Page 5 THE BATTALION

Judge rules no one has right to reveal classified information

United Press International ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The wernment's breach-of-contract it against a former CIA officer ho wrote a book about the fall Saigon went to trial Tuesday efore a federal judge who de-lared no one has a right to re-eal classified information.

The government, in a civil suit ainst Frank W. Snepp, con-nds the former CIA officer vioated his contract with the gency by publishing "Decent terval" about the communist keover of Vietnam. CIA emoyees are required to submit nuscripts to the agency before ublication

The government seeks nepp's profits from the book nd wants to prohibit further dis-

The central issue, U.S. Disict Judge Oren R. Lewis told wyers in the opening 90 min-tes of the trial, is, "Does an in-ividual under the basic law of a uciary relationship, have a ight to get inside information, lans, modus operandi, and then sign and divulge it to the whole ide world?"

"Nobody has got a right to di-

vulge classified information,"

Lewis said. Lewis rejected Snepp's request for a jury trial, saying the facts were not at issue.

"We are not going to try the fall of Saigon here," he said.

Lewis initially refused to allow the book to be entered as evi-dence, but then changed his mind, saying, "The court of appeals might want to read it, but not buy it.

Lewis said he had not read the book.

Snepp's lawyers argue the government does not maintain classified information was con-

tained information was con-tained in Snepp's book. "We are dealing with seman-tics," Lewis replied, reminding the lawyers he disagreed with their definition of classified material

Both sides contend the case involves serious questions far beyond those at hand, pitting constitutional rights of free speech and "whistle blowers' against the right of government to protect what it regards as legitimate secrets. "This is not a First Amend-ment case," the judge said.

Death row inmates decline in number

in Rhode Island. United Press Internatio

WASHINGTON - Death sentences were handed down against 133 people in 19 states last year, but the total of death row convicts in the nation declined, the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration reported Tuesday.

The agency said that as of Dec. 31, there were 443 people — eight of them women — on death row in 22 states, compared with 463, including seven women, a year ear-

The drop resulted mainly from the lifting of death penalties in 152 cases, often because states revoked capital punishment laws and redesigned them to meet the Supreme Court's constitutionality tests.

the LEAA said in an Advance Report on Capital Punishment 1977. tal pu Five of the 22 states accounted for fairly

nearly four of every five prisoners under death sentence — Florida with 82, Ohio 78, California 68, Texas 58 and Georgia 45, the report said

proportion of death row inmates, nearly three out of every five, while the Northeast had only two prison ers facing a death sentence - both

The report noted that seven states which began 1977 with one or more prisoners sentenced to die ended the year with none. In six of those cases, it said, all or part of the state capital punishment statutes were struck down by a state supreme court or the U.S. Supreme Court.

Eleven states now have some form of death penalty, but no prisoners awaiting execution.

Two years ago, the Supreme Court refused to block the first execution in almost a decade, allowing murderer Gary Gilmore to die as he requested before a Utah firing squad on Jan. 17, 1977.

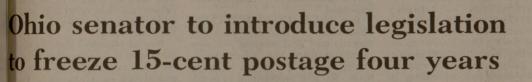
Although federal laws also permit capital punishment, the only federal prisoner on death row received a reduced sentence during the year, Constitution does not prohibit capital punishment if it is carried out

The justices are expected to rule soon on Ohio's more restrictive capital punishment law, which allows consideration of only three "mitigat-It said the South had the largest ing" mercy factors that could prevent imposition of death sentences for seven offenses.

Calculators

We Service





VASHINGTON — Sen. John m, D-Ohio, has announced he introduce legislation to freeze class postage for individuals at ents for four years.

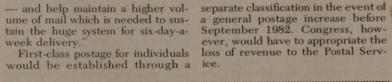
The bill would extend the federal idy of nearly \$1 billion for the ne period of time but require inter accounting by the Postal

The legislation was co-sponsored Sens. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, Jacob Javits, R-N.Y. and Glenn unced that hearings will be d next week

These amendments, if enacted, uld constitute the most signifiit changes in the nation's postal itution since the Reorganization of 1970," Glenn said. "They ald not, however, turn back the

In many ways, I consider this an erim bill," Glenn added. "It's w clear that the 1970 goal of tal Service self-sufficiency probwill never be realized with rered labor costs up and particuily with general support for keeprural post offices and maintainsix-day-a-week deliveries."

Glenn said at a news conference hat by freezing the first-class postrate for individuals at 15 cents recently raised from 13 cents — ould benefit the consumers ost notably those on fixed income



A Small Quiz

For all the students in A&M University from The Fortune Cookies Chinese Restaurant.

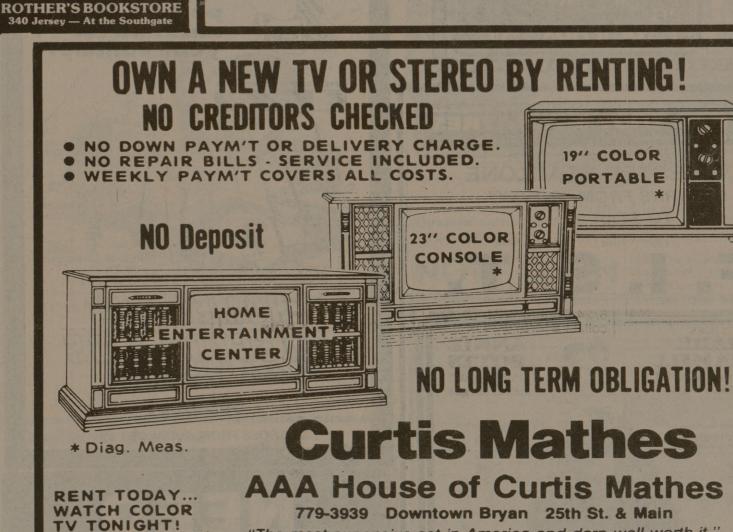
1313 S. College Ave., Bryan 822-7661 Circle the best answer:

The Fortune Cookies is an unique Chinese Restaurant in town because it has:

- a Excellent food, beautiful atmosphere.
- b Noon buffet Tuesday-Friday eat all you can with only 2.38.
- c Courteous hostess and waiter & waitresses.
- d Menu offering 97 Peking-Szechuan-Cantonese dishes to choose from.
- e All of the above.

Bring your answer to "The Fortune Cookies" Chinese Restaurant for Free Egg Rolls or Free Skewered Beef when you order your dinner.

The correct answer is e.





The most expensive set in America and darn well worth it.

MSC SUMMER DINNER THEATRE presents Leon Gershe's heart-warming comedy

BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE

July 6, 7, 8 MSC Ballroom Tickets At MSC Box Office Call 845-2916

TAMU STUDENTS **GENERAL PUBLIC**

Reservations close 24 hours prior to show

\$4.95 \$7.00

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Produced by the **MSC SUMMER PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE** and the **AGGIE PLAYERS**

SPECIAL NON-DINNER PERFORMANCE JULY 5 8 p.m. Gen. Public Students \$2.00 \$3.00