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City Council okays bid for buildings

with the lowest bid for construction of a new police station and municipal building, the College Station City Council awarded the project to a local company Monday night.

The council wasn't happy with bids for a city warehouse and tabled the issue until Dec. 9.

The council accepted the bid of R.B. Miller, Inc. The company's bid of \$1,300,000 for the police station contract

was \$1,300 below its nearest competitor.

The lowest bid for the city warehouse came from Malek Construction Co. of Navasota. It was \$365,895.

The councilmen complained that the bids for both buildings were higher than the architect's estimates. Councilman Jim Dozier blamed this on the bidding system imposed on the city through state law.

"We have a state law that costs the taxpayers money," Dozier said. "We can't

protect taxpayers and that's a crying shame."

Dozier criticized the procedure of accepting sealed bids.

"I don't know why we can't have public auctions," Dozier said. "This puts us in poor bargaining position."

"We should be able to negotiate individually with contractors," Concilman Anne Hazen suggested the

warehouse bids be refused and new ones accepted. But City Engineer Elrey Ash said such a move would be a waste of time and money.

"I'm convinced that if we throw these bids out and solicit new ones, the new ones would be higher than these," Ash said.

The council voted three to three with Concilman Gary Halter abstaining. The

split vote in effect turned down the Malek bid.

Halter then moved to table the bids. The motion passed four to two.

In other action, Community Development Planner Jim Callaway asked and got permission to work toward improving Churchill Street.

The street is divided by a strip of land. Callaway wants to secure right-of-way

through this strip and connect the two ends of the street.

The council also approved final plats for Raintree Apartments Section 2 near the East By-Pass and for Windwood Phase 1 along Harvey Road.

A master Preliminary plat for Emerald Forest, a development to be located between the Raintree and Foxfire additions, was also approved.



Squads left!

Battalion photo by Ken Herrera

Senior Corps members, commonly known as "zips," swayed with the music of the Aggie War Hymn during Saturday's football

game against Texas. The seniors standing on the field were "officers of the day."

U.S. to send representative

Israel to be at peace talks

United Press International

The United States and Israel will send representatives to Cairo as early as Saturday for talks aimed at resuming the stalled Geneva Middle East peace conference. Arab nations, however, still plan to boycott the meeting.

U.S. officials in Washington said Monday the United States will attend the Cairo meeting called by Egypt's President Anwar Sadat. President Carter was expected to make the official announcement today.

In Tel Aviv, Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin said he will send one of his top aides, former spy Eliahu ben-Elissar, and legal expert Meir Rosenne to Cairo as soon as Thursday.

"Thus begin direct negotiations toward Geneva, negotiations we always wanted, face-to-face negotiations with our neighbors for a true peace in the region," Begin told Parliament.

Sadat, in a speech to the Egyptian Parliament Saturday, called the Cairo meet-

ing as a follow-up on his historic Nov. 19 journey to Jerusalem, which resulted in a verbal "no more war" agreement.

A spokesman for the Egyptian Foreign Ministry said the talks may begin as early as Saturday, will have no agenda and will not be "restricted by procedural rules."

Sadat's peace initiative has drawn harsh condemnation from hard-line Arab nations. Both Libya and Iraq have called rival Arab summit meetings.

Faced with disarray in the Arab ranks, Syrian President Hafez Assad Monday soft-

ened his criticism of Sadat, saying there was no "divorce between two brother countries."

But Syria still refuses to go to the Cairo meeting. The only other Arab country that said it might attend was Jordan — but only if all other Arab countries also take part.

American officials said privately they were concerned the Cairo meeting could result in a separate peace agreement between Egypt and Israel that would prevent an overall Middle East settlement.

But Sadat, in an American television interview, said he would attempt to negotiate a "comprehensive agreement" with Israel even though other Arab nations are not participating in the Cairo meeting.

"I shall be negotiating a comprehensive agreement and I shall be bringing it back to the Arab summit to give their say and for each party to give his word, agree or refuse," he told CBS. "This is for them to decide in the Arab summit."

Israel was invited to the Cairo talks in unprecedented contacts between the Israeli and Egyptian ambassadors at the United Nations Sunday, tearing apart the traditional fabric of Middle East diplomacy.

In extending the invitation to Israel Ambassador Chaim Herzog directly, Egypt bypassed the United States.

House investigators have secret plans of KCIA

United Press International

WASHINGTON — House investigators have in hand what may have been a secret South Korean CIA plan to spend \$750,000 in 1976 to influence U.S. foreign policy, and more for campaign contributions, sources said today.

They said a House International Relations subcommittee looking into the CIA's activities in the United States has the material. Panel Chairman Donald Fraser, D-Minn., planned to reveal its existence today at the first of two days of public hearings.

The sources also said the subcommittee had eight witnesses line up to testify about the operations — including Sohn Ho Young, a former KCIA agent based in New York who defected to U.S. authorities two months ago.

A statement prepared for Fraser's use and made available to UPI said in part: "At today's hearing we will present for the public record the KCIA's own secret written plan for clandestine operations to influence American public opinion and

policy in 1976. This plan, which was drafted in 1975, is ambitious and detailed.

"It gives the KCIA's assessment of the situation in the United States, proposed courses of action, amounts of money to be spent, and names of persons, organizations and U.S. government agencies targeted for special attention.

"Among the topical headings in the plan are operations in Congress... in the executive branch... in media circles... in academic and religious circles and operations relating to Korean residents.

"The plan shows that approximately three-quarters of a million dollars were earmarked to implement these operations and there is a notation indicating that additional funds were to be set aside for congressional campaigns."

One source said some of the activities described were "clearly illegal" and called the document "the strongest evidence by far ever presented in public of foreign intelligence attempts to influence foreign policy and public opinion in this country."

In advance of today's hearing, spokesmen for the panel refused to identify any

witnesses on grounds the names had to be kept secret for security reasons.

But congressional sources said the key witness would be Young, who defected to U.S. officials Sept. 16 just before a squad of other KCIA agents supposedly got to his home in a bid to stop him.

Rhodesian attacks cripple black rebels

United Press International

SALISBURY, Rhodesia — Rhodesia's unprecedented air and ground attacks on guerrilla bases inside Mozambique crippled the black insurgency and buoyed the spirits of the nation's embattled white minority, military sources say.

The military command announced Monday the raids — the most massive operations of the five-year war — killed more than 1,200 rebels in five days last week and destroyed two of their bases.

The military sources said the latest attacks crippled the black insurgency that has been trying for the last five years to topple the white minority government of Prime Minister Ian Smith.

The communique said Rhodesian air and ground forces destroyed the headquarters of the Zimbabwe National Liberation Army — the military arm of Robert Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union. Zimbabwe is the African name for Rhodesia.

Soldiers, who had been complaining bitterly about restraints imposed on them, also were clearly delighted.

The attacking Rhodesians were back home Thursday night, the communique said. Then on Saturday more troops knifed 136 miles inside Mozambique and destroyed the Tembue guerrilla base — the deepest Rhodesian penetration of the war, it said.



Aggieland at dusk

Late-autumn sunsets on the Texas A&M campus provide a background for silhouettes of the Academic Building dome, Harrington Center, and the water tower. This scene was viewed from third floor Krueger Hall.

Battalion photo by Beth Dzikowski

More Aggielands available this week

By MARK POWER

Students may rest assured that the 1977 Aggielands will be available this week in sufficient numbers to meet demand.

Last week when the first books were delivered, long lines and a short delivery left many students complaining because they did not receive their books.

"This year we have had the publisher break the shipments down to smaller sizes because of the space at our location," said Gary Baldasari, 1977 Aggieland Editor.

He said that Barracks C, this year's distribution point, is much smaller than the Old Exchange Store where students received their books last year.

"This is a record year for the Aggieland. About 12,000 units are being printed on the first run," he said.

Baldasari flew to Dallas Monday afternoon, Nov. 21, to supervise the delivery of the first 940 units which he drove down for last Tuesday's delivery.

That same day, Deon Priest, the technical representative for Taylor Publishing Co., drove an additional 1,400 to College Station. Even then, lines were so long that the books ran out before 2 p.m.

"Taylor is shipping the books as fast as they can, right off the presses. If we had waited any longer for more books, the students would be even more upset," said Baldasari.

Donald Johnson, Director of Student Publications, said that Taylor reported it would ship about 1,500 units for today's distribution, with other shipments later this week to satisfy the demand.

"Hopefully the latest shipment will arrive for afternoon distribution today (Tuesday)," Johnson said. "We are due for balance of our initial order of 14,000 as they finish off the presses in Dallas next week."

Johnson said the alternative to this year's distribution pattern would have been waiting until all the books arrived from the publisher. That would have caused a delay of up to two weeks.

"We have been lucky to have this many books on hand, and with the deliveries from Taylor we should have no more interruptions of delivery to the students," Johnson said.

Students may check at Barracks C early this afternoon to see if more yearbooks have arrived. If students have ordered a book, all that's required to pick it up is to present a Texas A&M University I.D. card. Students may only pick up their book or books for direct relatives, not friends. Students carrying I.D. cards other than their own will be turned away.

Some handicapped students may have trouble gaining access to Barracks C, and

their books may be picked up by calling Donnie Albrecht, Student Activity Coordinator, at the Student Activities office at 845-1134. Students are advised to call that office and explain their problems to the coordinator before coming by for a yearbook.

O'Hair fights lobby efforts of Catholics

United Press International

AUSTIN — Outspoken atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair and liberal abortion law advocate Bill Baird are taking on the Catholic Church in an attempt to stop it from lobbying for strict abortion laws.

In a joint announcement Monday, Mrs. O'Hair and Baird said they wanted Catholics to quit giving money to the church and wanted the public in general to boycott products of Catholic businesses.

"We are declaring economic war against the Roman Catholic Church," said Baird, director of abortion clinics in Boston and Hempstead, N.Y. He is also a key figure in court fights about women's right to abortion.

Baird and Mrs. O'Hair, head of the American Atheist Center, said they believed the current deadlock in Congress over federally funded abortions for welfare recipients was the work of Catholic lobbyists.

"Who in the heck is the Roman Catholic Church to have the arrogance to say to the Americans, 'We're going to tell you what is right and wrong?'" Baird said.

Mrs. O'Hair said Catholics should turn in empty collection envelopes marked "No money until women have freedom of choice" during Christmas holidays.

Baird and Mrs. O'Hair also suggested abortion advocates boycott Catholic business enterprises such as Christian Brothers' Wine, Monks' Bread and Trappist Jams.

"These are multimillion dollar industries," Baird said. "If people will economically boycott them I think they can put a lot of pressure on the church."

Mrs. O'Hair said the church was attempting to impose its dogma on all Americans because she said Catholic women had disobeyed the Pope's decrees against abortion and most forms of birth control.

"I think the Roman Catholic Church is advertising the fact that it cannot control its own women," she said. "If it could control its own women it would not need to reach out to control all women."

Mrs. O'Hair endorsed Baird's court challenge of a 1974 Massachusetts law that prohibits women under 18 from obtaining abortions without the consent of both parents or a judge.

"I'm afraid we're going to lose," Baird said. "The U.S. Supreme Court has swung drastically to the right."

He said a decision upholding the law would encourage other states to adopt similar measures and lead to deaths of many women forced to obtain illicit abortions.

License gets robber retrieved

United Press International

MILES, TEXAS — A 52-year-old Big Lake man has been arrested and charged with armed robbery in connection with the theft of \$3,000 Monday from a local bank.

Police identified the suspect as Johnny Franklin Harris.

The bank was robbed Monday about 12:45 p.m. by a lone gunman. Police said a citizen saw the getaway car and took down the license number. Officers said the car was traced to Harris.