

Connally on ast legs?

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Former Texas Gov. John Connally has raised more than \$11 million, but his campaign looks as though it is on its final legs. Connally announced Tuesday he would no longer pay the salaries of his Washington campaign staff, and Wednesday he shut down all his campaign offices in states that pick their delegates after March 18. Connally was a Democrat more than a decade ago when he was elected governor of Texas but joined the Nixon administration as secretary of the Treasury and later became a Republican. Polls have shown his pitch does not sit well with many Republicans who resent his former affiliation. Connally has been popular with business interests and his fundraising reflects that appeal, but he is a dismal fourth in Iowa last month and many polls show he won't win that well next week in New Hampshire. Saturday he got only 1 percent of the vote in the Puerto Rico primary. Connally's campaign continues to operate in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Georgia and Illinois, all of which have primaries in the next few weeks. But his decision to close offices elsewhere appears to indicate he has plans after the Illinois primary on March 18 unless there is a dramatic reversal of his declining fortunes. Connally has been beset by problems recently, especially financial, since he decided not to accept federal matching funds. His decision allows him to spend much as he wants in a particular election, while candidates who accept federal subsidy must observe equal restrictions on spending. Although Connally has raised more money than any other candidate—close to \$11.4 million—campaign spokesman Jim Wooten said the loss of money was the major reason for closing offices in all states picking their delegates after the date of the agreement to primary.

what's up at Texas A&M

THURSDAY

TEXAS STUDENT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: Will meet at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder.
RESIDENT HALLS ASSOCIATION: Will meet at 6 p.m. in 209 Harrington.
BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: Will sponsor an international dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Baptist Student Center.
NEWMAN ORGANIZATION: Will hold a Bible study at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.
HILLBILLY HOE-DOWN: The Student Y sponsored square dance will feature Manning Smith at 7 p.m. in 225 MSC. Admission is \$1 for Y members and \$1.50 for non-members. Everyone is invited.
CIRCLE K: Will meet at 6:30 p.m. in 607 Rudder to discuss the Heart Fund drive.
CAMAC: Will meet at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder.
TAMU ROADRUNNERS: Will leave for a fun run at 5 p.m. from the front steps of G. Rollie White Coliseum.
SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF WORLD RELIGION: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 321 Physics Bldg.
YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM: Will show the film "The Incredible Bread Machine" at 7:30 p.m. in 226 msc. Everyone is welcome.
PREPARATORY THEOLOGY SOCIETY OF TEXAS A&M: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 305A&B Rudder. There will be presentations from area ministers. Everyone is welcome.
"GOLDEN GIRL": Susan Anton stars as an Olympic athlete who has been scientifically altered always to win in this movie at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. in Rudder Theater.
ANNE MURRAY: The MSC Town Hall concert will begin at 8 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Tickets are available from the MSC Box office for \$5.25, \$6.50 and \$7.
BASEMENT COFFEEHOUSE: Shake Russell will be playing through Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Basement Coffeehouse. Tickets are \$3 at the MSC Box Office.
"WHEN YOU COMIN' BACK RED RYDER?": This Aggie Players production by Mark Medoff will run through Saturday and again Feb. 28-March 1 in Rudder Forum at 8 p.m. each evening. The plot centers around a group of people in a New Mexico diner which is overtaken by a bitter Vietnam veteran on the brink of being mentally ill. Tickets are available at the Rudder Box Office or at the door for \$2 for students and \$3 for non-students.
TEXAS A&M EMERGENCY CARE TEAM: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Health Center Cafeteria to elect squad leaders.
PENTECOSTAL UPPER ROOM: Will have a Bible study at 7:30 p.m. in the Meditation Room of the All Faiths Chapel.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Will have a general assembly meeting at 7 p.m. at 206 MSC.

TAMU ROADRUNNERS: Will leave for a fun run at 5 p.m. from the front steps of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

BACKPACKING SEMINAR: MSC Recreation Committee will sponsor a Backpacking in Big Bend Seminar at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder.

FRIDAY

ALL GIRLS FREE PARTY: Walton and McGinnis Halls will sponsor this party at 8 p.m. in Q-Hut A.

NEWMAN ORGANIZATION COFFEEHOUSE: Will have games and live entertainment free of charge from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at St. Marys Student Center.

GROMETS: Will meet at 7 p.m. in 140 and 140A MSC to play historical and fantasy war games.

"WHEN YOU COMIN' BACK RED RYDER?": The Aggie Players will present this play at 8 p.m. in Rudder Forum.

"BREAKING AWAY": The story concerns a group of four teen-agers fresh out of high school. One of them wants to be an Italian cycling champ. He talks and acts like an Italian, while his parents try and decide what to do with him. The feature will begin at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

"THE WARRIORS": A battle of gigantic proportions is looming in the neon underground of New York City. The armies of the night number 100,000; they outnumber police five to one; and tonight they're after the Warriors—a street gang blamed unfairly for a rival gang leader's death. The feature will be shown at midnight in Rudder Theater.

FRESHMAN BALL: Will begin at 8 p.m. on the second floor, MSC. Tickets are \$8 a couple. Music will be provided by Crystal Image.

SATURDAY

SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS: A time, speed and distance rally will begin at 4 p.m. in parking lot 50 behind Zachry Engineering Center. Cost is \$2.50 a person and beer and soft drinks will be provided at finish of race. Awards will be given to three participants. Everyone is welcome to participate.

HOUSEPLANT SALE: The Floriculture-Ornamental Horticulture Club will be selling houseplants from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Floriculture Greenhouse. There will be a variety of plants grown especially for apartment or dorm rooms.

CLASS OF '81 BALL: Will begin at 9 p.m. in the MSC Ballroom. Tickets are on sale in the MSC Hallway and the MSC Box Office.

TAMU RUGBY: The Rugby team will play Dallas Our Gang at 12 p.m. on the Drill Field.

Hostage situation 'tenuous' but Carter remains hopeful

United Press International
WASHINGTON — President Carter is hopeful there will be positive developments in the Iran hostage crisis, but the situation is "still a tenuous one," Rep. John Brademas warned after meeting with Carter Wednesday.

"I think it's a mistake to think it's all wrapped up," the Indiana lawmaker told reporters after he and other Democratic congressional leaders had breakfast with Carter at the White House.

"The thing I came out of the discussion with is that we're simply

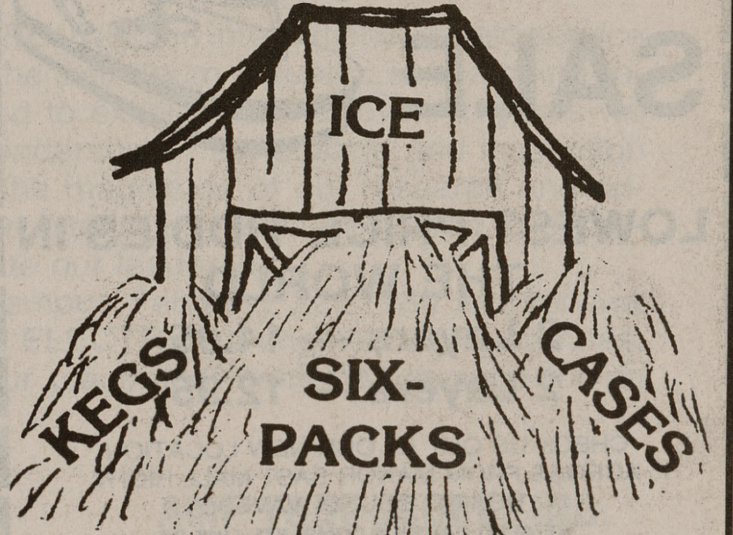
hopeful," Brademas told reporters later. "The situation is a tenuous one. I think it's a mistake to think it's all wrapped up."

"We're very hopeful there will be positive developments."

Brademas said he agreed with Carter's position that the United States should not publicly apologize to Iran for an intervention in that country's affairs during the regime of the shah.

"I think the major focus should be on effecting the release of the hostages," he said.

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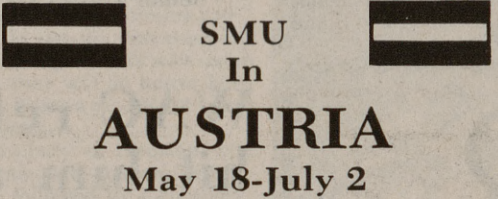
United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Southern Baptist Convention said Wednesday contributions to the nation's largest Protestant denomination topped \$2 billion for the first time in 1979 and a three-year decline in gifts has ended.

Denomination officials said final statistics for 1979 show there were 738 baptisms in Southern Baptist churches last year for a 9.7 percent gain, the highest total since 1975.

They said more than 29,000 members Baptist churches reported joining at least one person last year.

According to the denomination, giving to the church was \$2,082,159, an 11.9 percent increase over the \$1,986,040,615 in 1978. The property value of Southern Baptist churches and agencies reached \$9.6 billion, the report said.

The report said that in other areas of Southern Baptist life reported mixed results.



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