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Weather

Fair to partly cloudy skies with winds light and variable from the East at 5 m.p.h. High today ranging from 93-95 and a low ranging from 72-74. There is a 30% chance of rain today and tonight.



What is this stuff?

Royce Dunlap (left) and Bob Ownes (center) examine some chain mail made by Jeff Morgan (right). Morgan was showing off his work at a demonstration by the Society for Creative Anachronism on Wednesday afternoon at Rudder Fountain. The demonstration, sponsored by the MSC Summer Pro-

gramming Committee, also included calligraphy, embroidery and other medieval arts and sciences that the SCA study and practice. Chain mail is made by weaving small metal rings into a flexible fabric which can then be fashioned into armor or other items.

Battalion photo by Scott Haring

Congress protests refugee problem

United Press International
HANOI, Vietnam — A 10-member U.S. congressional delegation arrived in Vietnam Wednesday to confront the Hanoi regime over its policy of allowing hundreds of thousands of refugees to flood neighboring nations.

The delegation led by Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal, D-N.Y., was almost barred from Vietnam because of critical remarks made by one member in Hong Kong, the first stop on the group's six-day, five-nation whirlwind tour.

Final permission for the trip came from senior Vietnamese officials less than 19 hours before the arrival of the delegation from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Their plane was flown into Hanoi by co-pilot Lt. Col. Douglas G. Glime, who flew fighter-bomber missions in the Vietnam War.

The Americans were greeted by Vu Hoang, an ambassador-at-large.

Vietnamese sources at the airport said the delegation would meet senior officials tonight.

Rosenthal said that while the members intended to ask tough questions, particularly on alleged government organization of the refugee exodus, he believed the visit would result merely in an exchange of views.

Most members of the delegation said they favored establishment of diplomatic relations with Hanoi, but without aid as a precondition.

Rep. Robert Drinan, D-Mass., a former anti-war spokesman, said there were three problems with current Vietnamese policy: Vietnam's invasion and occupation of Cambodia; the "inducing" of people to leave Vietnam, and Hanoi's pro-Soviet policy.

He said Vietnamese invasion of Cambodia "was an outrageous demonstration of arrogance, really."

It was Drinan's ironic criticism of Vietnamese refugee policy in Hong Kong last Saturday that caused Hanoi to cancel the trip by the congressmen.

After 24 hours of diplomatic flurry in Washington, New York, Paris and Bangkok, the Vietnamese relented and welcomed the delegation Wednesday as scheduled.

In Malaysia earlier, the American congressmen toured the world's largest Vietnamese refugees camp on Pulau Bidong island. The special committee spent a whirlwind 90 minutes darting in, out and around the island off Malaysia's coast, where nearly 33,000 Vietnamese refugees are packed in.

"I find words inadequate to express the conditions in these camps," said Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal, D-N.Y., who is leading the group on its six-day, five-nation tour.

"It's an extremely difficult life style. I'm surprised the people are as happy as they are."

Rosenthal's group left for Hanoi almost immediately after the Bidong Island tour, pausing only for a brief news conference at the Kuala Lumpur airport.

U.S., Mexico join to clean oil

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The United States and Mexico are working jointly on a U.S.-proposed contingency plan to counter the environmental effects of oil spills such as the one affecting the south Texas coast, the State Department has announced.

Spokesman Tom Reston said the two governments are already working together on cleaning and containing the oil slick that developed from the Campeche offshore well, some 550 miles south of the Texas coast.

"We recognized at an early stage that the rapid development of offshore oil in the Gulf of Mexico held the potential for significant oil spills such as the dreadful accident, which has occurred at the Campeche site," he said.

He said the United States believes the two governments should work out a "formal agreement" establishing joint contingency plan for handling oil spills in the Gulf of Mexico.

"We have in fact proposed such an agreement in the form of a draft contingency plan which is currently being used by both governments," Reston said in a prepared statement read during a news briefing Tuesday.

"We hope this mechanism which we have proposed can be used to minimize the effects of incidents such as the Campeche oil spill."

Such a formal Mexican-American agreement may be on the agenda of the Washington meeting in September between presidents Carter and Jose Lopez Portillo. The Mexican leader is scheduled to visit Washington Sept. 28-29.

Reston said that since the Campeche well erupted several months ago, American technicians have visited the well site and are working together with Mexican authorities.

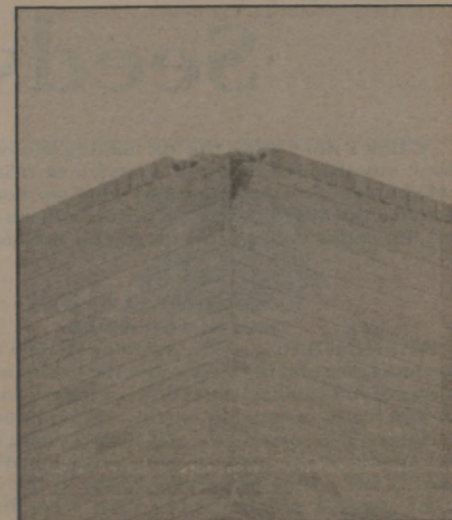
"The Mexican government has requested, and we have provided, equipment and personnel as a part of the Mexican cleanup and containment effort. Regular overflight of the spill area are being conducted by U.S. Coast Guard, NASA and NOAA aircraft especially equipped to gather pertinent information."

He also said, "The data on the location of the spill and computer predictions on the movement of the oil on the water are provided on a regular basis to both governments."

As the oil has moved toward the Texas coast, Reston said, cleanup operations in that area have intensified and a Mexican liaison officer is now working with U.S. officials in Corpus Christi, Texas.

"Agreement has been reached by the two governments under which the United States can begin cleanup operations in Mexican waters as the oil moves toward the coast of south Texas."

"These operations have in fact already begun," the spokesman said.



Library struck

Lightening apparently struck the upper southeast corner of the new library shortly after 5:00 p.m. Tuesday said Charles Smith, a reference librarian who was in the library at the time. Smith was told of it by another librarian who had met some students outside who said they had seen it happen. Smith called the University emergency number, and they said they would check for any remaining loose bricks or other hazards.

Battalion photo by Clay Cockrill

We want a clean house'

Las Vegas-style sports book to open in Texas border town

United Press International
NEUVO LAREDO, Mexico — When Nuevo Laredo Turf Club opens next week, it will bring Las Vegas-style sports betting within walking distance of the U.S. border and allow Mexican entrepreneurs an opportunity to cash in on hundreds of millions of dollars Texas style — legally and illegally — each

Las Vegas-style sports book opens in two blocks from the international border to accept bets on horse races at two U.S. tracks and officials say they hope to open branches "in the near future" in three other cities bordering South

spectacular Y Deportes Del Norte will operate the sports book in conjunction with a parimutuel horse-dog track scheduled to open in Nuevo Laredo next week and its general manager, Luis Vinals, says the betting parlor initially will accept wagers only on horse races. He said, however, bets on professional football and basketball pools will soon be added, along with other sporting events. The turf club, in final stages of construction, is one block from the landmark Cadillac Hotel across the Rio Grande from Texas, where for decades church bingo has been the only semi-legitimate form of gambling where voters have rejected parimutuel horse race referendums with every couple of years.

The Mexicans will operate the sports book from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily (Mexico time) and later will open the "hippodrome," a \$10 million race track under construction that will offer year-around thoroughbred, quarterhorse and greyhound racing beginning next year.

They note that surveys done by major horse tracks in Louisiana and New Mexico showed that 60 to 80 percent of their customers were Texans and contributed significantly to their \$150 million a year in bets.

Law enforcement authorities also estimate football buffs in Texas wager more than \$1 billion a year on professional games alone.

Vinals boasts that his government will not tax any winnings at the Nuevo Laredo Turf Club, "and your winnings won't be reported to the United States government, either."

Vinals said the full-fledged sports book plans to open branches later in the border cities of Matamoros, Piedras Negras and Reynosa across the Rio Grande from the respective sister Texas cities of Brownsville, Eagle Pass and McAllen.

Previously, a dog-horse track in Juarez, Mexico, across from El Paso, was the only legal gambling location along the Texas-Mexico border.

Winnings at American tracks are taxed by the Internal Revenue Service, with the track collecting 20 percent off the top for

winnings of more than \$1,000.

U.S. law only requires reporting cash-in-hand on entering the country if the amount totals more than \$5,000, and Vinals said, "these matters are not of our concern."

"We want to have a clean house, just like in Las Vegas," Vinals said. "There's no reason to run a dirty house. It only ruins business."

Two workers exposed to radiation at Harrisburg

United Press International
HARRISBURG, Pa. — An ambulance driver and a worker cleaning up waste from the March 28 nuclear accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant have been contaminated with radiation, officials said.

While making the announcement Tuesday, Metropolitan Edison Co. also disclosed that the first batch of radioactive waste materials from the accident was making a 100-mile highway journey to a disposal site in Hanford, Wash.

Met-Ed spokesman David Klucskik said the ambulance driver, identified as John Fulton, 30, of Harrisburg, an employee of the Catalytic Corp., of Philadelphia, received 25 millirems of radiation to the left hand and

which adjoins the damaged reactor at Three Mile Island, said the spokesman.

He was apparently contaminated later when radiation on the outside of his protective clothing came into contact with his body.

Karl Abraham, a spokesman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, described the exposures as "tiny." The federal health limit for radiation workers in one quarter is 7,500 millirems, he said.

On the subject of the waste, Klucskik said the shipment was the first to contain any waste from the damaged nuclear reactor Unit No. 2.

He said the company also was making arrangements to dispose of 600 more drums of nuclear waste from the unit.

According to the NRC, the waste disposal truck would travel on Interstate 81 and I-80 through Pennsylvania, and then remain on I-80 through Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

In Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Washington, the truck will travel principally on I-90 and I-94, the NRC said.



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Plumb tuckered out

When junior-high schooler Roger King decided to take a chair and listen to a little piano music at the Memorial Student Center, his 5-month-old cousin Johnnie Lee Headge apparently decided to go somewhere else.