

News briefs

International

SAIGON, South Vietnam (AP)— President Nguyen Van Thieu vowed to hold onto power Tuesday after a lone South Vietnamese air force plane bombed and rocketed his palace. Opposition politicians interpreted the attack as a warning to Thieu to change his policies or leave office.

"I am determined to continue leading this country," declared Thieu, who is widely blamed for the military debacle that has lost three-fourths of South Vietnam to Communist-led forces in a month.

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)— Battles raged in the center of a key provincial town west of Phnom Penh on Tuesday as Premier Long Boret returned from a reported meeting with Khmer Rouge leaders and declared, "We will never surrender."

Field reports said rebels slammed more than 400 shells into Kompong Speu 30 miles from Phnom Penh, killing an estimated 100 people.

National

WASHINGTON (AP)— Army Chief of Staff Gen. Frederick C. Weyland has recommended to President Ford that Congress be asked for at least \$550 million in immediate, additional military aid for South Vietnam, State Department sources said Tuesday.

The recommendation by Weyland, who returned over the weekend from an inspection trip to South Vietnam, would increase by \$200 million the aid being sought by the administration for the Saigon government.

WASHINGTON (AP)— John B. Connally's chief accuser wound up his testimony Tuesday and the government began laying out the circumstantial evidence by which it hopes to prove the former treasury secretary accepted an illegal \$10,000 payoff.

Jake Jacobsen, the man who said he made two—and possibly three—\$5,000 payments to Connally in 1971 for his help in getting dairy farmers a price support increase, clung to his story in three days of questioning but admitted he was unsure of some details.

State

AUSTIN (AP)— Gov. Dolph Briscoe asked Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz Tuesday to declare Throckmorton and Brazos counties as disaster areas because of drought and other adverse weather.

Approval of the request would make emergency loans available to farmers and ranchers under federal assistance programs.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex. (AP)— A U.S. Customs investigator said Tuesday the case involving the smuggling back to the United States of nearly 4,000 tons of chemical fertilizer imported by the Mexican government is expected to go to a grand jury later this month.

Customs Agent-in-Charge Henry Posio said at least six companies in the United States and in Mexico may be directly involved in the case when it goes to the grand jury.

Female executive fugitive male

DALLAS (AP)— Police said Tuesday that Elizabeth Carmichael, a broad-shouldered, 200-pound former car company president, is really Jerry Dean Michael, a 37-year-old federal fugitive for the past 13 years.

"At least we now know who we're looking for," said Capt. John Driscoll, head of the Dallas Police Department's intelligence section.

Michael, who whisked into Dallas early this year from Los Angeles with grandiose plans to produce a "revolutionary" economy car, is sought on charges of conspiring to bilk the public in a phony stock and car dealership scheme.

The specialized crime unit of the district attorney's office shut down the Twentieth Century Motor Car Corp. operation in February when conspiracy to commit theft charges were filed against 10 corporate officers, including "Elizabeth Carmichael." Charges against all but "Mrs. Carmichael" and Whitlock N. Sharpe were later dropped.

Driscoll credited his men, the district attorney's office and federal postal inspectors here and in Indianapolis with identifying Michael.

"It was a natural thing... checking her, his, past associates and it led back to Indianapolis," Driscoll said. "A check of fingerprints confirmed it all, along with photographs."

Driscoll said, however, that finding Michael probably won't be any easier now than it has been in the past. "Apparently he has eluded the FBI all these years because he switches costumes from male to female and back again. But, at least we know his real identity."

"He isn't dangerous, except to your wallet," Driscoll said. Driscoll said Michael, a native of Florida, jumped bond in March 1962 after being charged in connection "with a swindle. He's been running loose ever since."

Michael has also used the aliases Jerry Barrett, Mike Moran, Mike Morgan, William Tracy Parker and William Richard Raines, police said.

Michael, perhaps as a clever joke to provide clues, may have purposely chosen the alias Carmichael by linking his "car" occupation with his real name.

Describing himself as a widow with five adopted children, he received nationwide attention last year with plans to construct a three-wheel car for under \$2,000 that would get 70 miles per gal-

lon. "Mrs. Carmichael" said she was a former race driver and automobile engineer. The company set up offices in the Los Angeles area but the California attorney general's office obtained injunctions barring the firm from operating in that state. California authorities said the firm had insufficient capital to back up its stock.

The 200-pound Michael, dressed in a red wig and giving the appearance of a somewhat raucous, tough-talking woman, moved his company team to Dallas.

Local news media were flooded with news releases saying the company planned to hire 9,000 people

and produce 88,000 cars, known as the Revette, the first year.

"I didn't build this car to serve humanity. Or to save fuel or the economy although that may be a side benefit. I did it to make the biggest automobile company in the world. And I don't give a hoot

in hell what people think of me as long as they buy my cars," "Mrs. Carmichael" said in an interview.

"Mrs. Carmichael" told an interviewer she put \$5,000 to \$15,000 a day into the business and "where I get it is nobody's damned business."

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Final Examination for the Doctoral Degree
Name: Thomas, Clinton Lavorn Jr.
Degree: Ph. D. in Veterinary Microbiology
Dissertation: COMPARISON OF THREE METHODS OF DIFFERENTIATING SEROTYPES OF BOVINE MYCOPLASMA.
Time: April 17, 1975 at 1:00 p.m.
Place: Room 102 in Vet. Med. Sci. Bldg.
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Time: April 14, 1975 at 3:00 p.m.
Place: Room 102 in the Chemistry Bldg.
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Final Examination for the Doctoral Degree
Name: Fales, James Frederick
Degree: Doctor of Education in Industrial Education
Dissertation: DEVELOPMENT AND PILOT TEST OF A CURRICULUM FOR TRANSPORTATION IN LOUISIANA.
Time: April 17, 1975 at 12:00 p.m.
Place: Room 102 in the Mechanical Engineering Shops
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Final Examination for the Doctoral Degree
Name: Vaino, George Vincent
Degree: Ph. D. in Education (Adult and Extension Education)
Dissertation: SELECTED LOUISIANA PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL LEADERS: THEIR PERCEPTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY EDUCATION CONCEPT.
Time: April 21, 1975 at 1:30 p.m.
Place: Room 201-D in Bolton Hall
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Final Examination for the Doctoral Degree
Name: Griffith, Charles Leo
Degree: Ph. D. in Educational Psychology
Dissertation: THE EFFECTS OF PERSONAL PREFERENCE FOR CONFLICT MANAGEMENT ON DECISION QUALITY UNDER COOPERATIVE AND COMPETITIVE CONDITIONS.
Time: April 21, 1975 at 10:30 a.m.
Place: Room 701-C in the Education Center
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Registration begins at the Aggie-land Inn at 5 p.m. Friday. Xi Delta chapter of A&M will host the three-day conference.

Discussion sessions on a variety of topics are planned, along with a banquet, business meeting-election and social events.

James P. Hannigan, former TAMU dean of students will address APO delegates at a Saturday banquet.

bulletin board

- TODAY**
STUDENTS INTERNATIONAL MEDITATION SOCIETY meets at 4 and 7:30 p.m. in room 226 of the Library for an introductory lecture on Transcendental Meditation.
MATH DEPARTMENT COLLOQUIUM features Dr. Joe Fisher of the University of Texas at 4 p.m. in room 203 of the Harrington Center.
AGC meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 110 of the Architecture Building.
SENIOR CLASS COUNCIL meets in rm. 510 Rudder Tower at 7:30 p.m.
SAILING CLUB will present the film "The Nature of Sail" at 7:30 in Rudder rm. 308.
WHEELMEN Wednesday bike ride will start from the MSC fountain at 5:30 p.m.
SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY meets at 8 p.m. in rm. 404 Rudder.
THURSDAY
EAGLE PASS HOMETOWN CLUB meets in rm. N MSC programs office at 8:15 p.m.
AGGIE PLAYERS present a night of theatre in the Forum at 8 p.m. Admission is 50 cents.
ANIMAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT features Dr. M. J. Montgomery of the University of Tennessee in a graduate lecture on forage feeding systems at 2:15 p.m. in room 301 Rudder Tower.
FRIDAY
PHI SIGMA meets at 3 p.m. in room 103 Zachry to hear Dr. O. T. Howard of Baylor University speak on "Urban Geology."
CLASS OF '76 is having a "Blow Out" from 8 to 12 p.m. at Indian Lake. Admission is \$2 for girls, \$3 for guys. All the beer you can drink.
ANIMAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT sponsors a graduate lecture by Dr. Jim Coffman of the University of Missouri-Columbia. He will speak at 4 p.m. in room 601 of the Rudder Tower on acute inflammation of horses' leg tissues.
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