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Friday and Saturday — Cloudy
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the afternoon. Southerly winds
10-15 mph. High 78°, low 61°.



HEUY GIVES CHARLIE A HARD TIME in the jungles of South Vietnam. The battling helicopter, better known as Heuy Cobra, makes its home at the Central Highlands base of Pleiku and provides close air support for ground troops. (AP Wirephoto)

Gets 18 months

Court denies Dowdy acquittal

BALTIMORE (AP) — Rep. John V. Dowdy, D-Tex., sought acquittal or a new trial Wednesday, but instead received an 18-month prison sentence and a \$35,000 fine for bribery conspiracy.

The sentencing was imposed by Judge Roszel C. Thomsen in the same federal court where the Athens Democrat's eight-week trial has been conducted. His lawyers said they would appeal.

The maximum sentence on all eight counts of which Dowdy was convicted could have brought 40 years in prison and \$40,000 in fines.

Dowdy was the first congressman convicted since Rep. Thomas J. Lane, D-Mass., was found guilty of income tax evasion 15 years ago. Lane was fined \$10,000 and sent to prison for four months.

Dowdy's lawyers filed motions for acquittal and a new trial, listing 19 reasons why they said the verdict should be set aside. The motions were rejected.

Leon H. Pierson, Dowdy's chief lawyer, argued that the court acted improperly on two occasions during the trial.

Approval of telephone taps was not proper because the court

has no jurisdiction in Washington, D.C., where the taps took place, Pierson told the judge.

Pierson also said tapes of those conversations should not have been replayed for the jury while it deliberated a verdict.

Dowdy also spoke on his behalf and argued the government used illegal evidence to gain conviction.

The veteran congressman cited the Constitution saying his transactions with the Monarch Construction Corp. of Silver Spring, Md., were privileged. He said as a U. S. congressman, he wasn't required to defend his legislative actions and dealings in court.

The legislator was convicted Dec. 30 of a \$25,000 bribery conspiracy for blocking a Justice Department probe of a Maryland home improvements business.

Dowdy was accused on two counts of bribery conspiracy, one

count of causing interstate transportation of a bribe and five counts of lying to the grand jury in Baltimore.

Nathan H. Cohen, Baltimore businessman, Julius Levitt and Myrvin C. Clark, former Monarch employees who said they passed the \$25,000 in a briefcase to the 19-year House veteran at Atlanta, Ga., Airport, were key prosecution witnesses.

Dowdy was indicted March, 1970 but trial did not begin until more than a year later, Nov. 8, 1971, because of his health problems.

Dowdy said his attorneys will file notice of appeal within the next few days and that he will "go all the way to the Supreme Court" if necessary.

Asked about the fine and sentence, Dowdy said, "I expected that from the judge."

Dowdy spoke of "framed-up charges" and said it would have no effect on Mrs. Dowdy's campaign for a congressional seat.

On private citizenry

Kleindienst raps spy tactics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard G. Kleindienst, President Nixon's nominee for attorney general, said Wednesday the government should not spy on private citizens who are peacefully picketing or demonstrating.

"That would be improper conduct on behalf of the government," he told the Senate Judiciary Committee. "I would never allow it."

Kleindienst, currently deputy attorney general, said however that when citizens exercise their

right under the First Amendment, there are usually others who use it as an opportunity to plan for the disruption of the government and against the national security.

"I think that the government has a duty to gain information on these activities," he said. "But just to go around taking moving pictures or prying or snooping on individual citizens is improper conduct by the government."

The 48-year-old Kleindienst made his comments during the second day of his confirmation hearings in again answering questions on the government's use of surveillance.

Kleindienst was supposed to put his head into the lion's mouth in his first confrontation with liberal senators examining his qualifications to be attorney general. The lion turned out to be more of a lamb.

The confirmation hearing on Kleindienst's nomination for attorney general was billed as an opportunity for Judiciary Committee Democrats to review the Justice Department record over the past three years, a period in which Kleindienst has been a key spokesman.

But Sens. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., and Phillip A. Hart, D-Mich., who did most of the interrogating in the opening round Tuesday, were not severely critical in their remarks.

Even Bayh, who said he and Kleindienst have an agreement to disagree on policy, said he

China attitude more friendly at peace talks

PEKING (AP) — President Nixon and Premier Chou Eng-lai held another long session Wednesday, and more friendly Chinese overtures lent hope that the leaders are charting ways for improving relations between their nations.

Before the opening of the second four-hour meeting in as many days, Chou indicated some American correspondents could stay on for a look at China after Nixon leaves next week.

After the meeting, Chou escorted the President and Mrs. Nixon to a sports show at Capital Stadium and about 18,000 waiting Chinese applauded as the presidential party entered. At the gymnasium, Nixon was seen by the largest live audience since he arrived Monday. This added to his public exposure, already underscored by the sell-out of the People's Daily when it gave lavish display to the first accounts of his visit.

Another gesture regarded as friendly was the fact that the day's meeting between Nixon and Chou was held at the guest house where the Nixons are staying. The two previous sessions had been held in the Great Hall of the People.

Again the atmosphere was friendly. Nixon and Chou laughed and joked. Before the doors

closed, Chou told the waiting reporters, "If the press wants to see any more places, they can apply to the Department of Information. You don't have much time here."

"How are you all?" Chou asked the American correspondents.

"They're better than they deserve," the President interrupted. Nixon asked Chou if the snowy weather would prevent the visitors from seeing the Great Wall outside Peking Thursday. The premier predicted that the weather would "turn fine."

No word of what is under discussion has come from behind the closed doors. But it seemed certain they were covering ideas for cultural and scientific exchanges, a Nixon goal, and perhaps had discussed Vietnam.

No one expects the Chinese to give up Nixon's peace plan for Indochina. Chou made clear before the President arrived in China that the plan was unacceptable.

Possibly reflecting Hanoi's certainty on this, George Wald, a Harvard antiwar professor, said in Hong Kong on his arrival Wednesday from North Vietnam: "I think the Chinese are going to hold the line on Vietnam." But Wald added that the

North Vietnamese "have had the same feeling of uneasiness as the American peace movement in the past few months about which way China might go."

Nixon's plan calls for a complete U. S. troop withdrawal from Vietnam within six months of an agreement, and new elections in South Vietnam with President Nguyen Van Thieu resigning a month before the vote. In return North Vietnam would release all war prisoners.

Behind the show of Chinese friendliness may be a desire to worry the Russians. The Soviet leaders are well aware that the remote Mao Tse-tung, in an almost unprecedented gesture, saw Nixon on his first day in Peking. They know that Chou has made an outward show of friendliness to Nixon after the rather low-key reception at the airport upon the President's arrival.

Henry A. Kissinger, the President's national security adviser, was again present as Nixon met Chou across a green conference table Wednesday. Chou was accompanied by Chao Kuan-hua, vice minister of foreign affairs; Chang Wenchin, director of the Foreign Ministry's department for Europe, America and Australia, and Wang Hai-jung, the ministry's deputy director of protocol.

A&M Traffic Panel supports movement toward bike paths

The University Traffic Panel in Wednesday's afternoon meeting decided it favors some sort of bike path plan for the College Station community.

The panel examined the bike path plan proposed by A&M's landscape architect, Robert Rucker. Rucker's plan calls for bike paths to generally follow the streets and leaves the center of campus free for pedestrian travel. The proposed paths will be five feet wide allowing three feet for a passing lane.

Chief of Police O. L. Luther commented that there should be no problem enforcing a bike path system on campus.

The committee would like to know how the bicycling community feels about the proposed plan. A copy of the plan has been submitted to the A&M Wheelmen Club for its comments.

A report was given at the meeting which described a bike

path system now being used at the University of California at Davis. The town's population is only 24,000 but it boasts of having 18,000 bicycles. In Davis the bikeways are separated from auto traffic by small concrete blocks. Bike lanes vary in size from 12 to eight feet depending on their usage. Bicycling in Davis has helped preserve the downtown area as a valuable shopping district since parking is no longer an obstacle. The town provides bike racks with movable rectangular bars that make it necessary for bicyclists to carry only padlocks.

In addition to bike path plans the traffic panel discussed the auto-pedestrian conflict that exists around Sbis dining hall. The panel has recommended that Ross street be permanently closed to auto traffic between Asbury and Houston streets to remedy the problem.

Singing Cadets perform over wide area of state

Singing Cadets this spring will keep A&M before Texans in a way that almost matches the record 61 performances of 1970-71.

Appearances by the all-male glee club before the May 6 semester end will include Houston, Bay City, Marshall, Tyler and Jacksonville trips, plus several local performances. The Cadets sang 26 times last fall.

The 61-voice unit will go before the Santa Gertrudis Inter-

national Conference in Houston Friday.

Director Robert L. Boone then will have an open stretch until mid-March to work in new music for the Cadets' local show.

A four-day period March 16-19 will include five performances. The Maroon-clad musical group will sing at the Engineering Center dedication, concerts at Houston's Jones Hall and Bay City for A&M Mothers Clubs and two churches. On March 23 the Cadets take the risers for the campus Transportation Conference.

A Marshall-Tyler-Jacksonville tour will set the stage for a se-

University National Bank
"On the side of Texas A&M."
—Adv.

President's China trip costing taxpayers plenty

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon's trip to China is costing taxpayers at least \$300,000 for transportation alone. Total costs could be several times that amount.

The White House says it hasn't calculated the trip's cost. Some estimates can be made, however, based on such known expenses as the hourly operating costs of the presidential jet.

But the cost to the taxpayers is dwarfed by the multimillion-dollar outlays being made by the television networks and other news organizations to provide coverage of the President's trip. Media expenses include, for example, 10 cents a word for dispatches transmitted from China.

Probably the biggest single government expense category is transportation.

The Air Force calculates the costs of operating Nixon's Boeing 707 jet, the "Spirit of '76," at \$1,180 per flying hour. Since Nixon's round trip to Peking is taking about 40 flying hours, that figures out to \$47,200.

Add on the cost of a backup jet from the presidential fleet, plus about half a dozen other similar-size government planes which are now in China, which are expected there this week or which made the trip earlier, and the government transportation tab exceeds \$300,000.

For the 87 news correspondents and other media personnel who flew to China with Nixon in a pair of chartered Pan Am 707s, the round-trip ticket for each was about \$2,300 — or a total of more than \$200,000 paid

for air fare by news organizations.

One hard-to-determine government expense category is communications.

Nonsensitive communications between the presidential party and China and the White House are being handled via specially arranged satellite circuits.

The White House won't say how much this costs, but the going commercial rate for a three-minute telephone call for Peking is \$14 — plus \$4.50 for each additional minute.

Sources reported the White House several weeks ago reserved three around-the-clock voice-grade channels on the Comsat satellite linking China with the United States. Each of the channels can be split into 22 circuits capable of telegraphic transmission.

The White House has been employing also a facsimile transmission system to send presidential documents from Peking to the White House. This requires a voice-grade channel.

If the White House is paying the \$4.50-per-minute commercial telephone rate, the daily costs for the three satellite channels would exceed \$38,000.

4 additional curriculums await approval by Board

Four new curriculums will be considered for approval by the Board of Directors in their Tuesday meeting.

Scheduled to be presented are a Bachelor of Arts degree in both Chemistry and Biology, a curriculum in Medical Technology and a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematical Sciences.

The B.A. programs for Chemistry and Biology are the first of their kind at TAMU though not unusual at other major colleges.

The programs will serve to provide scientifically trained personnel in non-research positions and allow students to have a greater breadth of knowledge about related subjects.

Neither of the programs will require the addition of new courses.

The Medical Technology curriculum provides for a three-year program at TAMU with the senior year to be completed at a major medical technology school. The course will help fill the currently great demand for more trained laboratory personnel. No new courses will be instituted.

The Applied Mathematical Sciences program is a mathematics degree with emphasis on statistics. Four new courses, all of them in statistics, will be required.

Previous to this only graduate level programs have been offered in statistics.