

the nation



Battalion photo by Clay Cockrill

Singin' in the Sun

The Basement Coffeehouse presented Jody Page Monday afternoon by the Memorial Student Center. Page, a senior in engineering technology at Texas A&M, sang folk and country music. More performances are scheduled in the future.

Carter happy to mingle at Japan's holy shrine

United Press International
TOKYO — After enduring the highest security ever seen in Japan, President Carter finally got to mingle with the Japanese Monday, July 23, for a few minutes. They were delighted. So was he. Since his arrival in Tokyo Sunday, Carter has been kept away from the public by an army of about 30,000 police who have closed roads and cordoned off buildings and parks along the presidential route. Carter has been seen in the flesh by a few hundred Japanese dignitaries and a group of school children, standing afar at the first official welcoming ceremony Monday. But in the afternoon Carter toured the Meiji Shrine, one of holiest of the Shinto religion, and came across about 150 elderly men and women who had been allowed to stay to see the President. Carter strode across to shake hands to the delight of the Japanese senior citizens. Many of the women bowed low, others clapped. All beamed and appeared delighted to shake hands with the president. Carter flashed his widest smile as he left the group in the compound of the shrine, which was built in 1920, eight years after the death of Emperor Meiji, the man who opened the door to America and the west. The park-like memorial has 100,000 trees sheltering long walks from the shrine's main building. Carter spent about five minutes talking with the Meiji Shrine's chief priest, Shinichiro Takasawa, and signed his name in the guest book with the inscription "Jimmy Carter. For peace and friendship among all people. 6-25-79." Reporters asked Carter if he had followed tradition and made a wish at the shrine. "I sure did," Carter quipped. "But I can't tell you, it won't come true."

Gas crisis sparks violent protesting; emergency called

United Press International
LEVITOWN, Pa. — Two days of violence sparked by the gasoline crisis Monday resulted in a state of emergency being declared in an embattled Philadelphia suburb where nearly 200 arrests were made and more than 75 persons injured. Bristol Township information officer Ray Grimes said the state of emergency, proclaimed by the township commission at a special meeting, meant that any congregation of five or more people would be subject to arrest, effective immediately. "It's for an indefinite period of time," Grimes said. "It's bigger than a curfew." The order by commissioners came after two nights of protests which were sparked Saturday when truckers conducting a demonstration were joined by motorists angered over the closing of a service station at the busy Five Points intersection in Levittown. Protesters Sunday night in the crowd of 3,000 set fire to cars, destroyed gas pumps and signs and threw stones at police and firefighters. Grimes said 127 people were arrested, all but two on charges of disorderly conduct. The number brought the total for two nights of demonstrations to 196, 192 of them on the disorderly conduct charge. The average age of those arrested was 19 or 20, police said. The Bucks County District Attorney's office said in a statement that its staff would be at the Bristol police station Monday night in case the protest flares up again. The statement said anyone taken into custody who had been arrested during the weekend would be charged with a felony and jailed without bail.

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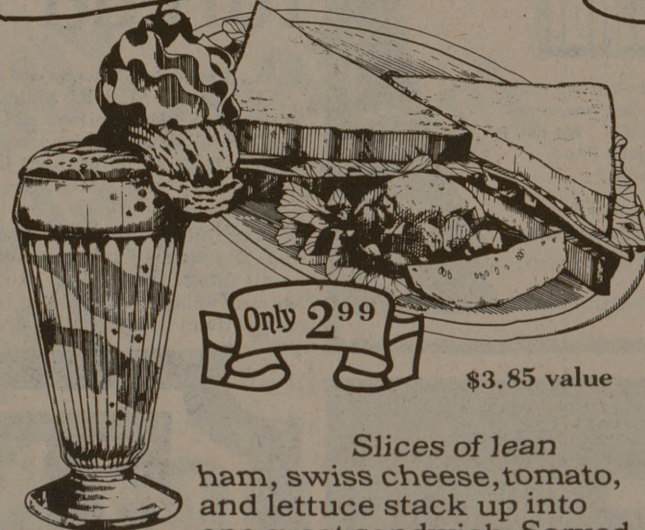
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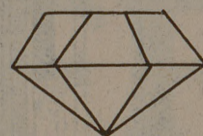
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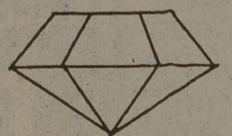
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