

# Pilot OK in Colombia

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HOUSTON — A fireman who also pilots private planes was hospitalized Tuesday in Colombia, where he said he and a friend crash-landed on a beach and were attacked by bandits.

William A. Spradley, 45, said in a telephone interview from a hospital in Riohacha that he was flying a twin-engine plane from Miami to Venezuela April 29 for an oil company when the plane developed engine trouble.

Spradley said a friend, Roy McLamore, 45, accompanied him on the trip to pick up oil drilling bits for remanufacture in

the United States.

"The right engine started acting up," Spradley said. "I had to land. I ended up landing on the beach. It was a normal emergency landing (with wheels down)."

"A bunch of people showed up. They started jerking stuff off me. They took my suitcase. The next thing I know — bam — they shot me," Spradley said. "More people came up. They carried me to a small hospital."

"That's the last I saw of Roy, when they were loading me in the pickup," Spradley said. "I'm doing fine, walking

around the hospital. I just have a .38-caliber slug in my back that I'll have to have out in Houston," Spradley said. "If I could get released down here, you'd never know anything happened to me."

McLamore's whereabouts were unknown.

Spradley said there were problems with payment of fines and a lawyer's fee complicating his return to the United States.

"I understand I was accused of violating Colombian airspace and of landing without a permit," Spradley said. "I only came over Colombia because of the emergency."

# Nuke power now presidential issue

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WASHINGTON — The long-simmering debate over nuclear power is now a full-fledged presidential issue.

President Carter said Monday he supports its continued use. Rep. Morris Udall, D-Ariz., who ran second to Carter in the 1976 Democratic primaries, cast doubt on its future. The leader of Sunday's anti-nuclear demonstration in Washington warned it will be the issue of the 1980s. And Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., called for a moratorium on issuing licenses for new nuclear power plants.

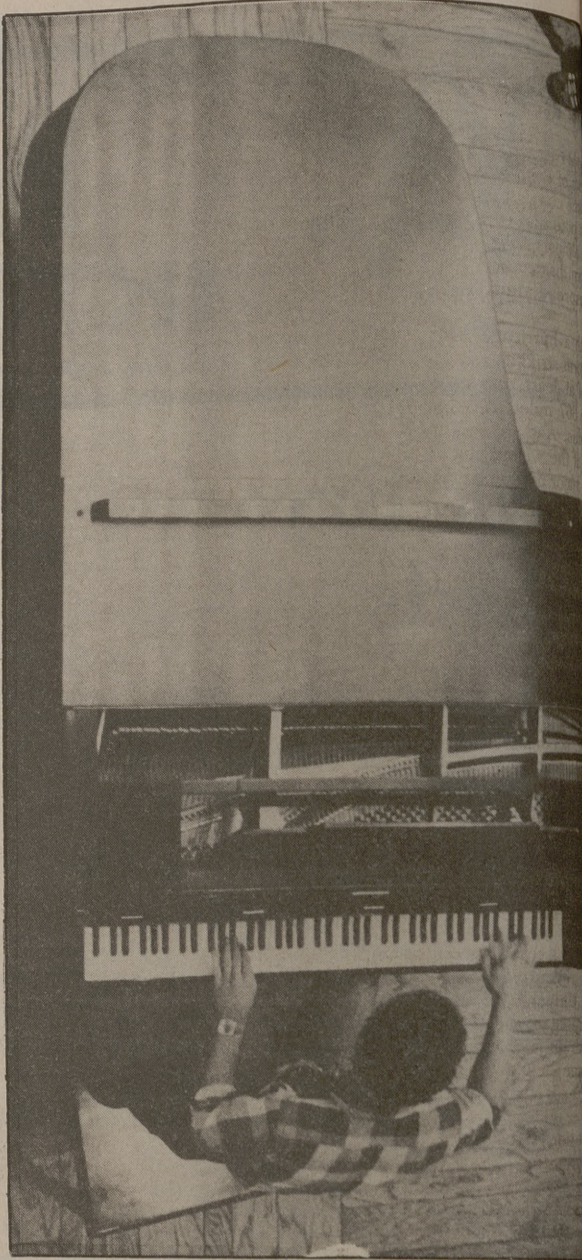
Carter's stance, reiterated in a White House meeting with leaders of the protest that drew 65,000 people to the Capitol steps the day before, put him squarely at odds with California Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr., whose use of the issue moved one liberal congressman, also unsympathetic to nuclear power, to refer to him privately as "a creep."

Ralph Nader, whom Carter three years ago publicly hoped to supplant as the nation's No. 1 consumer advocate, charged in House testimony Monday federal officials were guilty of "monumental neglect" of nuclear emergency plans.

And a General Accounting Office report said the public is being endangered by lax enforcement of safety standards in the transportation by truck and rail of nuclear materials.

Monday, Udall talked about the future of nuclear power.

"At any time of any day there will be trucks and trains moving around the country with fuel rods, spent fuel, nuclear materials of different kinds," he forecast. "And more and more the public is concerned about this." If cities and states follow New York City's lead and ban such shipments, he said, "you get to a point where nobody will take the nuclear waste. You can't get your fuel rods from where they're made to where they're going to be used. So I think the future of nuclear (power) is in doubt."



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# Ford suit judge to remain on

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DETROIT — The judge in Benson Ford Jr.'s \$7.5 million inheritance fight Tuesday refused to step down, saying he had "no prejudice" against young Ford and does not favor his uncle, Ford Motor Co. Chairman Henry Ford II.

"I assert most affirmatively, I have no prejudice — none whatever," Wayne County Probate Judge Ira Kaufman said in denying the motion.

Harvey Fierstein, Benson Jr.'s Los Angeles attorney, filed a motion Monday seeking Kaufman's disqualification, charging the judge had made prejudiced remarks against his client and in favor of the company chairman.

Benson Jr., a 29-year-old California bachelor, is seeking control over some 100,000 shares of family stock which was placed in a trust controlled by other family members, including Henry Ford II.

Benson Jr. had contended that the judge, in a private March conference with attorneys in the case, made reference to young Ford's arrest earlier this year on drug charges and said he was in need of "rehabilitation."

Kaufman was expected to rule later in the day on the disqualification motion. But he declared to the court, "I am impartial. I will decide this case on the merits."

Benson Jr. is seeking to fulfill the will of his late father, Henry Ford Sr., who died last year aboard his yacht in northern Michigan.

Sources said Monday that Benson Jr. also plans to attend the annual stockholder meeting and is expected to make an appeal for election to at least one seat on the Board of Directors.

In seeking to have the case reopened, Benson Jr. has asked the court to set aside his uncle's objection to his stock placed in a trust.

Benson Jr. also plans to attend the annual stockholder meeting, which is held exclusively by Ford family members, which makes up 99 percent of the entire stockholding.

Benson Jr. already owns 311,830 shares according to reports — of any of the grandchildren of the late pioneer, Henry Ford.

However, the bulk of the 14 million Class B shares controlled by young Benson and his mother, Edith M. Ford.

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