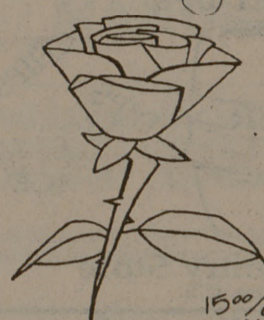


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Texas boundary dispute to be filed

United Press International
AUSTIN — Attorney General Mark White announced Thursday he will file suit against the state of Oklahoma in the U.S. Supreme Court to settle a dispute over the boundary between Texas and Oklahoma.

At issue is the boundary between the states from the western edge of Lake Texoma to the northeast corner of the Army Corps of Engineers' property south of the Red River in Grayson County.

Texas contends the boundary should be the south cut bank of the

Red River as it existed prior to the construction of the Denison Dam.

White said the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which has authority to regulate sale of electricity in interstate commerce, is seeking to readjust the states' boundary in order to bring Texas under its jurisdiction.

By failing to intervene, the Texas attorney general said, the state of Oklahoma is interfering with the Texas' sovereignty of the area in controversy.

IBM structure wrecked by fire

United Press International
AUSTIN — Sixteen Austin fire-fighting units, the entire fire cadet class and elements of the Round Rock and Jollyville fire departments fought a five-alarm blaze late Wednesday at an IBM building under construction near the main plant.

Flames shot 50 to 60 feet above the unoccupied structure, but posed

no threat to employees in the main building about a quarter of a mile from the fire.

There were no injuries, but damage to the unfinished building was extensive.

The building, under construction since the summer, was to have housed a circuit packaging facility, said Jerry Carlson, an IBM official at the scene.

Explosions in oil tanker spread oil in Gulf Coast

United Press International
GALVESTON — A round of explosions on the wrecked oil tanker *Burmah Agate* has blown a hole in the port side of the vessel and split a seam between two cargo tanks, the Coast Guard said Thursday, and rough seas are preventing the skimming of oil still seeping into the sea.

"A series of explosions Wednesday night sent burning oil over gulf waters a distance of 100 feet from the vessel at which point the flames extinguished themselves in rough seas," a Coast Guard spokesman said.

"One explosion sent flames 30-40 feet skyward and led observers on the scene throughout the night to believe a hole was blown in the port side of the vessel."

There was no significant damage to the ship's hull, the spokesman said, though a "narrow seam was opened along the deck between the No. 7 and 9 port tanks."

No oil was seen coming from the tear, but oil continued to seep from the ship and northerly winds were carrying it south and southwest along the Galveston coast for six miles, the Coast Guard said.

Coast Guard strike teams and Navy supervisor salvage personnel were unable to conduct offshore oil skimming operations Wednesday due to 5-6 foot seas and winds more than 20 knots, officials said.

The *Burmah Agate*, on which there have been dozens of small explosions in the past three days, lay crippled five miles outside the entrance to Galveston Bay since it collided with the 482-foot tanker *Mimosa*, Nov. 1. Thirty-two men died.

Coast Guard spokesman David Paxton said the collision was a "slight impact" of spilled oil Tuesday on the Bolivar Peninsula, northeast of Galveston Bay.

He said an explosion about 10 p.m. Tuesday on the ship's No. 7 of 36 compartments temporarily increased oil spilling from the vessel and Wednesday slick extended four miles to the southwest and patch 10 miles from the ship.

Portions of a 150-mile stretch of Texas beach have been blackened, but public areas have been cleaned. Spokesmen for *Burmah Oil Tankers Ltd.* operate the vessel, have said they hope the ship will burn itself out within the next week, although continuing explosions caused concern for undamaged oil-filled compartments.

The company planned to remove the remaining 16 million gallon cargo of crude, which is bound for Crown Central Petroleum Co. of Houston. Experts estimate half the cargo has been lost to the fire and the rest spilled.

Freighter being repaired

Cause of collision sought

United Press International
GALVESTON — Workmen are patching a 3-foot-wide hole in the Greek freighter *Skyrnos*, which struck an unmanned offshore gas platform 13 miles outside Galveston Bay. An investigation into the cause of the collision is under way, officials said.

A Coast Guard spokesman said the ship's captain claimed the platform was not lit, but the owners of the platform have disputed that claim.

The accident occurred about 5 a.m. Wednesday, 5 miles east of the burning wreckage of an oil tanker that collided with another freighter a month ago.

The *Skyrnos* was empty and bound for Houston to pick up a load of fertilizer when the collision ripped the hole below the waterline of the 495-foot vessel. Water poured in at 500 gallons per minute, but the freighter continued to Galveston Bay where it was anchored and emergency pumps were taken aboard to keep it afloat.

The Coast Guard reported no injuries, fire or pollution when the

freighter hit the two-well gas platform operated by Oxy Petroleum Inc., a subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Corp.

"We're just trying to get a plug in there so we can save the ship," said Ben Reynolds, a spokesman for the vessel's underwriters. "They're putting divers down so they can put a temporary patch — a piece of steel plate — on it."

Occidental spokesman Carl Blumay said damage to the platform, on which no gas was flowing because a pipe line was unfinished, was "minor, less than \$100,000." He said it lost a ladder and incurred damage to a brace and a leg.

"The captain of the ship is saying the platform wasn't lit," said Coast Guard Ensign Dave Paxton. "That's incorrect," Blumay said. "All navigation and warning lights on the platform were working and were visible to workers on a company platform two miles away."

Coast Guard Lt. Don Zelazny said, "I don't know if it was foggy at time of collision or not." He said the freighter "was not loaded and had very little fuel on board, so the possi-

bility of pollution was minimal."

Spokesmen said the platform is 50 feet of water in a ship area outside the main channel leading to the Galveston Houston Ship Channel entrance. Zelazny said the platform is 772 feet east-northeast of the 772-foot tanker *Burmah Agate*, which collided with the *Mimosa* Nov. 1 and has spilled oil for 28 days. The crewmen died in that accident.

Judge's decision investigated lacks answers

United Press International
SAN ANTONIO — Federal William Webster Thursday said he was not satisfied with the investigation of the assassination of District Judge John H. Wood, but was finding the case as a disappearance.

Webster said there had been breakthroughs on the case and arrests were expected soon.

"This is a slow, tedious case, as is the case of all murders," he said. "It's similar to James Hoffa case."

Webster said agents also compiled more extensive FBI Wood assassination than in any other case.

Webster's two-day investigation coincided with the month anniversary of the 1979 assassination of Wood, who was killed on his way to work.

"This visit was not just a coincidence with the six-month anniversary but it did," he said. "I'm committed to a solution to the case. We will continue to lead."

Webster said several persons had been interviewed more than 118,000 separate interviews in the FBI computerization to the assassination of Wood. He said he had attempted killing of former prosecutor James Kerr in 1978. Wood and Kerr had reportedly dealing strongly with Kerr.

Wood said many persons had eventually proved to be the FBI still was investigating Bandidos Motorcycle Club.



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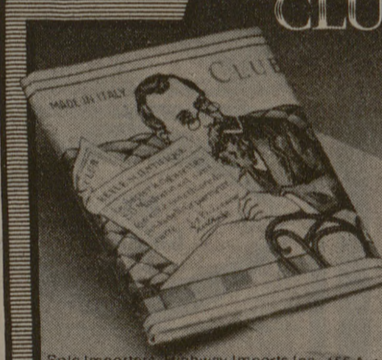


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