

# Ex-NATO commander's heart surgery goes well

United Press International  
HOUSTON — Surgeons Wednesday successfully performed open heart surgery on Alexander Haig, 55, to correct blocked arteries suffered by the former NATO commander and Nixon chief of staff.

Haig was in satisfactory condition after the 2½-hour operation, performed by Dr. Denton A. Cooley, and expected to remain in the hospital for eight to 10 days.

"It was a triple bypass," said a spokesman at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, meaning veins from Haig's thigh were used to bypass three occluded heart arteries.

"These arteries got stopped up," the spokesman said. "In order to go around the part that's stopped up, they insert the vein to let the blood flow freely."

"This will be followed by a recuperative period of perhaps a

month," the spokesman said.

The operation was performed at Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke's where almost 4,000 coronary bypasses were performed last year.

Haig, president of Connecticut-based United Technologies Corp., checked into the hospital late Monday after experiencing discomfort during the previous week. UTC Chairman Harry Gray said the heart ailment was detected during a physical examination last week at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C.

"Long-term medical studies indicate that patients undergoing this type of surgery subsequently enjoy significantly improved physical well-being," Gray said.

Haig, a retired four-star army general, took over as president and chief

operating officer of UTC last December. He had considered running for the Republican presidential nomination but eventually ruled it out.

He was elected head of the international corporation six months after he retired from the military. UTC is the nation's third-leading defense contractor and the nation's leading manufacturer of military jet engines.

Haig, a native of Philadelphia, was appointed by President Nixon as his chief of staff after serving as a military advisor to Henry Kissinger and a national security advisor to Nixon. He held that position until October 1974, when he was appointed commander-in-chief, U.S. European Command. Two months later Nixon named him Supreme Allied Commander in Europe.

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# Casino '80 promises 'little Las Vegas'

By MERIL EDWARDS

Campus Staff  
Casino '80 will transform the Memorial Student Center into a little Las Vegas April 18 with a night of gambling, can-can girls, auctions and entertainment.

The event is sponsored by the Texas A&M University Residence Hall Association.

The gambling will begin at 8 p.m. and continue until 12:30 a.m. on the second floor of the MSC. The auction will begin at 9 p.m. in the student lounge.

Casino chairman Mike Taylor said Casino '80 is the biggest and best yet because it will have better auction prizes and more games than in previous years.

"We guarantee a fun time at Casino, even if you lose. We've really put a lot of work into this and think it will be the most exciting thing this semester," Taylor said.

Tickets will be sold for \$2.50 April 14-18 at the MSC, Commons, Sbsa, behind the Academic Building and at Duncan Dining Hall. They will also be sold in the MSC Serpentine Lounge, above the check-cashing counter.

At the door, tickets will be \$3.00.

Taylor said students will receive \$3,000 in play money to use at the tables with the purchase of a ticket. He said students may get in without a ticket, but will not be able to participate in the games.

"Last year there were so many people crowded into the lounge at once for the auction that we decided to have it run throughout the night, interspersed with entertainment," Taylor said. "Students use the money they have won gambling to bid on the prizes at the auction. Everyone will get a chance to bid for the big prize, though."

Taylor said the big prize has been donated by Diamond Brok-

ers International of Bryan. Other prizes include free dinner, clocks, jewelry, a get-away weekend donated by the Holiday Inn South, plus more.

About 160 dealers and 150 Casino girls will keep the crap tables, roulette wheels, blackjack, beat the dealer and check-luck games running smoothly, Taylor said.

"We're going to have backgammon tables for the first time this year," Taylor said, "and they'll be run under tournament gambling rules."

Can-can girls will perform about seven times during the night, Taylor said. And when they're not performing, Commonwealth, a band composed mainly of students who live in the Commons, will entertain the gamblers.

To help alleviate the crowded conditions at the tables, Taylor said additional tables will be set up overlooking the lounge.

# McGovern: change in food labels coming

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D., chairman of the Senate Agriculture nutrition subcommittee, says major changes in nutritional labeling on meat and other foods are inevitable.

A proposed bill would require simpler information on labels to make them easier for consumers to understand. It would require preserving information on calories, protein, fats, carbohydrates, sodium and cholesterol and listing of each spice or additive.

Several major food processors testified last month that a standard mandatory system would be cheaper than the current system which requires nutrition labels for foods with nutritional claims or fortification.

The earlier hearing March 19 before the Senate health subcommittee dealt with labels on most foods reg-

ulated by the Food and Drug Administration. McGovern's subcommittee hearing Tuesday dealt with labeling of meat and poultry and related products regulated by the Agriculture Department.

McGovern said major questions are whether Congress will set the new policy or leave it up to federal agencies and whether changes will be mandatory or voluntary.

McGovern is the sponsor of a bill to require nutritional labeling, but at the hearing, he left open the possibility that a new voluntary labeling system would be created.

Several witnesses representing different sectors of the meat industry welcomed a proposal for a voluntary system.

James Rill, a lawyer for the National Broiler Council, a trade association for chicken producers, said the existing voluntary system could

be improved with government or private cooperation in improving data bank with standardized nutritional information. McGovern provides for the data bank.

Myron Zeitz of the Consumer Nutrition Institute, a Washington-based consumer advocacy group, told McGovern a voluntary system would not work.

He said some products would never be labeled under a voluntary system because it would not be in the interest of companies to tell people that a product was heavy in salt.

A manufacturer would prefer withhold information that a hot is 30 percent fat, he said.

John Mohay, president of the National Meat Association, a trade association of meat packers, disagreed with Zeitz' reasoning, citing a further with a voluntary label showing it had 30 percent fat that retained share of the market.

Zeitz said that the government's recent recommended dietary guidelines will be "a hoax" without adequate labeling. The guidelines recommend that Americans eat less meat; more whole-grain cereals, fruits and vegetables, and less salt and sodium.

Dr. Richard Hagen, representing the National Food Processors Association, said his organization worked for decades on improved product labeling. He said mandatory new labels will not result in improved public health. Achieving those goals should be left to education programs and the health profession, he said.

McGovern said physicians may be unable to provide adequate nutritional guidance because congressional hearings have shown medical schools teach too little about nutrition.

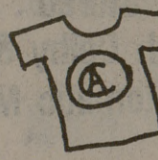
Hagen replied that if physicians are having difficulty in telling patients about nutrition, the issue is complex for a label.

Hagen said he feared that the regulations would be inflationary. McGovern assured small businessmen that final legislation would exempt small businesses from the requirements.

The Agriculture Department, Food and Drug Administration and the Federal Trade Commission last year proposed labeling changes similar to the pending legislation.

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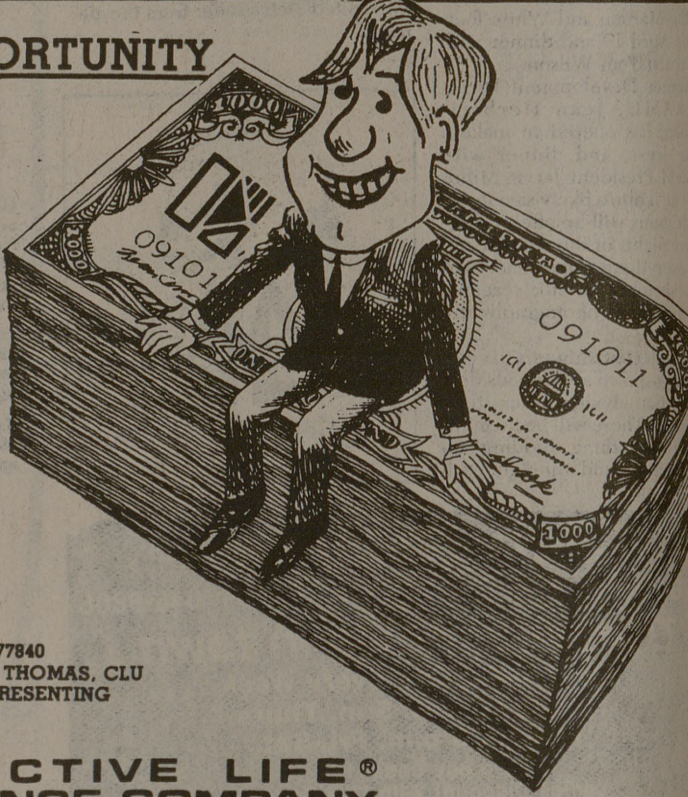
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