

Texas consumer advocate urges legislation on insurance companies

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — A Texas consumer advocate strongly backed legislation Thursday to guarantee policyholders something more than apologies when life insurance companies go broke.

Executives of two leading Texas-based companies, however, attacked the idea of a "kitty" to pay off claims of defunct firms. The testimony was before an interim legislator-citizen study

committee chaired by State Insurance Commissioner Clay Cotten. "Why should the policyholder be the one to bear the burden of an insurance company failure? . . . They are the ones who are

least able to bear it," said Joe K. Longley, chairman of the Texas Consumer Association's legislative committee. Longley endorsed Cotten's proposal requiring all insurance com-

panies that sell life and medical insurance in Texas to hold a certain amount of their funds in trust. The money would be used as a "guaranty fund" to pay claims of policyholders against insolvent insurance companies.

Ben H. Carpenter of Dallas, board chairman of Southland Life Insurance Co., denounced the plan as a "poor political expedient."

unsuccessful guaranty fund bill last year. "There is no way you can prevent crookedness," Carpenter replied. Watson said he had never seen Carpenter testify before legislative committees in favor of larger appropriations to hire insurance examiners.

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Ryan's Daughter, Devils top movies

If you will be in the B-CS area this weekend, you will at least have your pick of two very fine movies to take your mind off your troubles. Ken Russell's *The Devils* will be playing at the Campus, and the Palace will feature David Lean's *Ryan's Daughter*.

and John Mills—who took the Best Supporting Actor Oscar at last year's Academy Awards for his performance of the town idiot. While this is not one of David Lean's finest flicks, the photography is beautiful, the acting is fine, the story is interesting, and the themes are eternal.

and then involved with a war hero (WW I) British officer who is the commander of the local camp. The film does a fine job of painting the "local color" of a small Irish village and its inhabitants. In fact, the only bad point about the film for me was that I really didn't see any justification for paying "this year's prices" for "last year's film" (a habit the management of the local theatres seems to be forming these days).

remarkable man involved in a deadly power play. Oliver Reed, as Father Grandier—a priest who is "all man," defends his beloved city's walls from the demolition ordered by Cardinal Richelieu, the power behind the throne of the jaded Louis XIII. Vanessa Redgrave, as Sister Jeanne, plays the tormented Mother-Superior of an Ursuline convent who is to cause the fall of the priest. To the dull-witted this movie will only seem "wierd," but to anyone else it should prove both to be a fine film and deserving of a film G.P.R. = 3.4.

There is nothing to stop someone from taking the money and stock and going south with it, is there?" asked Sen. Murray Watson of Waco, who sponsored an

"I hope you show as much interest in testifying before the House Appropriations Committee as you have in testifying against the policyholders of Texas," Watson said.

Cotten told the committee the purpose of the "guaranty fund" proposal was to "establish confidence among the public that when they purchase an insurance policy . . . they will be fully protected. . . just like a depositor in a bank is protected by the FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.)"

While both films are far better than average, our pick is *Ryan's Daughter* (despite the two bucks you have to pay for the ticket). This film, although given a chilly if cordial reception by the "big city" critics, deserves a Film G.P.R. = 3.7 and is sure to be an audience pleaser. *Ryan's Daughter* stars Robert Mitchum, Trevor Howard, Christopher Reeve, Les McKern, Sarah Miles,

Basically *Ryan's Daughter* is a story of love cast against a background of conflict and social upheaval while filmed among some highly photogenic natural settings. Specifically, it is the story of Rosie Ryan, the daughter of an Irish pubkeeper and informant to the occupational British troops, who finds herself first unhappy in her marriage to her childhood idol—the village schoolmaster—

However, you can also see a fine film this weekend for the usual \$1.50—*The Devils*, which stars Vanessa Redgrave and Oliver Reed.

Wiseman outlines moon experiments

Several new lunar experiments, including placement of a cosmic ray detector on the moon's surface, are planned for the last two scheduled Apollo flights, participants in an American Nuclear Society reactor conference at

A&M were told Wednesday. Donald G. Wiseman, who headed the Manned Spacecraft Center's Lunar Surface Projects Office during previous Apollo missions, outlined the space agency's program of experiments on the

moon. Wiseman said results of the experiments should provide better understanding of the history and related aspects of earth as well as of the moon and space.

flux density and speed of particles in meteor streams.

Traverse and surface tidal gravimeters will be placed on the lunar surface for absolute gravity and related measurements and for studies of the lunar surface gravitational field, the NASA official explained.

Nixon trip coverage costs networks \$1 million each

NEW YORK (AP) — The three major American television networks pooled their resources to cover President Nixon's trip to China, but even so it is costing each more than \$1 million.

However, network executives said one survey indicated not as many viewers as expected were watching.

He explained that the cosmic ray detection experiment, planned for Apollo 16, is designed to provide the first measurements of fluxes of various elements under the moon's unique atmospheric conditions. The project also is designed to measure flux, energy and chemical composition of low energy particles.

Another experiment, called surface elect properties, is designed to search for the presence of water beneath the lunar surface and determine layering in the subsurface.

Voice and pictures come over a complicated relay from Peking, but viewers here have been astonished at their excellent quality.

New York Arbitron, the only audience survey available so far, said about 60 million Americans watched Nixon's arrival Sunday night. Network officials said this is about the same number who normally would have been viewing TV Sunday night.

Wiseman said five new experiments are planned for the final lunar flight in the current series, Apollo 17.

His presentation included color slides showing hardware used on both previous and future lunar flights. He also showed a film highlighting the Apollo 14 mission.

Asked if there were any special reason for the technical excellence, George Miller at the TV China Pool, said:

The networks arranged their coverage on a pool basis but with each using its own correspondents. Cost of the pool was \$1.5 million with ABC, CBS and NBC each paying one third.

A lunar ejecta and meteorites experiment, he explained, will measure long-term variations in cosmic dust influx on the lunar surface and determine radiant,

Each network was allowed 11 persons, and for this each paid the pool \$250,000.

Allen Newman to speak Monday

Allen L. Newman of Temple, assistant state soil conservationist, will speak Monday at A&M on "Soil Survey Interpretation and Use."

sponsored by the A&M Collegiate Chapter, Soil Conservation Society of America.

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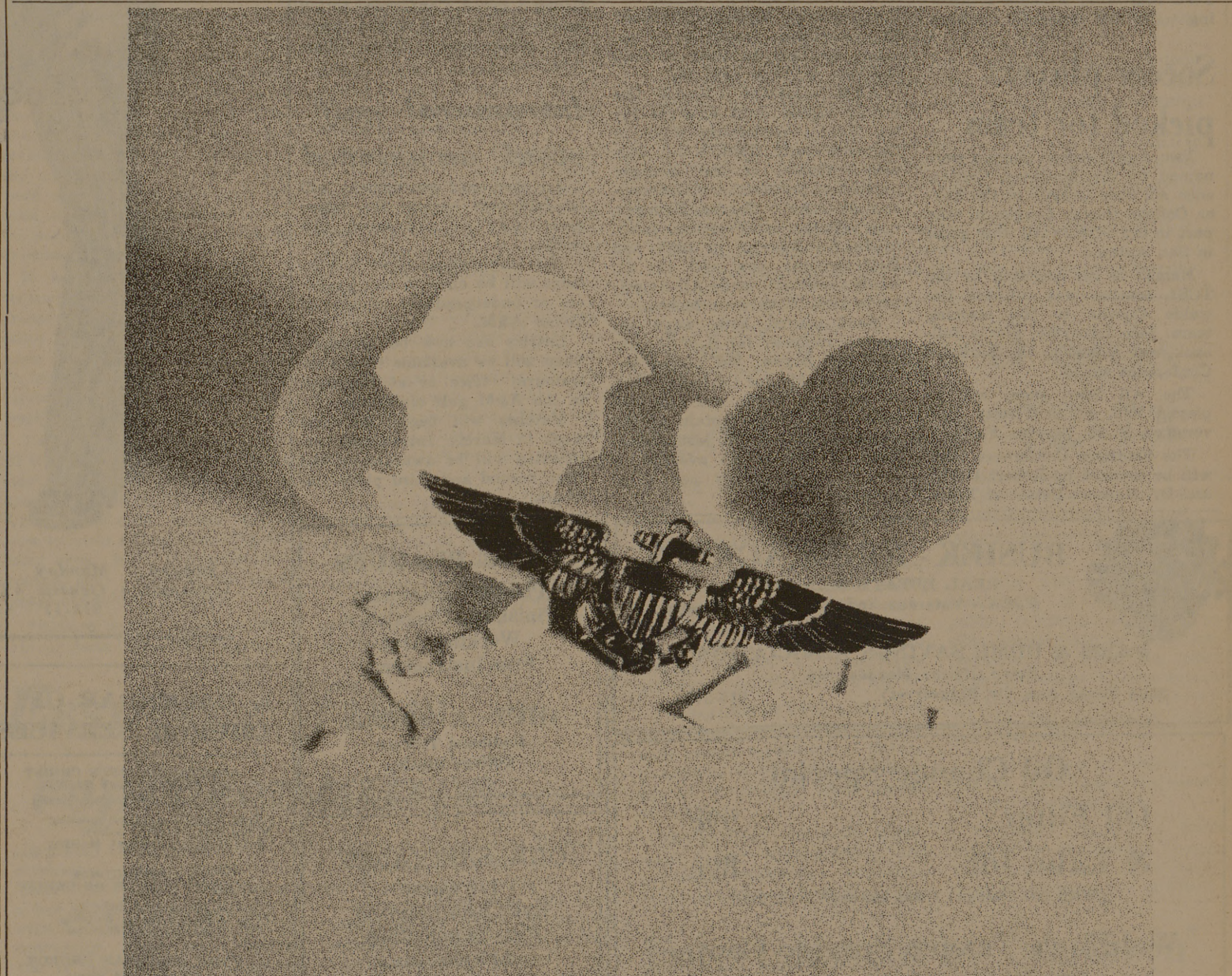
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