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The Texas A&M Recon company paddles down the Guadalupe River, enjoying the thrill of white water last week, as part of the many company field exercises. The Texas A&M

Recon Company is made up of members of the Corps of Cadets who hold Navy-Marine contracts and want to be involved in simulated Marine Corps training exercises.

Did Carter blink in crisis?

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Did President Carter blink in the latest Cuban crisis? John Connally thinks so.

Did he back down from the Russians? Sen. Larry Pressler, R-S.D., believes it.

Did he do about all he should, calmly and firmly? His supporters in the Senate debate over arms limits are convinced of it.

Those were the varied reactions Monday night from congressional leaders and Carter's potential campaign rivals, when Carter announced several actions to counter the recently disclosed presence of a Russian combat brigade in Cuba.

The president said the Russians troops do not merit starting another Cold War. But he said he is landing more Marines at the Guantanamo base, boosting surveillance, making sure Cuban-based troops leave other Western Hemisphere countries alone, and planning to help Caribbean nations resist communism.

Connally, a Republican presidential candidate, said Carter "failed to decisively draw the line on Soviet-

Cuban military adventurism." The United States wound up "blinking this time in a Cuban crisis," Connally said.

Pressler, who recently announced for president, said, "I feel the president backed down and accepted the status quo completely tonight, which a week ago he said he would not do."

Senate Democratic Leader Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said, "The President's response was reasoned, but firm, and it represents the right course in this situation."

Rep. John Anderson, R-Ill., a presidential hopeful and liberal Republican, said "The one element I found disappointing was that he (Carter) dismissed the presence of Soviet troops in Cuba as simply another in a series of matters on which we differ with the Soviets."

Sen. John Tower of Texas, ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Carter did little to show the world he means business.

Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., said, "The president tonight has not changed the status quo as he had promised he would do. The Soviet troops remain and all we have is

vague promises concerning their status."

Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, who made the Cuban matter an issue of his own re-election campaign by linking it to the SALT treaty's chances in the Senate, said Soviet assurances that its troops are not a threat are "insufficient."

"The Soviet assurances are welcome," Church, Senate Foreign Re-

lations Committee chairman, said. But he added, "If the SALT II treaty is not to be rejected by the Senate, something more than Russian representations will be necessary."

Assistant Senate Democratic leader Alan Cranston of California said, "I support the course of action proposed by the president. It is reasonable and restrained."

Energy saving contest sponsored on campus

By STEVE CRITCHFIELD
Battalion Reporter

Do you leave your stereo alone to play America's Top 40 to an empty room, or keep your apartment lighted up like a roman candle because you'll "just be gone an hour?"

If you answered no to either of these questions, the time has come for you to stand and be recognized — you are a bonafide Watts Watcher. Mary Jo Powell, of the Texas A&M University Office of Public Information and member of the University's Special Energy Management Committee, defines Watts Watchers as Aggies who know that saving energy matters at Texas A&M.

Powell said a contest sponsored by the committee has been implemented to recognize these energy savers. The contest is divided into two parts.

The first requirement is the submitting of energy conservation ideas to the committee. Entries should include the entrant's name, address and telephone number, along with a brief description of the energy saving idea.

The second part is designed to recognize the people of Texas A&M

who do their best to conserve energy. Those making the nominations should include the person's name, the reason for making the nomination and the "Watts Watcher's" name and phone number. Entries are to be sent to Watts Watchers, in care of the Office of Public Information, 229 Reed McDonald building. Members of

the Special Energy Committee will serve as judges for both parts of the contest, Powell said.

Watts Watcher Awards will be given each month of this semester. Powell said they will be taken awards, such as concert tickets or dinners, and that there will be no limit on the number of possible awards to be presented each month.

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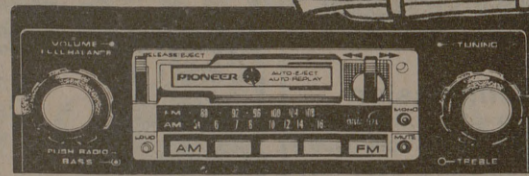
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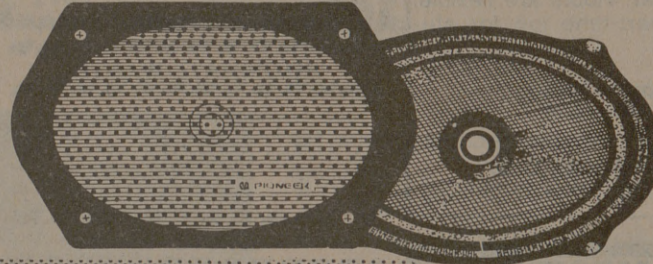
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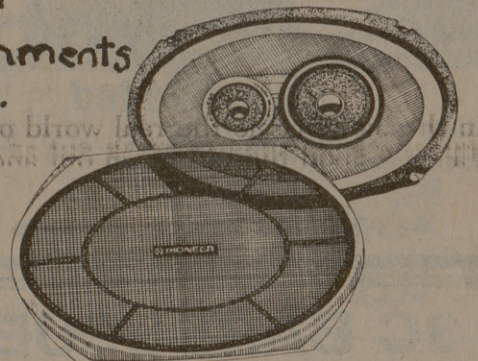
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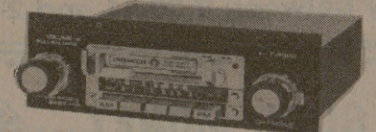
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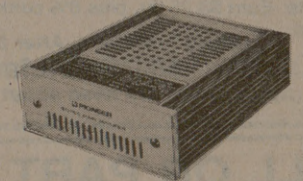
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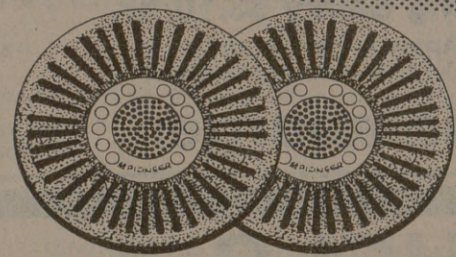


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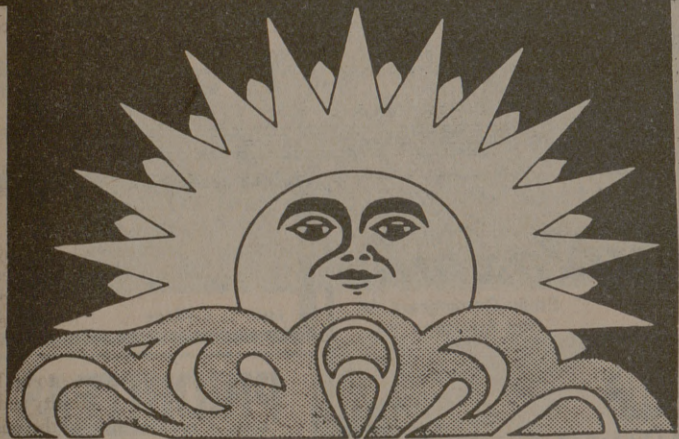
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