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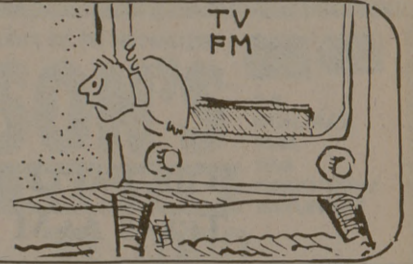
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Carter begins talks with Israeli leader

WASHINGTON—Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, expressing hope that negotiations can progress toward peace in the Mideast, arrived Monday for meetings with President Carter and other U.S. officials.

Begin arrived at Andrews Air Force Base and was welcomed by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, who reaffirmed the American commitment to Israeli security.

"We do hope the peace process will continue so that we can achieve real peace in

the Middle East," Begin said. In brief airport statements, both Begin and Vance referred to the official reason for Begin's visit to the United States—the 30th anniversary of the independence of the state of Israel.

"This is a momentous occasion for all free men of good will," said Begin, who arrived from New York aboard an Israeli Air Force Boeing 707 with an Israeli flag flying from the left side of the cockpit.

Vance said the American commitment to the security of Israel "is a commitment on which Israel can depend."

Among other top U.S. officials welcoming Begin were Middle East mediator Alfred Atherton Jr., Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders, and U.S. ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis.

Begin and Vance then drove to the State Department without answering questions from reporters at the airport. Begin arranged to meet President Carter at the White House at 1:30 p.m. EDT and then attend a White House reception for the 30th anniversary celebration.

Dangerous cargoes could be diverted around cities

By BETH CALHOUN

A proposed ordinance to divert trucks carrying hazardous materials around Bryan College Station was discussed Monday by a Bryan City Council study committee.

The proposed hazardous cargo routes are the east bypass (Highway 6), the west pass (FM 2818) and two sections of Highway 21 that lie outside the bypasses. They also include sections of Turkey

Creek, Finfeather, Palasota and Groesbeck streets.

A major provision in the ordinance would require trucks to obtain a permit before traveling on roads not included in the cargo route.

Bryan Fire Chief Don VanHuss said the permit would enable him to know where carriers of hazardous materials are going to and coming from. VanHuss said a permit would establish a specific route for each

carrier that would enable the fire chief to watch for possible hazards.

Several businessmen, while agreeing on proposed routes and the need for regulation, want to exempt carriers delivering in Bryan from the permit system.

They said they are concerned with the possibility of not being able to reach their carriers and inform them of "safe" routes.

There is also controversy over definitions of words used on truck warning signs, such as flammable and dangerous, are not provided in the ordinance.

College courses for high school discussed

By MICHELLE BURROWES

Educational programs for elementary and high school students were discussed by the A&M Consolidated School Board Curriculum committee Monday night.

One program, the High School Enrichment Program, is co-sponsored by area high schools and Texas A&M University. Outstanding high school students take university courses for high school elective credits.

This year, 10 Consolidated students are participating in the program. To qualify, a student must have an overall average of 90 or above, or a SAT score of 1200 or higher.

Dr. B.L. Shapiro, director of the University honors program, told board members that HSEP serves as a bridge between high school and college. Many students have trouble adjusting to college, he said, and the HSEP could help alleviate some of these problems.

Shapiro said the most popular courses are in the mathematics department. The second most popular courses are the sciences.

The board requested impact statements from the administration outlining consequences that might arise if the school utilizes the cluster program.

Bruce Robeck, board president, also announced that the eighth A&M Consolidated Mexico Study-trip will depart June 29. Twenty-three students will spend 18 days in Mexico City and Pachuca, and will receive one quarter's credit for the classes they will attend there. Areas of study include music, dancing, cooking, art, history and languages.

The students have been busy raising the money needed to finance the trip. They have held an aluminum can collection, a swimming meet and a bridge tournament to raise funds. The approximate cost per student is \$499.

The board passed a motion to employ two landscape architects to develop preliminary plans for landscaping at A&M Consolidated High School.

Trustee Lambert Wilkes opposed the motion and said other architects should have been given a chance to submit bids for the work.

The board passed a motion supporting HSEP that instructs counselors to search out qualified students and notify students and parents by mail.

The curriculum committee also presented a proposal to bring a "clustered approach" to the Middle School's Gifted & Talented Program. The cluster approach would separate exceptional students from their regular classes for one to three class periods per day.

For example, students excelling in math would be allowed to take high school algebra in place of eighth-grade math.

On the elementary level, clustering would occur within individual classrooms. Four to seven accelerated students would be selected in each classroom.

Tear gas drives Utay residents from dormitory

Some 200 residents of Utay Hall were forced to evacuate their rooms last night when a tear gas canister was released on the first floor of the dormitory.

Ben Tharp, head resident, said that at approximately 12:30 a.m. a cloud of tear gas filled the dormitory sending residents fleeing outside. One student jumped from the second floor and was treated and released from the University health center for a heel injury. Another student was treated for eye irritation.

University Police Sgt. John McDonald said that a class B misdemeanor charge will be filed in the case — punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. But McDonald said it will be up to University administrators what will be done about the incident.

McDonald said he has no suspects presently in the case. However, he said he plans to trace a lot number on the tear gas canister. He said that tear gas is not a "controlled substance" and can be bought at even local hardware stores.

David Carson, president of Utay, said names of three witnesses have been given to University police. Carson said residents of the dorm want to press charges.

"There will be a military and campus police investigation," Carson said.

McDonald said that there have been similar incidents at the dorm in the past few weeks, but that this is the most serious.



'Sooy Ducks!'

Gary Lamb, who is a student trainer for the Aggie Basketball team, leads his version of the Arkansas yell, "Sooy Ducks." Lamb, who has named himself "King Duck," is seen here leading the yell, called "Sooy Ducks" to those Aggies present at the Ar-

kansas baseball game. All the Aggies present enjoyed performing the yell, to the dislike of Arkansas fans. The yell must have helped, since the Aggie baseball team won the conference championship for the second consecutive year.

Selling solar savings object of 'Sun Day'

By LINDA SULLIVAN

Bi-annually Americans advance and set back clocks in accordance with Daylight Savings Time; even so, Congress has issued yet another time jumble for Wednesday, May 3. Wednesday has been nationally proclaimed Sun Day to enlighten the public on the capacities of solar energy. Texas A&M University representatives are initiating several events to increase solar energy awareness in the Bryan-College Station area.

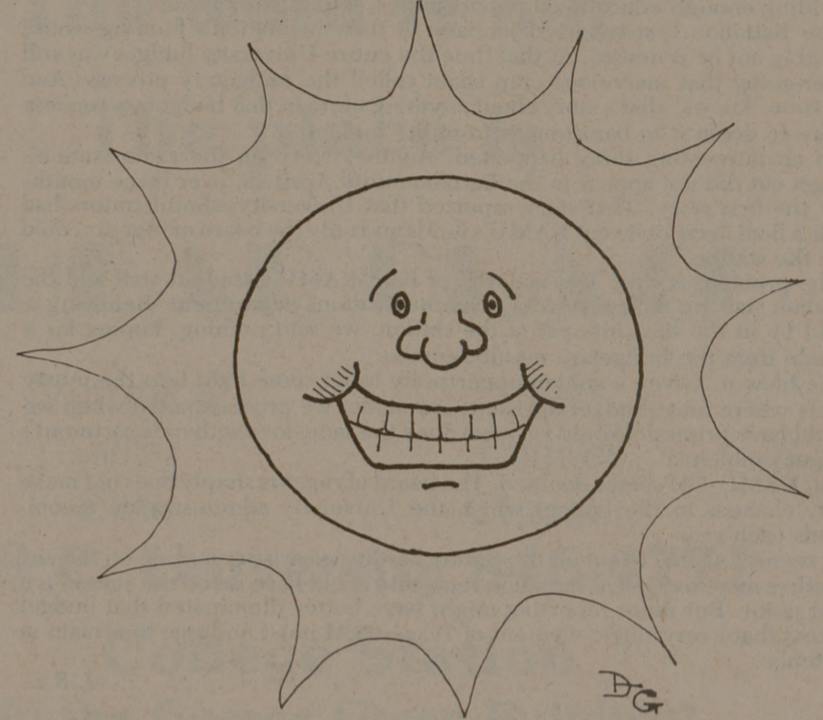
Dr. Guy Franceschini, a professor in the meteorology department, said local efforts to promote Sun Day have been rather "loose-jointed" due to approaching final exams on the University campus.

Even so, a solar energy open house will be held all day Wednesday in the mall of the Zachry Engineering Center. The open house will consist of about 20 commercial displays set up by assorted manufacturers and distributors of solar energy systems.

In addition to exhibits, a poster contest will be held. Entries from local junior and senior high schools will be judged according to the representation of the Sun Day theme.

A sunrise breakfast at 5:30 a.m. in Hensel Park will begin the Sun Day festivities. At 7:30 p.m., a slide presentation of the applications of solar energy will be shown in the Texas A&M Architecture Auditorium. Both the breakfast and the slide show are co-sponsored by the Brazos Valley Sierra Club the Texas A&M chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Both are open to the public.

Franceschini highlighted a recent



6-month solar radiation study at Texas A&M to point out the proximity of solar energy. With his results he concluded that adequate amounts of solar energy in Bryan-College Station could support most of the area's hot water needs. Franceschini attributes the lack of available solar energy equipment to inadequate marketing.

"People aren't using it enough because the commercial world isn't

selling it," he said.

Franceschini said his basic studies prove the need for a specific observation of solar energy within all communities to increase the public awareness. While this first celebration of Sun Day might be overlooked by many, Franceschini said he expects greater participation next year. "By then commerce will get into the act," he said, "and Sun Day will inevitably blossom."

Two charged as spies for Hanoi begin trial

United Press International

ALEXANDRIA, Va.—An American and a Vietnamese, charged with spying for the Hanoi government, faced trial Monday in a case made controversial by the use of wiretap evidence.

Ronald Louis Humphrey, a former U.S. Information Agency officer, and David Truong, a young Vietnamese expatriate, could receive maximum sentences of life in prison if convicted on the most serious of seven counts against them.

The trial in America's only postwar spy case involving the Communist government of Vietnam comes on the third anniversary of the end of direct U.S. military involvement in the war in Southeast Asia.

Humphrey is accused of stealing secret State Department cables and passing them to Truong, who allegedly gave them to couriers to deliver to Vietnamese officials in Paris.

It was after more than eight months of surveillance on Humphrey and Truong that the two were indicted Jan. 31 and arrested amid widespread publicity.

Later, after hearing testimony from Attorney General Griffin Bell that he "was trying to protect the nation," U.S. District Judge Albert V. Bryan Jr. approved the admissibility of evidence gathered from warrantless wiretaps and searches.

Since that ruling, the Senate has passed a bill to prohibit electronic surveillance in the United States without a court order.

A group of former anti-war protesters, calling themselves the Vietnam Trial Support Committee, said Sunday there are "political motivations" behind the Justice Department's case against Humphrey and Truong.

"We believe this case gravely disrupts efforts toward postwar reconciliations between the United States and Vietnam and attempts to justify the continuing refusal of

the United States to grant reconstruction aid," the group said in a statement.

They also charged the administration is using the case "as a vehicle to claim the inherent presidential right, without court approval" to order wiretaps, television surveillance or mail opening in the name of national security.

The American Civil Liberties Union also has filed suit against Bell, FBI Director Clarence Kelley and two other FBI officials for violating the constitutional rights of four persons whose telephone conversations were overheard as a result of the wiretap on Truong's phone.

Truong, 32, is the son of a former Vietnamese peace candidate who was jailed after losing an election to former President Nguyen Van Thieu in the late 1960s. Humphrey's wife and children are Vietnamese, and he was working to free a son from Vietnam while the alleged espionage occurred.

In a revised indictment, the two were charged with one count of conspiring "to injure the national defense" and with one count of espionage, each carrying a maximum life sentence; with one count of conspiracy, with two counts of stealing government documents, with failing to register as agents of a foreign government and with delivering government documents to an unauthorized person.

Spy for Soviets in prisoner exchange

United Press International

BERLIN—Robert G. Thompson, convicted by a U.S. court 13 years ago of spying for the Soviet Union, was taken to U.S. mission headquarters Monday to be traded for an American held in an East German prison in part of a three-nation prisoner exchange.

Thompson, accompanied by East German lawyer Wolfgang Vogel and Shabtai Kalmanowitz, aide to a wealthy Israeli member of parliament who initiated the deal, flew from New York overnight to Frankfurt, where they changed to a plane bound for West Berlin.

At West Berlin's Tegel Airport, the three men slipped through the terminal to two waiting U.S. State Department cars that whisked away at high speed just as a reporter spotted them.

The cars took them to the headquarters of the U.S. mission in the suburb of Zehlendorf.

A mission spokesman said they would wait there for the East Germans to deliver Windom, Minn., college student Alan van Norman, jailed last summer for trying to smuggle an East German family out of the country.

Thompson, who walked to freedom from Lewisburg, Pa., federal penitentiary

Sunday and flew on a commercial airliner to West Germany, said he would do it all over again.

"If I had to do it again, I would not change one day," the heavy-set, bearded Thompson, 42, said on release. "You see how the sun shines? That's how I feel."

Thompson, who was serving a 30-year sentence for passing secrets to Moscow, thanked all the people involved in the prisoner swap and said:

"Now I want to go home and be at peace with the world."

Thompson—who says he was born in Leipzig, East Germany and was a major in Soviet intelligence—said he considered himself retired and was anxious to go home and to have his "first beer in 13 years and perhaps see my first woman."

Last week, East German advisers persuaded Mozambique to free an Israeli civilian pilot, Miron Marcus, who had been imprisoned for 18 months in the African nation.

State Department officials and Jewish leaders have expressed hope the swap involving Thompson will be a prelude for trades involving Lawrence Lunt, a CIA employee imprisoned in Cuba, and Jewish dissident Anatoly Shecharansky jailed 13 months in Russia.