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weather

Mostly cloudy, warm and humid today with northerly winds. Ten per cent chance of showers this afternoon and evening. Decreasing cloudiness and warmer tomorrow. High today in the mid-90s, low tonight in the low 70s.

Miller is new University president



Newly appointed University President Jarvis Miller (right) addresses the Texas A&M Board of Regents Friday. University System Chancellor Jack K. Williams beams with approval.

Battalion photo by Betsy Kelly

By LEE ROY LESCHPER
Battalion Editor

A new president takes over today at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Jarvis E. Miller, 48, officially assumes control of the University today after being named Texas A&M's new president by the University board of regents Friday.

He succeeds Chancellor Jack K. Williams, who served up to today as University acting president after being named system chancellor by the regents in May.

Miller, a 1950 graduate of Texas A&M, is the former director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, a post he had held since 1972.

The regents selected Miller from among a group of five "finalists" interviewed for the job Thursday afternoon.

Several other administrators will also be working under new titles beginning today.

Dr. John C. Calhoun, formerly University vice-president for academic affairs, was appointed system vice-chancellor for programs Friday. Calhoun was one of the finalists considered for the presidency. System attorney James Bond was named vice-chancellor for legal affairs. University Development Foundation Director Robert L. Walker was appointed vice-chancellor for development.

Lane B. Stephenson, associate director of the University News Service, was named assistant to the chancellor for public information.

The appointments constitute the largest administrative reorganization at Texas A&M since Williams was appointed president in 1970.

"I have a very strong conviction that we need to build on our strengths and need to maintain our strengths in our traditional areas of service to the people of this state," Miller said after his appointment.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Texas A&M in 1950, Miller received masters and doctorate degrees in that field from Purdue University.

After receiving his Ph.D. from Purdue, he served two years as an Air Force officer and then returned to Texas A&M as an assistant professor in livestock marketing.

In 1961 Miller began a seven-year stint in international research programs in agriculture. During those years he worked in

Argentina and the Dominican Republic under the Agency for International Development.

He joined the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station as assistant director in 1967, became associate director in 1971 and director in 1972. He has remained a professor of agricultural economics.

Dr. Neville Clarke has been named acting director of the agricultural experiment station. Clarke is presently assistant director of the station.

Six-story library addition gets approval of Regents

Appointing a new university president didn't keep the Texas A&M University board of regents from taking care of other business during their meeting Friday.

The regents approved two contracts totaling over \$15.2 million for a six-story addition to Texas A&M's library and a fine arts center at Tarleton State University.

The library addition would include finishing work on the expansion's fifth and sixth floors, which university officials had intended to leave unfinished. A lower-than-expected bid convinced the regents to complete the entire addition at one time.

The regents approved initial planning and design work for four proposed University buildings — the Agricultural Administration Building, the Veterinary Medicine Clinical Sciences Building, the Academic and Agency Building and a food protein center. Of these, only the Academic and Agency Building would not be on the University's West campus.

The regents approved a \$10 million sale of Permanent University Bonds, made in conjunction with a similar sale by the University of Texas System.

Initial design work for a million dollar renovation program to improve Leggett Hall was also approved by the board. The regents had earlier considered converting the old dorm to office space, but voted Friday to maintain Leggett as a non-airconditioned men's dorm.

—Lee Roy Leschper

Minority voters disappointed with Carter administration

United Press International
SAN ANTONIO — The state director of the nation's oldest organization of Spanish-speaking persons has predicted a local revolt of Mexican-Americans, who are overwhelmingly for President Carter in 1976, if the President ignores them.

Sen. John Tower, R-Tex., said both Democratic and Republican administrations failed to take sufficient steps to bring Mexican-Americans into the mainstream of the free enterprise system.

Ben Bonilla, surrounded Saturday by other delegates to a statewide meeting of the League of United Latin American Citizens, said his group would work against Carter's reelection in 1980 if there is no change in its work with and for Mexican-Americans.

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Vance begins trip to resume talks

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance hopes a 13-day trip to the Middle East can clear the way for resumption of the Geneva peace talks between the Arabs and Israelis.

Vance left Washington last night for Alexandria, Egypt. An early morning refueling stop was planned at the Azores.

Vance returns to the Middle East following visits to the United States by major leaders of the Middle East. It is his first visit to Israel since the conservative government of Menahem Begin came to power.

"As we pursue our search for true and

lasting peace, it is good to note that all the leaders of the countries I will be visiting have expressed their desire to move toward a Geneva conference," Vance said.

Despite apparent interest in negotiations by the Arabs and Israelis, Vance cautioned that difficulties exist.

Vance scheduled visits to Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Israel and Great Britain before returning to Washington Aug. 13.

Vance was cautious about his goals for the trip.

Although President Carter has said he still sees "a good chance" the Geneva parley can be resumed as early as October, Vance has been hedging on the timetable of its opening.

Vance said last Friday "very difficult questions" remain on whether Palestinians can participate at a peace parley in Geneva and on the future of Israeli occupied territories.

Vance conceded this trip he may not resolve all obstacles stalling resumption of the Geneva talks.

Additional meetings may be needed when foreign ministers visit New York in September for the opening U.N. General Assembly session, he said.

Vance scheduled talks with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat upon arrival in Alexandria.

The secretary's last trip to the Middle East was in February. Carter then invited each major leader from the area to Washington to discuss ways to resume direct talks between the Arabs and Israelis.

Preparations for peace talks nearly collapsed in May when the Israeli labor government was ousted by Begin's conservative bloc. The labor government had been negotiating with Vance and the Arabs.

Begin visited the White House this month.

While the trip appeared to smooth over rough spots in relations between Washington-Tel Aviv relations, Begin returned to Israel and immediately legalized three Jewish settlements on the occupied West Bank of Jordan.

Carter called the action an impediment to peace.



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Off to an early start

Yell leaders Joe Wright, Joe Reagan and Tim Macmanus couldn't wait for football season and yell practices to start. They held their own small

practice Thursday night at the Commons area. Reagan is head yell leader, Wright is a senior and Macmanus a junior.

Israeli prime minister claims Carter hampering negotiations

United Press International
TEL AVIV, Israel — Former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday President Carter's public statements on Middle East issues have undermined Israel's negotiating position and will lead to a deadlock in Geneva.

Rabin's remarks, in an interview in his Tel Aviv office, came on the eve of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's Middle East tour in search of a consensus to reconvene the Geneva peace conference. Vance arrives in Cairo today on his first stop.

"I consider it to be a Geneva conference with prior conditions because Israel will have very limited room for maneuverability," the 55-year-old Rabin said.

Rabin said Carter's position calling for an Israeli withdrawal to the positions it held before the 1967 Middle East war and the creation of a Palestinian homeland "bring from the very beginning a Geneva peace conference that is bound to bring about a deadlock."

"If you create very high expectations that this peace conference will solve something, it again is bound to bring about big disappointment, frustration and who knows what will follow it," Rabin said.

Rabin also criticized the way his successor, Likud leader Menahem Begin, handled talks with Carter during Begin's visit to Washington last month.

"Mr. Begin's concept relieves the tension between the United States and Israel at least for a while," said Rabin, whose party was defeated in the May 17 national elections.

"I feel that by bringing about such a relief

today, you are bound to bring about even a sharper confrontation later on."

Begin has suggested the Geneva talks start Oct. 10, but favors going to the meeting without pre-arranged positions with the Americans.

During his March 1977 talks with Carter, Rabin said he had tried to reach an agreement with Carter on peace boundaries and the Palestinian role.

"I warned him (Carter) that unless there

will be real and free negotiations at the Geneva peace conference and that the United States should not come out with any substantive positions, I don't see how the Geneva peace conference can bring about a real movement toward peace," Rabin said.

Rabin said that since Carter's public statements on the Middle East, the prospects for Geneva "are not as bright as they could have been."

Typhoon kills 25 in Taiwan; forces closing of Keelung port

United Press International

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Typhoon Vera, lashing northern Taiwan with 135 m.p.h. winds, killed at least 25 persons yesterday, crippled the port city of Keelung and broke a record set last week by Typhoon Thelma.

Vera also crippled what was left of Taiwan's ability to handle containerized shipping. Officials said 79 freighters were advised to steam to other ports unless they carried their own cranes.

As rescuers dug through the rubble left by Vera, a new typhoon named Wanda formed today in the Pacific Ocean 750 miles south of Tokyo.

Japanese officials said the new storm is moving north-northeast at 15 m.p.h. with center winds estimated at 45 m.p.h.

Vera's 133-mile winds broke the record

set last week by Typhoon Thelma, which whipped the southern part of the island with 120 m.p.h. winds.

The 25 persons were killed in traffic accidents and by falling debris, police said.

Police said three of the four giant cranes used to handle cargo containers in the port of Keelung were "virtually uprooted" and thrown into the harbor late Sunday afternoon.

The fourth crane was undamaged but with no electricity in nearly the entire city, it stood useless.

The single undamaged crane is the only one left in Taiwan's four international seaports to handle containerized cargo: all eight container cranes in south Taiwan's Kaohsiung harbor were destroyed by Typhoon Thelma last Monday.

Congress survey rates President as "average"

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Of the 40 per cent of congressmen who responded to a survey, 89 per cent deemed President Carter an "average" or "better" President, and only 11 per cent rated him "below average."

The 212 legislators who responded to a poll by U.S. News and World Report said public relations is Carter's greatest strength, and 40 per cent said his weakest performance is in political leadership.

Overall, the members who responded gave him good marks. Almost half, 49 per cent, rated him as a "strong" Chief Executive; 40 per cent rated him "average" and 11 per cent "below average."

Duval County investigation uncovers election fraud

United Press International
AUSTIN — Four years of investigations have ended the worst of the political corruption in Duval County, according to Attorney General John Hill.

"We are not totally finished in Duval County," Hill said yesterday. "There are a few problem areas that we will continue to work on. But the major and most prominent officials who were involved in handling of funds have been dealt with as we believe and hope that the county is on its way to happier days."

Hill's comments came after weekend reports that Parr's political machine stole the 1973 runoff election for the U.S. Senate Democratic nomination for Lyndon B. Johnson by stuffing Box 13 in Jim Wells county with 202 votes. The election fraud had been rumored for three decades, but it was not until the reports quoted an election official who also worked in the Parr machine that details of it were made known.

"Box 13 refers to a time I am not familiar with," Hill said. "I can say that when we entered Duval County in 1973, the situation was still in keeping with tradition, it was a tradition of frank and open corruption."

"A mere glance at the one-sided nature of the count in every election is evidence that there was a very strong ability on the part of the Parrs to deliver very one-sided results. That is not to say that in any specific election there were actual voting irregularities. I am just talking about the strength of the machine."

Hill said in later years Parr's influence diminished in South Texas but remained strong in their homebase of Duval County until the Parrs split with their allies the Carrillo family.

"They ruled Duval County with a very strong hand," the attorney general said. "It wasn't until the advent of Carrillo's power that the Parr machine began to experience any difficulty."

"The Carrillos and the Parrs had worked together in many circumstances, but at the time we became interested in 1973, there was the beginning of a breach. During the course of our investigation, there was an open break between the Parr and Carrillo factions. Our attitude was that we were not concerned with the politics of the county and we made it very clear we did not intend to favor one faction or the other."