

DIS checks out Corps, federal personnel here

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They don't wear trench coats or carry explosive umbrellas, and the setting is not in a French countryside.

The setting is inconspicuously located in an office in the basement of the downtown Bryan Post Office. The office is occupied by a federal agency known as the Defense Investigative Service (DIS).

The DIS was created in October 1972 by the Defense Department to combine the personnel-investigating services of the Army, Navy and Air Force under one office.

The Bryan branch is run by the Army.

D. Bay Baugh, local resident commander, and his associate, Merrill Ramsey, investigate all of the federal security clearance

cases in the surrounding ten-county area, including Brazos County.

"Anyone who comes in contact with classified information might require a security clearance," Baugh said Tuesday. "We very rarely know the people we investigate."

Many of the DIS investigations are conducted on members of the Texas A&M University Corps that might be going into military occupations that deal with classified information after graduation.

The person under investigation is informed about the proceedings and fills out a form similar to a job application. He or she lists five character references which are checked out by DIS personnel to determine the moral character, honesty and mental stability of the individual.

The person also signs a statement that says he has never been affiliated with the Communist Party, any Fascist organization or any party advocating overthrow of the government.

"We do not adjudicate the cases at this level," Baugh said. "The decision to approve such personnel working for the federal government is made by the head of the military organization that requested the clearance."

"It's not as exotic as work done overseas or by the CIA," Baugh said. "We are not in the spy business."

The DIS men do not reveal their ranks, however.

Baugh said he has been with Army intelligence for fifteen years. He came to Bryan in 1971 after a tour in Germany and Viet Nam.

The basement office was the home of Army intelligence from 1965 until 1972, when it was replaced by the DIS.

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Campus

SENIORS AND NEAR-SENIORS have until October 20 to apply for Rhodes Scholarships to Oxford University, England.

Students who are Texas residents or have attended Texas A&M University two years or more may apply through Dr. Paul Van Riper, Rhodes Scholarship representative at the University and head of the Political Science Department.

The candidate must be a U. S. citizen between the ages of 18-24 and an unmarried male with a grade point ratio of at least 3.5. Quality of intellect and character are the most important requirements, Van Riper noted.

Applications and further information may be obtained from Van Riper in Room 130 of Bolton Hall, the Political Science departmental office.

Although the 1975 Rhodes competition will apply only to males, the Rhodes Trustees report that the British Parliament is expected to approve this year a modification of the trusteeship permitting women to compete equally with men.

AUDITIONS FOR THE AGGIE PLAYERS' production of Robert E. Sherwood's comedy-drama, "The Petrified Forest," will be held Sunday and Monday.

The production will be presented Nov. 13-15 and 19-22 at Texas A&M University.

Director Robert Wenck announced auditions in Room 304 of Bizzell Hall. Tryouts are by appointment and sign-up is required.

The auditions are open to the public, Wenck added. Appointments can be made at the Theater Arts Section of the English Department in Bizzell Hall. Information is available at 845-2621.

"The Petrified Forest" centers on Alan Squier, a poet and drifter; Gabrielle Maple, a young lady with artistic hopes, and their encounter with a notorious criminal.

WORLD PEACE DAY will be celebrated on the A&M campus Friday.

The program, sponsored by the Baha'i Club, begins at 8 p.m. with a panel discussion in Room 601 of the Tower.

Doctors Edward Hiler, Murray Milford and Walter Stenning will discuss progress that could be achieved in a world of peace.

Supplementing the panel will be film clips, slide shows and musical accompaniment by "Nur," a night club act.

There is no admission charge.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE BILL PRESNAL will address the semi-annual meeting of the South Texas Chapter of College and University Personnel Association Friday.

Presnal will speak to about 50 administrators in the Rudder Tower about higher education personnel from a legislator's viewpoint. After the presentation, there will be a panel discussion for administrators on legislation. The administrators represent about 30 institutions.

City

A FREE STREET DANCE to the music of Tommy Allen and the Brazos Sounds will be held at Manor East Mall Thursday at 8 p.m.

The dance is in coordination with the Fourth Annual Brazos County People's Festival. The festival includes presentations by 40 countries.

The festival starts in full swing Friday at 6 p.m. when booths open and entertainment begins.

Texas

THE STATE INSURANCE BOARD staff Wednesday recommended a 17 per cent average increase in auto insurance rates while the industry says it needs even more.

DALLAS FBI EMPLOYEES Wednesday denied knowledge of warning that President Kennedy was to be slain, as claimed by a former agent.

A JURY IN THE INCOME-TAX TRIAL of suspended District Court Judge O. P. Carrillo and his brother, Duval County Commissioner Ramiro Carrillo, deliberated for 9 hours and 40 minutes Wednesday and then retired for the night without reaching a verdict. They were to resume deliberation again this morning at 9.

THE AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION has awarded Texas a special citation for reducing pedestrian casualties and for having one of the lowest pedestrian death rates in the nation.

THE 44TH ANNUAL TEXAS PRISON RODEO will be held each Sunday in October. The rodeo will begin each Sunday at 2 p.m. with features and speciality acts beginning at 11 a.m. The Statler Brothers will appear in the arena this Sunday.

National

AUTHORITIES IN NORTHERN NEW YORK were watching Wednesday for three persons, at least two of them women, who may be driving from Montreal with the intention of assassinating President Ford and visiting Japanese Emperor Hirohito.

THE WASHINGTON POST said Wednesday it is suspending publication temporarily after a pressmen's strike, an early morning fire and vandalism in the pressroom which the Post termed "malicious mischief."



Marionette director Arnott

Paul Arnott displays one of the marionettes in his traveling troupe backstage before last night's performance. (Review, Page 4) Staff photo by Douglas Winship

Senate continues price controls on natural gas

WASHINGTON — The Senate refused Wednesday to end price controls on natural gas immediately amid indications a more gradual approach probably will be approved.

By a 57-31 vote, the Senate killed an amendment by Sen. Paul Fannin, R-Ariz., that would have ended controls on all "new" natural gas, retroactive to July 1.

The next order of business, on which a vote will occur on Thursday, is a proposal by Sens. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Tex., and James B. Pearson, R-Kan., that would gradually remove most controls over a five-year period.

Wednesday's vote and statements by various senators indicated there is a good chance the Bentsen-Pearson proposal will be passed, meaning higher prices for home-heating gas and, sponsors say, greater incentives for increased gas production.

The Ford administration has urged repeal of controls on grounds they have held prices so low that industry's attempts to find new oil and gas are being thwarted by a lack of money.

Under a 1954 Supreme Court decision, the Federal Power Commission regulates the price of natural gas that is sold outside the state where it is produced. The current FPC ceiling price is 52 cents per 1,000 cubic feet (mcf), although the nationwide average price of this interstate gas is about 3 cents.

The proposal rejected by the Senate on Wednesday would have removed price controls, retroactive to July 1, on "new" gas, which is gas, most of it still in the fields, that has never been sold to a pipeline.

But all "old" gas, that already under contract, would have been freed of price controls as the current contracts expire. Most contracts are for 1 to 20 years.

Within a few years, virtually all U.S.-produced natural gas would be free of controls, and the price could rise to the level of unregulated gas, which is sold in the same state where it is produced.

This unregulated intrastate gas now sells for an average of \$1.30 per mcf — or 2½ times the regulated price.

But under any proposal for removal of federal price controls, there would be two cushions to protect gas consumers from skyrocketing prices overnight.

—First, since about 92 per cent of the gas used in most states was sold to pipelines under a long-term contract, it could be several years before the higher field prices were felt by homeowners and industries.

—Second, less than one-fifth of the monthly gas bill paid by U.S. homeowners represents the cost of gas. Most of the bill is for such items as transportation and distribution.

AFL-CIO opens biennial convention

SAN FRANCISCO — The AFL-CIO opens its biennial convention today, determined to throw labor's full weight into an effort to change White House economic policies that its leaders believe have caused record unemployment.

To help gain the muscle it needs to carry out its goal, the 14.1 million-member labor federation is seeking its first dues increase in six years. The convention delegates will be asked to raise dues from the current 1 cents per member per month to 13 cents.

Inflation has caused the federation to slip into the red in recent months, but the dues increase will pour about \$5 million more into its coffers — money it can also use in the 1976 elections.

During the two years ended

June 30, AFL-CIO expenditures to the federation's financial statement.

Political action, the largest of the AFL-CIO headquarters' activities, cost nearly \$3.8 million in 1974-75, compared with \$3.5 million in 1972-73.

This is money used for membership political education, voter registration drives and other related activities not connected with the funding of individual candidates' campaigns for which the use of dues money is barred by federal law. Voluntary contributions from members are used for this purpose.

In an advance report to the convention, the AFL-CIO Executive Council called for "a total commitment at all levels of the labor movement to achieve victory at the polls in 1976." It urged every union member and every voting-age member of his

tures increased nearly 20 per cent, to \$33.9 million, according to contribute \$2 to COPE, the AFL-CIO's political arm.

The new federal campaign finance law limits the amount of political donations for each candidate in federal elections. But the AFL-CIO still is free to use its vast manpower resources to aid favored candidates without having the work count as a political donation.

During the four-day convention, the 2,000 delegates will hear from four Democratic senators — all potential presidential nominees next year. Invited were Indiana's Birch Bayh, Henry M. Jackson of Washington, Minnesota's Hubert H. Humphrey and Lloyd M. Bentsen Jr. of Texas.

Arms salute as terrorists kill another

MADRID — Arms outstretched in the Fascist salute, hundreds of thousands of Spaniards massed in tribute Wednesday to Gen. Francisco Franco. But terrorists killed three more policemen in bloody defiance of his authoritarian regime.

Franco, celebrating the 39th anniversary of the start of the civil war that brought him to power, accused the rest of Europe of mounting a "leftist... conspiracy" against his government in the wake of the firing squad executions of five men convicted of killing police.

Hours before the crowd was declaring that "a united Spain will never be vanquished," gunmen struck in three areas of Madrid. The separate attacks came within five minutes of each other, police said, four days to the hour after the Saturday executions.

A 22-year-old policeman died instantly, two died in hospitals of their wounds, and a fourth was seriously wounded. The new attacks raised to 22 the number of policemen killed in political violence since January 1974. Fourteen civilians died in the same period.

Security forces launched a massive hunt for the killers, throwing roadblocks around the city and checking all traffic.

From the balcony of the National Palace, Franco thanked the crowd thronging the Plaza de Oriente for "serene and virile demonstration of support," which he said made "amends for the attacks abroad" on Spain and Spanish property.

Visibly moved by the show of support, the 82-year-old generalissimo spoke for five minutes, but his words were drowned in the crowd singing the Falange anthem, "Face to the Sun."

According to the official text, Franco told the crowd the international outcry over the executions "shows, once more, just what we can expect from certain corrupt countries now giving perfect proof of their constant politicking against us." His wife stood on his left and Prince Juan Carlos, the heir-designate, on the right.

Women in the plaza embraced policemen, some of whom wept as the demonstration also became a show of support for them.

The government claimed one million persons massed in the plaza, but newsmen and photographers estimated the crowd at about 300,000. The Madrid labor organization had issued orders for members to appear, and the mayor had also put out the word. Madrid has a population 3.6 million.

As Franco spoke, gangs roamed downtown Madrid threatening foreigners.

Two photographers working for The Associated Press were pistol-whipped by militants of the right-wing organization "Guerrillas of Christ the King." One was told: "We lost four this morning," an apparent reference to the killing of the police, "and the foreign press is to blame."

Franco supporters chased two youths up a side street after spotting a German flag on their backpack. An AP reporter who saw the incident said the Spaniards surrounded and beat the two boys until police intervened.

Shops in the area dropped their shutters. Armed police stood by in truckloads and patrolled every street. Police helicopters flew overhead. Foreign embassies remained open, but were heavily guarded by assault forces armed with tear gas and submachine guns.

More slayings linked to SLA

SAN FRANCISCO — Top-level government prosecutors huddled around a conference table Wednesday to consider additional charges against Patricia Hearst and her Symbionese Liberation Army associates.

SLA members have been linked to a number of violent crimes in the Bay area, including two bank robberies and a number of terrorist bombings. Prosecutors have said they expect additional charges stemming from some of those incidents.

The meeting was hosted by U.S. Atty. James L. Browning Jr. of San Francisco and included U.S. Atty. Dwayne Keyes of Sacramento, California, Atty. Gen. Evelle Younger and district attorneys from San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento and Alameda counties.

They discussed the massive evidence obtained through searches of the San Francisco houses where the newspaper heiress and her SLA companions William and Emily Harris were arrested Sept. 18.

Robert L. Stevenson of the U.S. attorney's office said the prosecutors met to "coordinate and exchange information on the Patricia Hearst case and on other cases of concern to them." He declined to specify which other cases he referred to.

"Without regard to who might be charged, I think it is probably inevitable that additional charges will be filed in various jurisdictions, and that of course is what this meeting is about," said Younger, who left the meeting after 15 minutes because of prior commitments.

Younger said prosecutors would discuss a Sacramento savings and loan robbery and a bank holdup in nearby Carmichael, in which a woman was killed. Sacramento authorities said earlier this week they were investigating the holdups for possible SLA links.

The hideouts of Miss Hearst and the Harrises yielded 17 guns and thousands of rounds of ammunition, explosives, a ski mask similar to one used in the Carmichael robbery, phony identification and literature of the New World Liberation Front, a group closely associated with the SLA.

Before the meeting began, Stevenson said the government had received intelligence reports that Black Muslims expressed interest in the floor plan of the Stanford University Medical Center, where Miss Hearst underwent medical and psychiatric exams earlier this week.

"We have no knowledge of why the interest was expressed," Stevenson said. He also said U.S. marshals stepped up security after learning of the Black Muslims' interest.

Miss Hearst has been undergoing the testing by court-appointed doctors because her attorneys say she is too fragile to be cross-examined at a bail hearing about her affidavit swearing the SLA tortured and brainwashed her.

Miss Hearst faces federal bank robbery charges in San Francisco and is charged, along with the Harrises, on state charges out of Los Angeles with the murder of a man and possession of a deadly weapon.