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Brown enters '80 presidential race

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — California Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. announced Thursday his candidacy for president and proposed major changes in the oil industry, including federal control over all petroleum imports.

Brown said he would try to force major oil companies to appoint consumer representatives to their corporate boards.

The 41-year-old Californian also said he would ask Congress to create

a national energy corporation that would funnel all foreign oil into the United States.

Brown's formal announcement at the National Press Club followed the declaration of candidacy by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., by one day. Kennedy leads both Brown and Carter in public opinion polls.

In his 3½ minute speech Brown repeated his constant theme that he is a candidate who can cope with a changing world and that neither Carter nor Kennedy is attuned to the needs of the future.

"We are a sleeping giant that needs to wake up," he said. "The times call for discipline and for vision. Because I see neither, I offer myself as a candidate for the presidency."

Brown's energy theme appeared

aimed at New England, scene of the earliest primaries, where he immediately flew to begin his campaign.

Under Brown's plan, major domestic firms would get their oil from the national corporation and — as a condition of accepting that oil — they would be required to accept public representatives to sit on those boards.

"I propose that no oil company be permitted to import foreign oil except through an agency of the United States government," Brown said.

"As a condition of bidding on this oil, the largest of the multi-national oil companies would be required to agree to public participation on their board of directors."

Brown, a Yale Law School graduate, was asked about the constitu-

tionality of his plan for public participation in oil company leadership. He said the government could take such a step under its power to handle foreign affairs.

He said the percentage of public representation on petroleum's corporate boards could be negotiated later.

Brown also discussed his opposition to an increase in the defense budget and deployment of the mobile MX missile, which is envisioned by the Pentagon as a way of combating Soviet missiles.

The solution of the Middle East problems lies in negotiations be-

tween Egypt and Israel and, as president, "I would not try to push Israel around," Brown said.

Brown said he would try to fight inflation by "jawboning" the Federal Reserve Board and other regulatory agencies to "choke off the unproductive extension of credit."

Brown, whose strategy is less toward showing well in the New Hampshire primary next February said the nation is entering an era where the "economic and political doctrines that propelled us to success after World War II are strikingly inadequate for the world we inhabit."

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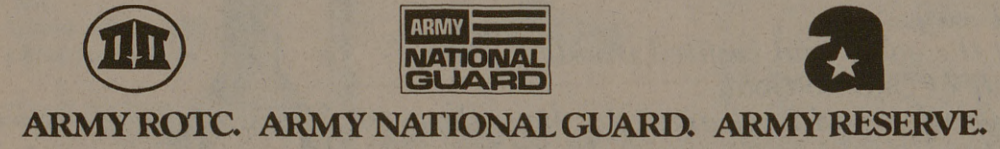
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Law spilled plans to Klan, police say

United Press International  
GREENSBORO, N.C. — Police say they were forced by law to give a Ku Klux Klan member a copy of the route of an anti-Klan march at which five protesters were shot and killed by Klansmen and Nazis.

Capt. James Hilliard said the Klansman demanded and received a copy of the march permit last Thursday after the city attorney's office ruled that the permit was a public document.

Five members of the Communist Workers Party, the organizers of the march, were killed and nine other people wounded Saturday in a gun battle that erupted when a caravan of vehicles carrying Klan and American Nazi members drove to the march's starting point.

Handbills distributed before the demonstration listed a false starting point for the march, but the parade permit gave the actual site—a public housing project where the clash occurred.

Police officials did not explain until Wednesday how the group knew where to go.

The gun battle between the communists and the Klansmen and Nazis erupted after the caravan of eight to 10 cars, carrying about 30 men, drove past the starting point and the two sides began baiting each other, police said.

A group of men got out of the last two vehicles in the procession, pulled weapons and began firing at the crowd. Some of the communist marchers returned the gunfire, police said.

Minutes after the shoot-out began, police arrested 12 men in a van and charged them with murder and conspiracy to murder. Murder and conspiracy charges were filed against another man still being sought by authorities.

Test may determine baby treatment needs

United Press International  
BOSTON — Researchers Thursday reported the development of a new test that can determine in advance whether expensive breathing treatment is needed when a child is born prematurely in high-risk pregnancies.

Premature infants with Respiratory Disease Syndrome have underdeveloped lungs that collapse and fail to reinflate when they breathe. The disease, the leading cause of death in premature babies, kills about 25,000 babies per year in the United States.

Drs. John Torday, Edward E. Larson and Linda Carson, reporting in the New England Journal of Medicine, developed the test as part of a joint program at the Harvard Medical School and the Boston Hospital for Women.

Torday said if the mother's health is endangered by a pregnancy, physicians may elect to deliver the baby early. But it is important to know in advance if the infant has RDS so it can be treated.

He said the test was inexpensive and since it would prevent a large number of infants from having special treatment, it would mean an overall savings in health costs.

By measuring the amount of a certain chemical in the amniotic fluid that surrounds the developing baby, Torday said, doctors can determine if the baby is likely to develop RDS and treat it before birth.

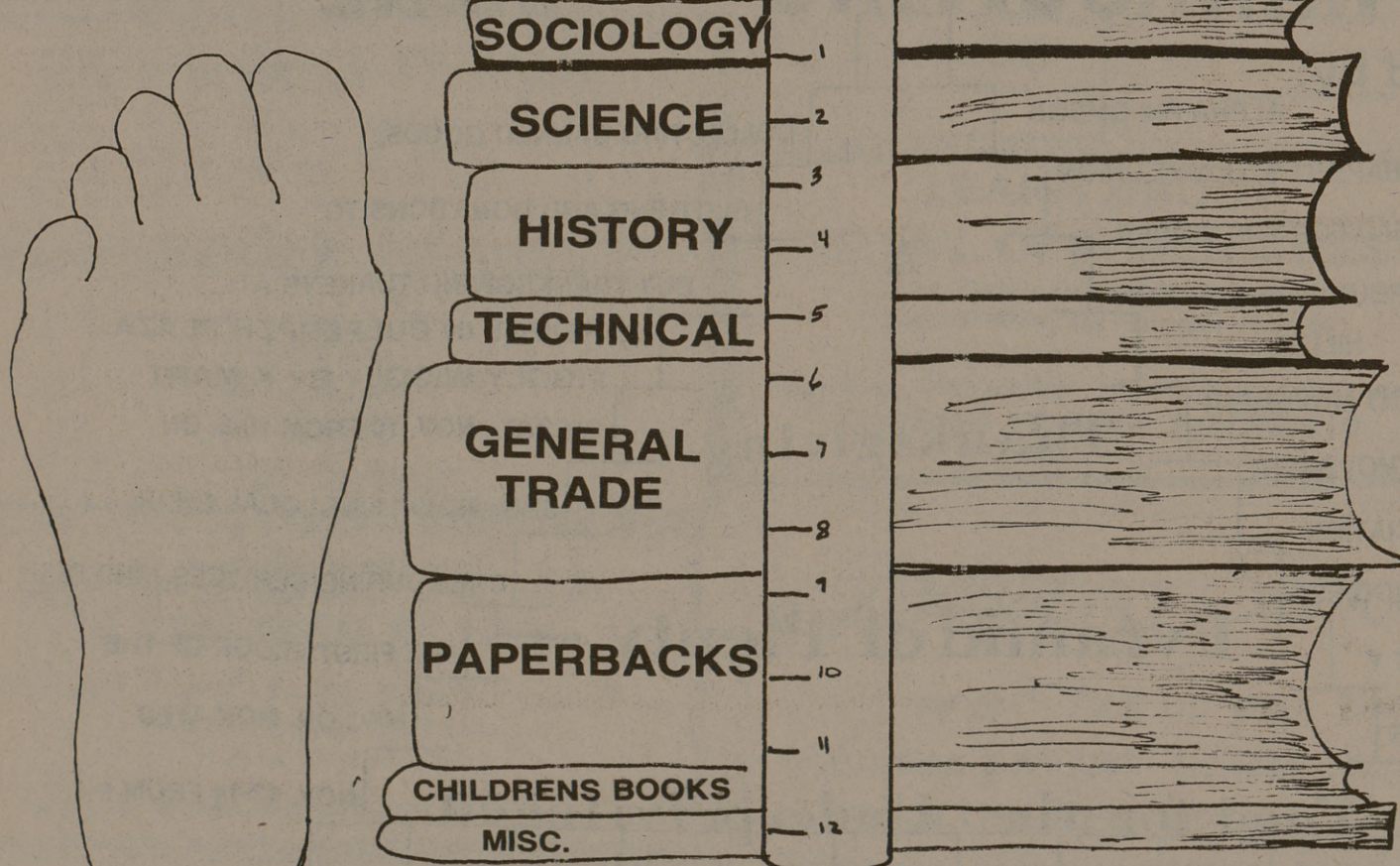
The test, which is 85 percent accurate, measures the amount of "pulmonary surfactant" in the baby, a soapy-like substance that allows the lungs to expand and contract, he said.

"When the infant blows air off—if there is no surfactant—the airways will collapse," Torday said. "If there is surfactant there the lungs will remain expanded to a certain extent."

If RDS is detected, he said, doctors can treat the pregnant mother with a drug that accelerates lung development in the fetus.

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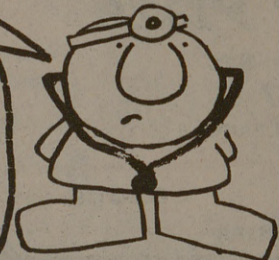
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