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## Hill predicts change in governor's office

By SCOTT PERKINS

Texas Attn. Gen. John Hill met with reporters and a small group of supporters Friday at Easterwood Airport on the last leg of a 4,000 mile trip through Texas to announce his intention to run for governor. Hill said he believed that Texas voters would make a change in the governor's office this election.

Hill, a 1947 graduate of the University of Texas law school, was elected attorney general in 1972, and re-elected in 1974. He entered public life in 1966, when he was appointed secretary of state by then-governor John Connally. He ran for gover-

nor in 1968 but was defeated.

At the meeting, Hill called Governor Dolph Briscoe's leadership "ineffective," and said, "The people of Texas don't want anyone to serve in the governor's office as long as 10 years. They've found that if anyone serves that long they dominate the government. And that's dynasty building, and totally opposite of the Texas tradition."

Hill said that education and law enforcement will be the areas of top concern in his administration, and as governor he will stress "human needs."

He criticized Briscoe for increasing tax assessments in Texas.

"We need to get truth in taxation in ad valorem taxes," Hill said. "What so often happens is the powers that be don't raise the tax rate, they simply raise the market value (of the property) which results in higher taxes."

Hill said the special problems of tax assessment concerning farmers and ranchers should also be examined. "They ought to have a different way of assessing their taxes. Otherwise they will be driven off the farm," he said.

Regarding the problem of gas and oil deregulation, Hill said Texas should be allowed to utilize its own resources to satisfy

its own needs.

Hill lashed out at Briscoe for his lack of visibility, saying "it wouldn't take much" for Briscoe to be a more visible governor.

Hill said he could meet the financial challenge of the campaign.

"We know we're up against big money," he said. He'll probably outspend us two to one." But Hill said he wouldn't be in the race if he didn't think he could win it.

Hill also said that he didn't believe former governor Preston Smith's entrance into the race would be much of a factor, that this would be a race between the attorney general and the governor.



Battalion photo by Rocky Lee

### Medieval Aggies?

Jeff Morgan triumphs over Steve Gould at a Tuesday night meeting of the Texas A&M Society for Creative Anachronisms.

### 200 rooms vacant

## Demand for male dorms low

By PEGGY EMERSON

There appears to be no demand for unconditioned dorms for men at Texas A&M University. Approximately 200 of these rooms are held vacant in Leggett, Hotard, Walton, Gear, Law, and Hart dormitories. Bicker and Utay, air conditioned dorms, also have vacancies.

"I feel students are not aware of vacancies because of how tight the housing situation has been in the past," said Ronald E. Sasse, assistant director of student affairs-housing, in an interview last week.

Sasse attributes the vacancies to three factors: increased cancellations by stu-

dents who signed up last spring to return to dorms this fall, students assigned dorm spaces who turned them down and an unusually large number of "no-shows."

"Any one of the three factors could have put us over and we could have been sitting with no spaces. One is as bad as the other," said Sasse. "You can use the best figures you have to make predictions but it does not always turn out right."

Last spring, 83 percent of dormitory students signed to return to their dorms this fall and 20 percent of them cancelled their reservations.

Because of cancellations, approximately 600 extra dorm assignments were made and 46 percent of them were turned down. Students turning down rooms had already signed apartment leases or made other living arrangements.

No-shows were extremely high this fall with 224 persons (188 men and 36 women) losing their dorm deposits because they did not notify the housing office by July 15, to cancel their dorm spaces.

Students have not been contacting the housing office for living space this fall. Most are settled in apartments and if they want dorm space they are on a waiting list for spring.

The housing office will try to get the dorms filled in the spring because vacancies hurt the university, said Sasse. "We have a few stragglers coming in but people aren't beating our door down."

## Prof shot in heart; found dead in car

By MARY ALICE WOODHAMS

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Dr. Smith had served as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Labor, and held the rank of commander in the Naval Reserve. He earned three degrees from the University of Utah, and his Ph.D. was awarded in 1960.

Smith, who resided at 1826 Shadow Wood, is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and seven children.

The funeral is scheduled for 2 p.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2500 Barak Road. Burial will be at College Station City Cemetery.

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## Work starts today

### Supreme Court justices deciding on cases to be heard

John Paul Stevens will act as errand boy and go to the door to accept or send them.

By tradition, the court only hears arguments and rules on petitions, which at least four justices have voted to review. While more than 1,000 requests for review come in every term, written opinions are issued only on about 150 cases.

Before the last term closed June 29, the justices had accepted more than 80 cases for argument in the coming term. They include the already celebrated case of Allan Bakke, a white who charged he was discriminated against when a medical school rejected him while admitting some less-qualified minority applicants under its affirmative action program.

Also up for review are questions about the sick leave rights of pregnant women workers, mandatory retirement at 65, commercial sale of some of Richard Nixon's White House tapes and whether a Washington state law regulating oil tankers clashes with federal law.

Fresh cases which the justices vote on reviewing this week involve subjects ranging from school desegregation to the free press.

One appeal from Tacoma, Wash., involves a school teacher who was fired for admitting he was a homosexual. A Tennessee case asks whether the Endangered Species Law requires a multimillion dollar dam to be left incomplete in order to save

a three-inch fish threatened with extinction.

A major media case involves protests against a lower court ruling barring cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcasting stations in the same markets. A racial "quota" system ordered for police promotions to the rank of sergeant in Chicago also has reached the Supreme Court.

Other appeals include whether cities can use a permit system to restrict commuter parking on residential streets; a court-ordered plan to desegregate Wilmington, Del., schools and Nixon's appeal that his tapes are protected by presidential privilege from being subpoenaed for use in civil damage suits.

majority needed to secure Senate ratification.

If it cannot secure the missing votes, it may opt for not bringing the treaty to a vote at all in this Congress.

Administration officials are aware of the historic parallels with 1921 when Woodrow Wilson tried to convince the nation to approve the Versailles Peace Treaty with its provisions for a world organization — the League of Nations — for settling international disputes.

In March 1921 the Senate rejected the League despite Wilson's desperate journey across America to sell the pact to the people. In the course of that cross country train journey, Wilson suffered a stroke from which he never fully recovered.

The administration is believed to be at least 15 votes short of the two-thirds



### Aggies win!

Above, some Lubbock residents were quick to acknowledge the Texas Aggies' status after Saturday night's 33-17 victory over Texas Tech. This marquee was outside the Lubbock Hilton within an hour of the final gun.

Battalion photo by Jim Crawley

At left, the Aggie Johnnie Donahue (73) gives a hard knock to a Texas Tech Red Raider Rodney Allison.

Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

## Cease-fire accepted in southern Lebanon

United Press International

Israel accepted a U.S.-mediated cease-fire in the fighting in southern Lebanon Monday and a Palestinian spokesman said Israeli troops and tanks were pulling back from the battle zone.

A spokesman for the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine reported the Israeli pullback shortly after the Israeli Defense Ministry announced

acceptance of the cease-fire, effective at 10 a.m. (4 a.m. EDT) and said its patrols in southern Lebanon would end immediately.

The PFLP spokesman in Beirut said calm was returning to southern Lebanon. But he said there could be no ceasefire with "the Zionist enemy" and said even if Israel pulled back "no one should expect us to reciprocate with similar action."

Both Palestinian officials and spokesmen for Christian rightist forces backed by Israel said Sunday night they had agreed in principle to the cease-fire.

An official of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Beirut said Monday said there would never be a cease-fire with Israel, but that "there could be a cease-fire between us and the isolationists (the

Lebanese Christian rightists supported by Israel)."

Reports from Metullah, Israel, said that even after the cease-fire deadline, Soviet-made rockets smashed into the nearby Israeli towns of Kiryat Shmona and Safed in what Israeli military sources said was an attempt by extremist Palestinians to subvert a new cease-fire in south Lebanon.

The Israeli military command said eight persons were wounded in the attacks — the heaviest casualties reported since rockets began hitting Israeli towns last Wednesday.

The spokesman for the PFLP had no immediate comment on reports of guerrilla rocket attacks but said, "No one can dispute our right to keep on fighting the Zionist enemy."

"In fact, Palestinian revolutionaries shelled the (north Israeli coastal) town of Nahariya late Sunday night," he said.

The cease-fire was called to end 10 days of heavy fighting between the Israeli-backed Lebanese Christian rightists and joint Palestinian-Lebanese leftist forces.

It was the first time Israeli military sources admitted Israeli troops were involved in the battles despite continuing reports from both sides of the border that they were helping the Christians.

A PLO official had said Sunday the cease-fire, mediated by the United States, was to have gone into effect on Sunday, but for unknown reasons the fighting con-

tinued and gunners from both sides exchanged fierce artillery barrages.

An Israeli Defense Ministry spokesman said the terms of the cease-fire fulfilled Israel's insistence that it guarantee the safety of Christians in the southern war zone and include provisions to keep the Palestinians away from the border.

Soviet-made rockets fired by Palestinian guerrillas from within Lebanon landed in the Israeli border town of Metullah early Monday, but a military spokesman said there were no injuries or damage.

The army radio said a number of rockets also hit the border town of Safed, injuring one person. But, in a break with Israeli practice, its artillery did not shell the suspected source of the rockets.

Though a top PLO official said Sunday that PLO gunners had stopped firing at 5 p.m. (11 a.m. EDT), reporters at the scene said both sides continued shell and mortar battles 4 1/2 hours later.

A salvo of Palestinian Soviet-made rockets slammed into an Israeli border town late Sunday drew an Israeli warning that "the guerrillas will be facing an Israeli reaction" if the attacks continued.

UPI reporter Mathis Chazanov reported from Metullah that Israeli U.S.-built armored personnel carriers were crossing into Lebanon. It was the first time Israeli censors allowed such reports, but they banned publication of other details.