

# Pentagon busily plans for future attack on U.S.

WASHINGTON — A group of Pentagon officials is busily planning for something most Americans would rather not think about: a nuclear attack some day on the United States.

The scenario goes like this: The President goes on national television and radio to tell the nation it is threatened with nuclear attack. He tells the American people to flee the cities.

The city dwellers go to previously designated rural areas, then wait and hope that negotiators can avoid a nuclear holocaust.

The Defense Civil Preparedness Agency, fighting to justify its existence, says planning for such a mass exodus from the cities is necessary. Agency officials say someone should "think the unthinkable."

In this era of detente, some others think such planning is a waste of money.

Rep. Les Aspin, a consistent critic of the Pentagon, says it is unsuitable for a nation that has renounced the option to attack first to plan for a nuclear war. Aspin, D-Wis., calls such planning "provocative."

State and local Civil Defense officials don't like the agency's plan to curtail assistance for grass-roots planning for natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes and tornadoes.

These cutbacks in money for state Civil Defense plans "will be the demise of a lot of Civil Defense plans that help people in real emergencies," said Ronald S. San Filippo, administrator of Wisconsin's program.

"Instead, they want us to spend the money on some doomsday planning," he said.

The agency, a part of the Pentagon, also has its problems within the Ford administration. The agency re-

quested \$123 million for fiscal 1977, but administration budget experts cut that to \$71 million before President Ford's budget was presented to Congress. The agency received \$85 million for the current fiscal year. A spokesman said it cannot be determined exactly how much is spent on evacuation plans.

Despite the over-all cuts, the agency hopes to increase the amount of money spent on crisis relocation.

The relocation program is based on the premise that there will be a period of crisis before any nuclear attack. If the cities were evacuated, then the casualties from a nuclear attack would be lessened.

Plans for a relocation would give the President another option in a war of nerves during a period of deteriorating international relations, said John E. Davis, director of the agency since 1969.

# Ex-cons get money to go straight

AMARILLO — The government is giving away a small fortune in taxpayer dollars to ex-convicts to see if the money will keep them from returning to a life of crime.

Hundreds of former Texas prison inmates are being paroled and then regularly handed money in an experiment termed Transitional Aid Research Project for Ex-Offenders.

The Amarillo Sunday News-Globe said the project involves 1,800 ex-convicts in Texas and expenditure of more than \$500,000 from U.S. Department of Labor funds.

Aim of the program is to see whether a steady paycheck—regardless of whether a man is working—will keep him from resorting again to crime.

Researcher Joe Reed of the Texas Department of Corrections TDC told the News-Globe. "This is a project we are trying to keep low-key because it is experimental. We have nothing to hide, however."

A Texas Employment Commission memo states that convicts released during the four months beginning last Jan. 1 will relocate to 31

counties in the state. The level of compensation they receive is dependent on their employment status.

For example, they will be compensated only when unemployed, and they are encouraged to find employment. One group will be compensated on a sliding scale, continued partially even upon employment. The remainder will receive no compensation upon employment and they are required to seek jobs.

## WEDNESDAY

Andre Kole, illusionist, will perform at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

Dr. Jeff D. Bronson will discuss "The Computer as a Research Tool" at 5 p.m. in the Chemistry Building 221.

The A&M chapter of the College Republicans will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder 410.

Omega Phi Alpha will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Rudder 501.

## THURSDAY

J. B. Denur will talk about "Fluctuations and the Kelvin Statement of

This is a pure research project to determine if a level of compensation upon release from prison will divert the incidence of re-arrest."

A similar experiment is being conducted in Georgia.

The experimental groups will be broken down this way, the News-Globe said:

- 150 ex-convicts will receive \$63 a week for 26 weeks.
- 125 will receive the same amount for 13 weeks.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

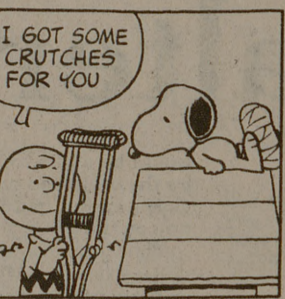
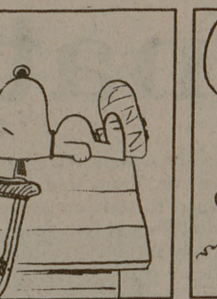
the Second Law of Thermodynamics" at 4 p.m. in the Chemistry Building 231.

Freshman Agricultural Society at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Tower 301.

Mechanical Engineers' Wives at 7:30 p.m. at Star Furniture Company. Bring your husbands.

Finance Association at 7:30 p.m.

## Aggiatoons



## January 29 price list incorrect

In our Jan. 29 issue, The Battalion mistakenly printed misleading price information for several local grocery stores.

The prices were listed in 'Consumer Check', a regular feature of The Battalion. It was the intention of The Battalion to provide a comparison of current prices in local stores. However, printed prices were out-of-date at the time of publication. It was not the intention of The Battalion to purposely misrepresent any local grocery business.

The Battalion wishes to apologize to any businesses whose prices were incorrect.

• 125 will receive \$63 a week for 13 weeks but, if employed, will receive the assistance on a sliding scale adjusted to their earned income.

• 200 will receive special job placement assistance, not financial help.

• 200 will be assigned to a project control group and receive a token \$10 a week.

• 1,000 will not be contacted directly but will be monitored through arrest reports from around the state.

in the Treehouse Apartments party room.

Senior Honor Society for the Advancement of Women who will be seniors in the fall of '76 and are interested in membership at 8 p.m. in MSC 206.

Brazos Ornithological Society at 7:30 p.m. in the Oceanography-Meteorology Bldg. 112.

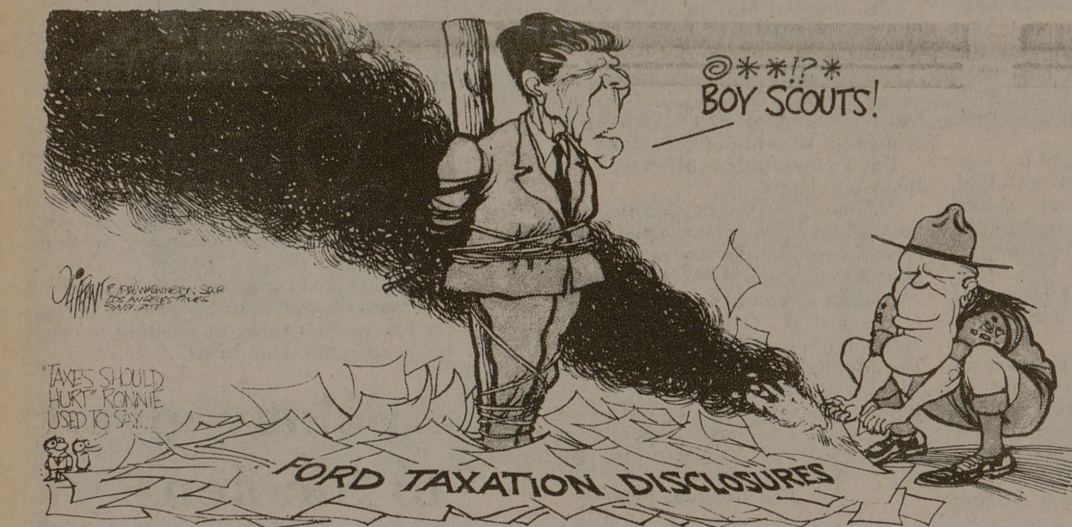
## FRIDAY

A biochemistry seminar will feature Dr. Chan Benedict of the Plant Sciences Department. He will speak at 4 p.m. in Heep Building 114.

SATURDAY

Eckanker Total Awareness will meet at 7:30 in Harrington 100.

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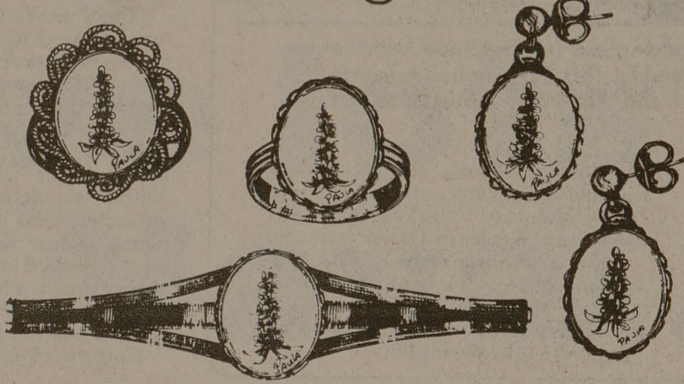
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