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## Weather

Mostly cloudy, warm, and humid with a high in the mid 90's and a low of 73. Winds will be South-Easterly at 10-15 m.p.h.

## Hijacker identified; sought to free jailed comrade in Chicago

**United Press International**  
CHICAGO — At least one man believed to be a Serbian nationalist seeking to free a jailed compatriot hijacked an American Airlines jet Wednesday and held the 137 persons aboard hostage in the plane at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

The hijacker, identified as Nikola Kavaja, 45, living in Patterson, N.J., said he was carrying explosives, U.S. Attorney Thomas Sullivan said.

The plane, flight 293 en route from New York's LaGuardia Airport to O'Hare, was hijacked at about 11:20 a.m. CDT. The

craft had a crew of eight and 129 passengers.

The plane was sitting on a runway at O'Hare while officials negotiated with the hijackers over the radio from the control tower.

Kavaja was one of four Serbian nationalists who were convicted in U.S. District Court in Chicago May 24 of conspiring to kill Yugoslavian diplomats in Chicago.

Father Stojilko Kajevec, a Serbian orthodox priest, was convicted of the charges along with Kavaja but Kajevec was the only one who was not released on bond.

Kajevec is being held in the Federal Metropolitan Correctional Center in Chicago.

Kavaja apparently was demanding the release of Kajevec, Chicago police said.

An American Airlines spokesman said at first there were two men in the cockpit of the Boeing 727 who said they have explosives on them. The spokesman later said he was not sure there were two men.

"There is a language problem," he said. The Boeing 727 "took off from LaGuardia" at 11:16 a.m. EDT, FAA spokesman Irwin Goldstein said.

"At 12:29, it was about 50 miles east of Flint, Mich., when it (the hijacking) oc-

curred," Goldstein said. "He's on the ground now at Chicago. He landed there at 1:03."

Wednesday's hijacking followed by nine days the June 11 hijacking of a Delta Air Lines jet to Cuba by a man later identified as the pilot who flew a Cuban MIG-17 to Florida in 1969 and then settled in New York.

The June 11 incident was the first American jetliner hijacked to Cuba in nearly seven years.

The bearded man who hijacked the Delta flight was identified as Eduardo Guerra Jimenez, who made a daring escape from Cuba on Oct. 5, 1969, flying the Russian-built fighter, which went undetected by United States radar until it landed at Homestead Air Force Base in Florida.

## State law — state responsibility

## Dallas gas dealers told not to enforce odd-even plan

**United Press International**  
Texas gasoline dealers, their suppliers and state and local officials hope motorists voluntarily comply with the state's first mandatory peacetime gasoline distribution plan because few want to get involved with enforcing it.

The managing director of the Texas Service Station Association planned Wednesday night to instruct Dallas gasoline dealers not to get involved with enforcing Gov. Bill Clements' odd-even gasoline plan, which takes effect Monday in Dallas, Tarrant and Harris counties.

"We're going to tell our people to keep their noses out of it," said Bill Ligon of Austin. "If they (state officials) want to have this law, then they'll have to enforce it."

The gas plan also requires a \$6 minimum purchase to prevent motorists from topping off their tanks and a maximum 20-gallon limit on fillups. Motorcycles are exempted as energy efficient vehicles and can fill up at any time.

During months with 31 days, which would give odd-numbered plates a two-day monopoly on gas buying, the 31st will be a free-for-all day when anyone can purchase.

At Shell Oil Co. headquarters in Houston, spokeswoman Kitty Borah said the company could not make the independent dealer add personnel to make the gas plan work.

"We can't turn our dealers into policeman," she said. "You make a big assumption that people are honorable. It's going to be difficult for them (dealers) to look inside and see if the gauge is half-full. If I were a dealer I wouldn't want to stick my head inside a car the way people feel about the gasoline situation now."

Despite gasoline dealers' unwillingness to enforce the allocation plan, Clements' press secretary Jon Ford made it clear the stations would be considered liable if the plan were not followed.

Ford said in Austin that both the authority to allocate on an odd-even basis and enforcement penalties were included in a presidential order May 29 under the 1973

Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act.

Ford could not supply a full list of possible penalties, but said, "All I know about that penalty provision is that the fines (for dealers) can range up to \$10,000 per day for violations."

An employee of Anderson Mobil Station in Dallas said the station planned to refuse to pump gas for motorists seeking it on the wrong day.

"We'll tell them to come back the next day," she said. "If they won't leave, well it depends on if they're bigger than we are. I would think the other people in line would get them out of there. If nothing else works we might threaten them with calling the cops."

In Dallas, police promised a request for assistance would be met.

Police spokesman Bob Shaw said if police are called to a gasoline station and a motorist refuses the policeman's request to leave, the motorist would be arrested on charges of criminal trespass.

But Fort Worth police said they had no plans at present to enforce the gas plan.

"We've got no special crackdown planned," said deputy chief Bill Kennedy. "We're hoping for voluntary compliance."

Col. Wilson E. Speir, director of the Department of Public Safety, endorsed Clements' conservation program but made no mention of enforcing odd-even allocation.

Speir said the DPS would give "continued high priority" to enforcing the 55 mph speed limit.

A spokesman for Southland Corp., many of whose 7-Eleven stores sell gasoline, said the firm had no major plans to enforce Clements' program.

"The customers themselves will enforce the program," said Alisa Martin. "We've been through this before in California. We didn't have any problems in California and we're hoping we don't here."

For beleaguered gasoline dealers, the allocation plan is just another headache.

"People don't care what they have to do or pay to get gasoline," said James Glover, who owns a Houston, Exxon station.

## Newsman killed in Managua

**United Press International**  
MANAGUA, Nicaragua — ABC news correspondent Bill Stewart and his driver were shot to death Wednesday by Nicaraguan national guardsmen in an eastern neighborhood of Managua, sources said.

Stewart, 37, and his Nicaraguan driver-interpreter were stopped by a contingent of guardsmen at a roadblock and ordered to get out with their hands up. When they complied, the guardsmen opened fire with submachine guns, killing them both, the sources said.

The two bodies were taken to the Intercontinental Hotel.

Stewart, who was based in New York, had been in Nicaragua about three weeks, an ABC spokesman said. He recently covered the turmoil in Iran.

The spokesman said Stewart joined ABC in 1976. Previously he worked as an investigative reporter with WCCO-TV in Minneapolis and as a news analyst and commentator for WCAU-TV in Philadelphia. In 1969 and 1970, he was a freelance reporter in New York for WNBC-TV.

Stewart, who leaves a widow, Myrna, held a BA from Ohio State University and completed his Master's at Columbia University in New York.



'Skate-gliding'

Paul McNamara, 15, takes to the air after running his skateboard off the steps leading up to Rudder Tower. Upon landing, McNamara dipped low on his board to maintain balance, rolled a few more feet, then twisted it around to a stop.

Battalion photo by Clay Cockrill

## Ugandan president resigns from power

**United Press International**  
KAMPALA, Uganda — President Yusufu Lule, the shy academic chosen to lead Uganda from the ruins left by Idi Amin, resigned Wednesday after two weeks of charges that he was ruling the infant republic like the man he succeeded.

Lule, 68, announced his decision to quit in a lengthy statement read on the national radio. In the confusion, the statement was not attributed to Lule, but clearly came from his office.

"We now hand over to our colleagues," Lule said, "the task of rebuilding the country after eight hectic years under Amin which left the nation a disaster area."

Lule's successor was named as Godfrey Binaisa, a British-trained lawyer and attorney general of Uganda during the regime of former president Milton Obote who was ousted by Amin in 1971.

When Amin came to power, Binaisa went into exile in the United States.

A government statement said Binaisa would be sworn in on the steps of Parliament, where Lule was given the oath of

office as president on April 13, just two days after Tanzanian soldiers liberated the capital from Amin's forces.

A government spokesman said Binaisa was elected to succeed Lule by the 30-member National Consultative Council, the infant parliament which Lule had feuded with over the past two weeks, and the executive council of the Ugandan National Liberation Front, the coalition of exiles chosen in March to replace the Amin government.

Lule, 68, became provisional President of Uganda April 13 when he was sworn in on the steps of the parliament building in Kampala just two days after Tanzanian forces liberated the city from forces loyal to Amin.

The government has been torn by constant bickering among the various political factions represented and Lule has carried out two government shake-ups within 12 days. The latest occurred Tuesday.

A major crisis developed when Lule refused to clear his government appointments with the consultative council. He

was denounced as a "dictator" by some of his own ministers and members of the council.

In the statement, Lule made reference to the fact that the Ugandan National Liberation Front — the movement of Ugandan exiles formed in March to overthrow Amin — had faced several problems.

"One of the difficulties has centered around the appointments to ministerial posts. These appointments have not pleased everybody," the statement said.

"The time ultimately came when some members of the consultative council felt there must be a change in the leadership of the front."

"This I accepted as I did not wish to see any conflict developing around my personality. Uganda has had enough of this," Lule said.

Lule then went on to list the tasks facing the government in the field of reconstruction and rehabilitation of the country following the overthrow of the Amin dictatorship.

## House to pass Canal treaty

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — In a major victory for President Carter, legislation to put into effect the treaty ceding the Panama Canal to Panama by the year 2000 has passed its last major hurdle and today was set for House passage.

The treaty was produced by years of negotiations, and survived weeks of Senate debate before its ratification last year. But conservative House members who thought the full Congress should have had a part in the treaty process made one last effort to sidetrack the treaty by blocking the legislation needed to finance and implement it.

In a late Wednesday session, which ear-

lier had included the first secret House session in 149 years, they lost their key amendment.

The key conservative defeat came when the House voted down, 220-200, an amendment by Rep. George Hansen, R-Idaho, which would have gutted the legislation by requiring that Panama pay all costs including the expenses of Americans who will remain in the Canal Zone until 2000.

The vote technically was to substitute a Murphy amendment which merely required Panama to pay all its outstanding debts to the U.S. government before any property could be transferred to Panama-

nian control. (The first transfer of property takes place Oct. 1, although the canal itself will not be turned over until 2000).

This amounts to an estimated \$9.3 billion in charges such as electric bills and dock fees — a drop in the bucket compared with the \$2.3 billion Panama would have owed had the Hansen amendment passed.

It is estimated transfer of the canal will cost \$4.5 billion over the next 20 years, including American salaries and costs. Some \$2.2 billion of this will be paid through new canal tolls, leaving \$2.3 billion to be paid by the U.S. government.

## Engineering shops will be renovated

The mechanical engineering shops at Texas A&M are going through a long-desired remodeling job and getting new equipment.

Dr. E.R. Glazener, professor of engineering technology and former department head, said the renovations were requested about three years ago, and have been needed badly for several years.

The different departments using the shops had made a ratmaze out of the building," Glazener said. "They would close off a room here, or build a wall there, until you couldn't find your way around."

The renovations will include tearing out walls and replacing them with open labs. "They are also opening up the building," said Glazener. "They are making more efficient office space by tearing out walls and making more offices in the same amount of space."

The new equipment to be put in the shops will replace equipment that is World War II surplus, and some that dates back to before the 1940s, Glazener said. The renovations to the buildings will cost about \$2.2 million, Glazener said, and the new equipment will cost about \$800,000.

The shops are used by the departments of engineering technology, mechanical engineering, industrial engineering and industrial education.

The job is scheduled for completion before classes begin in the fall of 1980. In the meantime, Glazener said the departments that use the labs are meeting wherever they can find the space.

"Engineering technology is using the agricultural engineering labs," Glazener said, "and temporary labs have been set up in the bottom of the water tower and also in the basement of the Harrington complex."



Tray Taylor and Lupe Mendez took turns at removing with a sledge hammer Tuesday afternoon. They are working on a much-needed remodeling of the mechanical engineering shops at Texas A&M.

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