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Basketball fortunes roll on...

Tickets went on sale this morning for Thursday's 7:30 p.m. game against Alabama in the Summit. Only students and season ticket holders may buy tickets here until 1 p.m., when general admission tickets go on

sale for \$8. Student tickets are \$3 and may only be purchased here. General admission tickets are also on sale at the Summit and See pages 8 and 9 for details.

Approval of Carter's ideas could mean peace in Egypt

United Press International
JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Menachem Begin's Cabinet met in emergency session today to vote on President Carter's proposals on two issues that could mean peace with Egypt in a week.

Carter and other U.S. officials said they expected the Cabinet to approve the proposals. Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin also predicted approval, but only after a "tough debate."

The meeting started at 3:10 a.m. EST and was expected to last several hours.

U.S. Ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis personally delivered to Begin a copy of the American proposals approved Tuesday at Cairo Airport by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, the national radio said.

The radio said Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan submitted to the Cabinet a document he and Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir prepared that enumerates the U.S. economic and political commitments to Israel and is to be attached to the treaty, the report said.

From the Cabinet, the draft treaty will be submitted to the Knesset, the Israeli parliament, for ratification.

The remaining issues apparently involve U.S. guarantees to supply Israel with oil in case Egypt refuses to provide it from the Sinai oil fields, and the timing of implementing full diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Israeli sources said all the other out-

standing issues, including linkage of the peace treaty to implementation of Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, were settled.

Begin put his political future on the line, much as had Carter during his dramatic six-day peace mission.

The Israeli leader said if the Knesset does not approve the new proposals, "it will be my duty to resign." With Knesset approval, Begin said, "the signing (of a treaty) may take place next week or in the following week."

Following Begin's lead, President

Anwar Sadat of Egypt also decided to put the peace-treaty package before his Cabinet and Parliament for approval before signing.

The Middle East News Agency said if the treaty wins approval of the Egyptian and Israeli Cabinets and Parliaments, it will be signed in Washington within two weeks by Carter, Sadat and Begin. Sadat and Begin later will sign an Arabic version of the treaty in Cairo and a Hebrew version in Jerusalem, the agency said.

News of Carter's success brought expected cries of condemnation from the Palestine Liberation Organization, which warned that "this tripartite conspiracy will never be forgiven. Sadat will pay the price for his treason."

On the occupied West Bank, Palestinian Arabs demonstrated against the pact Tuesday but were confronted by gun-toting Israeli settlers who forced some youths to remove barricades of burning tires.

Unofficial surveys showed at least 80 legislators would vote for the accord, a comfortable two-thirds majority.

In Egypt, treaty approval was certain. Sadat's group, which includes more than 300 deputies, has a sweeping majority in the 360-seat House.

Egyptian officials said Sadat was sending letters to Arab kings and presidents — with the exception of the "rejection" leaders — explaining the treaty terms and emphasizing continued commitment to Palestinian rights.

Citizen stunned by Hopson case

By DOUG GRAHAM
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AUSTIN — Taxpayer Oran Jones was overwhelmed by A&M Consolidated School District's legal expertise when he carried his "right to know" campaign to Austin Tuesday.

He will have to wait around two weeks for a decision, but he indicated he won't pursue the matter further if he loses.

Jones was in Austin at a Texas Education Agency (TEA) hearing concerning the Nov. 20, 1978, contract termination of Consol's former school superintendent, Fred Hopson.

The superintendent's contract was terminated two years early in a \$54,400 settlement. Since then, Hopson has become superintendent at Leander, north of Austin.

Jones's complaint was that the school board never explained why they "fired" Hopson. Thus, funds were improperly used, he said.

He requested a TEA hearing, over which a TEA senior staff attorney, David Ryan, presided Tuesday.

Jones advanced his arguments at the hearing, but was soon stopped. The Consol board's attorney, Jack Woods, said TEA had no jurisdiction over the case because the Texas Education Code says a school board — and no one else — has discretion over its funds.

He argued that Jones had no standing, or right to appear, in the court. He made a motion for immediate dismissal.

Ryan withheld making a decision on the motion, which he finally denied, until after he heard the case. The hearing dragged through several recesses from 9:30 a.m. until after lunch.

One thing became evident: The ramifications of Jones's complaint might be far-reaching.

Jones's contention that he, as a taxpayer, had a right to know why the school board terminated Hopson's contract could cause headaches for school boards all over Texas, said Bill Wasson, a Consol board member.

"If a single taxpayer can haul a board up before the TEA over anything he's unhappy about, there will be 2,000 cases up here," he said. "That's why I think they will rule in our favor."

But the decision will not be made before court transcripts are made available for review, Ryan said. The TEA attorney said the transcripts will take at least two weeks to prepare. After he reviews them, he will hand down a proposal which Jones and the school board can file exceptions to.

The case then goes to the education commissioner, and then to the State Education Board if necessary. After that, civil courts are available, Ryan said.

Jones's case may be unique. "As far as I know, this is a case of first impression, on whether a taxpayer can demand an explanation," Ryan said. "We never had a taxpayer challenging an expenditure of funds of a local school board."

"That's why I refused his (Woods) motion for dismissal."

Motion for dismissal was not the only tactic used by the board's attorney, by whom Jones admitted he was "outclassed."

Woods instructed board members to remain silent when questioned because the TEA "tribunal" had no legal jurisdiction over the Consol school board.

Board president Bruce Robeck refused to even identify himself in response to Jones's first questions. That action led to a recess.

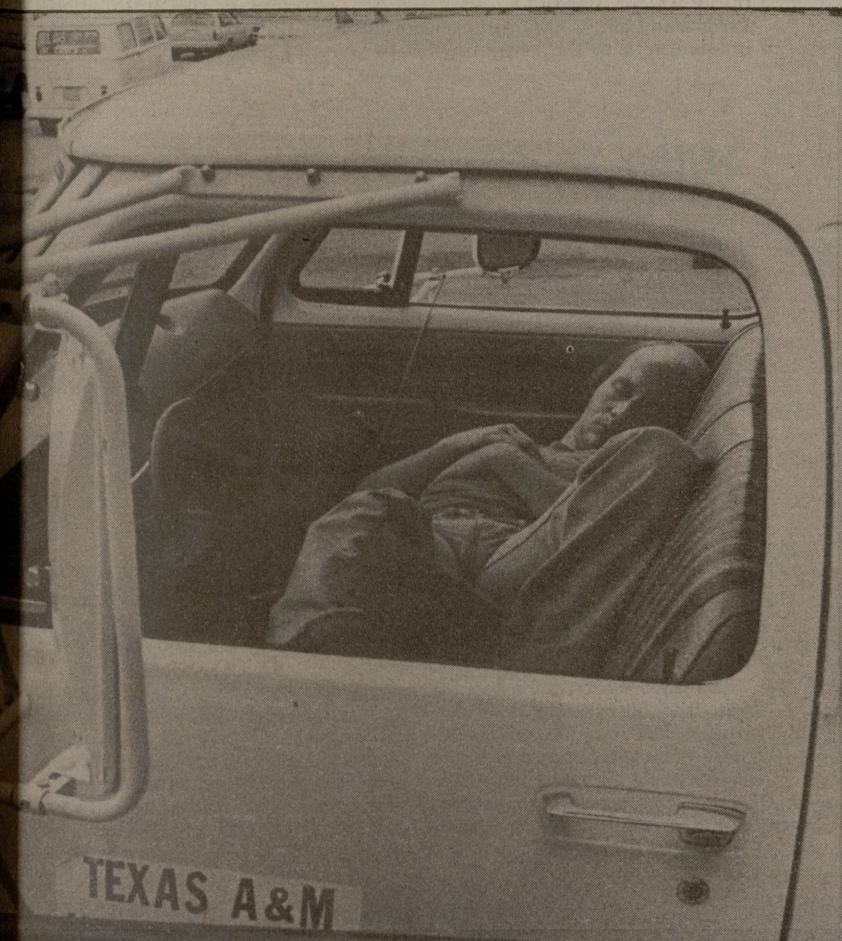
Woods speculated that Ryan was conferring on the political aspects of the case, but Ryan said he was checking his lawbooks.

"I went out to review my books," he said later. "It was the first time I encountered anything like that. Although it was rude, I have no power of contempt."

Ryan then called Jones to his bench, and Ryan said he offered Jones the chance to ask for a delay of the trial to subpoena witnesses.

Jones refused that offer and others for a chance for a continuance.

"A continuance sure wouldn't have hurt his case," Ryan said.



Enjoying the peace and quiet

This University worker seems to be making the most of the relaxed atmosphere which has settled over the Texas A&M campus during students' spring break this week. But he wasn't sleeping on the job — just napping during his lunch break.

Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Local artisans featured April 2

KAMU to auction art, antiques

April 2 will be a special night for art lovers in Bryan-College Station and the Brazos Valley as more than 60 pieces of art will be auctioned during the "Great Art & Antiques Auction."

The entire second night of the three-day event will be devoted to arts and antiques, and the large number of items donated thus far indicates that the Monday night will probably be one of the auction's most popular nights, said Ann Sacco, local arts and crafts chairman for the event.

The arts and antiques will be auctioned from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on April 2, with the possibility of broadcasting time extending beyond 10 p.m. if all items are not sold.

The auction will sell items and services and apply the revenue from the auction to the operation of KAMU, Texas A&M University's public broadcasting station.

A pre-auction showing of all art items will be held from 2-6 p.m. March 25 in the Exhibit Hall. The showing is free

and open to the public. The art items donated include hand-painted Ukrainian eggs by Bryan artist Luba Rozsa; pottery by Jadwiga Ramza, Inger Garrison, Rhoda Kramer, Joan Moore and Rebecca Hirsch; feather jewelry by Pam Reynolds; sculpture by Pat Ryan and photography by Karen Hillier.

Drawings, paintings and reproductions have been donated by the Martin-Hargis Gallery (a sketch by Joe Donaldson) and Anco Insurance (reproduction of a pencil original of an early Texas Ranger by James Harvey Johnson). Watercolors by Virginia Groneman, a framed reproduction of a Buck Schiwetz watercolor of the Texas A&M University Systems Building donated by the Miter Box and paintings by Alan Stacell, Bob Schiffauer, Tina Watkins and Graham Horsley will also be up for bids.

Three portraits by Jim Raatz will be commissioned during the auction. A sample of Raatz' work will be on display so bidders can view his portraiture technique.

Works by several of the winners in the recent College Station Municipal Art Contest will also be up for bid, including the work of J.M. Hutchinson, Mary Saslow, Sally Tullos and Olive Black.

A drawing by cartoonist Jim Earle will be for sale, as will weaving by Maggie Mazzera, silver and ebony cufflinks by Maraget van Bavel, batik by many local artists and numerous items of needlework and macramé.

Both Full Moon Crafts and Walton Stained Glass have donated stained glass windows to benefit the station.

Antiques up for bid will include a 2-quart Depression glass pitcher from Migration Antiques, a china set for serving hot chocolate from B&B Antiques, a pressed glass pedestal cake plate from Picket Fence, a white iron double bed from the turn of the century from The Unicorn Antiques, and a hardwood gilt frame from Van Dykes Studio.

Also a sewing rocker with upholstered seat given by Amity Antiques, an antique tool set from Ann's Antiques, a small hobnail milk glass fruit bowl from the Blackshears and four Victorian fiddleback silver-plated serving spoons from the collection of Sidney and Meta Brown.

and extend grant eligibility to part-time students.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Grant Jones, D-Abilene, will allow students who are enrolled for at least one-half of a full course load in a degree plan in an approved private college or university to receive a grant equal to 50 percent of the average state appropriation for a full-time student at a public college or university.

Sen. A.R. Schwartz, D-Galveston, opposed the bill and lectured the Senate for more than one hour about the dangers inherent in its passage, including what he called the danger to the constitutional mandate for separation of church and state.

"This bill will bring around full regulation of church-supported schools," Schwartz said.

Schwartz also said the bill was improper at a time when the Legislature was seeking to cut \$1 billion from the state budget, and that the bill would help the wealthy at the expense of the poorer taxpayer.

"What this does is subsidize the part of our society that can afford \$3,000 tuition because they elect to pay \$3,000 tuition," Schwartz said, in reference to the price of tuition at private schools.

Schwartz and Jones engaged in several shouting matches over the bill, especially over appropriations for the grant program. Jones said he did not know the amount the private college lobby would request, but Schwartz insisted he did.

"Senator, all my life I have undertaken in my legislative career to always speak the truth and for you to insinuate that now I am lying is an insult," Jones angrily told Schwartz.

But Sen. Bill Meier, D-Eules, said most of the senators believed the bill would give much-needed help to students who wanted to attend private colleges.

A Schwartz amendment failed that would have placed the grant program under the Sunset Advisory Act, where it could be discontinued in 1985. The Senate passed the bill 25-6 and sent it to the House for approval.

Senate OKs tuition aid bill for kids in private colleges

United Press International
AUSTIN — The Senate passed and sent the House a tuition equalization bill which will provide more grant money to private college and university students,

Earthquake today rocks Mexico City

United Press International
MEXICO CITY — An earthquake struck a wide area of Mexico for 60 seconds early today, toppling buildings and causing blackouts in a residential section of Mexico City. More than a dozen people are reported injured.

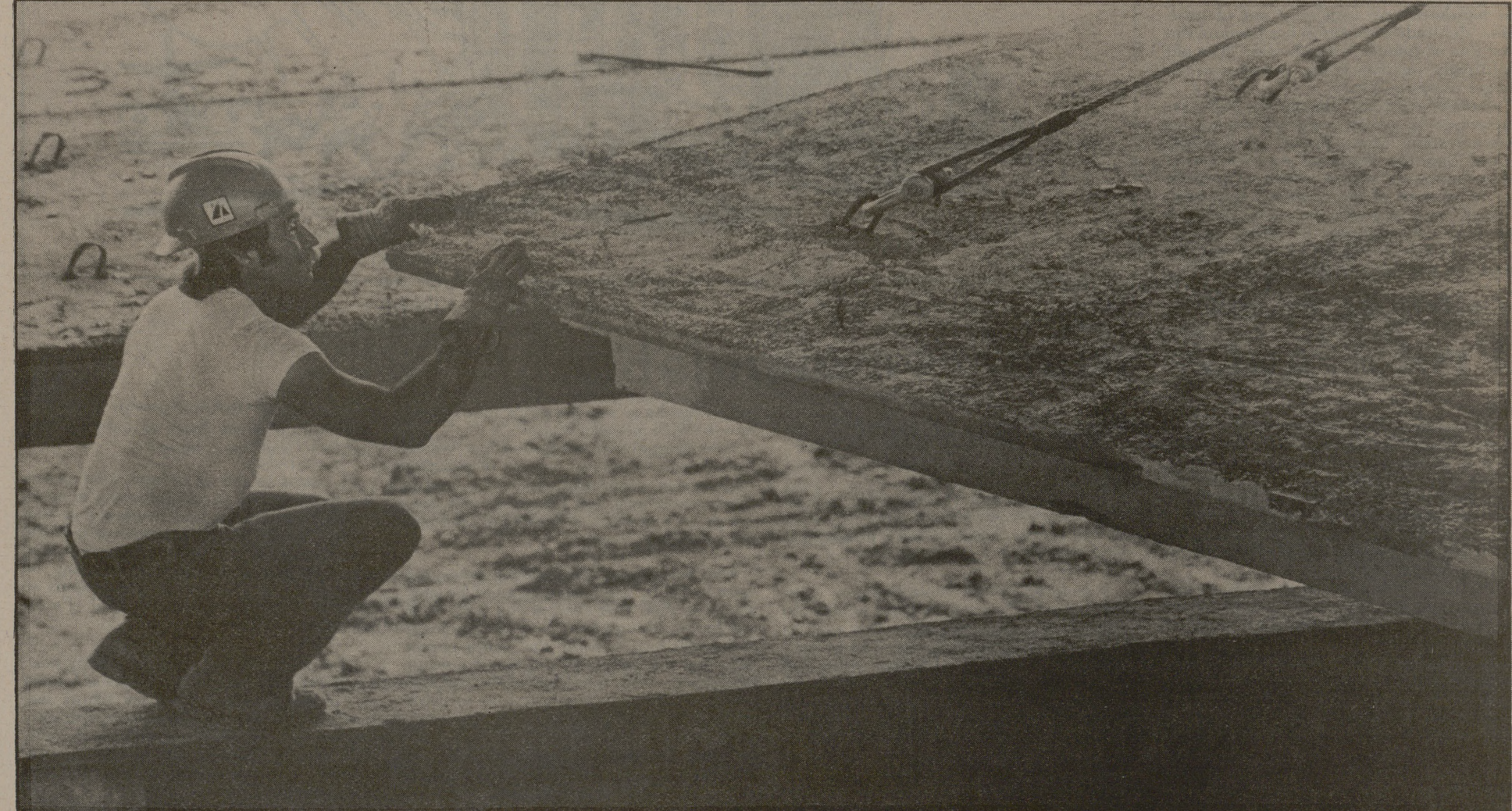
Early reports from the Red Cross said people in the capital had been injured by the quake. No casualty reports from other areas were immediately available.

Police said two two-story buildings at the Iberoamericana University in south Mexico City collapsed during the quake and several night watchmen may have been trapped in the rubble. A television station reported a movie theater in the center of the capital collapsed.

Power blackouts were reported in two-thirds of the capital.

The Tacubaya Seismological Center said the earthquake registered 7.0 on the Richter scale with its epicenter 188 miles northwest of Mexico City in the mountains of Michoacan State. The University of California's seismograph station at Berkeley rated the quake at 7.5 on the Richter scale.

It was the strongest quake since last Sept. 29, when two sharp earthquakes killed at least nine people and left 100 others injured. Those quakes registered 7.9 and 7.9 on Richter scale.



Kyle Field keeps growing

Good weather has helped speed construction on the third-deck expansion of Texas A&M's Kyle Field. Workmen for Zachry Engineering firm, which is handling the stadium expansion, were busy Tuesday raising into

place sections of concrete that will form the second-story level floor in the expanded stadium.

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