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## Moore declines to appear with Caperton

### Senator says 'no' to local invitation and to debate challenge

By LAURA CORTEZ  
City Staff

State Sen. William T. "Bill" Moore and his opponent Kent Caperton have been invited to participate in a local "Meet the Candidates" program, but it looks as though Caperton will be the only candidate on hand.

The Bryan-College Station Legal Secretaries Association is sponsoring the event, which will take place Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Jerry McLennan, a member of the association, said that Caperton has accepted the invitation, but Moore has not responded. Ann Harris, who handles Moore's schedule, said that no invitation for the program had been received, and that Moore would not be able to attend because he already has an engagement on that date.

But McLennan said that a letter concerning the event had been sent to Moore's law

office in Bryan Feb. 21, and that a representative of the association had talked with Moore's campaign chairman and one of his campaign secretaries, Leah Davis, in January.

Davis said she remembers being notified about the program, but that it was too far in advance to make any plans. She added that Moore's campaign staff did not receive a written invitation, and they hesitate to accept engagements for which they do not have one.

McLennan said the program will go on as scheduled, "regardless of who shows up."

She said that if Moore cannot make it and chooses to send a representative instead, that would be fine, but if no one shows up to represent the senator, then Caperton will be the only candidate who will speak.

The program will not be a debate, McLennan said. Each candidate will be

given 15 minutes to talk about whatever he wishes, and then members of the audience will be invited to ask questions.

Moore recently refused a challenge by Caperton to debate, and his spokesman, Jack Bowen, explained why.

"Senator Moore is traveling all through this district discussing the issues with the people. He is running his campaign, and the opposition can run their type of campaign. There will be no debate. The call for debate is a typical ploy among candidates that are losing campaigns and want to gain name identity. Senator Moore will continue to travel the district and discuss the issues one on one with his constituents, and will not engage in mudslinging of any sort regardless of what his opponent does."

Caperton's response to Moore's refusal to debate is to hold a series of five press conferences throughout the district to dis-

cuss the issues he views as most important. "I believe the people of this district have a right to expect a free discussion of the major issues of this campaign. And since Mr. Moore refuses to discuss these issues in an open forum, I will take the issues to the public in a different way," Caperton said.

The first of his series of press conferences was held Wednesday in Conroe concerning education, which he referred to as "the single most important service that state government provides its citizens."

He said that school finance needs must be taken care of before limited tax dollars are spent on less urgent programs.

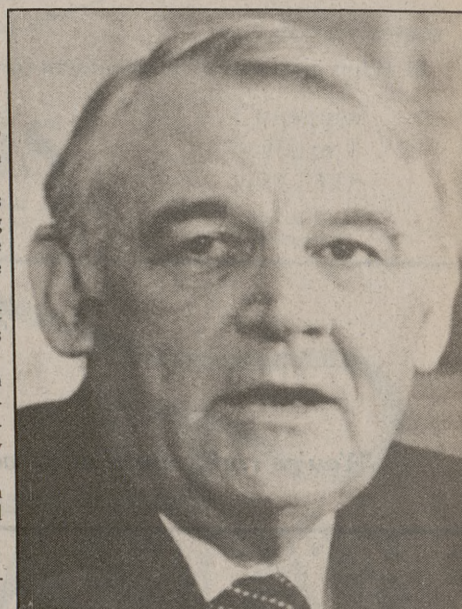
He said there are many problems with the education system in Texas, such as inadequate state funding, insufficient educator salaries and burdensome local property taxes.

He said that if spending was reduced in other areas, more money could be directed toward education.

"We've simply taken a band-aid approach to a situation that needs major surgery."



Kent Caperton



Sen. Bill Moore

## Budget cuts 'better' than inflation

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — President Carter's goal of a balanced budget may result in the dismantling of some of the New Deal and Great Society programs, but "the bigger threat to poor people is inflation," says a top White House official.

"We're always trying to do a better job with the programs in existence," the official said. "We have not abandoned the goals of the social programs" of Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Lyndon Johnson.

"We must get inflation under control. It is the bigger threat to poor people and it

threatens the whole agenda if you don't deal with it," he said.

The official was responding to questions concerning Carter's forthcoming budget cuts that are expected to sharply reduce aid to the cities, youth employment and other urban rehabilitation programs.

"You will get a dismantling of those programs and a casting aside of the whole agenda" if inflation persists, the official said.

The official also said "unless the Democratic Party gives evidence it is concerned with how tax dollars are spent, it is going to undermine a national consensus."

Press secretary Jody Powell told reporters Thursday he did not know "if any program would be a complete casualty."

As to why Carter did not slash defense spending in the anti-inflation process, Powell replied, "The security of our country has to be the president's No. 1 priority."

## DOE sets state goals for gas use

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — The Energy Department Thursday announced the voluntary gasoline-saving targets it wants states to meet this spring, ranging from 2.8 million gallons for California to 45,746 for Alaska.

The department hopes Texans will save 2.1 billion gallons.

The targets are designed to achieve President Carter's goal of holding American gasoline use down to a daily average of 7 million barrels this year.

Carter announced his goal last week as part of the inflation control package. The national target is 400,000 barrels a day less than average 1979 use — a 5.5 percent saving.

If current conservation trends persist, the goal should be met easily. Recent statistics have shown weekly declines in gasoline consumption of about 8 percent.

Although the state targets are voluntary, Carter has said he might make them mandatory if there is a supply shortage and he already has power to take such a step.

In the Southwest, Arkansas' goal was set at 320 million gallons; Colorado, 377 million; Louisiana, 519 million; New Mexico, 200 million; Oklahoma, 480 million; and Wyoming, 96.1 million.

Energy Department officials said the targets were developed in close cooperation with state officials and were based on gasoline tax data that states gave the Federal Highway Administration.

Interim targets announced last December for the first quarter of the year triggered protests and charges of inaccuracy from many states. The new goals are for the second quarter of 1980.



Spring has sprung

This robin was playing his role as the herald of spring on the Texas A&M campus Thursday, which was officially the first day of spring.

Staff photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

## Sartre still hospitalized

United Press International  
PARIS — Jean-Paul Sartre's health is improving, but the 74-year-old philosopher will undergo several more days of treatment in a hospital for a lung ailment, aides said today.

Sartre, who was stricken at his home on Thursday, spent a good night at Broussais Hospital where doctors were treating him for pulmonary edema and high blood pressure. He had a long talk Thursday evening with friends and his adopted daughter, Arlette El Kaïm, his aides said.

A close friend of Sartre said the playwright, novelist and philosopher had difficulty breathing Thursday and was hospital-

ized as a "precautionary" measure.

His condition improved with emergency oxygen treatment. At his family's request, the hospital declined to issue official reports on his condition.

The government radio said Sartre was stricken with pulmonary edema, which affects people suffering from hypertension and a weak heart. Symptoms include filling of the lungs and continuous coughing.

Sartre, who was known to use amphetamines while writing, popularized the principles of existentialism, which holds that man is a responsible being adrift in a meaningless universe.

A prolific writer, Sartre produced plays,

novels and film scripts, as well as philosophical treatises.

He rejected the Nobel Prize for Literature when it was offered to him in 1964, as well as other literary honors.

He also refused to accept the French Legion of Honor for his World War II resistance activity and spurned membership in the Communist Party despite his Marxist views.

Among his best known works are "Nausea," published in 1938, "The Wall" in 1939, "Being and Nothingness" in 1943, and "No Exit."

## Three arrested in Alamo assault

United Press International  
SAN ANTONIO — It was 145 years ago this month that a vastly outnumbered group of colonists and soldiers died defending the Alamo against a Mexican army. Today the city jail holds three self-styled revolutionaries repelled in their own bloodless assault on Texas' most revered shrine.

The two men and one woman, members of the "Revolutionary May Day Brigade," were charged late Thursday with desecrating a venerated object — the flag — for their 30-minute siege in which they tore down the American and Texas flags and shouted slogans from atop the "hated monument to slavery."

They said the communist-affiliated "brigade" was traveling the country for a three-month period on behalf of the Revolutionary May Day Committee, drumming up support for May 1 demonstrations when the streets nationwide "would be flaming."

The trio had scrambled up the walls of the historic mission Thursday afternoon, showering obscenities and leaflets on an angry crowd of 200 that exhorted police to "get 'em down."

After a tense standoff in which armed police hovered overhead in a helicopter and watched from nearby rooftops, fearing at first that the three were armed, officers used ladders to climb the back walls of Alamo, handcuffed the trio and led them down to the ground.

"You better taken them away," one onlooker shouted. "You better not let us get ahold of them."

The American and Texas flags quickly were run back up the flagpoles flanking the facade of the 226-year-old monument as the three were taken away. At least four other people joined in the chanting and argued with members of the crowd, and three of them later were arrested for disorderly conduct.

"Today the Texas Revolutionary May Day Brigade has sealed the walls of the Alamo — hated monument to slavery, the U.S. plunder of Mexico and vicious oppression of the Chicano people," the leaflets

said, "And from its roof, raised the red flag and banner reading: 'Down with the capitalist system and the exploitation, national oppression and inequality it thrives on.'"

Earlier this week in Beckley, W. Va., 18 "brigaders" were arrested for waving red flags outside the courthouse in a demonstration that ended with fistfights involving hundreds of townspeople, including women armed with umbrellas. Two other people were arrested earlier this month in Birmingham, Ala., after briefly occupying a 120,000 pound statue of the mythological god Vulcan. Charged for taking down the flags and jailed on \$1,000 bond each were Abigail B. Bayer, 33, of Houston; Hayden Steele Fisher, 30, of Houston; and Damian Garcia, 30, no address given.

Arrested for disorderly conduct and released on \$200 bond each were William Grant Chavez, 33, of San Jose, Calif.; James Daniel Callahan, 21, of Oakland, Calif.; and Cary Patrick Clements, 21, of Westminster, Calif.

Callahan said the three who scaled the Alamo walls told him they were threatened by a police officer who said he wanted to toss them off the steep stone walls.

"One cop said 'This country's fallen to pieces. We should have blown you off the wall.'" Callahan said. "The guy said 'We ought to tie the flags around your necks and throw you off. I'm going to get all of your addresses and go to your homes and shoot every one of you, and don't think I'm kidding either.'"

Another officer, Callahan claimed, told them "This puts you on the level of the Iranians — the lowest form of life."

"We're proud to be on the level of the Iranians in their struggle," Callahan said.

The Battle of the Alamo, which began Feb. 23, 1835, and ended 13 days later with the deaths of all 187 men inside, gave Texans time to prepare for other battles and provided the rallying cry "Remember the Alamo."

## Federal bank supports co-ops

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — A new bank opening its doors today was created by Congress to lend consumers \$300 million to form cooperatives that will repair cars, buy food, find housing and fight the high cost of living.

Carol Greenwald, president of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank, said the institution "will aggressively plan how to make cooperatives a significant alternative for the consumers of this country."

The bank, she predicted, will be "taking the consumer movement forward by a quantum leap."

The bank was authorized in a law signed by President Carter in August 1975.

Backers of the bank had contended, and Congress agreed, the growth of co-ops had been hindered by their lack of financial and technical assistance.

In addition to providing loans to cooperatives at prevailing interest rates, the bank will offer advances and technical assistance to help people organize co-ops. It is authorized to invest up to \$300 million in co-ops during the next five years, and can borrow up to \$3 billion from other capital sources.

It has \$37 million earmarked for loans the

first year and was to begin accepting applications as soon as the doors opened at noon (EST).

Under the terms of its charter, the loan money will be repaid to the Treasury and the bank eventually will be owned by the cooperatives themselves.

Miss Greenwald said the bank "will help consumers organize in those segments of the economy that are hurting consumers, in areas like home repair, auto repair, food services and areas of health care. We will look at those groups in society who are suffering most — the elderly, low-income people, inner city residents, and families."

"We can set standards for the economy. If we will it, it is no dream," she said.

The bank estimates one of every three Americans already belongs to a co-op, ranging from credit unions and rural electric co-ops to health care associations.

A consumer co-op is technically defined as a business owned by its customers on a non-profit basis. Each member has one vote in its operation and management and any profits are returned to members as refunds, discounts or other relief from standard prices.