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## Hijackers kill pilot, set new deadline

United Press International

Four Arab and German terrorists executed the pilot of a hijacked West German airliner and dumped his body onto the runway at Mogadishu Airport, where he was forced to land with 86 other hostages, Somalia's Sonna news agency said.

Capt. Juergen Schumann was shot to death in front of the other hostages, the West German news agency DPA reported from Bonn, because the terrorists apparently feared he no longer would obey their orders.

Schumann, 37, the father of two sons, joined Lufthansa 1968. Before that, he had served in the West German Air Force with his co-pilot on the hijacked aircraft, Juergen Vietor, 35.

Mogadishu radio, monitored in Nairobi, Kenya, said the hijackers set a new deadline of 10 a.m. EDT, vowing to blow up

Boeing 737 with the remaining hostages unless 13 comrades are freed from West German and Turkish prisons and a \$15.5 million ransom is paid.

The radio quoted Somalia's information minister as saying that the hijackers would negotiate only with the West German government and no one else, including the Somalis.

The Somali news agency said a West German delegation led by a government minister was expected shortly in the capital of Mogadishu to negotiate with the hijackers.

In Bonn it was reported that Minister of State Juergen Wischnewski, West Germany's Arab affairs expert, had left Saudi Arabia in an attempt to contact the hijackers.

The agency said the plane landed at Mogadishu Monday after a flight from

Aden, southern Yemen, at 6:20 a.m. (11:20 p.m. EDT Sunday) and "very soon the dead body of the pilot was slid down from the plane" and taken to a hospital.

Somalia said the plane arrived unexpectedly and when it was discovered that it was the hijacked Lufthansa 737, "Somalia was faced with the alternative of either forcing the plane to return where it came from, with all the risks this implied to the safety of passengers, or letting the aircraft land."

The government allowed the plane to land and set up a high-level committee of the ministers of information and transport and the nation's police chief to negotiate with the hijackers.

The hijackers told the West German government that if the demands were not met by the deadline they would blow up the plane.

## Power failure leaves San Antonio in the dark

United Press International

SAN ANTONIO — A fire in power plant transmission lines caused a two-hour electrical blackout Sunday night in the nation's 10th largest city.

A few persons were trapped in elevators by the blackout and several minor traffic accidents occurred because of the loss of signal lights.

But no deaths or injuries attributable to the blackout were reported. No arrests were made in sporadic outbreaks of looting in parts of the South Texas city. Police and firemen quickly manned intersections when traffic signals went dead, lighting flares and directing traffic with flashlights. Most area hospitals used emergency generators to maintain life support systems.

Tom Berg, chairman of City Public Service, said the blackout was caused by a fire in transmission lines of the Calaveras Power Plant, located on the southern edge of the city, but cause of the fire was unknown.

Residents in the area of the power plant reported an explosion and sparks shooting from the overhead power lines leading from the plant. CPS officials did not confirm the reports of an explosion.

The blackout occurred at 7:05 p.m. and lights dimmed and then went out across the metropolitan area of 1 million residents.

CPS officials had told the news media last summer at the time of the New York power failure that San Antonio did not have to worry about such outages because of its regional network arrangements. They said, after power was restored Sunday night, the San Antonio blackout was caused by the transmission line difficulties and not by an overload such as occurred in New York.

"The whole thing was black," CPS general manager Jack Spruce said of the city. "There is no evidence of any problems inside the Calaveras plant."

Berg called for a special committee in-

vestigation of the power outage and how to prevent a future one. He said three of the affected power lines at the Calaveras plant wrapped themselves around relay circuits which could have prevented the power loss.

"Normally this should have been cleared by the relays," Berg said.

CPS restored electricity section by section, beginning at 8:37 p.m. on the north side and working through the downtown area. In some sections, overloads caused restoration to take longer.

Police chief Emil E. Peters said most residents responded to requests to stay home and no major law enforcement problems were encountered.

"We have some looting but really nothing serious," Peters said. "We might get some calls in the morning."

Several of the city's radio stations which did not have emergency electrical generators went off the air until power was restored.



### Shirley Temple & Friends

The Sterling Evans Library is displaying antique toys from the collection of Eleanor Nance. The collection, on display until mid-November, con-

tains some toys from the early-1800s. The Shirley Temple doll above is circa 1932.

Battalion photo by Ken Herrera

## Dormitories do without hot water for 2-4 days

By KIM TYSON

Battalion Campus Editor

An outbreak of hot water shortages hit A&M University last week, causing jokes and complaints.

McInnis Hall, the hardest hit building, was without hot water from Tuesday until Friday of last week. The problem was caused by a weak diaphragm located between the power plant and the heat exchange system for the building, said Gene

Oates, residence hall safety and maintenance supervisor.

The diaphragm protects the heat exchange system, Oates said. After a pressure gauge showed that the part might break, the hot water was turned off. The problem was discovered on a daily check of the gauges.

Schumacher dorm had been without hot water from the previous Saturday until last Tuesday. The shortage was not reported

until Monday because most residents were out of town, said Les Albert, head resident of Schumacher.

Albert said the problem with the circulating water pump was repaired by the end of the week.

Both Mosher and Aston halls were without hot water last Friday because of bad circulating water pumps, said Glenn Ferris, area coordinator for the two dorms. Repairs were made that Friday.

"We were smelling people we didn't even know we had here," said Bryan Stuart, head resident of McInnis. He said some residents took showers in Crocker and Moore halls.

A sign went up at McInnis advertising hot water for sale: \$1.63 an eight ounce cup (undelivered), \$2.73 delivered. Scrawled on the sign was a plea to call Marvin Zindler, a Houston consumer advocate.

Darrell Langford, a junior journalism major, blamed his new cold on the hot water shortage.

"It left us out in the cold," said Buster Lastovica, McInnis dorm president. He said the repair took too long, adding, "But that's the system I guess."

Whoops and yells went up at McInnis when the hot water came on Friday afternoon. Stuart posted a sign:

"Well gang, the vigil is over, hot water is here. Have a happy shower — P.S. and good shave. You need it."

Ferris said the dorms have had pumps go out in the past, but that it is rare for them to go out at the same time.

However, Oates said none of the breakdowns are related or because of new cold weather in the area.

The McInnis part could not be found in Houston, Dallas or Waco, so a replacement is being flown in air freight from California, Oates said. He said the part was hard to find since the system is old.

He also ordered parts from Houston to fix the present diaphragm which are supposed to arrive by Tuesday.

A temporary repair was "rigged up" by A&M physical plant personnel Friday until the replacement or replacement parts arrive.

Oates plans to have the new diaphragm installed and the old one fixed for a spare. He said there was nothing that could be done to avoid the breakdown since it was due to normal wear and tear.

## Carter not shaken by bomb protests

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Carter said he sympathizes with the goals of the neutron bomb protesters who disrupted church services he attended Sunday. But, he wishes they had used a different means of voicing dissent.

"They are fine young people and I agree with their purpose to eliminate nuclear weapons," Carter told reporters on return to the White House.

"I think they were mistaken in trying to disrupt a church service," he said. He said that the situation at the First Baptist Church of Washington was "handled better well."

The Secret Service didn't think I was in danger and neither did I," he said. Five protesters were charged with disrupting a religious gathering. Charges were not pressed against a sixth protester, Elizabeth McAlister, a former Roman Catholic nun and antiwar activist.

The neutron bomb is designed to kill people by radiation without causing widespread property damage. Carter must decide whether to deploy the weapon. Last week he asked NATO allies for their views.

Sunday's disturbance began just before a sermon. Landon Sheats of Baltimore and began reading a statement that said "Christians threatened by the nuclear sword will die by the nuclear sword. The Lord warns us."

A church usher rushed to him, grabbed

the statement and firmly clasped his hand over Sheats' mouth to stop him from talking.

As he was being pulled from the pew, Miss McAlister rose in a different section of the church and continued the statement. The scene was repeated each time ushers tried to quell a demonstrator.

The President and First Lady Rosalynn Carter sat stiffly and stared straight ahead from their sixth-row pew, never turning to look at the demonstrators scattered behind them.

As the protesters were removed, several sat down at the front and side exits of the church and were taken away by police. One refused to walk and was carried.

Sheats said just before being arrested that the protesters will "put our bodies in front of them (the bombs) before they are built."

Miss McAlister identified the other participants, besides Sheats, as Jim McNeil and Rosemary McGuire of Baltimore; Paul Hood of Boston, and Mary Lyons of Simsbury, Conn.

It was the third time the demonstrators appeared at the church protesting the neutron bomb, but the first time Carter was present and arrests made.

Ironically, on Friday night, Carter talked about the comfort he found in going to the church "in lonely times." He told a church banquet it "adds a dimension to our lives that quite often, for a President, would be missing."

## 'Smokey': all part of the job

By KEVIN PATTERSON

"Hey good Buddy, Smokey's on the move, flipping north and taking your picture."

With this citizens band warning, brake lights shine, motorists scan the highway, and Trooper Richard Looby does his job.

Looby is "Smokey", a highway patrolman, and the term "flipping" is a method of crossing back and forth on the highway. This way, a trooper can direct his radar gun, "picture taker", on either lane of traffic to check speeds.

A member of the Texas Department of Public Safety's Highway Patrol, Looby is one of 11 officers responsible for 24-hour safety on the roads in Brazos, Robertson, and Burleson counties.

"We can't be everywhere, so we just have to go where the traffic volume is the heaviest," said Sgt. Gary E. Farguson recently. Farguson is an area supervisor of the Highway Patrol.

"Very definitely, we have seen an increase in speed by motorists over the last couple of years," he said. "There are two reasons for this. One is that people seem to feel there isn't an energy crisis and that they may even have been taken in by talk of it. The other reason is a false assurance they may have with a CB or a radar detector."

Yet, the officer did admit "we're spread pretty thin and there are a lot of people who can and do speed."

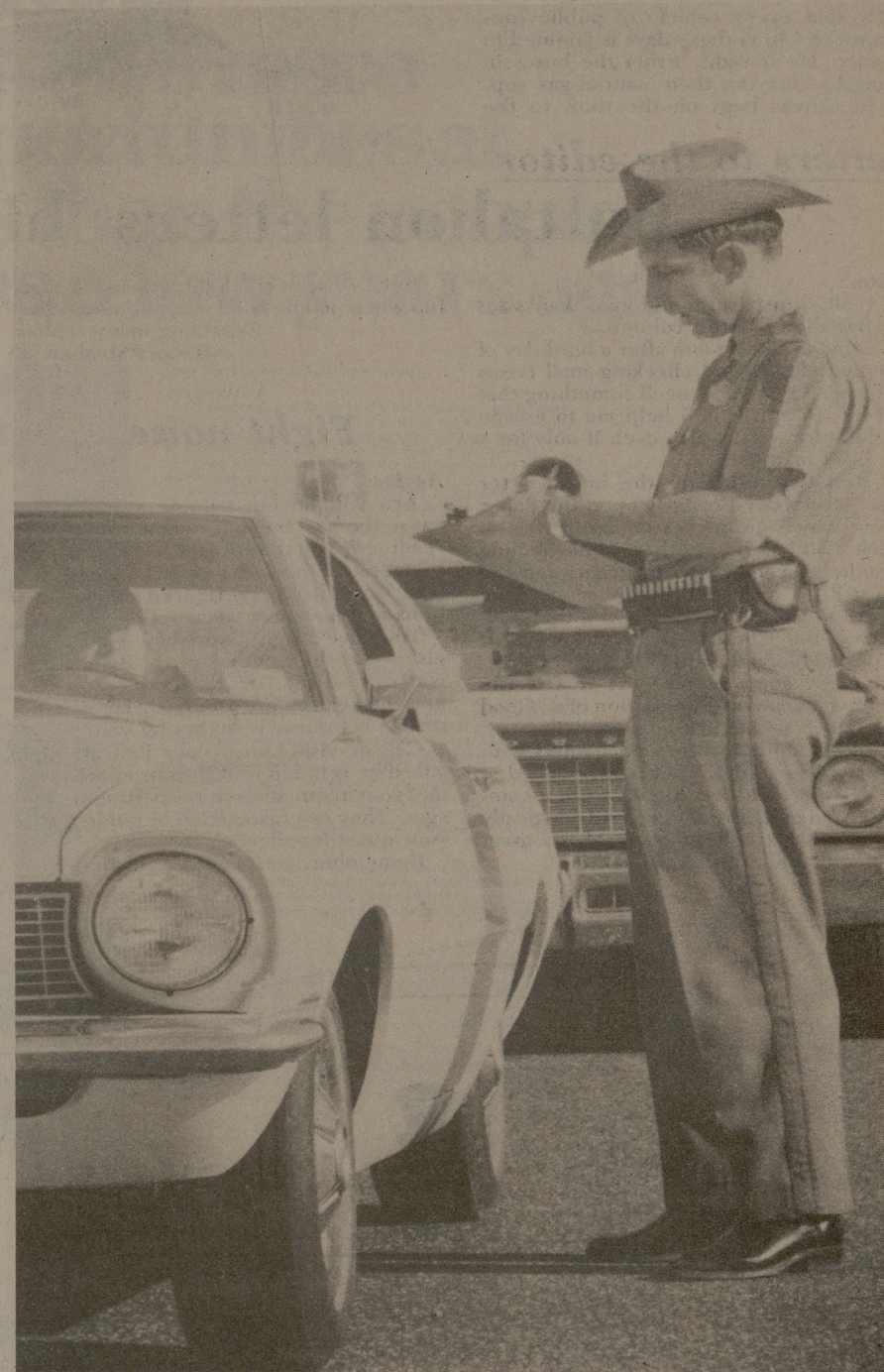
One Texas A&M University student said recently, "With my CB, I can cruise home doing 70 mph and not really worry."

Why then hasn't the Highway Patrol sought to limit the use of CB radios?

"CBs have a dual good and bad effect. They slow folks down but only for a short time, and only when we're around," Farguson said. "But we're not in the business of communication violations and our officers are already busy."

On any Friday the traffic in and around College Station and Bryan is composed largely of students. Some are heading off for a football game or home for the weekend.

Any time you get 30,000 more people on the highways, you have more work and more accidents. But proportionately the students cause the officers no particular problems," said Farguson. "Actually the A&M students are very well behaved."



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Officer Richard Looby of the Department of Public Safety's Highway Patrol, monitors the speed of passing cars along Highway 60.