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Weather

Partly cloudy through Friday and continued warm with a high in the mid 90's and a low in the mid 70's. Winds will be East-North-Easterly at 5-10 m.p.h. 50% chance of rain.

Resignation decisions by Carter expected

United Press International
WASHINGTON — President Carter Wednesday sifted through the mass resignations of a Cabinet he once called "superb" and a group of senior advisers who have been with him since he was the governor of Georgia.

The fates of several of those who offered to quit Tuesday are expected to be decided this week.

Carter sought the resignations to give him a free hand in rearranging his troubled administration and to give him a fresh start as he embarks on the 1980 campaign.

Some advisers have little to fear. Carter himself Tuesday referred to Hamilton Jordan, his top aide for years, as White House "chief of staff."

Authoritative sources also said the national security team of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Defense Secretary Harold Brown and national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski would remain "intact" — a word apparently intended to assure foreign nations.

But others, such as Energy Secretary James Schlesinger, HEW Secretary Joseph Califano, Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal and Transportation Secretary Brock Adams are less secure.

It has been known for some time that Schlesinger, a target of much criticism during the energy crisis, probably would leave

by the end of the summer. Attorney General Griffin Bell also wants to depart soon to return to his Atlanta law firm. Sources said Carter already has asked for a background check on Deputy Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti to succeed him.

Bell's reasons for leaving are far different than those that might cause Califano, Blumenthal, and Adams to depart. Their independence has drawn the wrath of White House aides.

Califano's stand against smoking has incurred the fury of tobacco states. Blumenthal, although personally designated by Carter a month ago as his top economic spokesman, often has taken stands at odds with the White House.

Adams weathered controversy with White House aides several months ago when he told Carter during a personal meeting that the Transportation Department had had unusual success in getting its legislative program through Congress last year — a feat not shared throughout the administration.

Jordan and presidential communications adviser Gerald Raftery date back to 1966 when Carter first ran for governor. Press secretary Jody Powell joined Carter's successful 1970 campaign for governor.

Carter's Cabinet has remained intact

since they were sworn in in January 1977. No other recent president's Cabinet has remained intact as long as Carter's. When they were sworn in, Carter referred to them as "superb" and said he had asked them to commit themselves to staying the entire four years.

Think twice prior to siphoning

By LOUIE ARTHUR
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When your gas tank is empty and you begin to think about pulling out your trusty rubber hose to "borrow" some gas from the car down the street — think twice.

Dr. Dan Teat of the Southeast Texas Poison Center warns that swallowing only a teaspoonful of gas can be fatal.

Although there has been no serious problem with gasoline poisoning in this area recently, the number of cases in Harris County has increased alarmingly. There were 189 reported gasoline poisoning cases in June, Teat said, compared to 103 reported cases for the entire year of 1978.

The real danger is when the gas gets into the lungs, where it is 140 times more dangerous than in the stomach, according to the Texas Medical Association.

The gas aspirates into the lungs when the victim coughs or chokes, Teat said. It coats part of the lungs and prevents oxygen from reaching the tissues — the result is suffocation.

Teat said the other serious effect of gasoline poisoning is that it weakens the main muscle of the heart. Any type of exercise can hit that muscle and cause a heart attack.

Most treatment can be handled at home, Teat said, unless the gas is in the lungs or complications occur.

"Even if they say they just got some in their mouth and spat it out, we treat them just to be sure," Teat said. "The critical period is 18 hours after the gas is swallowed. If the victim is a child we ask the parents to check the child every two hours for 24 hours for fever, vomiting or difficulty in swallowing."

Dr. Phil Davis, a local internist, advises contacting the emergency room at St. Joseph Hospital or your doctor if you swallow gasoline.

Teat said the usual treatment for gas poisoning is: 1) strict bedrest for 24 hours (to prevent heart attack); 2) a diet of soft bland foods including milk and ice cream (to coat stomach and intestinal tract and lessen chances of vomiting) and 3) no smoking by the victim or anyone near the victim (the lungs can actually catch on fire).

Most cases are not fatal, Teat said, but people have died from gasoline poisoning in the past. If the victim follows doctor's orders the gas will pass out in the fecal material within 18 hours.

Another word of warning — the Bryan Police Department said that gas siphoning is a misdemeanor theft and punishable by a maximum \$200 fine or 40 days in the pokey.



New score board

It may be wishful thinking, but if the new stadium is completed by the coming fall season, this will be the score board we have to look at. It is now under construction at Kyle Field Stadium. Construction

officials say the University of Houston game will be played there Oct. 13. A progress report is expected Aug. 1.

Battalion photo by Clay Cockrell

Recognition 'long overdue'

United Press International
SAN ANTONIO — Some believe it's long overdue, but the time has come to recognize through ceremony and ritual the prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action in a city with one of the nation's largest populations of servicemen. Raising ceremonies at military bases and veteran posts Wednesday were held to honor POW-MIA Recognition proclaimed by President Carter to the estimated 142,227 POWs and 61 MIAs from the two world wars and conflicts in Korea and Vietnam — an

honor some veterans said will be bestowed none too soon. An estimated 200 former POWs live in the San Antonio area and some attended ceremonies at Randolph, Lackland, Kelly and Brooks Air Force bases, Audie Murphy Veterans Administration Hospital and at Fort Sam Houston. A major ceremony will take place at the Missing Man Monument near the Taj Mahal of Randolph, known as "the Cradle of Air Power," including an address by Gen. Bennie Davis, commander of the Air Training Command, and a flyover of Air

Force jets in the missing-man formation. Col. Charles A. Morgan Jr., national director of American Prisoners of War, Inc., who pushed for approval of the resolution by Congress for the special day, said POWs were a small minority of the 10 million American veterans, "but I feel it's time that recognition be granted to them." Morgan, a prisoner for 3½ years after the American forces surrendered to the Japanese on Corregidor Island, said it was "appropriate that the country remember these men."

Randy Briere, who was a prisoner for three years in the Korean war, said he does not hold a grudge against his captors "because it was their job," but that he was disenchanted by Americans' attitude when he and his fellow POWs returned to the United States. "When we got back it seemed like it was 'here is your physical, here is your discharge and thank you very much,'" said Briere, a retired master sergeant and civil service worker at Fort Sam Houston.

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He said many came back with emotional scars, some developed drinking problems, some recurring nightmares and some a sense of skepticism and distrust.

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sudden means much more than before. I'd rather die than lose it again."

Olsen, a POW for six years, said he was put off by "curiosity seekers and feeling like being under a microscope" when he got back to the United States.

"People seemed so curious. They asked lots of questions and said they were glad I was back. I didn't believe them because I didn't believe or trust anyone. I was in constant fear and didn't know that to say. I needed time to feel for somebody."

Ceremony commemorates POWs

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Fish Pointer?

Battalion photo by Todd Gross

This doberman pinscher seems to have found something in Rudder Fountain — hopefully not a fish!

The fountain has been a cool place for quite a few dogs to romp through recently.

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Commercial vehicle signs beat odd-even rationing

United Press International

DALLAS — There is money to be made during the gas crisis and Jim Mitchell, owner of Programmed Interiors in Grand Prairie, is among those cashing in.

With the coming of gasoline rationing, Mitchell's maintenance and delivery trucks were getting hostile receptions when they tried fill up on an even numbered day with an odd numbered license plate. Motorists apparently were not sympathetic to the idea that exempts commercial vehicles from the odd-even plan.

Mitchell's money-making idea was to provide commercial vehicles with magnetic signs that identify them as company cars. For two weeks he's been running newspaper advertisements ("Need gas every day? Order magnetic business signs for your car") and the company already has taken hundreds of orders. The signs cost \$9.95 a pair, and take one day to make.

"I thought everyone else was going to do this, but we put an ad in the paper anyway," Mitchell said. "You just can't live working only half a week. We had to get gasoline. The minute we went to odd-even rationing, we made a bunch for our own company."

Mitchell admits he is not sure all the signs are being used by businessmen who rely on their cars and probably are falling into the hands of every-day motorists.

"I have no way of proving they own the business," Mitchell said. "Everyone will find a way around it (the odd-even rationing). If they're forced into it and have to make a living, they'll find a way around it."

Programmed Interiors manufactures styrofoam products and special display items for stores. The bulk of the business is in making aisle markers and other decorations for supermarkets and Mitchell and his partner merely converted a machine to make the magnetic signs.

Mitchell said the sideline will not develop into an enduring business; he even plans to cancel the ad after this week, though he expects a few orders throughout the gasoline crunch.