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Viewpoint

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Odds stacked against Lance

In the swirl of controversy surrounding the financial dealings of Budget Director Bert Lance, demands of resignation are being issued from across the country.

Some people, myself included, have hesitated to join the "can Lance" bandwagon until the illegalities are shown. But amid the rising waters of publicity, regardless of whether the man is a crook or just a sloppy banker, one has to wonder if he can and will be able to continue the job efficiently.

One freshman representative from Dallas on the subcommittee studying Lance's alleged overdrafts and loans from his Georgia bank said this week

Lance is "not being drummed out on the basis of the press not having anything else to write about." The House

member said he fears the press, along with Congress, is being fed bad information in attempts to oust the budget director for personal reasons.

It would be a shame to have a fully qualified man driven from office on the basis of lashing reports. But we are in a stage in history, particularly after the rocky political years not long passed, where we demand a closet with nary a bone in it.

There are probably few men in politics today who, after so many years in the business, haven't accumulated a

that although he does not condone the little shade in their backgrounds. director's banking activities, he hopes Nevertheless, a paranoid public demands squeaky clean public servants, and idealistic or not, it's a justifiable attitude

> Regardless of how Bert Lance's records come out in the wash, he will suspicious nation. He could never be as effective in the public's eyes.

Of course, it's the microcosm world of Washington where Lance's image really counts, but as the freshman

Slouch

representative said, there are doubtless many politicians out to get him and the rest of his administrative buddies

Bert Lance has lost the Carter smilin' shine. Even Jimmy, himself, wonders now if his budget director never shine under the scrutiny of a might be a smudge on his pearly whites.

> Bert Lance, there's some chance you might win the battle, but we, too, have to agree that we wouldn't bet on you to win the war. I.A.

by Jim Earle

The nation's rabbits Our national government needs all the good advice it can get, but things

have gotten out of hand when you can count 1,200 advisory committees attached to the various federal departments and all of them busy meeting and writing reports.

Somebody figured out that the average for members of such committees is nineteen. That means nearly 24,000 kibitzers getting paid from a minimum of \$100 a day to up to \$184 for their brainstorming sessions. When you start multiplying these numbers by the printed pages that come out of the advisory panels, you begin to realize the immensity of the paperwork and why nobody could ever read it all.

President Carter has ordered a review of all advisory committees and the preliminary judgment is that 40 per cent of all those studied so far can be done away with. Trouble is that 20 more were created while the first review process was under way.

That's worse than what goes on out in the rabbit warren. The Miami Herald



"IT'S CHEAP, EFFECTIVE, AND SIMPLE! I DON'T KNOW WHY IT HASN'T BEEN THOUGHT OF BEFORE!'

Congress suffering 'Park who?' syndrome

Tehran suffering from sudden wealth

RHODESIA

"LISTEN TO THIS ONE, MR. SMITH - IT'LL MAKE YOUR MOUTH WATER !"

Bookstores taking unfair advantage of students?

By DICK WEST **United Press Internation**

WASHINGTON — There's no telling at this point whether Tongsun Park, the South Korean wheeler-dealer, was guilty of any of the charges lodged against him by a

U.S. grand jury. But if he did try to win friends and influence congressmen through campaign con-tributions and other favors, he appears to have been singularly unsuccessful

To the best of my knowledge, I never

The hardest thing to find in this town Sox today is a lawgiver who ever even heard of No, that's Fenway Park. Park, much less cozied up to him.

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indition is a

his contribution list.

"Then it must be a cemetery in Los tribution from a T. S. Park?" "I did." Angeles

met him.""I don't know the gentleman.""I

have no knowledge of that." Those are typi-

cal of the comments by congressmen iden-

tified as having shared in Park's largess. Curious about his failure to make a

memorable impression on Capitol Hill, I

"Congressman, what can you tell me about Tongsun Park?"

ought out one of the House members on

"You're thinking about Park Lawn. The Park I'm seeking information about was a businessman from a small Asian country." Have you tried the Small Business

Committee?" 'I'm sure you're trying to be helpful, sir, but this is something only you can an Where do you personally fit into the Park

"I'll be glad to answer that. I have a "Isn't that the home of the Boston Red reserved space in the Rayburn garage. 'I wasn't asking where you park your car. Did you not report a \$500 campaign con-

'And were you not aware that he was a lobbyist for the South Korean government with connections with the Korean CIA?" 'I was not. I thought he was an English

"If you had T.S. Park confused with T.S. Eliot, why would he seek your support?" "It has always been my policy to support parks

A few more questions of this sort convinced me the congressman knew very lit-tle about this matter. Which means he will make an ideal witness for the House ethics committee investigation.

Top of the News

Campus

Degree application ends today

Today is the deadline for degree applications for students exped to graduate in December.

Application is the student's responsibility and ensures that a loma will be waiting for the student when he or she crosses the Rollie White Coliseum stage for commencement, reminded Regs Robert Lacev

Graduating students may apply after paying an \$8 fee at the F Office in the Richard Coke Building.

Football highlights to be shown by

Orientation for new staff and faculty concludes Sept. 13 special program on Aggie football in Cain Hall at 7:30 p.m. Fi highlights of the 1976 season will be shown and the team's prodiscussed for the upcoming season.

Newcomers previously were given guided tours of the campu were guests of President and Mrs. Miller at a buffet dinner.

State

White enrollment drops in HISD

White student enrollment is dropping in the Houston Inde dent School District, according to enrollment figures for the set day of school.

Superintendent Billy Reagan predicted Wednesday that HISD lose more than 3,000 students, primarily whites, compared to year's enrollment of 205,075.

Reagan estimated the enrollment drop will cost the district a \$1.5 million in state funds based on student attendance, but he he does not expect to lay off any teachers.

Lightning strikes Terrell senior

The lightning which struck and killed Terrell High Sc senior quarterback Bernard Derrick Wednesday was a "fra thing" and the accident could not have been avoided, prim Robert McCord said.

The principal said the lightning which killed Derrick, I7, fielded punts on the football practice field was the first sign storm activity.

"There was no rain. The storm was in the distance," he sat was a freakish thing, an act of God." Other players on the field were knocked to the ground by the

but no other injuries were reported. McCord predicted that no disciplinary action against head

Mike Bailey would be taken. Derrick, a 5-9, 135-pounder, won the starting quarterback po on the team this year despite not playing football last seasor

Nation

Contruction ban lifted on gym

Supreme Court Justice William Brennan yesterday lifted a tem rary ban he imposed Sept. 6 on construction of a gymnasi site where four Kent State University students were fatally sh

Brennan's action means that construction may begin as far ast Supreme Court is concerned.

Protesters led by the May Four Coalition say they want to keep bulldozers quiet until the Interior Department can deter whether the location of the proposed gym where the Ohio Natio Guard shootings took place is eligible as a National Historical sit University officials told Brennan that any further delay could ma the end of the current contracts at a loss of from \$2 million to million.

B-1 bomber production halted

In a very close vote, the House agreed yesterday to support Predent Carter's order to halt production of the B-1 bomber The 202-199 vote came on a \$110 billion defense bill passed a sent to the Senate, which voted earlier to support Carter. The Har

action puts the final lid on the controversial plane.

Hurricane Clara strengthens

United Press International

TEHRAN, Iran — The oil boom and its promise of riches has brought the city of Tehran a million squatters and almost as

"Before we know it, there will be two illion of them," all headed for the new

encourage still more people to come to Tehran.

City planners fear that legalization will depleted the city's water reserves and at blackouts persist, even though consumption is down.

And the squatters will need electricity, for few are without the television sets, re-frigerators and washing machines their \$70

The squatters spilled into Tehran from village farms at the rate of almost 200,000 a year to seek work in construction and factories. They filled the city's available inexpensive housing in no time.

Commentary

Wages soared 400 per cent and the

squatters began to settle in. Thousands

threw up illegal townships of ramshackle

homes on the desert wasteland surround-

ing the capital. More jobs became available and the squatters invited their relatives to join

The city, furious at the illegal settle-ments, started bulldozing the shacks but the squatters answered with violence.

They rioted, attacking municipal buildings

and burning vehicles to press their de-

Authorities gave in and recently granted

In five years, the rural influx has pushed Tehran's population from 3.5 million to 4.5

million — 13 per cent of Iran's 34 million

My textbooks had been on reserve since

summer orientation. The employees at the

bookstore had let me select my own

"used" books at great bargain prices. Two months later I was shocked when a cashier

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carefully earlier had been replaced with a

similar experience this year in a different

and returned to classes in August to find

My freshman roommate, Christi, had a

Letters to the editor

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problems have only begun.

townships, one architect said. A concentration of expanding industry,

commerce and government already has overtaxed Tehran's fledgling civil services system.

Unusually low snowfall in the mountains north of Tehran during the last two winters

because the legalization of the townships puts an obligation on the government to pipe them water, too.

They also will need electricity — another commodity in short supply. A delay in power generation plans caused a nationwide electricity shortage this summer. The

a day jobs afford them.

They also need hospitals, schools, buses, taxis, telephones, post offices, mosques, police posts and marriage registration cen-- all of which are governmentters supplied.

Although city officials fret over the ugly, crooked streets and shanty-like homes, politicians seem resigned to it.

"I knew for years this would happen, said Faramarz Nasseri, 63. He is a retired civil servant living in Tehran's middle class north central district.

'Tehran flaunted its wealth in front of those provincials for years," he said. "And now it must pay for the blunder." "Call it an evil, call it whatever you like,"

another politician said. "It (the influx from rural areas) always comes with the riches. "It's another matter, though. The people

remain when the riches are gone," he said.

Indications are that Tehran will prove no exception. The building boom that at-tracted the farmers to the unskilled labor force is slowing down as the government

enacts harsh measures to curb land speculation And there's no indication the farmers will move back home.

'Why should I go back?" said Ahman

Koohnavard, a 23-year-old mason. "I like it here and I'm going to stay here.

Tropical storm Clara grew to hurricane strength vester threatening shipping with its 75 mile per hour winds as it hea toward the open waters of the central North Atlantic Ocean. At noon EDT, the National Hurricane Center reported the in hurricane of the season was centered about 260 miles northwest Bermuda and nearly 700 miles east of the North Carolina coast. "Clara poses no immediate threat to any land areas," hum forecaster Paul Herbert said. "It is a threat only to shipping."

World

Idi Amin undergoes surgery

Ugandan President Idi Amin has undergone surgery for an u

closed ailment, Kampala Radio said yesterday. The broadcast said the operation was performed by a Soviets geon, Dr. Feodor Senkhov, who is part of a Russian medical tam Uganda. The broadcast gave no details about Amin's ailment, buts he has undergone several operations in the past.

clemency to 12 men sentenced to death by firing squad for two and ordered that three other men should be shot at the same to Two of the three were convicted of killing a doctor by burning

Partly cloudy this afternoon and evening with 30 per cent chance showers; decreasing chances of showers tomorrow. Southeas winds 6-12 mph. High both days lower 90s; low tonight low 70s

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Kampala Radio also announced that Amin has refused to g

alive and the third was found guilty of treason.

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Editor: Last year I came to A&M well prepared she had been sold books that did not coincide with her course and section numbers. to meet the challenges of apartment living, and rigorous study schedules. I was not, however, prepared to meet the challenges

This semester I spent almost \$100 on books, most of them paperbacks that the bookstores will buy back for one dollar each. My books then will be resold to another student for six or seven dollars. As I figure it, my used books will rake in a five- to six-hundred per cent profit everytime they are bought back and re-

sol

The bookstores are not doing anything illegal. They are accomplishing what they set out to accomplish. They are making money. But they are making it by taking an unfair advantage of the students, who must have text books to survive courses.

We Aggies can "beat" the bookstores. My idea is not new but it works. I am keeping my books and will sell them next more than the bookstore would have paid. I will not make a profit,

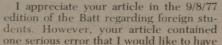
yet I will save money for my effort and someone else will save, too. Furthermore, I will attract some buyer from the bookstores.

One person will not make much difference, but a campus of 30,000 people will. Bookstores might have to lower their atrocious prices. That, in my opinion, is worth fighting for.

—Debbi Pigg Class of 1980

Story corrected

Editor:



one serious error that I would like to have

publicly corrected. Quote, "He said he al-lowed Texas A&M's Iranian Student group to "hassle" ex-CIA director, William Colby, "a little" last spring, although he does not agree with the position." In our conversation I made no mention

of Mr. Colby's encounter with the Iranian students. What I said was that I took steps to allow them to set up a booth on the first floor of the MSC so that they could hand out literature and make their position known to the student body at Texas A&M. I also indicated that while I do not necessarily **agree** or **disagree** with their position, that the basic purpose of our educational system is to encourage a free exchange of ideas and that no student should be prohibited from doing this simply because we do not agree with them politically.

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