

ID cause of agent's death

Associated Press
Dallas — Norman John Rees, secret life as a Soviet spy and double-agent for the FBI unveiled by the Dallas Times Herald, threatened to commit suicide if the story was published and identified, the newspaper disclosed.

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| Mar. 2 | AT Sam Houston* | 1 p.m. |
| Mar. 3 | Louisiana Tech* | 1 p.m. |
| Mar. 5 | Texas Tech* | 3 p.m. |
| Mar. 6 | Texas Tech* | 1 p.m. |
| Mar. 8 | Oklahoma City University* | 1 p.m. |
| Mar. 9 | Oklahoma City University* | 1 p.m. |
| Mar. 12 | AT Southern Methodist University* | 3 p.m. |
| Mar. 13 | AT Southern Methodist University* | 1 p.m. |
| Wed., Mar. 14-17 | AT Alamo City Bicentennial Tournament — San Antonio (at V. J. Keeffe Stadium: Texas A&M, St. Mary's University, Kansas, Illinois, Texas Lutheran, and Trinity) | 3 p.m. |
| Mar. 19 | Texas Christian University* | 1 p.m. |
| Mar. 20 | Texas Christian University* | 1 p.m. |
| Mar. 24 | Minnesota* | 1 p.m. |
| Mar. 25 | Minnesota* | 1 p.m. |
| Mar. 26 | AT Baylor* | 3 p.m. |
| Mar. 27 | AT Baylor* | 1 p.m. |
| Apr. 2 | Rice* | 3 p.m. |
| Apr. 3 | Rice* | 1 p.m. |
| Apr. 9 | AT Texas* | 7:30 p.m. |
| Apr. 10 | AT Texas* | 1 p.m. |
| Apr. 19 | McNeese State* | 2:30 p.m. |
| Apr. 20 | McNeese State* | 1 p.m. |
| Apr. 23 | Houston* | 3 p.m. |
| Apr. 24 | Houston* | 1 p.m. |
| Apr. 30 | AT Arkansas* | 3 p.m. |
| May 1 | AT Arkansas* | 11 a.m. |

Rees may die

Problems caused by soil, sidewalks

epoxy concrete, used for A&M's pebble sidewalks, may cause damage to trees, an A&M horticulture professor says.

H.T. Blackhurst said that although the concrete allows water to reach the tree, it may not drain once the water reaches the roots. The ground is packed around the tree base, preventing seepage and perhaps causing root damage.

Blackhurst said, it may be years before any damage to trees will show. Although the concrete has been used in various areas, it may be suited to only certain kinds of soil. The Lufkin fine, loam in the Brazos area has a high clay content and tends to be compacted.

The epoxy concrete was designed to preserve trees as well as aid pedestrian traffic, said Eugene Ray, director of grounds and maintenance. The concrete is being placed in areas where grass will not grow because of heavy foot traffic.

In order to do damage, the epoxy probably have to completely rot a root or limb of the tree and cut off its supply, he said. The purpose of the gravel base is to protect roots by catching any epoxy leakage from the surface.

The epoxy concrete is laid much like regular concrete, Ray said. A four- or five-inch porous base of crushed limestone allows water and air to reach tree roots. An additional two or three inches of gravel mixed with epoxy hardens to form the top layer.

Texas A&M architect Paul Hensel said that the concrete was

laid at the main entrance of Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington two or three years ago. Several architects studied its use there before deciding to use it at A&M, he said.

There may be several reasons for the cracked epoxy sidewalks at various locations on campus, Ray said. "The gravel is metered out by percentage weight—X pounds of epoxy to X pounds of rock," he said. "Incorrect metering may account for weak areas," Ray said.

Perhaps the cracks occur where there was an interruption in construction he said. Workers are trying to correct this problem by using redwood construction joints as they lay each section of concrete.

"Much of the concrete was laid during warm weather," Ray said. "The cold, dry weather has since caused it to crack."

Some shifting of the trees may also cause cracking. "The tree roots may pop up the material laid thinly around the base of the tree," he said. However, the majority of the trees are mature and show no rapid growth.

The epoxy concrete is not intended for the weight of heavy vehicles, Ray said. "It is designed for pedestrians and perhaps bicycles and light service vehicles," he said.

Although it is relatively new, four of the six contractors on campus have this type of concrete, Ray said. Because different contractors do different areas, not all of the concrete may look the same, he said.

The concrete was developed by the Prairie Co., of Urbana, Ill. Outdoor Living, a branch of the Prairie Co., located in Fort Worth, supplies

ing it as an "apparent suicide." "When Rees was told that he would be identified in the paper, he said that such a disclosure left him no choice but to commit suicide," said the Times Herald release.

"In this instance, it was decided that the story could not be suppressed even in the fact of Mr. Rees' threat," said Ken Johnson, executive editor of the Times Herald.

The Times Herald said Monday that Rees came to Dallas twice for interviews and voluntarily submitted to polygraph lie detector tests. During these contacts, he asked the newspaper to withhold the story and refrain from identifying him. Johnson said that because of the interviews and polygraph tests Rees "was fully aware throughout our contact with him that we intended to

identify him and to publish a full account of his espionage activities." The Times Herald said its story about Rees' spying activities was developed from various sources over a period of some three months. "Once the basic information had been verified, Mr. Rees was contacted and asked for comment. He acknowledged during the telephone interview that he had been an agent for the Soviet government," the newspaper said.

Second stage of repairs begin

Hensel has new regulations

The first of three phases of renovations to Hensel park have been completed. This phase overhauled the cabin shell which will now be occupied by A&M students acting as caretakers. In order to complete the final phases which will include road, restroom, and facilities improvements, the park will be enforcing the

following regulations immediately:

1. All motor vehicles are restricted to use of prepared roads (staff off foot trails and all grassy areas).
2. All picnic or party refuse is to be deposited in the provided dumpsite dumpsters.
3. Trash disposal other than party refuse is unauthorized.
4. Speed limit within the park area is 10 m.p.h.
5. All pets must be retained on leash when in the park area.
6. Cutting of vegetation (including bamboo) is unauthorized. Wood for BBQ pits may be obtained by contacting the caretakers living in the cabin.
7. Building of fires is authorized only in prepared fire boxes.
8. Destruction or defacing of park facilities will be reported and appropriate corrective action will be taken.

9. Park users are expected to leave the used area in a neat clean condition for enjoyment by the next guests.

10. To ensure getting the facilities desired for a group function make reservation in advance at the park cabin or at the YMCA desk by calling 845-1626.

All area residents and park guests are requested to cooperate so that the community will be able to retain the use of this state owned property for enjoyment and use of the few remaining play areas currently available.

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