sweetheart will be announced at the dance.

Tickets for the activities of the Sophomore Weekend are available at $10 per couple from the class officers, council representatives and at the Program Office.

Decorating for the dance will be done all day Saturday. Any help will be appreciated.