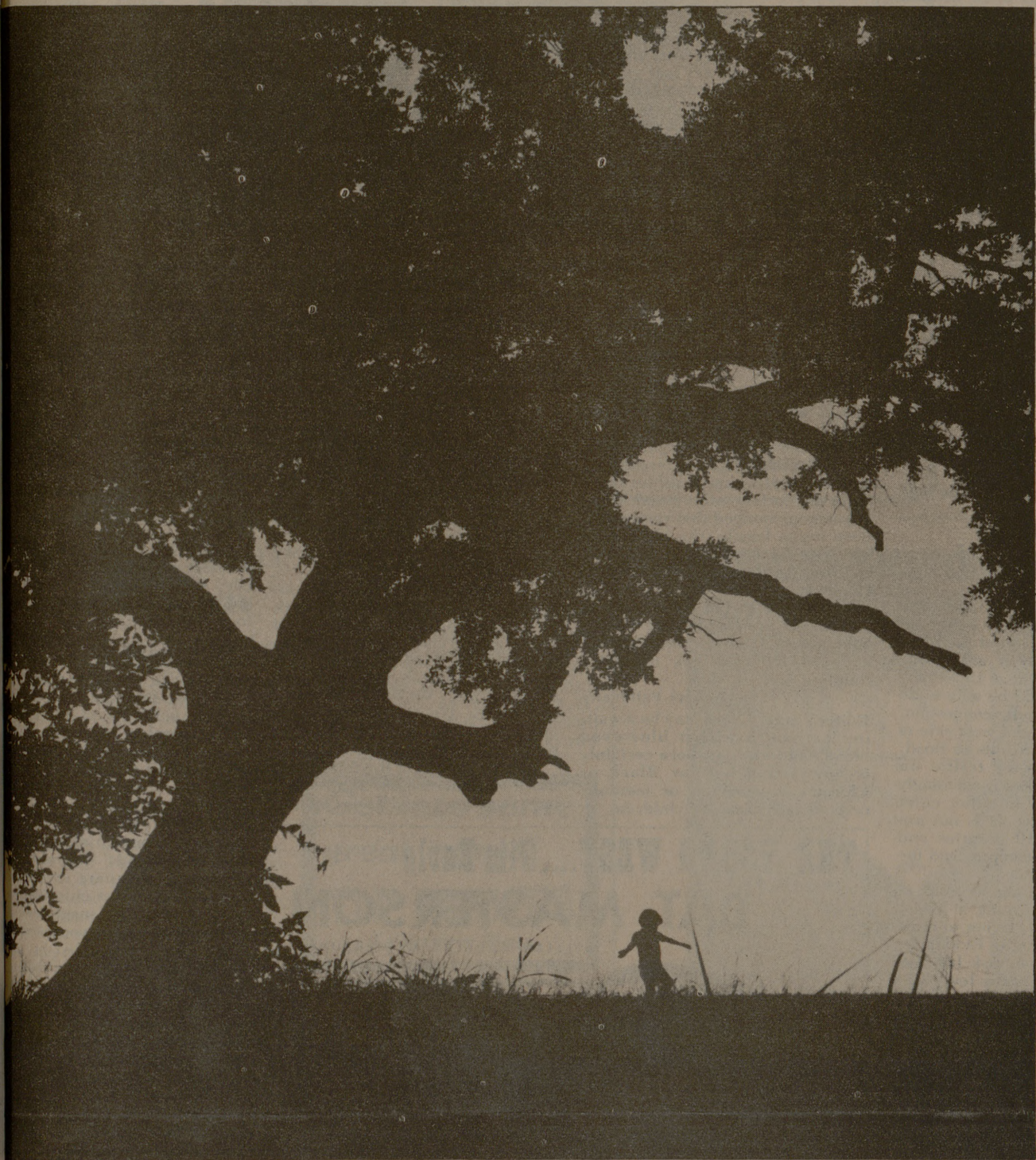


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## Young and old

This photo is one of the winners in this month's "Trees" contest sponsored by the Camera Committee. The picture is entitled "Freedom" and was

taken by Glenn Sackett of Bryan. It contrasts the solidarity of an aged live oak and the mobility of a child running through a field.

## Gunmen surrender; two-day siege ends

By MIKE FEINSILBER

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Persuaded by three Moslem ambassadors "to come out with a happy ending," Hanafi Muslim gunmen surrendered early today, freed about 130 hostages and ended peacefully a 39-hour ordeal that began violently.

Ringleader Hamaas Abdul Khaalis, who had threatened to behead his captives during the siege, was charged with armed kidnaping. As part of the bargain which won the hostages' freedom, Khaalis was arraigned — then ordered released without bond, his release until his formal indictment by a grand jury was agreed to in advance by Superior Court Chief Judge Harold Greene.

Eleven other gunmen still were being held pending arraignment later today.

As hostages streamed from city hall, the Islam mosque and B'nai B'rith building, the bells of the Foundry Methodist Church — largest Swiss bells in America — rang out joyfully. Waiting relatives embraced one another, wept and offered prayers of thanksgiving.

Doctors said most of the hostages were in good shape but a few might be ill or seriously hurt.

"We didn't make a deal — exactly," Mayor Walter Washington told reporters — not elaborating on what "exactly" meant.

"We said everybody would be arrested and let the courts take over from there."

The hostages had been seized Wednesday

by Khaalis' band of Hanafi Muslims, who threatened that he would behead his prisoners and throw their heads from the windows unless his demands were met. A black reporter was killed and eight persons wounded in the seizure of three buildings.

Khaalis demanded that authorities bring before him five religious enemies who had been sentenced to life terms for executing two Hanafi women and five children in a religious dispute in 1973.

The end was negotiated in a three-hour meeting between Khaalis and the ambassadors of Egypt, Pakistan and Iran, acting at the behest of President Carter.

Iran's Ardeshir Zahedi said the chief reason the raiders gave up "was that, as human beings, all of us had feelings which convinced both sides that we should agree and it would be better to come out with a happy ending."

Mimi Feldman, held captive at the B'nai B'rith building where she was a secretary in the fund raising department, said the terrorists singled out Jews. She said she was afraid to let them know she was Jewish.

"Their anti-Semitism didn't make any sense," she said. She said the raiders made a number of statements about Arabs and Palestine and "little bits of disconnected thought."

Before the arraignment, Mayor Washington was asked if the gunmen had been promised anything to surrender.

"Jail!" he replied.

As Carter's personal envoy, Pittsburgh Mayor Peter Flaherty was a member of the team that negotiated the end of the ordeal.

Last night, ambassadors Zahedi, Ashraf Ghorbal of Egypt and Sahabzada Yaqub-Kahn of Pakistan, accompanied by two police officers and Flaherty, entered the terrorists' B'nai B'rith stronghold.

They sat down with Khaalis, a one-time social worker, for three hours of negotiations which ended the siege.

Passing motorists tooted horns to welcome the freed prisoners.

"We all untied each other," said Sidney Colster, a hostage at B'nai B'rith. "We congratulated each other. As Jews we said a prayer. We said the traditional prayer — 'Thank God, you have kept us and preserved us to this day.'"

The leader of the band of terrorists had seized the three buildings Wednesday.

Khaalis, named Ernest Timothy McGhee when he was born 55 years ago, is a former social worker who was once a follower of the late Elijah Muhammad, founder movement, but became his severe critic.

Khaalis had vowed to lead a "jihad" — a holy war against evil — after rival Black Muslims executed two women and five children, including Khaalis' wife and four of his children, in 1973.

At George Washington University Medical Center, where many of the hostages were taken, Dr. Leonard Wisnesky, chief resident, said, "We have a few serious cases."

## City offers ambulance service

# Fire Department to help

By DARRELL LANFORD

Emergency ambulance service will be provided by the College Station Fire Department until at least June 30, the College Station City Council resolved last night.

City Manager North Bardell said the projected cost of running the operation until June 30, the end of the fiscal year, is \$18,000 to \$22,000. City officials will then decide if it is financially feasible to retain the ambulance service as part of the fire department.

The council also discussed ways of spending \$78,000 in revenue sharing funds.

Bardell said it would cost \$65,000 to install steel streetlights from College Avenue to Wellborn Road. He said it would cost \$25,000 to install lights with creosol poles, explaining that it is more costly to use steel streetlights because of the necessity of having to tear up concrete to install underground wiring.

Other actions included:

Passing a resolution extending the ex-

traterritorial jurisdiction of College Station to two miles.

Approving a final plat subdividing again Lots 1 and 2, Block 1 of the Breezy Heights Addition.

Passing a final plat vacating and subdividing again Lot 15, Block 2 of Wolfpen Village development.

Tabling consideration of a preliminary plat of the Sandstone Addition, located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction adjacent to the Foxfire Addition.

## Abortion is easy way out, Life Advocate speaker says

By CATHY BREWER

Abortion is just a cop-out. You haven't solved any problem, you've just temporarily swept it under the rug, said Ira Early, president of Life Advocates during his anti-abortion speech last night in Rudder tower.

Marcy Crowe, who has worked for the Cullen Women's Center in Houston (an abortion clinic) for three years, is opposed to Early's view. Crowe shared her ideas during the debate, saying she thought each individual has the right to make a decision about abortion.

"Whether abortion is right or wrong, that's a decision you have to make for yourself," she said. "Hopefully you won't be faced with the decision of an unwanted pregnancy."

In order to know what we're dealing with, we have to know something about child development," Early said as he showed slides of fetus development.

One slide showed a premature baby girl, born at 21 weeks of pregnancy. Another slide showed the same baby four weeks later with a nurse's wedding ring around her forearm.

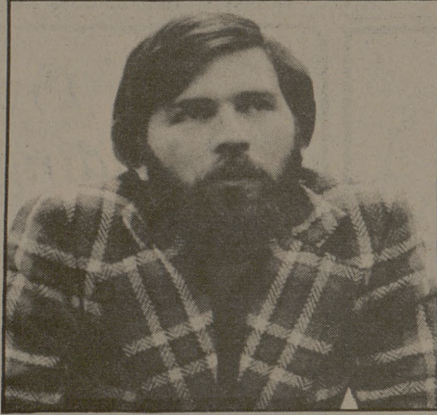
"You can see from this picture just how small this baby really is," said Early. "Think about it...clinics like the one Marcy is in do abortions up to 20 weeks. This baby was born at 21 weeks and is still with us today."

The Cullen Center uses a procedure called vacuum aspiration for pregnancies to be terminated through 12 weeks.



Crowe

### Abortion vs. Right-of-Life



Early

"In this method the physician anesthetizes the cervix and then gradually dilates it," Crowe said. "The dilation is enough to accommodate a small plastic tube which is inserted into the uterus and the contents are removed by means of a gentle suction."

Early said he considers this procedure nothing more than very early child abuse and the most violent form of birth control.

"It's interesting that since abortion has been legalized, women no longer carry babies, but fetuses or embryos," Early said. "Why don't we call them babies anymore? Fetus is a much less human term for it."

Early was not so quick to condone abortions if rape or incest is involved. "But you find very few cases this extreme," he said.

Crowe described two incest cases dealt with at the Cullen Center. Both girls involved were 11. One was impregnated by her father and the other by her brother.

"The one who was pregnant by her father was a retarded girl," Crowe said. "It was a very sad situation. Everyone at the clinic was completely torn up over it. The girl walked into the clinic, stuffed animals and all."

Early said even in a case that traumatic he would favor the woman's having the child over an abortion.

"Abortion is not a question we can leave up to the morality of the doctors or the women who are pregnant," he said. "Of course the women who are pregnant have a very prejudiced, unobjective view because they are looking for an easy out."

Early says he does not consider the question of when life begins to be controversial. "Life begins at the moment of conception. I don't see how people can claim it begins after birth. The fetus at 12 weeks can breathe, cry, suck its thumb. . . . its whole organ system is functioning!"

Neither does he believe that women who have children from unwanted pregnancies are the most likely to resort to child abuse. "Wanted pregnancies show higher rates of child beating," he said.

"With all the medical technology we now possess, you'd think we would put it to use to solve our problems, not destroy them," Early said.

## Hill defends Water Board suit

United Press International

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Atty. Gen. John Hill says he's merely looking out for the best interests of the people in his suit against the Texas Water Quality Board.

Hill, chairman of the board says Hill is filing for votes.

Hill filed a lawsuit in state District Court at Austin charging that the board reasonably broke up pollution control in the Edwards Aquifer, the under-

ground water supply for San Antonio and other cities.

The board issued seven separate orders which Hill said "threatened San Antonio's water supply." Hill said he would ask the Bexar County Commissioner's Court to join in his suit.

Hill, who plans to run for governor next year, said Gov. Dolph Briscoe's home county was given special treatment by the board's order.

Hill said he particularly was disturbed about "singling out of Uvalde County for lenient treatment" and said generally the rural counties were not restricted as severely as were the urban counties.

Hugh Yantis, executive director of the Texas Water Quality Control Board, said in Austin that Hill filed the suit to get votes for the governor's office.

"It is such a ridiculous thing for him to do," Yantis said. "I thought his legal judgment was better than that."

But Hill said his action was not politically motivated.

"It has nothing to do with politics," said Hill. "This order is so flagrant that I just can't stand by and do nothing."

"There have only been two occasions in four years, including this one, that I have filed suit against a state agency. There are times when my obligation to the public overrides my responsibility to serve as attorney for state agencies."

Hill said he had been interested for more than two years in keeping the board from weakening pollution standards.

"This isn't something John Hill has been interested in just recently," he said. "It has nothing to do with politics. It is my job to represent the people of Texas."

## Theater arts degree approved

Texas A&M University may have its first graduate with a theater arts degree by next year, say University officials.

The prediction followed Tuesday's approval of a bachelor of arts degree in theater arts by the Coordinating Board, Texas State Board of Higher Education.

Dr. David H. Stewart, head of the English department, said that the new degree program will continue at present to be housed in the English department and directed by Dr. Robert W. Wenck, assistant professor of English.

In the future, the degree program will include students general theater training that includes acting, design, costume, lighting, directing and playwriting.

Nineteen three-hour courses are currently offered by the theater arts section of the English department. Thirty-three credit hours are required for the B.A. in theater arts.

Wenck said the theater arts program currently enrolls nearly 24 A&M students who are receiving teacher certification in theater arts, and he expects another 20 students to sign up as theater arts majors seeking the new B.A.

A&M's bachelor's program also will be compatible with those students who transfer from a two-year institution offering an associate arts degree in theater, said Wenck.

## Walking in rain

If you are outside today, you will most probably get wet unless you have your umbrella in hand. Showers and thundershowers are forecast for today with decreasing cloudiness in the late afternoon. The wind will be NW 15-25 mph and gusting. Wind warnings are in effect for area lakes. Today's high will be in the upper 70's with tonight's low in the lower 40's. The weather will be clearing tonight and will remain fair through Saturday and Sunday.

Battalion photo by Anne Paslay

