

Gas supply from Texas: sell it in or out of state?

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AUSTIN—Attorney General John Hill said Tuesday the United States Supreme court has agreed to hear arguments in a case which will determine if Texas natural gas producers can be forced to sell their products to out-of-state consumers.

Hill said the court has scheduled arguments on the case which involves a suit by Southland Royalty Co. of Fort Worth against the Federal Power Commission on Dec. 7.

Hill has joined the suit on the side of the power company, and Louisiana and New Mexico have filed briefs with the Supreme Court supporting Texas' position in the case.

The suit stems from an FPC order issued in 1975 when leases held by Gulf Oil Corp. on land in Crane and Ector Counties expired. Gulf had been selling gas from the land to El Paso Natural Gas Co., which put the fuel into interstate pipelines, and the FPC ordered Southland to continue sales to El Paso.

Southland officials preferred, however, to sell the gas to Intratex Gas Co., which serves industry and other customers in the Houston area.

Southland filed suit challenging the FPC order, and the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans upheld Southland's right to sell to intrastate customers if it preferred.

"While this issue is being debated in Congress, we may wake up and find the courts have already settled it," Hill said. "That is why I have

entered this case to present the argument for continued freedom to choose between selling gas to out of state buyers or Texas buyers."

Hill said the case is more important to most states because most of the natural gas produced in Texas is consumed within the state.

"This strong intrastate market not only has kept gas flowing to our homes during winter while some Northern states have gone without, but it also has fueled our Gulf Coast petrochemical complex, which is a key contributor to our state's healthy economy," he said.

Distractions overshadow JFK service

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DALLAS — The 14th anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination was remembered briefly at noon Tuesday with a memorial service which other groups took advantage of to push causes.

The subdued service was held before a crowd of about 150 at the Kennedy Memorial on the western edge of downtown Dallas.

"It is fitting that we citizens of the city and county of Dallas pause in memory of this great American president," said Ron Kessler, chairman of the Dallas County Democratic Party which sponsored the service.

"President Kennedy has been put into perspective by historians. It may be not so much what he did, but what he was that was important. He had the kind of mind that could entertain vision," Kessler said.

Although the memorial was intended to pay respect to the past president, the service was easily overshadowed over other occurrences. Attention was diverted by a minor accident at one minute until noon at Main and Market streets, two organizations publicizing a rally and protest parade against "police brutality," and a service that was held two blocks west at Dealey Plaza, the actual site of the gunfire which killed Kennedy, by an organization which does not believe that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone Nov. 22, 1963.

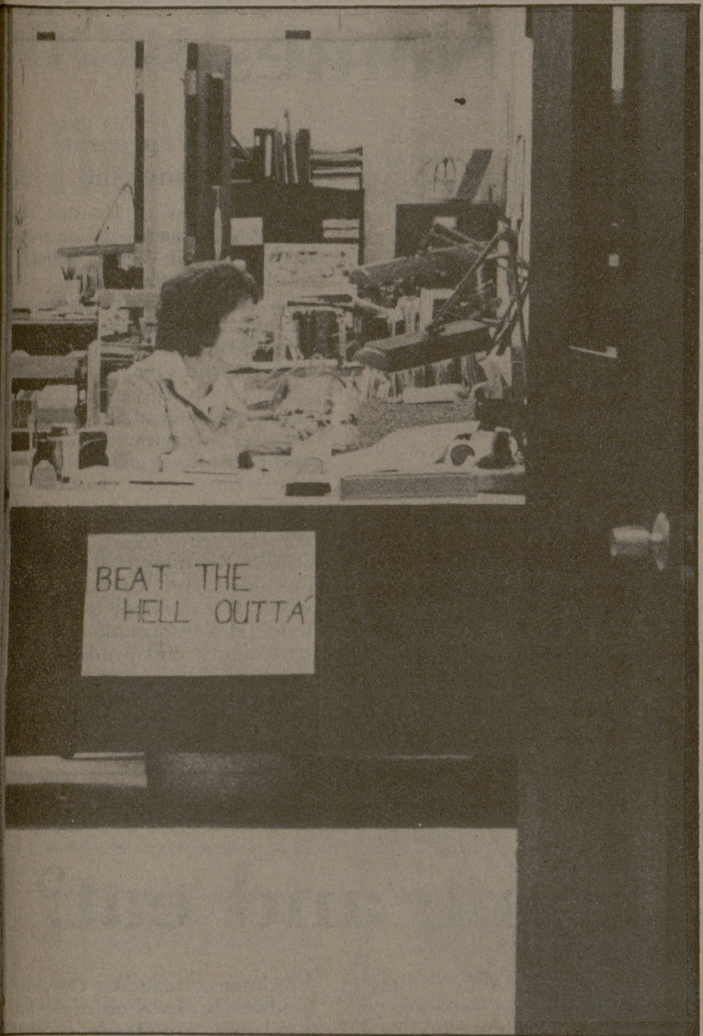
Nicholas Blessick, a resident of North Olmsted, Ohio, a small town near Cleveland, put all of the gatherings in perspective. He stood near the fountains, east of the triple underpass, looking north a half-block to the sixth-floor window in a building which by next year likely will no longer be called the Texas Schoolbook Depository.

"We just got here, me and my family," he said. "We'll go up there (to the memorial service) in just a minute. We wanted to see this first. This was where it happened."

"Everything is so close together here. I thought it was a big, wide area. But it's so little. You can certainly see all the possibilities."

Beasley, a World War II casualty, was a leading member of a Texas Agriculture research group involved in hybridization of cotton species. He is credited with initiating the work that formed the nucleus from which many of the present phases of cotton research has been formed.

The new greenhouse complex, now officially named the "Beasley Cotton Research Laboratory," was built on Texas A&M's new West Campus in conjunction with the relocation there of the Soil and Crop Sciences Department.



Battalion photo by Jim Crawley

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Georgia Burkhalter's desk is decorated in the prominent theme of the week: the drive to beat Texas. Burkhalter placed the sign on her desk Monday after a co-worker in Agricultural Communications lettered the poster.

New facilities titled

Two more facilities were named recently in honor of individuals on the Texas A&M campus.

The 5,000-seat baseball stadium field now under construction will be named in honor of C.E. Olsen, a 1923 Aggie graduate and member of the New York Yankees that included Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.

ness and begin his manufacturing career.

The \$1.5 million stadium will be ready for the 1978 season.

On the same side of the campus, Texas A&M University's new cotton research greenhouse complex will bear the name of the late Dr. J.O. Beasley, in whose memory earlier facilities of this type were named in 1949.

C.E. "Pat" Olsen Field was formerly chosen as the name of the new facility by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

Olsen, who resides in Clifton, is president and general manager of Research Manufacturing Co. He earned varsity baseball letters in his sophomore, junior and senior years and received his degree in mechanical engineering with highest honors.

After entering professional baseball following graduation and working his way up to the Yankees, he left to establish his own busi-

Campus activities

Wednesday
Elephant Walk, 12 noon, in front of the Academic Building
Omega Phi Alpha, 6:30 p.m., 501 Rudder

Thursday
Thanksgiving Holiday
Turkey Trot, 8 a.m., G. Rollie White Coliseum

Friday
Thanksgiving Holiday
Bonfire Yell Practice, 7:30 p.m., Duncan Field

Saturday
SWC Football, Texas A&M vs. Texas, 1:30 p.m., Kyle Field with Cadet Corps March-In at 12:20 p.m.

Sunday
Chess Committee, 6 p.m., 302 Rudder

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