

Russians invite A&M professor

New oceanic food to be discussed

In what has been termed "a cordial spirit of scientific cooperation," the Soviet Union has invited Texas A&M University oceanographer Dr. El-Sayed. El-Sayed to visit Moscow to discuss ways of wisely tapping the world's supply of krill, a shrimp-like creature.

Krill is the major food item in the southern ocean for birds, seals, fish and whales, explains El-Sayed, one of two Western scientists invited for talks, which will begin Sept. 1. He says that this virtually untouched resource could double the annual production of fish and

shellfish in the world.

El-Sayed will attend the talks with officials of the All-Union Research Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanography in Moscow for about a week, then proceed to Poland at the invitation of the Polish Academy of Science to talk with scientists about Antarctic research.

Since krill is of prime importance to the fragile ecosystem of the Antarctic, including the whale population decimated in recent years by commercial whaling technology, exploitation of krill must be approached with extreme caution and care, says El-Sayed.

To ensure proper scientific monitoring of this and other ecological endeavors in the Southern Ocean, a number of international organizations have been formed — including the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR), Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) and the Advisory Committee on Marine Resources Research (ACMRR) of the Food and Agricultural Organization.

These bodies, in turn, have endorsed a program called BIOMASS, for Biological Investigation of Marine Antarctic Systems and Stocks.

The groups have included Soviet representation, but the invitation to El-Sayed and Baker marks a significant

step on the part of the Russians for a sharing in overall plans for krill Research, remarks the Texas A&M scientist. El-Sayed notes that the invitation came to him as convener of the group of Resource specialists associated with the international bodies.

"My purpose in visiting the Soviet Union and Poland will be to discuss with the Soviet and Polish scientists plans for future cooperation in the Southern Ocean, in particular, the krill investigations, and to exchange views with them as to the best means of implementing BIOMASS," says El-Sayed.

"The BIOMASS program, it is hoped, will provide information to plan wise management of the Antarctic living resources, especially krill."

Russia, Germany, Japan, Great Britain, Poland, France, Argentina, Chile and the United States are among nations planning participation in FIBEX (First International BIOMASS Experiment), a multi-ship survey planned for 1980-81.

The Texas A&M oceanographer predicts that annual harvests of 50-100 million metric tons of krill are possible, almost doubling — and adding to — the existing annual harvest of 60-70 million metric tons of fish and shellfish around the globe.

Guest supports Hill, Krueger

By SCOTT PENDELTON
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"Let's vote the straight democratic ticket."

That was Calvin Guest's message to the Mexican-American Democrats (MAD) of Brazos County Thursday night.

Guest has been Texas' Democratic Party chairman for six years.

"About Bob Krueger, he's the man to replace Tower," Guest said, campaigning for the Mexican-American vote on the democratic ticket and donating \$100 to the Mexican-American voter registration drive.

"As for 'Chicken' Clements, we don't need him," Guest said. "John Hill will make a good governor."

Guest touted other democratic candidates to the MAD members, saying the democratic party has always offered good people for office.

He had little to say for the opposing party.

"I've never found a good Republican in my life and I don't think I ever will," he said.

Guest said it was a "disgrace" that over 3,000 Mexican-Americans in Brazos County are not registered to vote.

Mexican-Americans comprise 22 to 23 percent of Texas' population, Guest said. He urged MAD members to take advantage of that fact.

"The first rule of anybody in politics is how to count," Guest said. He noted that all leaders would be sensitive to Mexican-Americans if they became aware of that statistic.

He said the position of the Democratic Party in Texas is extremely good and united, despite accounts of surging Republican power in the state by political observers. Guest expressed his optimism by boasting that "we'll win all the races in November."

Balloon trio handles farm with light

United Press International

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Three businessmen who made their money by flying across the Atlantic Ocean in a balloon earlier this month are trying to figure out how to handle their sudden fame.

Ben Abruzzo, Maxie Anderson and Larry Newman have been flooded with requests for interviews and endorsements on a variety of products.

"We have some very basic, difficult decisions to make on what we want to encourage the public to do things that are happening," Abruzzo said Wednesday.

"We are not football players or race car drivers who expect a lot of requests and attention to be getting," he said, "and we're not quite sure how to handle it."

Abruzzo said the trio has accepted any offers to endorse products, but they plan an appearance on the Tonight Show next week which will be in Washington, D.C., in September to meet President Carter.



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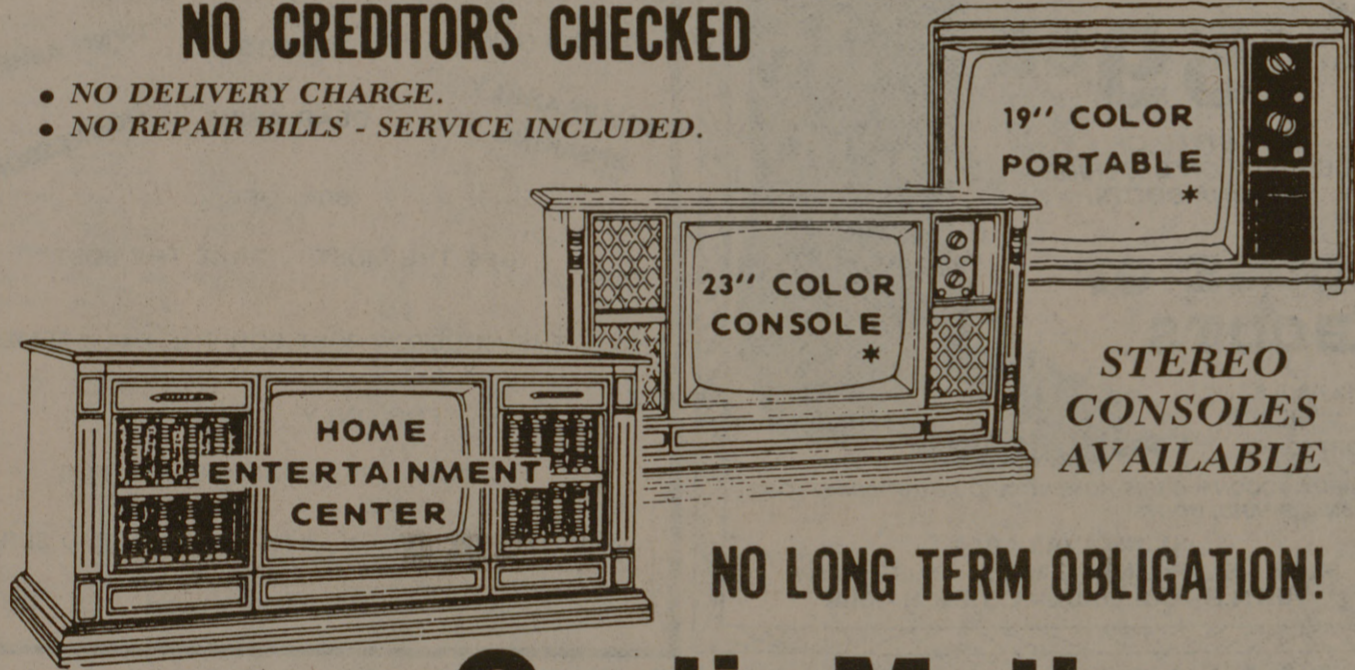
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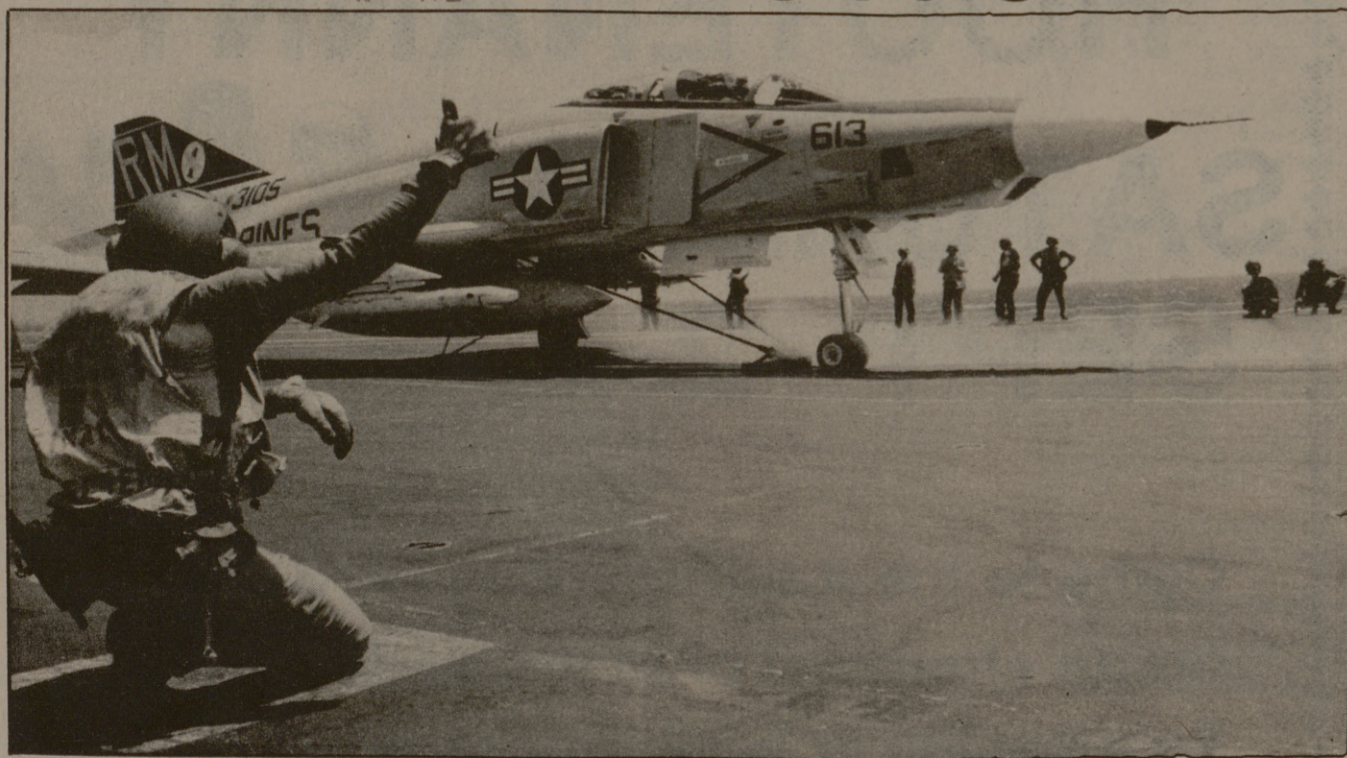
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