

A 'little old woman' robs bank with pistol

AMARILLO — A little old woman armed with a derringer pistol robbed the First National Bank Wednesday of \$44,381, police said. The woman, described as between 50 and 60 years old, was arrested minutes later near the bank. Police said shortly after her arrest they received a telephone threat that a second bank would be blown up unless the woman was released. Police said a similar threat was

made by a woman caller to FBI agents in Dallas nearly 400 miles away. Bank officials said the woman poked the derringer at tellers and demanded cash, several bundles of which was turned over to her. Police said she was arrested minutes later in a car bearing Arizona license plates. The telephoned threats were made by the woman's accomplice, police theorized.

Victory for Ford

Senate fails to override veto

WASHINGTON — The Senate Wednesday failed to override President Ford's veto of a bill extending oil price controls for six months. The vote was considered a major victory for Ford in the struggle to determine the future course of the nation's energy policy.

The 61-39 tally fell six votes short of the two-thirds majority necessary to override a veto. Democratic leaders virtually conceded defeat two days before the vote.

Unless Congress and the administration can reach agreement on a temporary extension and gradual

phase-out of controls, the failure to override the veto is expected to force Americans soon to pay more for fuel, food and most consumer goods.

Various studies give varying reports on the impact of de-control.

The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that sudden decontrol of oil prices might increase consumer prices by almost 2 per cent by the end of 1977 and increase unemployment by about 0.6 per cent — some 600,000 jobs.

The Agriculture Department said elimination of the controls would increase retail food prices

about seven-tenths of one per cent over the next 27 months.

Ford's energy officials have estimated that removal of the controls would increase the cost of gasoline six or seven cents per gallon. But they said this could be cut back to three cents by removal of the \$2 per barrel fee on imported oil.

They said that with removal of the fee, the decontrol would add no more than about three cents per gallon to consumer petroleum product prices.

The Senate vote came after four hours of debate. "If the Congress wishes to

achieve decontrol more gradually, I will work with the members to achieve that objective," Ford said afterwards in a statement.

He also submitted legislation which he said was designed to "ensure an orderly and fair transition from price controls" in the event a compromise cannot be reached.

The measures would subsidize farmers for any increased fuel costs and provide aid and protection for small oil refiners.

Farmers would receive a rebate of approximately six cents per gallon, to be paid with revenues derived from a windfall profits tax on oil companies, a White House fact sheet said.

Small refiners also would receive a federal rebate to soften the impact of higher prices, financed from windfall profits taxes, but the administration did not spell out the details. In addition, they would be given legal protection to prevent petroleum suppliers from abruptly terminating a franchise, the White House said.

President Ford said in a statement the vote "was not an administration victory." He said in the long run it "could well be a victory for homeowners who use heating oil, for drivers who buy gasoline, for factories and utilities which consume fuel to power their machinery, for farmers who use fuel to run their equipment."

"There is a lot of work to do to make American energy independent. Let's get on with it — together," Ford said.

Ending controls that have held down U.S. oil prices has been at the heart of Ford's energy policy, which is aimed at forcing conservation and giving the oil industry more money to search for new energy.

Congressional Democrats fear another round of fuel-price hikes would result in more inflation and unemployment. They said the record of quadrupled oil costs over the

past two years proves that higher gasoline and fuel-oil prices will cut consumption.

All controls on oil prices expired Sept. 1, but the oil industry has withheld most price increases pending a final government decision on whether controls would be renewed.

The controls have held the average price of U.S.-produced oil at about \$9.50 a barrel, \$4 lower than the world-market level set by the Middle Eastern producing countries. A permanent end to controls would allow U.S. oilmen to raise prices to whatever level is set on the world market.

Backing away from his earlier call for an immediate end to controls, Ford has asked — and the House has rejected — a gradual phase-out over 39 months, during which time the price of oil would be allowed to rise from \$11.50 a barrel to \$13.45.

At the end of 39 months, the ceiling would vanish.

To allow time to work out the arrangement as well as a tax system to take away excess oil profits and return them to consumers, Ford has agreed to support a 45-day extension of the controls.

Faced with the choice of having controls for 39 months, even at a reduced level, or no price controls at all, some observers predicted the Democratic-controlled Congress would grudgingly accept the Ford plan. But there is no assurance that will happen.

White House delivers intelligence documents

WASHINGTON — The White House began delivering stacks of classified documents to the House Intelligence Committee Wednesday night in response to the panel's subpoenas for intelligence assessments on the 1973 Middle East War and Turkey's invasion of Cyprus.

The subpoenas were issued earlier in the day when the White House failed to meet a 2 p.m. deadline for documents that chairman Otis G. Pike, D-N.Y., said the committee needs for hearings on how good U.S. intelligence was before those

conflicts. Pike said the committee will begin hearings Thursday morning on U.S. intelligence assessments before the 1973 Arab-Israeli war. Hearings are to start Friday on Turkey's invasion of Cyprus.

Pike also said the committee will conduct hearings later on intelligence assessments before the Communist Tet offensive during the Vietnam war and the recent coup in Portugal.

The subpoenas were issued after

the White House failed to voluntarily provide all the documents sought.

The committee has been told that U.S. intelligence agencies were divided in their assessment of the 1973 Middle East war.

Asst. Defense Secretary Albert C. Hall said that "one agency was absolutely convinced there was not going to be a war and another believed war was imminent."

The committee authorized Pike to issue the subpoenas by a vote of 8 to 0, with Rep. David C. Treen, R-La., voting present.

Treen said he was concerned the intelligence agencies had not been given an opportunity "to outline the dangers and risks" of turning over the testimony.

The House committee's investigation opened on costs of U.S. intelligence. Pike said the committee will now go "all the way to the other end of the spectrum to look at the results of these intelligence investigations."

New drug program launched

A new community education program on drug abuse was launched Sept. 1 by two Social Assistance agencies, the Brazos County Community Council and the Crossroads Outreach Center.

The Value Clarification Program provides drug education and abuse prevention information to the seven counties in the Brazos Valley.

The purpose of the program is to help people clarify their present and future abuse prevention goals. Don Wilcox, Crossroads Outreach Center Director, said.

Discussion and information sessions are planned at schools and various organizations, such as the Girls' Club.

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Recycling site 1/3 completed

By DON MIDDLETON Staff Writer

Texas A&M University will soon be enlarging its contribution to the preservation of the environment.

With the construction of a recycling center at University-owned Hensel Park, Aggies will be able to dispose of cans, paper, rags, clothing and other recyclable materials in a manner consistent with ecological practices.

The project is sponsored by the Student Y Association and funded by Student Government, Col. Logan Weston, Student Y coordinator, said Wednesday.

"Student Government gave us \$300 to build a recycling disposal center in Hensel Park," Weston said. "The center is about one-third completed, and when it is finished it will consist of a roofed patio surrounded by a cyclone fence."

The center will be a collection location for the Twin-City Mission's recycling program. The main Mission office is located in Bryan.

Employees of the mission, mostly alcoholics, former mental patients and drug addicts undergoing a sort of recycling themselves, pick up recyclable articles from several locations in the Bryan-College Station area, Col. L. J. Schoenemann, the Mission's supervisor, said Wednesday.

The materials are then processed for resale. Paper, rags and metal are sold in bulk to private commercial concerns. Clothing and furniture are offered to the general public at the Mission's second-hand store.

Revenue from the sales of bundled paper, crushed metal cans and repaired clothing and furniture, is used to feed and house the employees as well as transients and needy families in the area, Schoenemann said.

In addition to the Hensel Park center, three or four collection points will be designated on the A&M campus. Student service organizations will be responsible for transferring materials from the campus to the Hensel Park center.

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