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Weather

Partly cloudy and hot today and tomorrow with a high both days in the upper 90s. Low tonight in the mid-70s. No rain.

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## Rhodesian leader accuses rivals of bombing store

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SALISBURY, Rhodesia — Black nationalist leader Bishop Abel Muzorewa is accusing his rivals of setting off the bomb in a crowded Woolworth department store in Salisbury that killed 11 people and injured 79.

Muzorewa said yesterday "he would not be surprised" if rival nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo and his group, the Zimbabwe African People's Union, were responsible for the bombing, Rhodesia's worst urban terrorist attack.

"As for the terrible events in Salisbury on Saturday," Muzorewa said, "all I can say is that what has been happening here in Rhodesia to our people and to us in the past harmonizes with the behavior typical of ZAPU and Mr. Nkomo and I would not be surprised — and this is no emotional judgment — to learn that these people planted the bomb."

Police put the final death toll from the bombing at 11, including three members of one white family.

The other fatalities were black, including "two African females and one African male juvenile" whose bodies were decapitated and could not immediately be identified, police said.

Police said the bomb exploded in the top floor of the crowded two-story department store, pulverizing a large brick wall and shattering windows over a wide area. They said it contained Soviet-made TNT — up to 66 pounds of it.

"I don't think I saw a complete body on that top floor," a fireman said. "There was a colored girl with a large gash across her middle, a man without a head, limbs everywhere. Two dead women were pregnant."

The Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole, another nationalist leader, condemned the bombing at a rally in Salisbury yesterday and said he would pass on to police any information that came his way about the perpetrators.

Muzorewa made his remarks at a rally in Bulawayo, Rhodesia's second biggest city located 235 miles southwest of Salisbury. It was his first public venture into a Nkomo stronghold.

About 200 Nkomo followers tried to gate-crash the outdoor rally and were dispersed by about 200 riot policemen firing tear gas.

On the night before the rally, intrablack violence apparently linked with Muzore-

wa's impending arrival resulted in the death of one black — killed during the stoning of a bus by a mob — and injuries to 22 others, police said.

In Luvenve Township, two large groups went at each other with rocks and police opening fire to break up the fight injured one man.

Muzorewa blamed the violence on Nkomo followers, who, he said, were trying to intimidate his own backers into missing the rally.

## New student admission expected to decrease

Though the projected enrollment for Texas A&M University this fall will be an increase over the previous year, admissions of new students has decreased.

Edwin Cooper, Dean of Admissions and Records released statistics last week that show the number of freshmen and transfer students applying for fall admission has decreased by 5.4 per cent from last fall.

"This is the first time since I've been here that there's been a decrease in anything concerning enrollment," Cooper said. He has worked in this department for five years.

The total acceptance for new students as of Aug. 1 was 10,137. The cut-off date for admittance to A&M was July 31 except for special cases Cooper said.

Last year the total was 10,726, almost 600 more students.

Cooper said that number was not expected to enroll. He said about 70 per cent of the freshmen applicants actually arrive and register. About 75 per cent of the transfer students will actually enroll.

He said the drop in the number of incoming students didn't mean a drop in total enrollment.

Total enrollment for the University will be about 30,000 Cooper said. Last year the total was 27,500 for the main campus and about 28,500 for the entire University.

There has been a small decrease in the percentage of women that applied and were accepted. In 1976, 39.4 per cent of the applicants were women. In 1977, 37.8 per cent were women.

## New Jersey newspaper executive named Student Publication head

Donald C. Johnson, reporter and editor for more than 25 years with Gannett newspapers, has been named director of student publications and assistant professor of journalism at Texas A&M University.

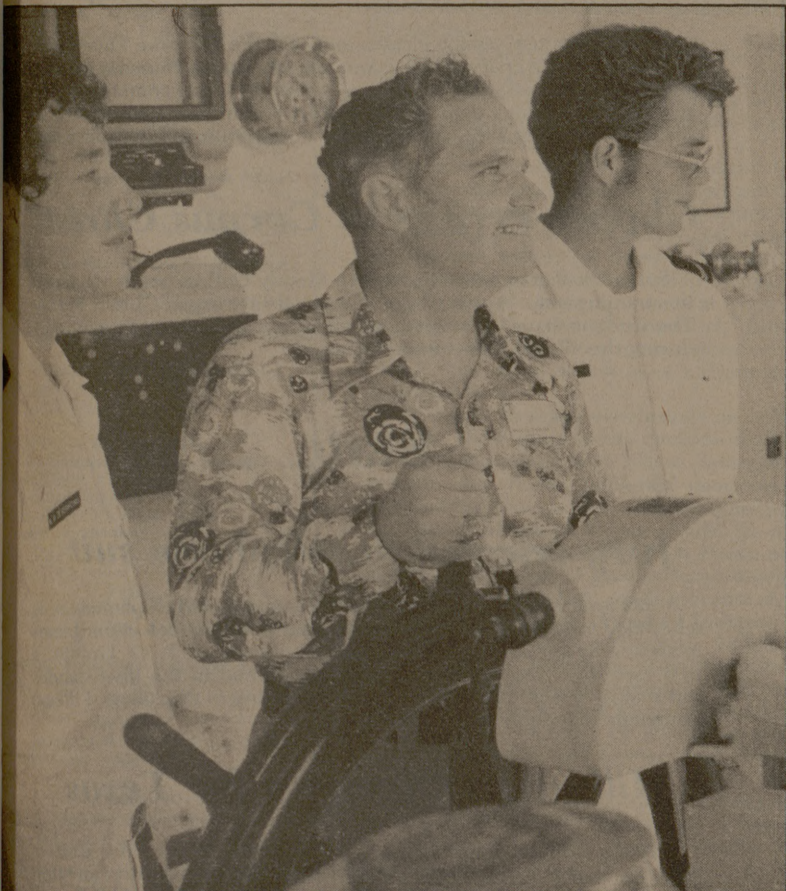
Johnson, whose most recent post was editorial writer and opinion page editor for the Camden Courier-Post, New Jersey, succeeds Gael L. Cooper who accepted the position of publisher for the Indiana University Daily Student. Cooper has been director since 1975.

Bob G. Rogers, head of Texas A&M's Department of Communications, cited Johnson's varied background. "He served in many positions of responsibility for the Gannett organization, the nation's largest," Rogers said. "We think his strong professional background will be an asset to

both student publications and our teaching program."

Johnson began his newspaper career in 1950. Since then he has served as editor of the Bridgewater Courier-News in New Jersey, managing editor of the Niagra Falls Gazette, city editor-assistant managing editor for the Elmira Star-Gazette and Advertiser, reporter-assistant managing editor for the Binghamton Press in New York and reporter-state editor for the Kankakee Daily Journal in Illinois.

He received both his bachelors and masters degrees from Northwestern University in 1950. He is past president of the New York State Associated Press Managing Editors Association and holds membership in the Society of Professional Journalists (Sigma Delta Chi), American Society of News Editors, Associated Press Managing Editors Association and New Jersey Press Association.



## New Aggie skipper at helm

Jarvis E. Miller completed his first week as president of Texas A&M University at the helm of the "Texas Clipper," training ship of Texas A&M's Moody College. Miller and other guests boarded the 474-foot vessel in Corpus Christi Sunday for the final leg of its summer cruise, a 173-mile jaunt to Galveston. Assisting President Miller in guiding the ship were Nick DeBerardinis of Galveston and C. C. Bryan of New Orleans.

## Women want women priests

## Women's convention says Vatican explanation poor

United Press International  
NEW ORLEANS — Women eventually allowed to become Catholic priests as part of a growing women's movement in the church and a decline in the number of male priests, according to nuns at a meeting about the change.

Thirteen Keating of Springfield, Mass., one of the nuns attending a weekend convention of the National Assembly of Women Religious. She said about half the nuns in the organization are represented in an organization which evolved from a 1968 evaluation of nuns' work.

Sister Kathleen said women priests are needed.

## Lack of priests

## Widens ordination of more women

United Press International  
NEW ORLEANS — Patricia Hughes, a former nun and graduate of a Catholic seminary, fingered a medal around her neck — a gift from her classmates who were trained into the Roman Catholic priesthood from which she is freed.

She said the passage from Second Vatican Council explains her motives to leave the ban.

"The love of Christ leaves us no choice," she said.

A shortage of priests is nearing a crisis in the Catholic Church, and as Hughes said the first women Catholic priests will be ordained within eight years and she hopes to be one of them.

"I was ministering to the family of a man having a relapse after surgery when it looked like he was going to die. I had to call one of my former classmates to administer the rites," Miss Hughes said. "His other turned to me with a look of anger, frustration and just plain resentment on her face and said, 'Why, Chaplain. Why doesn't the church ordain women?'"

"When the question arises from the people, it's no longer why, it's when."

An official of the National Assembly of Women Religious convention in New Orleans during the weekend, Miss Hughes predicted women will be ordained as Roman Catholic priests within a decade.

During her studies, Miss Hughes said male students and teachers initially failed to understand the issues involved in her decision to seek the priesthood.

"But in three years, there was a growth in awareness and an advocacy," she said.

She said a call to minister is a God-given gift and it is wrong for the church to bar women from fulfilling their call.

## President visits in Plains

United Press International  
PLAINS, Ga. — In some ways it was like old King Solomon; in other ways it was pure Jimmy Carter. He decided to go to both churches and pray for their reconciliation.

That's how the President settled the dispute of whether to attend the Plains

Baptist Church or the congregation that split from it in the bitter aftermath of a dispute over desegregation.

Carter went to the Men's Bible Class at the Plains Baptist Church at 10 a.m. EDT yesterday, and to the worship service at Maranatha Baptist Church at 1 p.m.

On the fourth day today of his first weekend back home in six months, Carter was expected to sign clean air and public works bills during a day of just otherwise loafing.

The clean air bill gives Detroit additional time, but not as much as it wanted, to meet auto emissions standards. The public works bills provides funds for about half of the 18 water projects that Carter wanted to kill but no funds for the Clinch River, Tenn., nuclear breeder reactor plant he opposed.

Yesterday morning, Carter, his wife and their daughter Amy went to separate classes at the Plains Baptist Church, the biggest church in town — membership about 400, all white, where he has served through the years as deacon, Sunday school teacher and superintendent.

Carter was asked to give the opening prayer. With his mind obviously on the church split he prayed: "Help us remove thoughts of jealousy and lack of compassion and love for our fellow human beings."

The Plains church voted to desegregate last November. But in the bitterness that followed, several supporters of that action, including the President's cousin, State Sen. Hugh Carter, split and formed a new congregation.

Carter and his family drove south of Plains to the old Bottsford Lutheran Church, a 110-year old white frame building where the new church, which calls itself the Maranatha Baptist Church, holds its services.

Maranatha means "our Lord come" and is referred in I Corinthians 16:22.

Carter was asked to give the benediction, and prayed: "Bless this small and new church. Separate it, we all pray, not out of a sense of alienation and hatred, but out of a sense of love and rededication to thee."

Carter and his wife went later to the Murray family reunion, the relatives on her mother's side, at the United Methodist Church in Plains. In late afternoon, in a replay of last summer, he played softball against the news media covering him.

"I promise to be the best king you'd ever see," he said.

The 1977 Hobo Days came one week after a five-time hobo king — the "Hard-rock Kid" — was buried in Britt. The Kid, whose real name was John Mislen, died while sleeping under a tree in the Ogden City Park on July 24.

Smith, sporting a long beard, was elected king of the hoboes Saturday at the annual Britt Hobo Days celebration, an event that has given this northern Iowa community of 2,000 national prominence once a year for the past 80 years.

Smith, 62, of Harcourt, Iowa, will wear the coffee can crown symbolic of hobo royalty for the next year. He beat 12 other candidates for the coveted title, including such stalwarts as Frypan Jack, Slow Motion Shorty and the Pennsylvania Kid.

Mickey "Long Looker Mick" Denfeld, of Rockwell City, Iowa, was chosen Queen of the Hoboes — the sixth time she has won the title in the last eight years. She bested three other women, including her daughter, for the crown.

The 1976 king, the popular "Steam Train" Maury Graham, did not enter the competition that highlights the convention which drew 20,000 visitors, but only about a dozen or so "real life" hoboes.

"I wanted someone else to have it this year," Graham said.

The hoboes, as usual, put up in Hobo Jungle next to the Milwaukee Road railroad tracks which run north of the business district.

The crowning of the king and queen followed a 1½-mile-long parade and a noon-time Mulligan Stew feed. Townspeople prepared 450 gallons of the concoction and it went quickly as the hoboes and convention watchers gathered around the kettles.

The king and queen of the celebration were chosen in the traditional manner. Each contestant, dressed in tattered clothes and worn-out shoes, gave a short speech. The hoboes receiving the loudest applause from the audience — were declared the winners.

Smith, whose real first name is Floyd, gave a short, simple speech.

## Authorities evacuate park as volcano erupts in Japan

United Press International  
TOKYO — Japan's long dormant Mt. Usu has erupted in a belching eight-mile high pillar of fire and smoke, hurling up baseball-sized rocks that cracked an airliner's cockpit window and dumped more than a foot of ash on nearby fields.

The 2,378-foot mountain in the northernmost main island of Hokkaido burst open yesterday in the midst of a series of hundreds of tiny earthquakes that jolted the region.

Authorities evacuated the area of 20,000 tourists and 7,000 villagers, but had no reports of casualties.

Japanese Meteorological Agency officials at Muroran City 12 miles southeast of the mountain said volcanic activity slackened early today, but Usu was still smoldering and temors rattled the region every four minutes.

Police said about half the people living in the area had returned to their homes after spending the night in schools and Buddhist temples outside the volcanic zone.

More than 1,000 light earthquakes shook doors and windows in nearby villages for a day and a half before the mountain began to spout fire yesterday, and officials recorded more than 200 more tremors in a 12-hour period beginning yesterday evening.

Officials said Usu, located in a national park, erupted four times yesterday, sending a column of gray smoke more than 39,000 feet in the air and dumping up to 15-1/2 inches of white ash on nearby corn and bean fields.

Crop loss was estimated at about \$11.3 million.

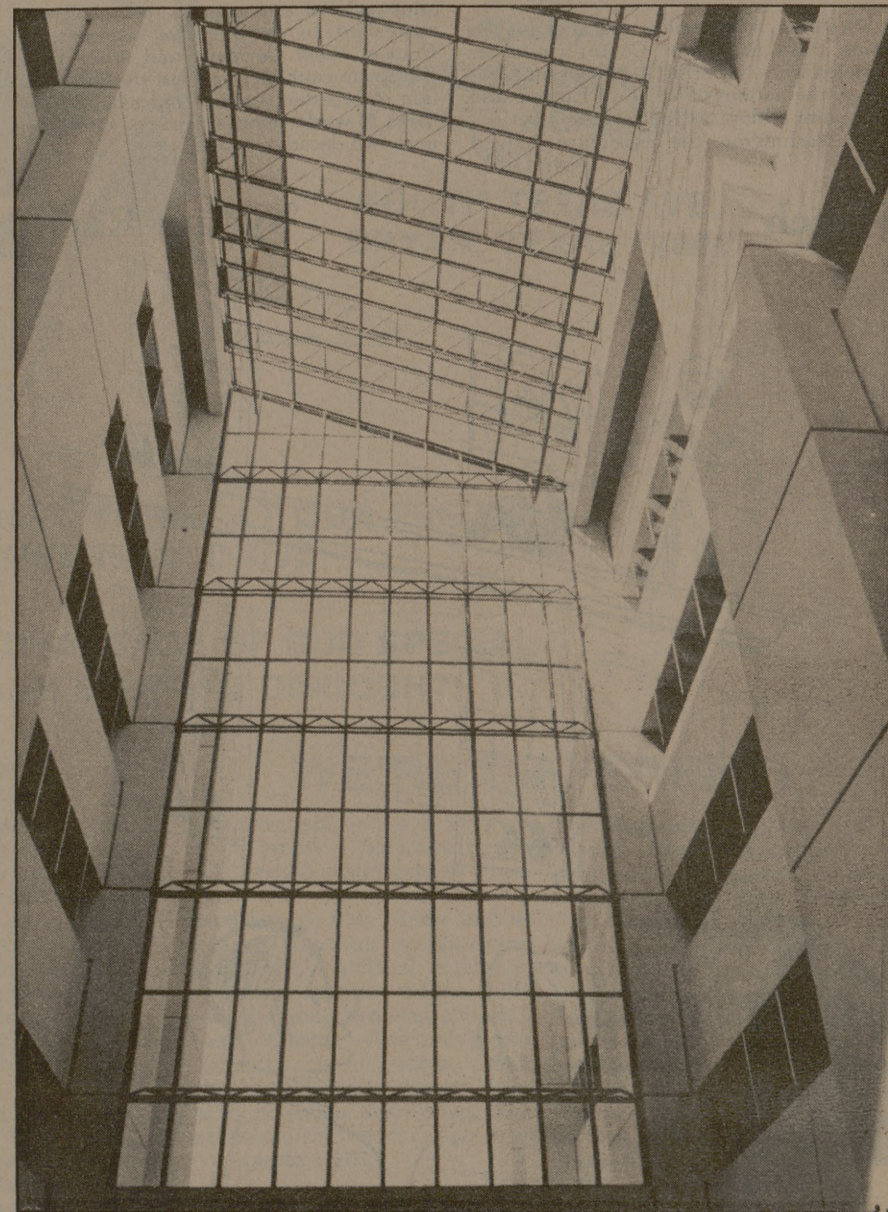
Winds from the northwest showered the volcano's ashes on towns up to 20 miles away. In Muroran and the nearby communities of Date and Noboribetsu, residents began the grimy job of clearing their roofs and gardens of ashes.

The volcano hurled baseball-sized rocks over a wide area. One stone cracked the cockpit window of an All Nippon Airways Lockheed tristar jetliner carrying 317 passengers and crew that had just taken off from Chitose airport near Sapporo, Hokkaido's capital.

The plane was bound for Nagoya, 180 miles southwest of Tokyo. It turned back to Chitose and landed safely.

Rocks flung up by the volcano also broke windows of several cars in Date City, about four miles to the south.

The eruption of Mt. Usu was the 10th in recorded history and the first since 1910.



## Higher and higher

This is a view of the Agronomy Building now under construction on the west campus. It will be open for classes in the fall.

Battalion photo by Betsy Kelly