

Tower challenges Krueger on claims

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AUSTIN — Sen. John G. Tower, R-Texas, responding to what he termed perversions of truth by his opponent, said Monday there is no evidence that he ever received a cent from Tongsun Park.

Tower said Rep. Bob Krueger, D-Texas, who is challenging him in November, had embarked on a plan of distortion concerning a Senate Ethics Committee's interim report on its investigation of Korean influence buying in Washington.

"I challenge my opponent to come forward with more than naked campaign rhetoric to support his blatant assault upon the integrity of the Ethics Committee investigation," said Tower, who claimed the ethics committee chairman had said there was no impropriety on the part of Tower.

"There is no evidence, not a single instance, of any impropriety on my part," Tower said. Not a single cent was ever transferred by Park to me at any time in my Senate career. I never at any time sought or received a contribution from him. And no one with my authority, consent, or knowledge ever asked or received one.

Tower said Krueger has attempted to use the Korean issue to divert attention from other issues in the campaign, such as Krueger's votes on Social Security taxes, a Labor Reform bill and a military construction appropriation.

"Now that my opponent has enjoyed his bid for sensationalism, Texans await his addressing himself to the real issues — issues important to Texas, while I continue to serve our state by voting, by debating and by my presence in the Senate where

I continue to stand for Texas," Tower said in a statement issued through his Texas campaign headquarters.

Rep. Krueger asks Korean back to testify

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WASHINGTON — Rep. Bob Krueger, D-Texas, Monday asked former South Korean Ambassador Kim Dong Jo to return promptly to the United States to testify concerning his relationship with elected U.S. officials.

"Now that Kim Dong Jo has resigned from his official government position, there is no reason for him to be immune from testifying," said Krueger, who is opposing Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, in the November election.

He sent a telegram to the South Korean asking him to testify before congressional committees investigating Korean influence buying in Washington.

"Last week when the Senate Ethics Committee released the testimony of its hearings, we found that not all of our elected officials had been truthful," Krueger said.

"And Leon Jaworski, special counsel to the House Committee of Standards of Official Conduct, said he believes Kim Dong Jo has startling testimony. To know the entire truth about American political involvement in South Korea, we need the testimony of Kim Dong Jo and full investigation of this matter should not be blocked because we lack this testimony."

Texas lawyers sue state bar association over Center fee

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AUSTIN — Disgruntled lawyers Friday filed suit in federal court alleging the State Bar Association is violating the constitutional rights of Texas' 30,300 attorneys.

The suit challenges the legality of a move to assess attorneys to pay off a \$3.9 million note on the Bar's \$8 million Texas Law Center.

The assessment was approved by

a vote of 12,696 to 8,686 in a referendum and the State Supreme Court ordered every attorney in the state to pay the prescribed fee May 3.

Lawyers opposed to paying the assessment — \$138 for most — in addition to annual required dues, contend it is unconstitutional to force them to pay the assessment in order to practice law.



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Farenthold urges gays to demand their rights

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HOUSTON — A former Texas Democratic candidate for governor condemned religious fanaticism against homosexuals and urged gays to demand their full human rights. Frances "Sissy" Farenthold, formerly of Corpus Christi, spoke to some 3,000 homosexual advocates Monday at an assembly called Town

Meeting 1 aimed at bringing the Houston gay community together.

"The question has already been put to me — what business does a straight white woman with four children have speaking to a gay audience," Mrs. Farenthold said. "No one is free unless we're all free."

Mrs. Farenthold, now president of Wells College in Aurora, N.Y., was the keynote speaker at the meeting.

She equated the plight of homosexuals in the United States to that of other minorities.

"Racism is not a state issue, just like parenthood and childbearing are not state issues," she said. "Human rights is a human issue."

She said human rights in America were subjected to the "tyranny of the majority" and the "tyranny of the state."

She said such fanaticism could lead to the wholesale destruction of the human race.

"In Nazi Germany, nearly a quarter of a million homosexuals were executed between 1937 and 1945," she said, noting that many gays attending the meeting Sunday were wearing buttons with pink triangles, the symbol the Nazis made homosexuals wear.

"Many people remember the Star of David, the symbol of persecution of the Jews, but few people remember the pink triangle," she said. "Let it be remembered in America today."

Pretrial motions set for accused couple in murder

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DIMITT — County Attorney Jimmy Davis says pretrial motions will be heard this summer for two confessed students of witchcraft who were accused of the shotgun slaying of teen-ager last Halloween. Loy and Louise Stone, both 47, are on bond on charges of killing high school sophomore Roxanne Casas, 15.

Davis said no trial date had been set, but pretrial motions probably could be possibly in early July.

On Halloween night, a pickup truck carrying five teen-agers was turning around in the Stone's driveway when a shotgun blast was fired, police said. Miss Casas was killed and two other teen-agers wounded.

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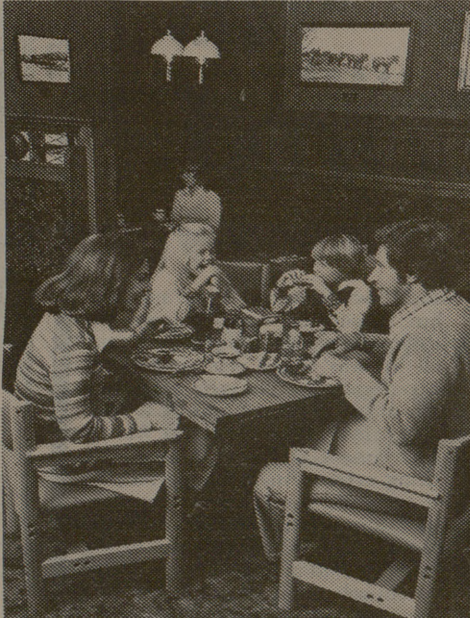
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