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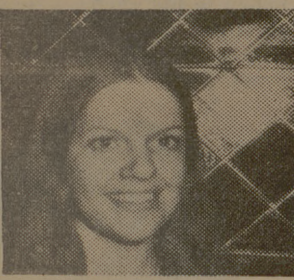
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Complaints raised against Mrs. Dowdy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House ethics committee feels that the wife of Rep. John Dowdy should get off her husband's payroll while she is campaigning to succeed him in Congress.

The committee said there's nothing illegal in Mrs. Dowdy remaining a \$22,500 secretary on the staff of her husband, who was convicted of bribery, while she runs for office.

But the committee thinks it is improper and is preparing to say so in a letter to state Sen. Charles Wilson of Lufkin, Tex., who is running against Mrs. Dowdy.

Wilson had asked the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to look also into the full-time campaigning of Dowdy's press aide, Gerald Yoes, for Mrs. Dowdy.

In its draft reply now being circulated to committee members the committee told Wilson there was nothing wrong with Yoes remaining on Dowdy's payroll and campaigning for Mrs. Dowdy—on his own time. Dowdy contends Yoes is taking vacation time for his work in Texas.

But this policy extends only

to a person working on "behalf of a candidacy other than himself," the letter says, "and the committee feels that when a congressional employe is actively campaigning on his own behalf that he or she would be removed from the clerk-hire roles and confine his activities to the campaign."

Mrs. Dowdy was not mentioned in the draft letter but was the person referred to, a committee aide said.

The committee also reviewed two other complaints of Wilson.

He had said Dowdy was sending his newsletter outside his current district, to areas which will be in the new congressional district to be represented by his successor. Wilson said this was irregular if not illegal because Dowdy is not seeking reelection to the expanded district.

The committee said the letter of the law, under Postal Service regulations, doesn't prohibit this and a congressman technically can send information anywhere in the state.

"This is not to say that the committee views this to be in the spirit of the law," the draft letter

adds. Another charge of Wilson's was that Dowdy was mailing his wife's campaign literature under his free-postage congressional frank.

He included an affidavit from a Madisonville, Tex., man who said he got Dowdy's newsletter and Mrs. Dowdy's election brochure in the same envelope.

Dowdy had denied that could have happened. He said his newsletter was sealed here in Washington and his wife's material was sent separately from the Lufkin

post office to individual addresses.

The committee tended to side with Dowdy on this issue, saying that no other instances had surfaced and that the man making the complaint had gotten Mrs. Dowdy's brochure with his specific box number on it, which would have been improbable had it come with the congressman's mailing address to "postal patrons, 2nd congressional districts."

The committee has not disposed of another request from two California congressmen concerning

Dowdy: that it investigate possibility of recommending House action to strip him of committee and floor voting privileges.

Rep. Olin Teague, D-Texas, committee member who also testified at Dowdy's trial as a character witness, has said that committee is frustrated and divided on what action to take against Dowdy. He has said Dowdy fired his wife, it is to relieve the pressure on the committee to censure him.

Blood drive donations to be taken Wednesday

A&M students, faculty-staff members and others will begin donations at 8 a.m. Wednesday in the spring semester Aggie Blood Drive.

Personnel from the Wadley Institutes of Molecular Medicine will take donations three days in the Memorial Student Center basement.

More than 600 registered for the drive last week, but a person need not have signed up to make a contribution, Student Senate President John Sharp said.

The Senate, Alpha Phi Omega and Omega Phi Alpha are cooperating with the Wadley blood bank division in the drive. It resulted in a record 801 units last fall, a record the sponsoring groups feel can be easily broken.

Donors should report to the MSC station between 8 and 11:30

a.m. or 1 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday or Thursday, or from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. APO publicity man Mike Ballew emphasized drive is open to anyone.

A contribution enables the donor or members of his immediate family to request blood from Wadley bank during the following year.

Ballew said donors should allow about 30 minutes to make the contribution and eat before giving blood.

Nine die as Uruguay soldiers, communists join in gun battle

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP)—Nine persons, including an army captain, were reported killed Monday in a predawn gun battle that raged for an hour around a district office of the Communist party.

Their deaths raised to 21 the number of persons slain since Friday in the government's declared "internal war" against the leftist Tupamaro guerrillas.

No official report was issued on the 4 a.m. fight that erupted in the Paso Molino residential district five miles from the center of the city.

The victims, other than the army officer, apparently were suspected Tupamaros who sought refuge in the Communist party building and party militants standing vigil in the headquarters to defend from right-wing extremists.

Six soldiers were reported wounded in the battle.

Newspapers and radio stations in Uruguay were barred from distributing accounts of the fight because of censorship imposed in the declaration of a 30-day anti-guerrilla war approved Saturday by Congress.

The measure was voted after Tupamaros killed a former government official and three security men in daylight ambushes

Friday. Police and army then killed eight suspected guerrillas and captured a dozen in a series of fights through Montevideo and the suburbs.

Early Sunday, bombs exploded at three Communist party district offices and at the homes of the leftist politicians and the Episcopal Methodist church that men had used during one of the ambushes Friday.

President Juan M. Bordaberry held an urgent meeting of leaders of his Colorado party, the opposition National party.

Police and military parties using the broad powers granted by the war declaration, mounted huge search operations in Montevideo area, which has about half of the country's 3 million residents.

In neighboring Argentina, army and navy units increased patrols along the Parana River Delta to block any Tupamaros trying to flee Uruguay.

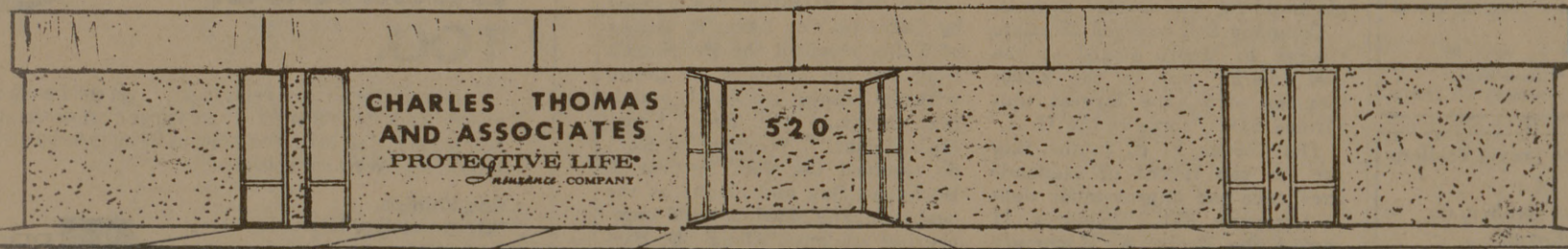
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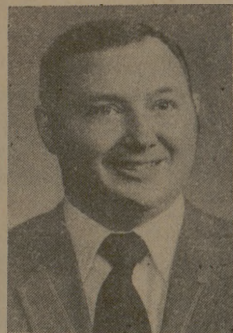
The Civilian Student Week performance by Hasek will begin at 8 p.m. each night, Basement chairman David Pfann announced. Located in the basement level of the Memorial Student Center, the Basement charges a mission of 75 cents per person.

Hasek, currently on tour the Southwest, will appear on 8 p.m. to midnight program with local singers.

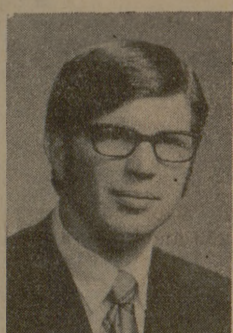
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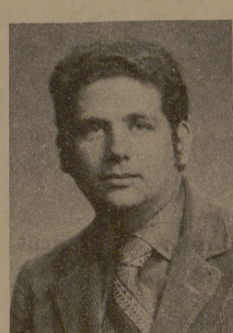
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