

Weather

Partly cloudy through tomorrow, high in low 80s. Low tonight in mid-60s. High tomorrow in mid-80s. No precipitation probability.

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Report says unions unfair

By ROBERT A. DOBKIN
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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Civil Rights Commission said today that widespread racial and sex discrimination prevails throughout the nation's building and trucking unions.

Despite numerous federal laws, court decisions and government programs, those unions "continue to restrict the employment opportunities of minorities and women," the commission said in a 291-page report issued today.

The commission said the discrimination was less frequently caused by clear intent than it was a decade ago and more by ap-

parently neutral, but still discriminatory, institutional practices.

The report contained 15 recommendations for strengthening federal employment opportunity programs, including one that would require unions that have agreements with federal construction contractors to set goals and timetables for the hiring of minorities and women.

Another recommendation is that the Interstate Commerce Commission require regulated trucking firms to submit affirmative action programs with goals and timetables for hiring and promoting minority and female workers. Federal licenses would be revoked for noncompliance.

The report focused on the so-called re-

ferred unions, such as those in the construction and trucking industries that refer workers directly to employers through such means as hiring halls.

It said discrimination is exercised through union practices related to membership rules, recruitment methods, limitations on membership size, referral eligibility, and apprenticeship requirements, including restrictions on age, education and experience.

Government figures, the report said, indicate minorities account for 9.3 per cent of the membership of 15 national building trades unions. But it said the percentage of minorities who are actually journeymen

engaged in construction work could be under 5.5 per cent.

Women, it said, are a rarity on construction work, accounting for less than 1 per cent of all unionized construction workers.

Robert A. Georgine, president of the AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades Department, called the findings inaccurate and said blacks make up 19 per cent of construction union apprentices.

But, he said in a statement, many apprentices, both black and white, have not been able to put time in on a job because of "the tremendous unemployment situation in the construction industry, which has been in double-digit figures for the past 23 months."

Carter has new foe in primary

Associated Press

Jimmy Carter, far ahead in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, took on a new foe in Nebraska's primary election today while President Ford tried to throttle Ronald Reagan's challenge in the Republican voting there and in West Virginia.

Democrats were voting, too, in West Virginia, where the field was limited to two candidates, and in Connecticut, where the election was just the first step in picking the state's national convention delegation.

Ford, loser of four primaries in a row, squared off with Reagan in statewide popularity contests with no effect on the delegate count. But 25 Republican delegates were at stake in Nebraska in separate contests in congressional districts and West Virginians chose 28 delegates uncommit-

ted by state law. Reagan went into today's primaries with 396 delegates to Ford's 309, with 1,130 needed for the nomination and 1,207 yet to be chosen.

The major Democratic contest was in Nebraska, where Sen. Frank Church of Idaho made his primary debut. There were 11 candidates on the Democratic ballot and 23 delegates at stake, but only Church and Carter campaigned there.

Sen. Robert Byrd, running as a favorite son, was considered the favorite in West Virginia's Democratic primary although, by law, the state's 33 delegates are uncommitted. The only other candidate on the ballot was Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace, whose campaign in the state was hampered by a lack of money.

In Connecticut, Democrats voted in a party-run primary to choose delegates to

June 12 congressional district conventions that will in turn pick the state's 51 delegates to the national convention.

Carter, Rep. Morris K. Udall of Arizona and Sen. Henry M. Jackson of Washington were the main contenders there, though Jackson announced over a week ago an end to his active campaign.

Carter led the Democrats before this week's voting with 569 delegates to 199 for Jackson, 187.5 for Udall and 138 for Wallace. Another 1,453 are to be chosen, with 1,505 needed for the nomination.

In other political developments:

✓ Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey said in Atlantic City, N.J., that victory by California Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. in Maryland's primary next week would "send a whole set of reverberations through the Democratic party that will give people sec-

ond thoughts about a frontrunner."

✓ A White House aide said Ford is trimming 60 positions from his campaign staff to channel \$60,000 a month from salaries to his primary efforts.

Part of the money will pay for televised advertising in Ford's home state of Michigan, where he faces a crucial challenge from Reagan, the aide said.

✓ An aide to George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, confirmed that the 81-year-old labor leader will meet privately with Carter in Washington Friday.

✓ Chicago's Mayor Richard J. Daley said a Democratic ticket of Carter and Illinois Sen. Adlai E. Stevenson would be "outstanding."

But Daley said Carter hasn't won the nomination yet, and "you'll see a lot of things happening between May and July."

Mushroom hunts result in arrests

Associated Press

BASTROP, Tex. — Sheriff Jimmy Nutt's biggest weekend worry was those magic mushrooms growing in Bastrop County's cow patties.

"This thing's getting out of hand," Nutt told the Austin American-Statesman Sunday night.

He said he and his deputies arrested about 20 persons, mostly University of Texas students, who were found poking around in cow manure for what they call "magic" mushrooms. The mushrooms, which grow better in cool weather after two or three days of rain, contain psilocybin, a psychedelic drug in the same class as LSD.

Nutt said most of the mushroom seekers were charged with misdemeanor trespassing and possession of a controlled substance, a third degree felony. He said most of them had been released Sunday night after being levied a \$100 fine and released under \$1,000 bond.

Nutt said that a youngster from Bastrop last week was taken to the hospital in serious condition because he ate the wrong kind of mushroom.

"Some of them are good kids and they're just messing themselves up getting criminal records," Nutt said.

Middle Earth Unlimited Inc., an Austin organization that helps those with drug problems, said the mushrooms have a flat yellow cap and grow in patties left by grain-fed cows. When the stem of the mushroom is broken it turns a purplish color in a few minutes — but so do some poisonous mushrooms.

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Wednesday's Battalion will be the last issue this week. The Battalion will go on a summer schedule and issue only one paper a week (on Wednesdays).

FBI, CIA cited as recipients

Senate panel charges IRS with illegal tax-return use

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service has abused its unique investigative powers by granting the CIA and FBI illegal access to taxpayer returns, a Senate intelligence committee report says.

According to the report, "the FBI has had free access to tax information for improper purposes," while the CIA regularly

bypassed official channels in obtaining IRS data.

The report, released today, added that both the CIA and FBI pressured the IRS to take action against "certain taxpayers for reasons having no bearing upon compliance with the tax laws," the report added.

The 85-page report also detailed the workings of such previously disclosed IRS programs as:

✓ The Special Services Staff's investigation of 11,000 politically active or dissident individuals and organizations;

✓ The Information Gathering and Retrieval System — "a glut of largely useless information" on nearly half a million Americans;

✓ Operation Leprechaun, in which special agents used informants, electronic eavesdropping and break-ins to gather in-

formation on the sex and drinking habits of Florida political figures.

The report is one of 13 volumes being released by the intelligence committee in support of its final report on domestic spying.

Most committee members say they hope the additional reports will dramatize the need for a new congressional panel to monitor intelligence agencies. Senate leaders reportedly reached a compromise agreement Monday night that would establish such a committee.

The report said that between 1966 and 1974, the FBI made approximately 200 requests to IRS for tax returns. The majority of the requests, virtually all of which were granted, were intended for use in the FBI's Cointelpro operations, according to the report.

The bureau sought the returns of 107 "key activists" in the "new left" and "black nationalist" movements for use "as weapons in its campaign to neutralize them," the report said.

The IRS also gave the FBI the names of contributors to such organizations as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Students for a Democratic Society, the report said.

Between 1957 and 1972 "the CIA obtained tax return information on at least 13 occasions through unofficial channels," the report said. "All but one of the disclosures would have been legal had the CIA followed legal procedures," according to the report.

"The CIA's illegal access" to tax data "led to at least two serious breaches of IRS re-

sponsibility for impartial, evenhanded enforcement of the tax laws," the report said.

In one case, the CIA's interest in the tax returns of Victor Marchetti, author of the book "The CIA and The Cult of Intelligence," led an IRS agent to offer the CIA an audit of Marchetti's tax returns over a three year period.

In another instance, IRS agents were willing "to tailor their treatment of Ramparts magazine to the desire and concerns of the Central Intelligence Agency" surrounding the disclosure by Ramparts of CIA ties with the National Student Association," the report said.

Refinery blast's cause unknown

Associated Press

DEER PARK — Investigators sought today to determine the cause of an explosion and fire that left one man dead and six others injured at the Shell Refinery and Chemical plant here.

As of last night one of the injured was listed in critical condition.

The explosion last night shook the area surrounding the complex and the fire sent up black smoke that was visible for miles. The dead man was identified by Shell officials as H. S. Arthur Jr., 30, of

Friendswood, a Shell employee.

Listed in critical condition at a Galveston hospital was H. M. Culpepper of Deer Park, also a Shell employee. He was reported to have suffered third-degree burns over 95 per cent of his body.

Other Shell employees injured were B. S. Roopnarine of Baytown, listed in fair condition, and R. B. Strahan and E. L. Stubs of Pasadena, both believed to have suffered only minor injuries.

Two other workers, employed by a maintenance firm, were treated at a Pasadena hospital and dismissed.

The cause of the explosion which occurred about 6:30 p. m. was not determined at once. The fire it produced was extinguished about 9 p. m. and it was then that the charred body of the dead man was found.

A Shell spokesman said the fire was confined to the company's "paraxylene unit" which produces chemical solvents. This unit consists of several towers and numerous pipelines connecting them.

Nell Kelley, who operates Shell's restaurant, said it "sounded like a loud crack of thunder."

"I felt the building come up and go back down," she said. "It knocked pans off the kitchen shelves."

Bill Arnold, a delivery truck driver, was headed into the plant when the explosion occurred.

"A tremendous fireball mushroomed up like an atomic explosion," he said. "I thought the whole plant was going to go."

Besides his widow, he is survived by a son, Delbert.

He received his bachelor of science degree from Texas A&M in 1943 and his master of arts degree from A&M in 1952.

Math teacher, Hovorak, dies

Funeral services for Mr. Louis Hovorak, an A&M mathematics instructor since 1946, will be held tomorrow at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 10 a. m. Hovorak, 59, died Monday morning.

Commencement

Two get \$5,000 Rudder awards

By EDITH CHENAULT

Two Texas A&M University graduates received the Brown Foundation-Earl Rudder Memorial Outstanding Student Award at commencement ceremonies held Friday night and Saturday morning.

The two students, Deborah Doan Richardson from New Braunfels and Bill J. Helwig from Miles, received a check for \$5,000 and a plaque.

A record 2,466 students, graduated from A&M

in the ceremonies that were held in G. Rollie White Coliseum. The coliseum was filled to capacity at both ceremonies.

Leon Jaworski addressed the crowd Friday night and said that America had recovered from Watergate and that the nation would be even stronger because of it. He said that the Constitution does work during troubled times but said the American people should be wary.

"Vigilance is the price of liberty," he said. General Fred C. Weyand, Chief of Staff of the

U.S. Army, spoke Saturday morning. He said that the world always expected more of America and the American people had a great mission to insure the survival and freedom of the world and to uphold its own position in the world.

Six former students of A&M received Distinguished Alumni Awards. They were George Demetrie Connas, Massachusetts; L. F. Peterson, Ft. Worth; E. L. Wehner, Houston; Fred Hale, College Station; William T. Moore, Bryan; and O. P. Weyland, San Antonio.

The color guard passes in front of the reviewing stand at Final Review Ceremonies held Saturday on the drill field.

Parents, students and friends came to watch as the juniors officially became seniors and assumed leadership of the Corps.

Staff photo by Kevin Venner

Jaworski praises Americans for meeting challenges

The United States' Constitution does indeed work during times of stress and strain, Leon Jaworski said at commencement ceremonies at A&M Friday night. He considered Watergate to be one of the greatest tragedies in American history, but he praised the American people for meeting the challenges and keeping America stable during those hard times. He also said that the democratic institution of the United States was working very well.

He said the Watergate incident will insure that

the American people will have the kind of president the framers of the Constitution wanted. Jaworski said there will probably be less power exerted by the executive branch in the future.

"The president is not a sovereign," he said. Jaworski told the graduates that America was embarking on a journey on uncharted seas. But he added that, "America will always have moral foundations whose builder and maker is God."

—Edith Chenault

