

National truck-strike violence hits Rio Grande Valley

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One truck driver was shot and another fired on late Wednesday as violence from the widespread trucker strike suddenly hit in Texas' Lower Rio Grande Valley. The two shootings occurred about five miles apart on U. S. 281, one at the northern edge of Pharr, Tex., and the other a quarter mile south of Edinburg. The first driver, witnesses said, stumbled into a Pharr service station and told of being shot. The second driver reported being shot at a few minutes later. Pharr police chief Raul Reyna identified the wounded driver as Robert Kobrick who was taken to McAllen General Hospital with a leg wound. Both drivers told local and state police they were shot at by a man in a tractor-trailer rig. The Texas

Department of Public Safety put out a bulletin for a red-and-white tractor pulling an aluminum trailer. Police said a gun of .38 caliber or larger was used in both shootings. Meanwhile, independent truckers in East Texas moved to get West Texas truck stops—some of which reopened Tuesday—to again shut down. "Some of our men left for West

Texas last night to talk to the truckers and the truck stops out there," said Wesley Brooks, a spokesman for East Texas truckers who pulled their rigs off the roads and parked at truck stops in the area last Friday. "The strike is going to flare up again in West Texas," he added. Truck stops in West Texas reopened when truck drivers removed their rigs from several

truck stops in the Abilene and Big Spring area. They explained that some of the truck stops had refused to go along with the shut down and "it was unfair to keep some closed while others did business." Most truckers reacted unfavorably Wednesday to the announcement by President Nixon that he was ordering a freeze in the price of diesel fuel. Leroy Sells, a truck operator in

San Angelo, said: "If Nixon would get the freight rates up to make up for the difference in price and then freeze diesel prices, he might help something." Higher freight rates, faster highway speeds and lower diesel prices are the three demands of truckers. That's the reason they pulled their rigs off the road, pledging to keep them off until they received some satisfaction from the government.

Meanwhile, the effects of the stoppage continued to spread with poultry farms and meat packing firms feeling the pinch. Spokesmen for the industry said that scarcities of fresh produce and meats will become apparent at supermarkets and grocery stores in a few days unless a quick solution is found to the trucking strike. Holly Farms closed its poultry processing plant Wednesday in

Center because of the truckers strike, president Everett Solomon said. Holly Farms employs about 700 persons in the plant and has another 100 field employees. Solomon said chickens were available but shipping of processed broilers to distant points such as Chicago has shut down by the truckers strike. The plant here is one of the largest in the state.

No word yet from Hearst kidnappers

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — The FBI circulated photographs Wednesday of "possible suspects" in the kidnapping of newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, while her parents pleaded again for word from the kidnappers. An FBI spokesman said the photographs included both men and women but would not elaborate. The San Francisco Examiner, a Hearst newspaper, reported that photos, including women associated with militant organizations, were being shown by FBI agents on the University of California campus here and elsewhere. The FBI, which reported earlier there had been unspecified new developments in the case, confirmed the photographs had been circulated, but it declined comment on the specifics carried in the newspaper report. The girl's father, Randolph A. Hearst, his wife Catherine at his side, told a news conference his family was sitting by the telephone and "just hoping whoever has our daughter will call us." Miss Hearst, 19, a sandy-haired college sophomore, was kidnaped Monday night from her apartment and tossed screaming into the trunk of a car. Her captors beat her fiancé and a neighbor and sprayed gunfire at witnesses. There has been no word from the kidnappers. "We sit by the phone and wait," said Hearst. "They have not killed yet. And they haven't yet seriously injured anyone. I just hope they don't go any further."

Thomas Druken, assistant special agent in charge of the FBI's San Francisco office, reported the new developments, but he refused to disclose any details and said no ransom note had been received.

The girl's parents maintained a vigil at their estate in suburban Hillsborough about 15 miles south of San Francisco. Her father is president and publisher of the San Francisco Examiner. Her mother is a member of the University of California board of regents.

In a statement issued earlier, they pleaded for their daughter's safe return and promised that they would not prosecute her kidnappers.

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THE MANY FACES of science fiction are explained to Creed Ford by David Hayes as William Kostura looks on at the Cepheid Variable Science-Fiction Committee booth at the Memorial Student Center Open House Wednesday night. The open house offered a compressed view of the far-ranging activities of the MSC organizations to the few who bothered to turn out.

Photo by Alan Killingsworth

Kunstler arrangements made by TAMU ACLU

Tuesday The Battalion printed that William Kunstler would appear at Texas A&M University due to the efforts of the Brazos Valley chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. This is not entirely correct. The arrangements were made by the TAMU chapter of the ACLU. The Brazos Valley chapter is merely providing financial assistance. Kunstler is tentatively scheduled to speak March 3 in the University Center Auditorium, according to Marty Hokanson, president TAMU ACLU.

The William Kunstler issue has caught the attention of much of TAMU. Many students see the conflict as a basic one of academic freedom.

Tim Clader, Town Hall chairperson, saw it as an opportunity for a joke. He put a sign reading "Brazos Valley ACLU Headquarters—Donations for Kunstler speech accepted inside" on his door. Clader lives two doors down the hall from SCONA Chairperson Steve Kosub in the Band dorm. "The sign was a joke," said Clader, "but I would like to see Kunstler speak here and I will support whatever group wishes to sponsor him. The sign gets ripped off daily," he added. The final joke may be on Clader, however. He has already collected over \$20 for the Kunstler speech. Clader plans to give the ACLU a check for the donations sometime before Kunstler's scheduled appearance.

Va., disbarred Dean from law practice in Virginia for what it called unethical, unprofessional and unwarranted conduct in the Watergate case. Special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski asked a federal judge to consider limiting the Senate Watergate Committee's use of presidential tapes it receives from the White House. The House, by a vote of 410 to 4, armed its Judiciary Committee Wednesday with broad subpoena power to help determine whether President Nixon should be impeached. Taking solemn note that only once before in the nation's history has such a resolution been acted on, the House adopted it as a necessary step to meet its constitutional duty in impeachment cases. "Whatever we learn," said Rep. Peter W. Rodino, D.-N.J., chairman of the Judiciary Committee, "whatever we conclude, the manner in which we proceed is of historic importance—to the country, to the presidency, to the House, to our constitutional system and to future generations."

Enrollment up in spring

Spring enrollment is a record 17,756, Registrar Robert A. Lacey announced Wednesday. Lacey said registration is up 16.8 per cent over the same period last year. The spring enrollment includes 3,980 women and approximately 3,700 graduate students. Lacey explained the figures represent enrollment as of Tuesday, the 12th class day of the semester and official reporting period for the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

Annual think-tank returns

Trying to take the major ideas of our nation's existence and analyzing them in order of importance is a mind-stimulating (or mind-boggling) task. SCONA delegates have got quite a job on their hands. The topic of "Re-ordering American Priorities" will provide for interaction next week between a variety of important speakers and about 200 student delegates to the 19th Student Conference on National Affairs. Ideas on energy, environment, social spending, national defense, and foreign policy will be presented and discussed at the Feb. 13-16 conference. An analysis of U.S. priorities compiled by the Library of Congress will be used by the delegates as a "textbook." Chairman Steve Kosub said the topic,

"Reordering American Priorities," may be too broad, "but it presents a wealth of areas for delegates to explore." "What these areas will be depends on delegate interest," he added. "Their tax money will be spent in the future in support of what will be discussed at SCONA XIX." Most idea exchange among student delegates will take place at roundtables. At roundtables, delegates will discuss and elaborate ideas presented by speakers, from SCONA materials and of their own. "The roundtable is actually where it happens," explained Kosub. "Here, speakers' main points are reviewed, kicked around, analyzed and from this, other ideas and better understanding derived." "American priorities will not be ordered,

or reordered, to reflect the needs and wants of the nation without the stimulus of an informed, broadly reaching national debate," Kosub said. Speakers who will help focus delegate thinking are Mrs. Alice Rivlin, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington; William D. Ruckelshaus, former EPA director most people remember as the one-time U.S. Deputy Attorney General; Dr. Hans Morgenthau, political science professor, City University of New York; The Honorable William P. Clements Jr., deputy secretary of defense; Dr. Abba Lerner, Queens College economics professor, and Ms. Barbara Williams, executive director, Coalition for Human Needs and Budget Priorities.



THE UPWARD-THRUSTING, sparkling waters of the University Center fountain were turned on Wednesday night for the first time in weeks as the Memorial Student Center held its Spring Open House.

Photo by Alan Killingsworth

Classic play 'Brigadoon' here Monday

The magic of "Brigadoon," with "a kind of sweetness like the smell of heather in the rain," will be recreated Monday at the Bryan Civic Auditorium. The Lerner and Loewe musical plays in the Rotary Community Series, in cooperation with Town Hall. Don Griley and Lesley Stewart star in the popular Broadway show with the entrancing music "Almost Like Being in Love," "Come to Me, Bend to Me" and "Heather on the Hill." Brigadoon, a Scotland village that reappears only once each 100 years, comes to life again at 8. Two American tourists stumble on the village on a day when a wedding is being celebrated. They are caught up in the beauty, joy and tragedy of the people. One of the Americans falls in love with a Brigadoon lass. As the day draws to a close, he is confronted with the choice of losing her or giving up the modern world.

Many critics acclaim the show as one of the best blends of dancing and music with text. Choreography, originally by Agnes de Mille, captures the Scottish feel through Highland flings, sword dances and reels. It also enriches dramatic moments with moving ballets. "Brigadoon" is one of the most frequently-produced plays to come out of Broadway. It is a new York Critics Circle Award winner and considered a classic with "Show Boat," "Carousel," "South Pacific" and "Oklahoma." Admission is by Rotary season ticket. Tickets are also on sale at the Rudder Center box office. University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M." Adv.