



Swing your partner!

Square dancers swing their partners as part of the 4th of July celebration held on Tiger Field at A&M High school in College Station. The Lions

Club and the College Station fire department coordinated the program which lasted from 6 p.m. until 10:30 ending with a fireworks display.

Battalion photo by Bernard Gor

Federal judge dismisses charges against Phillips

United Press International
LSA, Okla. — A federal judge yesterday dismissed charges of conspiracy to evade against the Phillips Petroleum Co. because prosecutors failed to prove a bargaining agreement.

Judge Allen E. Barrow sustained two motions and dismissed the indictment returned Sept. 6, 1976 against Phillips, its board chairman, William F. Phillips, and past board chairmen W.W. Phillips and Stanley Learned.

The conspiracy count accused the firm's leaders of raising about \$3 million

in overseas bank accounts. Some of that money was used to make an illegal campaign contribution to former President Richard Nixon in 1972.

In dismissing the indictment, the judge ruled there had been abuse of the grand jury system during the investigation and that the government had broken an agreement not to further prosecute the oil firm and its leaders for raising money used to make previously admitted illegal campaign contributions.

"When the United States government gives its word to or makes an agreement

with one of its citizens, the government must be held to that agreement and keep its promises," Barrow said.

The defendants claimed the indictment broke an agreement with former Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox. Under that agreement, Keeler voluntarily disclosed a \$100,000 corporate contribution to the 1972 Nixon presidential campaign and the firm. Keeler also disclosed the manner in which the funds were generated.

Barrow's rulings also dismissed the six tax evasion counts against Phillips and Martin.

The indictment accused the Bartlesville, Okla., firm of using "international couriers, code names, misleading entries, and false invoices and billings to conceal the overseas funds from the Internal Revenue Service."

Barrow ruled the grand jury system was abused because jurors were not permitted to hear testimony taken from Phillips comptroller James R. Akright. Barrow said the testimony contained evidence which may have swayed the jurors against an indictment.

Akright was asked why certain fees had not been reported on the firm's income tax returns.

He said that he thought the item he was being asked about was "relatively insignificant to me at that time."

Chileans hijack jetliner; granted asylum in Peru

United Press International
LIMA, Peru — Four Chileans armed with pistols hijacked a jetliner with 56 persons aboard and forced it to fly to Peru where the Venezuelan embassy granted them political asylum.

The LADECO airlines Boeing 727, the second Chilean jetliner hijacked in two weeks, was on a domestic flight yesterday from the northern city of Arica to Lima when it was seized by the three men and a woman.

Passengers said two of the hijackers held a pistol on a plane steward and forced him to take them to the captain's cabin. As they marched up the aisle, one said in a loud voice: "Don't worry, we're not murderers."

The hijackers first demanded to be flown to Caracas, Venezuela, then to Paris, but later ordered the plane to be landed in Lima where they gave themselves up when the Venezuelan embassy promised them political asylum.

The other 48 passengers and eight crewmen aboard the aircraft were not harmed and returned to Santiago late last night.

A woman passenger who arrived on the return flight to Chile said "everything was calm during the hijack to Lima and nothing happened."

The hijackers were identified by Santiago police as two brothers, Wilisbaldo and Carlos Alarcon, a woman named Patricia Castro and a man named Rolando Meneses. All are Chilean citizens.

Police said the Alarcon brothers faced charges of fraud and armed robbery in Chile.

Meneses negotiated the agreement that ended the hijack with Peruvian Foreign Minister Jose de la Puente and Police Minister Gen. Luis Cisneros.

The ministers provided their official cars to take the four hijackers to the Venezuelan embassy, after they walked off the plane with their pistols in their pockets.

The LADECO jetliner was the second airplane to be hijacked over Chilean skies in the past two weeks.

On June 21, a disgruntled public works engineer named Carlos Tamayo forced an AN-Chile 727 with 71 passengers and seven crewmen to Argentina's Andean city of Mendoza.

Tamayo, armed with a small knife and a toy pistol, gave himself up to Argentine authorities nine hours later. Chilean authorities are seeking his extradition.

Blind fighting for rights — against job discrimination

United Press International
NEW ORLEANS — Like others with handicaps, the blind are showing increased militancy in their struggle to be treated like ordinary citizens.

And though the National Federation of the Blind shies away from the label militant, members of the group say discrimination against the sightless is diminishing too slowly and conditions are only slightly improved from what they were several years ago.

"They're better — let me not say they're not better," Ralph Sanders, a vice president of the 50,000 member organization, said in an interview.

"But the fact that more than 70 per cent of the blind in this country today are unemployed is difficult to deal with. It was true five years ago and it's true today," he said.

The group is holding its annual convention in New Orleans and members cited their numbers as one example of increasing militancy. About 1,500 members attended a convention five years ago; about 3,000 are at this meeting.

The small forms of senseless discrimination are the most irritating, federation officers said. Mistreatment of the blind in important ways also is continuing.

"The problem, with blind people and the public, is that blindness has not been thought of as a 'minority' problem," said Jim Gashel of Arlington, Va., the director of the group's Washington office.

"The problem we have is very much like the problem other minority groups have, and women. It is deeply rooted in prejudice, misconception and pity. And it's a difficult problem to deal with," he said.

"People have thought that because blind people have not been in jobs the problem was blindness. But... the problem is not blindness, it's attitudes about blindness. That's a subtle distinction, but it's an important one."

Diane McGeorge, president of the Colorado chapter, cited one example. She and a number of other blind persons boarded a jet from Denver to New Orleans en route to the convention.

Though the airline had no "quota" on the number of blind persons allowed on a flight — some airlines do — the plane was delayed because the pilot refused to permit a blind person to sit at an emergency exit. She maintained a blind person, used to functioning in the dark and in unfamiliar locations, would be more capable than a sighted person in an emergency.

Brezhnev rules out summit with Carter

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Soviet Leader Leonid Brezhnev has ruled out a "get acquainted" summit with President Carter until the superpowers near an agreement to limit strategic arms, it has been learned.

Carter had offered to meet Brezhnev prior to an agreement, but a personal message from the Kremlin leader indicated he does not want a face-to-face meeting until Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko hammer out details of an agreement.

Under the circumstances, it appears unlikely a Carter-Brezhnev meeting can be arranged before late fall, if then.

Carter's views on a wide range of subjects were disclosed yesterday under "deep background" rules which prohibit naming the source. With Congress in recess, Carter was holding a series of catch-up meetings with top-level aides.

President Carter is preparing an emergency standby gasoline rationing plan and is considering a proposal that would cut tax rates by 30 to 40 per cent.

Administration officials said Carter has ordered energy adviser James Schlesinger to draft a comprehensive standby gas rationing program, which would reduce consumption by as much as 25 per cent in case of an oil embargo or war.

The program will be submitted to Congress shortly and would remove some of the constraints on his present authority to order rationing.

On another subject Carter and his fiscal experts expect to complete by late summer their proposed revision of the tax code. It will guarantee anyone making

more than a modest income will pay some taxes.

One of the options he is considering would cut income tax rates by 30 to 40 per cent, with the revenue losses partially offset by closing many of the present tax clauses critics call "loopholes."

Carter also has under consideration possible elimination of double taxation of corporation dividends and is firmly opposed to continuing lower taxes on long-term capital gains.

The President believes he has support in Congress for his efforts to prod Arab

and Israeli leaders into negotiations, but has no intention of dictating the terms of a Middle East peace.

He believes that reconvening the Geneva peace conference is unlikely if Israel bars a discussion of the West Bank. But he also feels that final peace terms must be worked out by Israel and the Arab states.

Both Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat have agreed in principle to a Geneva conference in October. Carter will meet Begin in Washington July 19.

Students to begin registering for second session tomorrow

Students attending second term summer school classes will register between 8 a.m. and 12 noon tomorrow.

Students begin registration by picking up card packets in DeWare Field House, not in Duncan Hall as indicated in the summer bulletin. Registrar Robert A. Lacey said. Packets will be issued to students whose last names begin with "E" through "K" from 8 to 9 a.m. "L" through "R" will be issued from 9 to 10 a.m.; "S" through "Z," 10 to 11 a.m. and "A" through "D," 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Students can probably miss the long lines that plagued registration for the first summer session by coming half an hour after their registration

section starts. Willis Ritchey, associate director of registration, said. Students can register any time during their one-hour section.

Academic departments and deans will sign up students on the main floor of G. Rollie White Coliseum. After signing up for courses and getting the dean's approval there, students will report to the second floor of the Memorial Student Center to clear housing, have fees assessed and turn in assignment and class cards at the registrar's station.

Fee payment begins Friday on the coliseum main floor.

Lacey said late registration for the July 8-Aug. 11 second session starts at 8 a.m. Friday in the Richard Coke Building.

Charged with murder, kidnapping

Bus hijacker ordered by judge to undergo psychiatric exam

United Press International
NEW YORK — Luis Robinson, who hijacked an interstate bus to Kennedy Airport and killed the driver and a woman passenger, has been ordered to undergo a psychiatric examination.

Robinson's attorney, David Addison, told Judge Maxwell Galfunt during a 5-minute hearing in Queens Criminal Court yesterday the 26-year-old Navy apprentice seaman had seen a psychiatrist in 1973 for a "minor problem."

Robinson, a native of Panama who is a registered alien, was described by

Addison as a college-educated, "articulate young man."

Galfunt ordered Robinson to undergo a psychiatric examination.

Robinson, assigned to the USS Detroit, based in Bath, Maine, was charged with two counts of murder, two counts of attempted murder and 25 counts of kidnapping.

The judge said Robinson would be arraigned formally after he studied the results of the psychiatric tests in about two weeks.

If Robinson stands trial, he will face

terms of 15 years to life on each of the murder and kidnapping charges.

Officials at the naval station said Robinson has been under investigation for cashing stolen money orders near the base.

On Monday, Robinson — claiming he was embittered by racial discrimination in the United States — hijacked a Vermont-bound bus with more than 20 persons aboard and diverted the vehicle to Kennedy Airport. He killed the driver and a woman passenger.

Three other persons were injured in the hijacking.

Robinson demanded \$6 million and a plane to take him to safety — first to Cuba, then to Africa — and he exchanged shots with pursuing policemen as he and his hostages careened about the airport's runways and taxiways in the bus.

He finally surrendered to police and FBI agents at the airport after the bus was edged into a fence by an armored personnel carrier.

At the court hearing, Robinson's father, Ernesto, and his stepmother, Doris, strained to see through a crowd of policemen and court officers who surrounded Luis.

Dressed in jeans and a light blue T-shirt, Robinson stood at a defense table facing the judge as the charges against him were read off.

He did not look at his father.

After the hearing, Robinson's father stopped briefly to speak with Addison, then turned and walked through the crowded corridor with his wife.

Robinson's hands were manacled behind his back when he was led into the courthouse. Reporters and photographers shouted questions at him.

Are you sorry you killed them? Why did you hijack the bus? Would you do it again?

A sad smile creased the young man's bearded face.

"I wish I wasn't here," he said.

Men charged with murdering two officers; could try to flee

United Press International
PURCELL, Okla. — One of two Oklahoma prison escapees charged with killing two Arkansas officers and suspected of being involved in the disappearance of three other persons may try to flee to Mexico, according to information in federal warrants.

The FBI said in the warrants filed in Hugo, Okla., that an informant said one of the escapees, Paul Ruiz, probably would go to Mexico with a third escapee, Elmer Finin.

Ruiz, 29, and another escapee, Earl Van Denton, 27, have been charged with the murders of the two Arkansas officers and the wounding of a third Arkansas officer. Authorities believe the two also were involved in the disappearance of two Louisiana fishermen and a Purcell, Okla., taxi driver.

Authorities have not linked Finin with the June 29 slayings of Magazine, Ark., Marshal Marvin Richie and Corps of Engineer's ranger Opal James.

Denton and Ruiz also were charged yesterday with attempted first-degree murder in the wounding of James' partner, David Small. He remained in serious condition in a Fort Smith, Ark., hospital.

Shuttle bus services extended

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Shuttle bus service will be extended until 5:05 p.m. beginning Thursday, July 7, registration day for the second summer session.

Because they do represent a service to people, to students, they scrutinize themselves all the time. E. C. Oates, chairman of the shuttle bus committee said recently.

We have made arrangements to buy a single hour's more time per day and spread it over three buses which means 20 minutes each. This will extend enough time to where the last bus will leave the campus at 5:05.

This will cost the shuttle bus committee \$9.50 more per day, Oates said. The added cost will be approximately \$300 for the second session, he said. Oates said that \$300 is not going to break the service.

To make up for the added expense, though, three buses will run routes during the second session instead of four he said.

Oates explained the revised bus routes: routes one and two will run in combination again this session. The bus servicing that combined route will also run route four which goes south of the campus. The bus will alternate running routes one and two combined and route four and run all three at 5:05.

"If the people who live on route four cannot catch the 4:30 bus at their stop, they must go to the route one bus stop to catch the bus there at 5:05," Oates explained.

Route three, running north into Bryan, and route 5, running south, will run as usual, he said.

Oates said the schedule could not be revised another time because of the financial considerations. He said they would consider any problem but another revision is not possible.

"From our experience so far this summer it certainly is not going to indicate that there is a need to justify the expense next summer," Oates said.

