

REFRIGERATED AIR

The ice of Texas (Avenue)

This sign in front of the MacArthur Motel on Texas Avenue held true inside and out Sunday after a weekend ice storm. The ice thawed throughout Sunday and temperatures in the 50s were forecast for today.

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Grizzly cartoon

Vietnam is at war again, and the Asian conflict may involve the United States, especially if Russia steps in. See page 2.



Gramm talks of China, IRS in A&M visit

By SCOTT PENDLETON
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Recognizing the People's Republic of China as the government of Taiwan was a stake, freshman Congressman Phil Gramm said in College Station Sunday.

"I don't think you make new friends by turning your back on your neighbors and your old friends," the representative from College Station said.

One bill Gramm is co-sponsoring calls for the recognition of the Republic of China as the legitimate government of Taiwan and for the United States to reaffirm its military commitments there. He said that recognition of the communist regime as the government of the mainland is all right, since it was merely recognizing reality.

Gramm met with reporters Sunday at the Memorial Student Center to discuss his activities in the 96th Congress so far. It was his first visit to Brazos County since he took office Jan. 15.

Gramm, a Texas A&M University professor of economics, was granted a leave of absence to run for the 6th Congressional district seat vacated by Olin E. Teague, who retired.

"I feel things are going well," Gramm said. "Most of the things I have tried to do so far have been successful."

Gramm is co-sponsoring several pieces of legislation. One is a "Taxpayer's Bill of Rights." It would require the Internal Revenue Service to use due process in its dealings with citizens.

For instance, taxpayers being audited by the Internal Revenue Service would have to be notified of the fact, advised of their rights, have the right to counsel, and have a right to a "day in court" if they have a grievance with the IRS.

Gramm is co-sponsoring two bills to reduce bureaucratic regulations. The first would give the appropriate congressional committee the power to veto regulations that exceed the law.

The bureaucracy, Gramm said, has become less subject to the executive and more like a fourth branch of government. Some federal agencies even have legislative, executive and judicial powers.

The proposed bill would keep the bureaucracy from making rules not founded on the law.

The second bill would grant states an extension of the deadline for compliance with Environmental Protection Agency guidelines.

In order to end the boom and bust cycle that the beef market goes through, Gramm said he is co-sponsoring a bill to set quotas on beef imports. The quotas would be enlarged when demand is high, and diminished when demand is low, thus keeping the price stable.

Gramm is working to extend federal programs designed to increase medical personnel, especially nurses, in areas that need more. He called Carter "penny-wise and pound-foolish" for cutting that item in his budget proposal. Gramm pointed out that Texas has one in twelve of the nation's hospitals.

Gramm introduced a balanced budget amendment, his number one priority, on the first day of the session. Since then 11 representatives, including five Republicans, from districts ranging from California to Alabama, are co-sponsoring the bill.

On the strength of this sponsorship, Gramm has asked the House Judiciary Committee to favor his amendment over similar ones. Nine balanced budget amendments have been proposed this session.

Gramm's, the shortest among them, says that Congress shall make no law that causes the United States to spend more money than it receives in a fiscal year, except in time of war or national emergency.

Gramm predicted that, if his amendment gets out of Congress, 38 states would ratify it within two years.

The amendment would cure inflation and create an "efficiency displacement system" in Congress, Gramm said. That system, which would include zero-based budgeting and sunset legislation, would make programs compete for funds on the basis of which does the best job of providing services.



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Last week Rep. Phil Gramm made his first trip home since taking office in the U.S. House of Representatives in January. Sunday he was in College Station and said he's pleased with his first two months in Washington.

China stops invasion

United Press International

BANGKOK, Thailand — China's invasion force has stopped six miles deep in Vietnamese territory, but military analysts said today they were unsure if Peking ordered its troops to halt or if the attack was thrown back by Vietnamese defenders.

"There is no sign the Chinese are pulling back, but they aren't advancing either," said one source.

Hanoi claimed to have halted the invasion, but there also are signs the Chinese halted their own drive even before Moscow warned it would honor the terms of its military pact signed last November with Hanoi.

A two-paragraph statement Sunday from the Kremlin said, "Those who decide the policy in Peking should stop before it is too late."

In a related development, a Vietnamese official in Bangkok indicated his nation would not call for direct Soviet intervention but said Vietnam appreciates Russia's moral support.

Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping said today his country will not prolong or expand the Sino-Vietnamese war and reiterated that China has no territorial ambition, according to a Japanese news report from Peking.

The Kyodo News Service said Teng made the statement during a meeting with Alejandro Orfila, secretary-general of the Organization of American States.

The dispatch quoted Teng as saying, "The combat action this time is a limited one and retaliation for provocations (by Vietnam). It will not drag on or expand in any form."

In one day, the invasion, which began Saturday, had overrun scores of villages and at least two key towns along the border, reports said. Hanoi claimed to have checked the invasion, knocked out 80 Chinese tanks and "put out of action" 3,500 troops, including routing 12 battalions.

A delayed official report Sunday from Peking — its first actual battle dispatch — reported fighting at the northwestern cities of Lao Cai in Vietnam and Hekou in China. It said the fighting was continuing with Chinese troops "forcefully beating back the Vietnamese aggressors."

In Bangkok, Thailand, Western intelligence specialists said the possibility of Soviet intervention in the China-Vietnam war could not be ruled out.

The Soviet Union has a small flotilla of

warships in the South China Sea near the Paracel Island held by China, but claimed by Vietnam. There also have been reports that Soviet troops on the China frontier have increased their readiness.

A&M will keep special fund, official says

By DIANE BLAKE
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Dr. J.M. Prescott, vice president for academic affairs, told the Academic Council Friday he believes that the Permanent University Fund will still be used to "pick

up the requirements of all Texas A&M and University of Texas systems."

Prescott said he felt the ad valorem tax fund, which finances 17 other Texas universities, would be abolished. But in its place, he said, a state higher education as-

istance fund would be created. However, there is no source of money for the higher education assistance fund, Prescott said.

"The question is whether the governor will allow a new dedicated fund to be created for the other institutions," he said.

The Permanent University Fund, as specified in the state constitution, is divided between the University of Texas and Texas A&M University systems. A number of bills have been introduced in the Texas Legislature that would change distribution of the fund. Miller also said that Texas A&M is "making a strong pitch to increase funding for organized research" to the Legislature. He said the four major state universities, Texas A&M, the University of Houston, Texas Tech University and the University of Texas, should get direct funding. Safeguards were needed for other universities, he said, because "there is no question that there has been abuse in some institutions."

Near the close of the Academic Council meeting, Texas A&M University President Jarvis E. Miller said that he does not expect any changes at the System administration level when a new chancellor is appointed.

"I have been assured that the Texas A&M University administration will remain the same. There will be no change in operational procedure."

Miller said he doesn't know how long it will be before the Board of Regents chooses another chancellor, but said, "I sense that they do not feel any pressure to make a decision."

In other action, the Academic Council approved proposals to change transfer requirements for the College of Business Administration, to add members to the Library Council, and to stiffen requirements for allowing graduate students to take final exams.

The Council agreed to lower the transfer requirements into the College of Business Administration from a 2.5 grade point ratio to a 2.0 GPR.

Miller: agencies may ruin country

By JANE LYON
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Dr. Jarvis Miller, president of Texas A&M University, said Saturday that attitudes and inspection procedures of government agencies will kill the United States, and termed false most of their reports warning of possible dangers of foods and other substances.

Miller made the wrap-up speech Saturday morning for the 24th Student Conference on National Affairs in place of Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, who was prevented from coming to College Station by the weekend ice storm.

J. Wayne Stark, director of the Memorial Student Center, said Miller spoke with about 15 minutes advance notice. Stark said the University had planned to send a plane to pick up Hobby, but decided that would be too dangerous because of the weather.

Miller said the attitudes and "harassment" inspection acts of regulations, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration would kill the country.

"We have people in this country convinced that everything they eat is harmful, that everything they eat is going to cause them problems later in life."

He said that almost all reports of this nature are untrue. He named food dyes and DDT as examples of items found relatively safe in recent detailed studies.

"We, in the guise of attacking the problem, have created a real monster," Miller said. "Certainly there are problems, and certainly we need realistic solutions, but we do not need partial solutions which create bigger problems than the ones we had."

"We have loose in this country now what I call the 'know-nothing' attitude.

We seem to have a rebellion against science and technology ... and some of the same forces that are tearing other countries apart are tearing our country apart in the same fashion."

Miller illustrated the attitude with examples in the areas of food, safety, welfare, and energy.

In the name of trying to feed hungry people, Miller said we are entering a massive worldwide welfare program that will ultimately waste the country's resources without finding the solution to world hunger.

"Nuclear science is under attack by the same forces in a time that we desperately need every type of new knowledge," Miller said. He added that the regulations being imposed are completely unrealistic in terms of stimulating and promoting the development of safe energy.

"Because Americans are afraid of something, we automatically try to regulate its use," including research on the subject, he said. "We have too much emphasis on the sensational. We have too much emphasis on the partial solution."

Miller concluded, "We must have a broad, comprehensive approach to these problems defined as national problems and items of national priority."

"We must develop and implement real solutions to these problems."

Also speaking Saturday, Texas Secretary of State George W. Strake, said he wanted to try to reduce the present budget or operate under the one already predicted.

The Legislative Budget Board recommended a 22.5 percent increase in the budgets for all agencies across the state over what they received last time, Strake said. But he said the increase will actually be smaller than that.

For fiscal year 1980, Strake estimated the budget will increase 2.25 percent over what was spent in 1979, and 1.18 percent in 1981. These percentages are too high, he said.

"What I think we got in the November election," Strake said, "was the people sending a message that the people want a man who represents less government, better performance by their public officials, less taxation, and more discipline among their people."

"We're faced now with the survival as a free people," Strake said. "I am convinced that between Proposition 13 of California and the Clements election here in the state of Texas, that we can change the whole United States."

"It's not like 200 years ago where we had an island we could run to if we didn't like what was going on," Strake said. "This is the last island."

Washington's holiday today

Don't try to cash a check today. It's the federal holiday for George Washington's birthday.

All federal institutions, including the banks and Post Office, will be closed.

Washington's actual birthday is Thursday, Feb. 22. Several years ago the U.S. government decided to celebrate most holidays that fell in the middle of the week on the Monday preceding it — to create more three-day weekends.

If the father of our country were alive, he'd be 247 years old Thursday, on his real birthday.



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Dr. J.M. Prescott, vice president for academic affairs here, says Texas A&M University and the University of Texas will continue to use the Permanent University Fund for expenses. Bills have been introduced in the Texas Legislature that would change distribution of the fund, which annually supplies millions of dollars to the two university systems.