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## Hidden U.S. officials flee from Iran

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — Aided by forged documents and Canadian diplomats, six American officials who hid in the Canadian Embassy in Tehran for nearly three months escaped from Iran. Their clandestine existence was a secret tightly held by their families, U.S. and Canadian officials and three American clergymen.

The State Department announcement Tuesday of the escape was deliberately vague and unrevealing apparently because the embassies in Iran played a role in the escape of the six Americans as well as in some other unreported escapes.

The State Department identified the six as Mark J. Lijek, a consular officer, and his wife Cora Amburn Lijek, a consular assistant, both of Falls Church Va.; Robert G. Adams, a consular officer of Port Charlotte Fla.; Henry Lee Schatz, the agricultural attaché of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Joseph D. Stafford, a consular officer, and his wife Kathleen F. Stafford, a consular assistant, both of Crossville Tenn.

It was believed the six were taken to the U.S. Air Base at Rhine-Main, West Germany for complete physical check-ups prior to their return to the United States. The State Department told relatives they were in Frankfurt, which is near the U.S. base.

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said, "It is my own impression that the six are in good shape physically." The escape of the six Americans was first reported Tuesday in a French-language Montreal newspaper, La Presse, in a report from its Washington correspondent Jean Belletier.

Carter said, "it would not be useful" to give out the details of their concealment or how they actually left Tehran. But some details were pieced together from family members and Canadian officials.

Canadian Prime Minister Joe Clark said the Americans came to the Canadian Embassy soon after the U.S. Embassy compound was taken over Nov. 4.

The Americans were merged into the Canadian diplomatic staff and performed normal embassy duties. But as the hostage crisis dragged on it became apparent their secret would eventually become known to the Iranians.

At least one private American citizen who had been allowed to leave Iran earlier than several U.S. news organizations some Americans were being concealed in a nearby embassy in Tehran. But the State Department refused to provide the media with a precise list of the hostages.

United Press International was told one reason for the secrecy was the possibility the Americans might be "stashed away" in Tehran and the United States did not want to give the Iranians any help in discovering them.

The families of the six were aware they were in hiding in Tehran but kept quiet at a time when the relatives of the hostages inside the U.S. Embassy compound became reasonably well known through media exposure.

Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of Detroit said he and two other clergymen who went to Tehran to conduct Christmas services for the hostages were told "confidentially" about the six by U.S. officials.

"They wanted us to know that because they wanted to be sure that on the outside chance that we were able to bring the hostages out with us, these people weren't left behind," he said.

Officials said the escape required some forged Iranian visas supplied to the Canadian Embassy by American sources.

When the last American was out on Sunday the Canadian government announced the embassy was being closed and the remaining four Canadian diplomats were being withdrawn ostensibly as a form of protest against the holding of diplomatic hostages. But actually it was a move to prevent the Canadians from becoming hostages like the 50 Americans who remain in the U.S. compound.

## Almanac

**United Press International**  
Today is Wednesday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 1980 with 336 to follow.

The moon is approaching its full phase.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd president of the United States, was born Jan. 30, 1882.

On this date in history: In 1835 a de-aged painter, Richard Lawrence, fired two shots at President Andrew Jackson but missed.

In 1933, Adolf Hitler, destined to become the all-powerful dictator of World War II, was named chancellor of the Third Reich.

In 1948, Indian leader Mohandas Gandhi was assassinated by a Hindu extremist, plunging India's millions into mourning.

In 1979, the Iranian government authorized the return of Ayatollah Khomeini and the United States ordered evacuation of all dependents.

A thought for the day: President Franklin D. Roosevelt said: "The truth is found when men are free to pursue it."

Silver Taps will be held for Steve Sikora at 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5. Sikora, a sophomore transfer student from Crosby, died Monday from extensive injuries he suffered in an automobile accident.



### Forest of iron

A construction worker peers from behind a row of iron rods which will form the backbone of a concrete wall within the Academic Agencies Building now under construction on the Texas A&M campus.

Staff photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

## Pastorini asks Bum, Oilers to trade him

**United Press International**  
HOUSTON — Houston Oilers quarterback Dan Pastorini has asked Coach Bum Phillips to trade him to Denver, Oakland, Los Angeles, or San Francisco before next season, a newspaper reported today.

"I love it here but I want out" Pastorini told the Houston Chronicle in a copyright story.

Pastorini, 30, has been an Oiler ever since completing his career at the University of Santa Clara in California in 1971.

He has completed two years of a six-year contract at a reported \$300,000 to \$340,000 a year.

Pastorini, who quarterbacked the Oilers into the American Football Conference championship game the last two seasons, avoided specific explanations. But he indicated he had a disagreement with Oilers owner K. S. "Bud" Adams.

Pastorini, who already was known to be unhappy because Adams never visited him during his frequent hospital stays due to football injuries, was believed to have sought early payment of deferred monies.

In addition, the 6-3, 205-pound quarterback bought a racing car and had planned to race it personally during the off season, but the Oilers exercised a contract option to forbid Pastorini from racing.

"That auto racing is not the problem but it's part of the problem" Pastorini said. "It would just be an off-season job."

In earlier years, Pastorini had expressed interest in leaving the team because he was unhappy with the city, but he said that is not the issue now.

"I've made many friends here and would like to stay here," Pastorini said. Pastorini completed 163 of 324 passes for 2,090 yards and 14 touchdowns during the 1979 season. During the 1978 playoffs despite injuries he completed 32 of 44 passes against Miami and New England to spark upset wins.

If Pastorini's request is honored third-year backup quarterback Gifford Neilsen would inherit the job.

"Gifford can do the job" Pastorini said. Pastorini said he chose the four cities because his friends and family in the San Francisco Bay area.

## President's report forecasts recession

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — President Carter told Congress today the American people can improve their standard of living only by making the economy more efficient and less dependent on foreign oil.

That was a central theme of the president's 300-page annual Economic Report to Congress which attempted to give the American people some harsh economics lessons for an election year.

The report, as did Carter's 1981 budget proposal sent to Congress Monday, said "a mild recession" appears to be in store for the economy with unemployment rising to 7.5 percent.

It says inflation at the consumer level is likely to decline only slowly from its recent 13 percent annual rate to about 10.4 percent during 1980. Food prices, the report said, probably will rise about the same rate as overall inflation. It said energy prices are likely to increase less rapidly than their 37.4 percent annual rate of 1979.

And the rate of climb of housing prices may "moderate somewhat" early in 1980, the report said.

One of the bleakest messages in the report is that international oil price increases during 1979 and 1980 are siphoning rough-

ly \$45 billion out of the American economy — just as though they were a tax — and there is no way Americans can be fully compensated for the loss.

The report said the reason is if Americans receive wage increases to fully compensate themselves for higher oil prices they will be sparking a further wage-price spiral involving greater inflation.

"Improvements in our living standards can only be achieved by making our economy more efficient and less dependent on imported oil," Carter said in a preamble to the report.

The report said increased incentives for business investment are one important way to improve the economy's productivity or efficiency.

But Carter's economic advisers have decided not to ask for such incentives now because they are in effect tax cuts and would in the short run make it harder to control inflation.

The same goes for a tax cut for individuals. Schultze said it is not certain there will be a recession, although his forecasts call for one. If taxes are cut when the economy is not slowing he said inflation could become further imbedded in the economy.

## 645 A&M employees to be terminated by fall

By DEBBIE NELSON  
Campus Staff

Administrators will reduce the number of employees on the Texas A&M University System payroll by 5 percent before August, 1980, the board of regents decided Tuesday. That means that, by the end of next summer, 645 employees will lose their jobs.

Based on the Jan. 31, 1979 payroll roster, the employee cut will be in accordance with Gov. William P. Clements' program for effectiveness and efficiency in Texas government.

William B. Lancaster, TAMU Payroll Services Manager, set employment for Jan. 31, 1979 at 12,905 people for all units headquartered at Texas A&M.

This includes employees at all extension stations in the state and all campuses within the university system except Prairie View A&M and Tarleton State. Under the new plan, 645 of these 12,905 people will be cut from the payroll.

The new policy will allow for adjustment for changes in enrollment, research contracts, and teaching demand, "without diminishing the order of excellence, the resolution stated.

Chancellor Frank Hubert said the decrease could be determined by taking employment in any month during the 1978 calendar year and restricting it 5 percent. However, he added the University system cannot restrict employment in areas where it would "seriously impair services it is legally required to provide," to businesses and government, or seasonal employment such as crop harvesting.

Dr. Haskell M. Monroe, dean of faculties at Texas A&M, told the Board of Regents the faculty growth rate is already slower than the student growth rate, a policy he termed "efficient in the spirit of what the governor is calling for."

Faculty reductions would cause difficulty in finding enough class space in introductory classes such as math and chemistry, as well as in petroleum engineering and accounting courses where space is already scarce, Monroe said.

Another board action was approving promotion of 79 Texas A&M University personnel and confirming tenure of 58 faculty members.

The Board of Regents also approved the purchase of a \$625,000 eight-passenger airplane.

Harry E. Raisor, manager of aviation services at the University-owned Easterwood Airport, said the aircraft will be used by members of the Texas A&M University System on any business required by the system.

The new Beechcraft airplane, along with the two already owned, allows rapid transport of several people in one plane, which holds costs down, Raisor said. Also, the airplanes can travel to locations where commercial airlines do not.

Sherry Broughton, aircraft scheduler at Easterwood, said the three University system airplanes are often used for flights to different extension services. Trips by construction committees and groups touring various facilities are also common, Broughton said.

A fourth aircraft, which the new plane is

meant to replace, was smaller — holding five passengers with baggage — than the 1973 six-to-ten-passenger plane just purchased, Raisor said.

The old Piper-Navajo was also limited in range by the amount of fuel it could carry, Raisor commented. Another disadvantage of the craft was it required dual pilot qualifications with the other two airplanes. The new Beechcraft is the same brand as the two previously-owned planes.

Construction of the new Medical Sciences Building was approved to begin in February, Wesley Peel, director of planning and design for the Texas A&M University System, said.

Peel said the \$14.8-million project will be located across the street from the Veterinary Medicine Building. The center should be completed by Campbell Construction Co. of Tyler in 30 months.

The Medical Sciences Building will include the family community medicine section, labs, and environmental rooms which had been in question of approval due to inadequate funding.

The board also awarded a contract to Bernard Johnson, of Houston, to begin detailed design of the new Engineering Laboratory Center Wednesday. The \$605,000 final design should be completed by June, Peel said. Bids for construction should be presented to the Board of Regents in September. Construction of the 30-month project should begin next fall, Peel added.

Regent H. C. Bell, Jr., said the completed engineering lab will be the "most modern testing, lab and research center in engineering in the world as we know it today."

## B-CS politics gain interest; filing deadline approaches

By LAURA CORTEZ  
City Staff

Election day is three months away, and various political campaigns in the Bryan-College Station area and throughout the state are gaining momentum.

Neely Lewis, Democratic Party chairman for Brazos County, said that since the deadline to file for office is not until Monday, it is hard to tell how the races look at this point. However, he said that certain ones are beginning to take shape in the Bryan-College Station area.

The race for state senator between Kent Caperton and Bill Moore, both Democrats from Bryan, is gaining a great deal of local interest, Lewis said.

Caperton, who has submitted his resignation as Bryan municipal court judge, is hoping to unseat Bill Moore, who has served as senator for three years.

Lewis said that two popular Bryan Democrats, Phil Gramm and State Representative Bill Presnal, face no organized opposition to their bids for re-election at this time.

He also said that although there seems to be little opposition at this time to the Democrats running for re-election to county posts, some democrats have expressed to him the desire to run, and he expects a fair amount of opposition by the filing deadline.

"But we just won't be sure though until they come forth and put their name on the dotted line," Lewis said.

Dr. N. A. McNiel, Republican Party Chairman for Brazos County, said that he has heard from some area Republicans that they plan to run for county office, but they have not yet filed.

Currently all elected county offices are held by Democrats, and according to Lewis

and McNiel, there never has been a Republican office-holder.

McNiel said he feels that thing will change this year.

McNiel also said the Republican Party in Brazos county is hoping for opposition to Phil Gramm, but has yet to find anyone to run against him.

Both Lewis and McNiel also said that the race for railroad commissioner is an important race in Texas.

"The Railroad Commission elections are the most critical ones in Texas right now because the commission regulates oil and gas," Lewis said.

The way the Railroad Commission race looks at this point, Jim Hightower, D-Denison, will be running against incumbent Jim Nugent, D-Kerrville, and Buddy Temple, D-Diboll, will be running against incumbent John Poerner, D-Hondo.



### Writer's cramp

This campus police officer allows nothing, not even writer's cramp, to stand in the way of performing his duty, writing parking tickets. University police say

they write an average of 450 parking tickets per day at five dollars per violation.

Photo by Paul Childress