

Treaty begins Monday at college

WASHINGTON — The long congressional battle is ended, and S. and Panamanian officials can proceed freely with ceremonies Monday marking the effective date of the Panama Canal treaties.

The 1977 treaties giving Panama control of the canal in the year 2000 were approved by the Senate last year, but the fight over a bill to implement them ended only Wednesday, when the House finally passed on the measure.

Despite a last-stand effort by conservatives to block the bill, the House approved it, 232-188, and

sent it to President Carter for signing. The Senate passed it Monday.

Vice President Walter Mondale and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will fly to Panama Monday for the ceremonies marking the start of the treaty that replaces one signed in 1903.

The old treaty granted the United States perpetual sovereignty over the waterway.

At midday Wednesday, a report circulated that Panamanian officials planned to invite Cuban Premier Fidel Castro to the event, but the State Department said no Cuban delegation would attend.

Had the implementing bill failed, the treaties would still take effect. But the legislation was needed to set up the administrative structure to operate the canal for the next 20 years.

The administration predicted chaos in the Canal Zone, possibly including closure of the waterway, if the bill was not passed by Oct. 1.

Rep. John Murphy, D-N.Y., House floor manager for the bill, told his colleagues he shared some of the conservatives' objections to the canal treaty, "but we are not

considering the treaty of 1977 today. We are at the point of implementing the treaty regardless of its merits."

Rep. Robert Bauman, R-Md., who led the successful fight last week against an earlier version of the bill, agreed the legislation was necessary "for the continued operation of the canal."

The House vote was praised by State Department spokesman Tom Reston, who said enactment "will enable the United States to protect its rights and interests in the Panama Canal and to meet our international obligations."

Student wields gun at college

United Press International
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — A business college student armed with a .25-caliber pistol held about 30 people hostage briefly Thursday, then released them and was negotiating with two police officers.

The man, identified only as "Lewis", held the people hostage in a third floor classroom at Knoxville Business College in the downtown section of the city before freeing them shortly after noon.

Mary Kay Miller, a police dispatcher, said the hostages had been freed and were unharmed.

She said the gunman was negotiating in the classroom with police Cpl. Lock Miller and Officer Barbara Hopper.

Charles Lawson, a student at the college who said he was a friend of the gunman, said the man "feels inferior because he's had an accident." Lawson said the accident had left the man with a limp and "problems with his right arm."

A showman even in death

Corpse sentinel of Eden

LUCAS, Kan. — Forty-seven years after his death, the eccentric creator of Kansas' own "Garden of Eden" still watches over his jungle of cement trees and statuary in this town of 514 residents.

In a mausoleum on the grounds, a tour guide delights in introducing S.P. Dinsmoor, encased in his glass-covered concrete coffin.

By the Civil War veteran's own wish, and with the help of a special embalming job, Dinsmoor himself still is a major attraction of the showplace he began building in 1907 when he was 64.

"I have a will," Dinsmoor wrote,

"that none except my widow, my descendants, their husbands and wives, shall go in to see me for less than \$1. That will pay someone to look after the place, and I promise everyone that comes in to see me (they can look through the plate glass and glass in the lid of my coffin and see my face), that if I see them dropping a dollar in the hands of the flunky, and I see the dollar, I will give them a smile."

Beckoned by a faded sign, 10,000 tourists last year ventured 18 miles off the beaten path of Interstate 70 in central Kansas to visit Dinsmoor's Garden of Eden, situated 22 miles from — of all places — Paradise,

Kan.

Dinsmoor's garden actually is a concrete and limestone monstrosity, as out of place on a block of neatly trimmed, wooden homes as a bowling trophy in a china cabinet.

Surrounding a limestone cabin and the mausoleum is a bewildering assortment of lifesize concrete statues clinging to concrete trees as high as 30 feet off the ground.

After Dinsmoor started his cabin of native limestone in 1907, he spent the next quarter-century on scaffolds patting homemade concrete, wire mesh and philosophy into statues.

Dinsmoor earned his living giving

guided tours of his showplace for a quarter a head until his death in 1932 at 89.

Soon after his death, the property changed hands, became obscured with brush and weeds and eventually ended up as an apartment house.

In 1967, a Lucas plumber who was 9 years old when Dinsmoor died, decided to revive the old man's tradition. Wayne Naegele and his wife bought the garden for about \$8,000.

They restored the eyesore of an apartment house and its overgrown yard to its former glory and reopened it to tourists.

Teen hopes to rebound from hand loss

DETROIT — Surgeons report success in reattaching Todd Nadeau's severed right hand, and the suburban teenager says he'll "give it my best shot" in trying to resume his interrupted basketball career.

Nadeau, 17, a basketball standout at Northville's Catholic Central High School, lost the hand Aug. 8 while cutting aluminum with a power saw. The hand was reattached in a 13-hour operation at Detroit's Harper Hospital, where doctors Wednesday said the 6-foot, 160-lb. teen-ager has been making excellent progress.

Nadeau's doctors said the youth, a

starting guard on the Shamrocks' basketball team, would be released from the hospital today. Nadeau said he hopes he will be able to play basketball again this year.

"All I've got to do is move it (the hand) a little bit," Nadeau said. "I'm a left-hander. If it doesn't hurt, I'll be out there. I'll give it my best shot."

Dr. Robert Larsen, who headed the surgical team that reattached the hand, said Nadeau still faces "a minimum of four pretty good operations." In addition to the original surgery to reattach his hand, Nadeau has had five skin grafts.

Larsen said he believes Nadeau will be able to play sports again, but

was unable to predict how much use the boy will get out of the restored hand.

"His youth is in his favor," Larsen said. "The severity of the injury is not."

The hand itself was cleanly cut but Larsen said it appeared Nadeau then pulled his arm back across the saw because his forearm was "badly mutilated."

Nadeau's boss, Jim Belanger, grabbed the severed hand and packed it in ice before rushing him to a hospital in suburban Livonia. He immediately was transferred to Harper.

With vessels taken from his right leg, doctors grafted one artery and three veins in Nadeau's hand and arm.

One-shot gifts sparkle in Xmas catalogue

ATLANTA — As its annual Christmas gift for those who have just about everything, Neiman-Marcus offers a remote-controlled satellite antenna to pull in television programming from across the country. Cost: \$36,500.

The Dallas-based chain, introducing its 53rd annual catalog in Atlanta and away from headquarters for the first time, also unveiled a variety of other such one-time gifts, ranging from \$100,000 capes of natural Russian lynx bellies to His and Hers hot-air dirigibles priced at \$50,000 each.

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