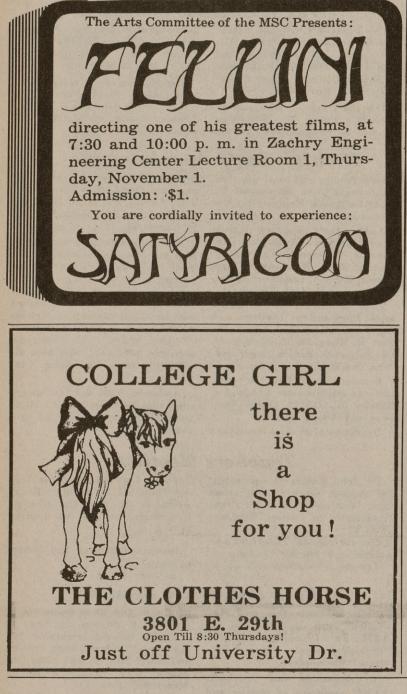
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Shortage Dims Yuletide Celebrations

ASSOCIATED PRESS 'Twas two months before Christmas

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And all through the nation, Holiday planners preached conservation.

Santa's bright lights, his greetings for Yule, Were cut back and dimmed by

the shortage of fuel.

An Associated Press survey showed that with a little less than two months to go before Dec. 25, many civic and business groups have canceled or cut back on plans for Christmas decorations in an effort to conserve

power. "The Christmas City," is in an up-

roar. Mayor H. G. Payrow announced that Christmas decorations would be cut back by 80 per cent, saving 52 million watts of electricity.

Businessmen and residents objected, however, saying the cut-back would hurt the tourist business and officials are still trying to work out a compromise.

The problem stems from a general fuel shortage, complicated by cutbacks in Arab oil production because of the Middle East war.

Officials in Austin, Tex., where shortages of natural gas have affected electricity production, said Christmas lights will be turn-Even Bethlehem, Pa., known as ed on as usual on Nov. 21 and will be burned until Nov. 25, but

then will be shut off until Dec.

14 when they'll be relit. In addition, holiday lighting displays on bridges across the Colorado River will be eliminated this year and businesses have been ordered to restrict their holiday spectaculars.

A business association in Pittsburgh announced that because of the energy crunch, the lighting of 60 downtown buildings, a tradition since 1960, will be canceled this year.

The Building Owners and Managers Association said that although the city has enough power, the cancellation was intended "as a meaningful gesture to the rest of the nation whose energy situation is far more critical.'

sion is tremendous."

Building supervisors in Minneapolis decided to discontinue a program of outlining structures in the downtown area in lights during the holiday season and the Obio Public Utilities Commission urged businesses to cancel Christmas displays this year.

McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey canceled its Christmas example for conserving power lighting display, as did Vineland, said Mayor Joseph H. D'Ippoli

A spokesman for the Vinelar utility company estimated the lights would have used up 65.0 kilowatts of electricity, or enoug power to supply 10 homes for year. "With the current energy crisis and the supply of oil, w feel that the city should set a

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72 Countries Represented at TAMU

More than 900 international students representing 7 countries are attending TAMU this fall.

Students from the Far Eeast make up the largest pe centage of the group, since 259 of TAMU's 911 international students come from Eastern Asia.

Two hundred fifteen students are from Central and South America and the islands of the Caribbean. The thir largest group, 136, is composed of students from India Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Students from the Middle East number 109; those from Southeast Asia, 83; Europe, 45 and Africa, 35. Canada, Australia and the Philippines are also represented.

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Batt News Summary

By The Associated Press

State HOUSTON-Two former vice presidents of the defunct Sharpstown State Bank were sentenced Monday for making illegal loans totaling \$4,364 to a state banking examiner. Douglas N. Lane, 36, and Her-

man Nelms, 29, had entered pleas of guilty in September.

U.S. District Court Judge Carl O. Bue sentenced Lane to nine months in prison. Lane also drew a \$5,000 fine and an additional five-year probated term.

Nelms received a five-year probated sentence and a \$5,000 fine. Bue said Nelms was not as involved in the transaction as Lane.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.-Mayors from two major U.S. cities urged delegates of the Texas Municipal League Monday to stand up to what the mayors believe are overbearing federal and state governments.

Houston Mayor Louie Welch and Mayor E. J. "Jake" Garn of Salt Lake City, Utah spoke to the 61st annual conference of the league here.

Legislature, which he says "divides us by legislation of special interest and thus raises the cost of local government." He said a local interest bill passed by the last session of the legislature forces Houston to contribute more money to firemen's pension funds. Welch also said, "We must

continue to operate city government from city hall by the elected representatives of the people and not let them be run from the union hall or the welfare office."

AUSTIN-Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong said Monday he personally will try to get a new mortgage insurance program for Veterans Land Program purchasers approved as soon as possible. The Great American Reserve

Insurance Co., which has offered mortgage insurance on Veterans Land Program loans for 12 years. served notice July 31 it would no longer write such insurance after Nov. 1.

The Tennessee Life Insurance Co. was chosen last Friday as the best bidder to succeed Great American. However, the rate to veterans will be considerably higher.

AUSTIN-Speaker Price Daniel Jr. assured a House subcom-mittee Monday that public sentiforce a state ethics bill.

National WASHINGTON - The Nixon

He estimated that eight out of

10 Texans favor such a commis-

sion, although the 1973 legislature

rejected the idea in enacting an

ethics bill for legislators, judges

and other top state officials.

administration was reported Monday to be putting the finishing touches on a legislative proposal calling for action to cope with any petroleum supply emergency. An Interior Department spokes-

man said the proposal was sent Monday to the White House Office of Management and Budget, which coordinates agency comments and acts as the administration's clearing house for all legislative proposals.

WASHINGTON - Ousted Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox testified Monday that a new special prosecutor by law should be able to bring court action to obtain evidence from the White House

Cox told the Senate Judiciary Committee that frustrations and delays he encountered in trying to get evidence from the White House make it imperative a new prosecutor have such legislated power.

International

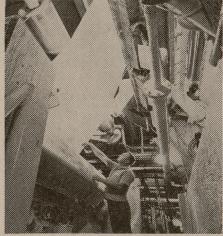
MOSCOW-The Soviet Union suggested Monday that the U.S. military alert was an attempt by the Nixon administration to divert attention from domestic problems.

The official Soviet news agency Tass indicated the Kremlin line by quoting from a column by James Reston in the New York Times. It said it was Reston's opinion "the administration needs a 'crisis a day' to shield itself from criticism at home."

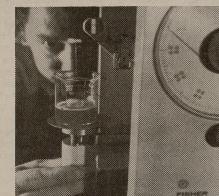
ment in the wake of Watergate Welch's target was the Texas will force Texas lawmakers to set up an independent agency to en-"We will overcome. We will win," said Daniel. "The public sentiment for an ethics commis-



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Speaking of the alert and the Watergate tapes in an Oct. 26 column, Reston wrote: " . . . But now if he hands over the tapes, people say he has doctored them, and even when he staggers from one move to another, he is met with the cynical remark: 'A crisis a day keeps impeachment away.'

VIENNA, Austria - Hurting from a sharp split over the Middle East, the United States and most of its European allies meet. the Soviets on Tuesday for their first talks on mutual troop cuts in central Europe.

Last week Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger threatened to review the U.S. commitment to West Germany, where some 200,-000 U.S. troops are stationed. Apparently he was not inclined to wait for the result of the conference. That could take years.

Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Communist party leader, says the Sovie Union will be ready for "realistic steps" in 1975.



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