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Disagreement on a disagreement

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- Two cosmonauts completed the longest manned space flight in his-

tory Thursday—139 days. See page 5.

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Tanzania vows war with Amin

United Press International
DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania — Tanzania President Julius Nyerere vowed Thursday to "hit back" at Ugandan President Idi Amin whose forces invaded his country, but disclosed that Tanzanian ground forces had shot down five of their own war planes by mistake.

"This man is a mshenzi (barbarian)," Nyerere said of the Ugandan leader, with whom he has been at odds since 1971. "He has killed so many people in Uganda we must hit back at him."

Nyerere, speaking to a meeting of the ruling Revolution Party, called on the Tanzanian people to await government directives on what should be done "until we have finally gotten rid of this snake from our house."

Amin said Wednesday that his troops, backed by tanks and heavy artillery, had seized a 710-square-mile triangular chunk of northwestern Tanzania in only 25 minutes. He said it was a "retaliatory" invasion that reportedly drove Tanzanian forces from Ugandan soil.

Nyerere explained that because of Uganda's bombing raids against Tanzania last week, Tanzanian ground forces on duty near their common border had been

put on alert for further attacks.

He said that last Friday Tanzanian air force planes strayed off course and became lost over the town of Musoma. As they turned back, Nyerere said, ground forces shot down five Tanzanian jets.

Nyerere said it was an "unfortunate but understandable incident" because the ground forces could not distinguish Tanzanian planes from Ugandan ones.

Both countries are supplied with warplanes from the Soviet Union.

Nyerere said that because of Uganda's invasion of Tanzania the government has no option but to strike back at Amin.

"We have the capacity to hit back," the Tanzanian leader said. "We have a reason to hit back at him, and we have the determination to hit back at him."

Diplomatic sources said earlier that Tanzania has informed the United States and other foreign powers that it is preparing a major offensive aimed at wiping out the Ugandan armed force occupying northwestern Tanzania.

The U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam said five American archaeologists from Brown University in Rhode Island escaped from the area of the fighting and had safely reached the town of Mwanza across Lake Victoria.

The embassy said three American missionaries in the region had been contacted and were a safe distance from the fighting. Eight other Americans could not be reached, but the embassy said "there is no cause for alarm."

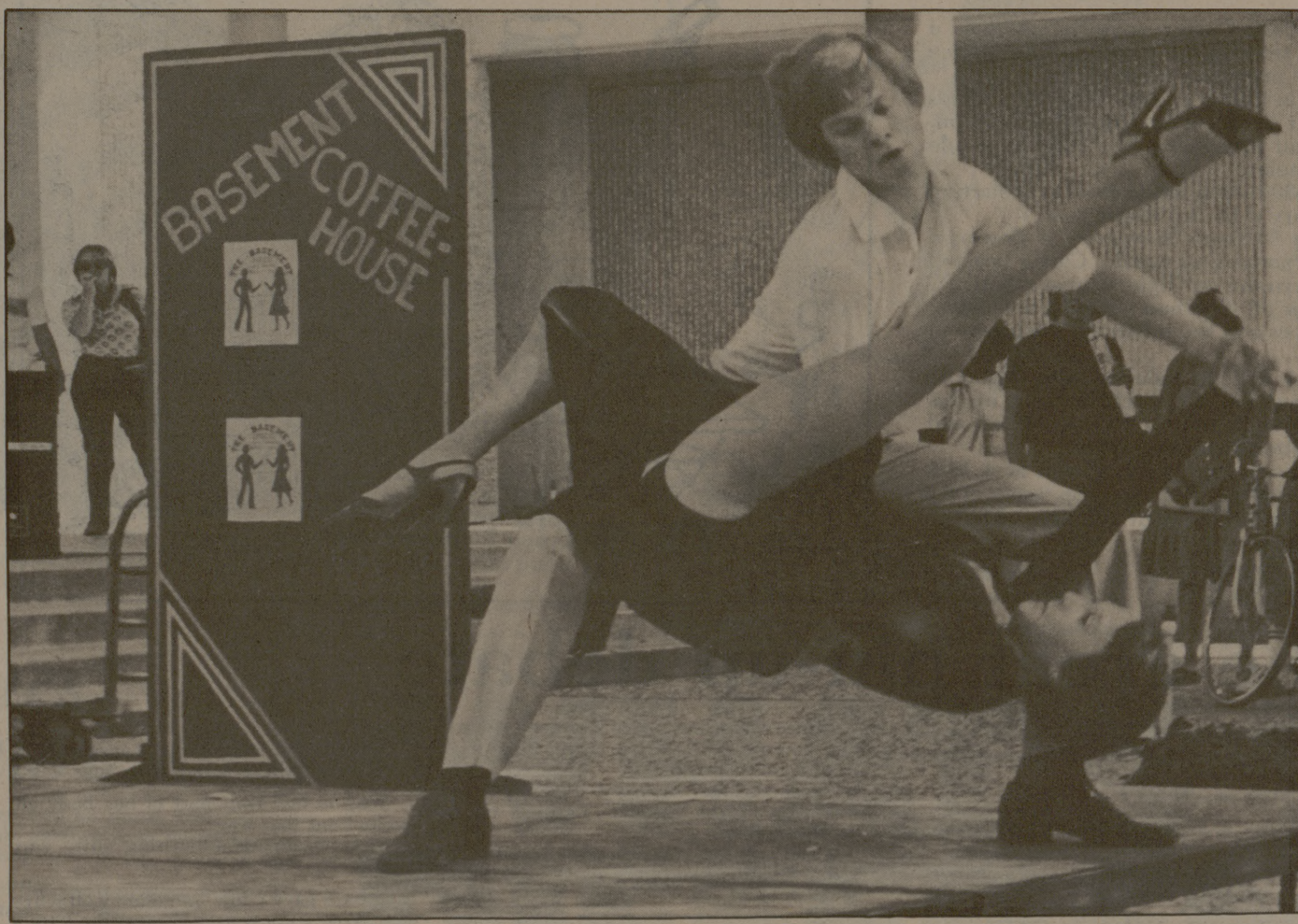
The Ugandan broadcast said the captured land would become a permanent region of Uganda and its residents subordinates of Amin.

"All the Tanzanians in the captured area up to River Kagera must know that they are under the direct rule of the conqueror of the British Empire, Field Marshal Amin," the radio said.

The broadcast said Uganda "captured 710 square miles of Tanzanian land in a super-sonic speed of 25 minutes only — a record in world history."

The Kagera River delineates a triangular wedge of territory jutting south from the straight 100-mile border between Tanzania and Uganda.

The Dar es Salaam government has charged the Ugandan attack was launched Monday, and that fighting raged throughout the day Wednesday around the town of Kyaka, 18 miles south of the border.



Fred, Ginger, is that you?

Marvin Chernosky and Debbie Jordan displayed their disco-dancing abilities Thursday afternoon by the Rudder Fountain. Chernosky, instructor for Free University, and Jordan were one of three

couples participating in a disco demonstration promoting the MSC Basement Coffeehouse's Sunday disco night.

Battalion photo by Ava King

Teague to be operated on

Rep. Olin E. "Tiger" Teague will undergo prostatic surgery today in a Bethesda, Md., hospital.

Although Teague entered the hospital Oct. 20, doctors postponed surgery until they cleared up a urinary infection which they thought might have interfered.

The decision to perform surgery was made Thursday.

Teague has been conducting business from his hospital bed. A spokesman from his Bryan office said he is expected to return to his office after the operation.

This is the third time Teague has been hospitalized since September, when he suffered a mild stroke.

Teague, who has served in the House of Representatives for more than 30 years, is retiring at the end of this year.

Chinese, Vietnamese reportedly fighting

United Press International
MOSCOW — Top Vietnamese leaders met Thursday with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and Premier Alexei Kosygin amid reports that heavy fighting had broken out on the Vietnam-China border.

The official Soviet news agency Tass said the Kremlin talks between Brezhnev and Kosygin and Vietnamese Communist Party chief Le Duan and Premier Pham Van Dong were taking place "in an atmosphere of cordiality, comradely frankness and mutual respect."

The Soviets have strongly backed Vietnam in its troubles with China and its border war with neighboring Cambodia.

tion of Radio Hanoi reports of heavy fighting between Vietnamese and Chinese troops, the Soviet agency, in a thinly veiled reference to China it said, "The sides noted with concern negative moments in the development of the international situation — in particular in the Far East and in Southeast Asia."

"In their common opinion, the policy of repulsing aggressive ambitions and attempts of rude pressure on independent states is the only correct and substantiated policy."

The Soviets, chief suppliers of military and civilian aid to Vietnam, have denounced Peking harshly in recent months over its handling of the dispute with communist Vietnam.

'Chiliheads' to invade Terlingua

United Press International
TERLINGUA, Texas — Up to 10,000 "chiliheads" are expected to converge on the West Texas ghost town of Terlingua this weekend to cook up champion-style chili, drink beer, dance and partake of other frivolous activities, including a Mexican fence climbing contest.

The cause of this mass exodus to a desert hamlet 60 miles from anywhere is the 12th World Championship Chili Cookoff, originated by Dallas newspaper columnist Frank X. Tolbert, who says the event will be kicked off at 2 p.m. Saturday by the playing of a Mexican "beheading song."

Tolbert said he found a rare copy of the sheet music for the "Deguello," played during Mexican Gen. Santa Anna's attack on the Alamo in 1836, while he was researching a book in Mexico.

He said the playing of the blood-curdling song — which was used by Mexican troops to signify the cavalry's battle to the death — will herald the start of the cookoff.

Besides the chili cooking — which has

drawn champion chefs from 25 states, three Mexican states, two Canadian provinces and two Indian tribes — the gathering will feature a peculiar martini contest, a Comanche Trail jog-walk, wet T-shirt contest and, for the first time, a Mexican fence climbing competition.

The fence climbing contest was a late addition after Immigration Commissioner Leonel Castillo announced plans to build the so-called "Tortilla Curtain" walls at El Paso, San Diego, Calif., and San Luis, Ariz., to keep Mexican aliens out of the United States.

"We've got the fence covered with sheets and we're going to unveil a 12-foot-high section of steel chain fence erected near the huge outdoor stage at Glenn Pepper's Villa de la Mina Hotel in Arriba Terlingua," Tolbert said. "This will give a test similar to the proposed U.S. Tortilla Curtain between this country and Mexico."

"Contestants may jump, crawl, pole vault or tunnel under the fence," Tom Tierney, supervisor of the contest, said,

"you may even use wire cutters on the fence and, in this event, it'll be quickly repaired."

Last year, Houston stockbroker Tom Griffin emerged as the world champion with his concoction, "Buzzard Breath Chili," featuring dried, ground-up Mexican red ants and a few generous flicks of his cigar ashes.

Tolbert added that in an effort to quiet griping by some chili cooks about past judging, Richardson certified public accountant Jim Beach would keep score and certify the honesty of the judging this year.

Named as judges were Gov. Overton James of the Chickashaw Indian Nation, former astronaut James Lovell, poet Imogene Twitty (a mythical character created by Tolbert) and Stanley Marsh 3, an eccentric Amarillo rancher who has a collection of Cadillacs, camels and llamas in the pasture at his "Toad Hall" ranch.

Marsh, in keeping with elaborate costuming and play acting which have be-

Regents OK new housing

Construction of a new women's dormitory at Texas A&M University received final approval Thursday with the award of a \$4,889,540 contract to H&G Construction Co. of Abilene.

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents let the contract at a called session to allow immediate start of work on the facilities to make possible completion in time for the start of classes next fall.

The dormitories will accommodate 512 students.

In related action, the regents sold Texas A&M University Housing System Revenue Bonds totaling \$4.5 million to Racher Pierce Refsnes Inc. and Associated of Dallas at an effective interest rate of 6.34584 percent. The bonds will provide partial funding for the new facilities.

Texas A&M President Jarvis E. Miller said the new dormitory will help alleviate the University's major support problem: on-campus housing for women.

More than 10,000 women attend Texas A&M.

Miller said that Texas A&M has an unusually high ratio — about 98 percent — of full-time students, meaning it has greater demands for campus housing than most other universities.

The new facilities will give Texas A&M the capability of accommodating nearly 10,000 students on University-owned property, including 33 dormitories and 845 family apartments. With the additional facility, 3,050 women may be housed in dormitories.

Carter arranges meeting with Begin

United Press International
NEW YORK — President Carter, reversing a week of denials by the White House, arranged a meeting Thursday with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin during a brief campaign swing through New York City.

Carter announced the meeting as he completed a political address on the steps of the Federal Building in Manhattan, as an audience of thousands looked on.

The president was campaigning for the state's Democrats, including Gov. Hugh Carey, up for election on Tuesday. He was to head to Michigan later in the day for more stumping.

Begin and Carter have been at odds for more than a week since the Israeli Cabinet's decision to strengthen Jewish settlements on occupied Arab lands. Carter opposes the settlements and the State Department has viewed the development as a potential obstacle to a peace settlement with Egypt.

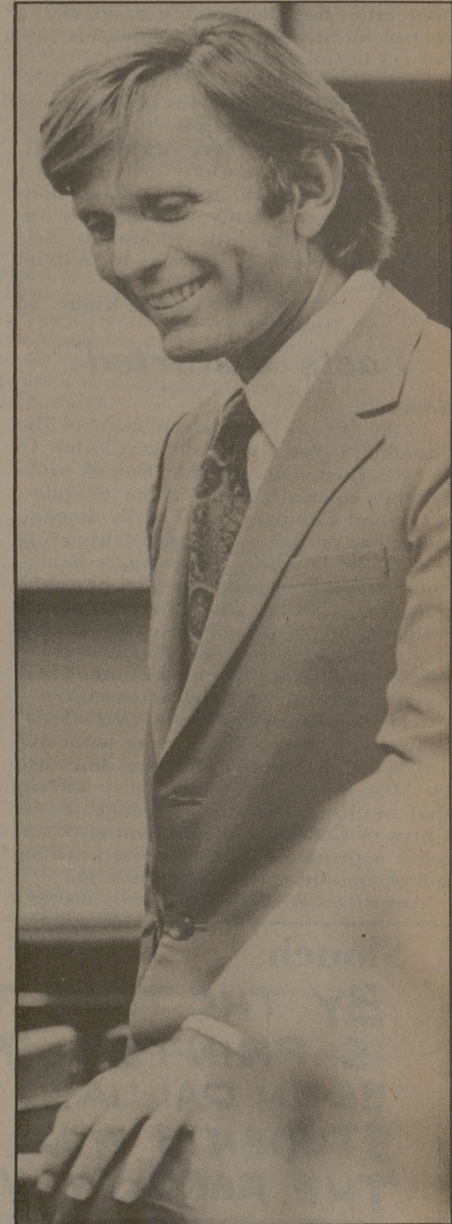
The meeting came at Carter's invitation. Carter and Begin arranged to meet at

the Manhattan home of former Democratic National Committee Finance Chairman Arthur Krim, where a luncheon-fundraiser was being conducted for Democratic candidates.

The White House had denied all week that a meeting between the two would take place, but Thursday, as he arrived in the nation's largest city, Carter hedged.

Asked if his path and Begin's might cross Thursday, Carter replied, "We'll let you know later." He called Begin "a great friend" and reminded reporters that the Israeli leader was not on an official state visit.

Begin was in New York to accept a "Family of Man" award from the Council of Churches of New York City.



Ben R. Finney

Ben R. Finney, an anthropology professor at the University of Hawaii, gave a slide presentation depicting scenes from his 3,000-mile voyage from the Hawaiian Islands to Tahiti. The trip, made without a compass, took Finney and his crew about 32 days. Finney said the purpose of the trip was to try to re-trace one of the ancient voyages that was recorded in Polynesian legends over a thousand years ago, using the stars as an only guide.

Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.



It came gift wrapped

Someone will find a surprise gift, or at least gift-wrapping, on Church Street north of the Texas A&M University campus. He can expect no lack of

materials for wrapping fish or house-breaking puppies for some time.

Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

SMU game ...

Yell practice site announced

Midnight Yell Practice for the Texas A&M-Southern Methodist University football game will be in the parking lot of The Circle Disco, (previously The Old Theatre), at the corner of Harry Hines Boulevard and Northway Highway, in Dallas. The club will also be the site of the Pig Push, the annual dance sponsored by Texas Women's University for members of the Corps of Cadets. The dance was moved from its traditional location on the TWU campus by mutual agreement between TWU and the Corps in an effort to increase attendance, said Steve Manley, Corps public relations officer.

Seats available on bus to SMU

Seats are still available on the Brazos County A&M Club's charter bus to the Texas A&M-SMU football game Saturday. John Richards, trip coordinator, says the bus will leave parking lot 60 at 9 a.m. Saturday and will return after the game. Cost is \$12 per person. The telephone number for reservations is 845-1311.