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Bryan police officers try to calm Connie Baugh after whisking her from the Department of Human Resources. She faced charges of attempted murder

after holding officers at bay with a .22-caliber rifle for four hours.

Staff photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

## Police held at bay by armed woman

By JANA SIMS

Battalion Staff

A woman demanding to see her daughter, who had been taken from her by welfare officials in 1976, used a rifle to hold Bryan police at bay for four hours Monday. Maj. Lee Freeman of the Bryan police managed to wrest the weapon from Connie Baugh, 34, about 8 p.m. Baugh is a former Bryan resident who now lives in Porter.

Baugh faced charges of attempted murder, officials at the sheriff's office said. Welfare officials said Baugh entered the State Department of Human Resources office at Washington and 24th streets wielding a .22-caliber rifle shortly after 4 p.m. and said she she wanted to see her children.

"I called the police," said Pat Arbuckle, child placement worker, "and another secretary came in and locked the door and we got under the desk and remained there while she talked through the door at us. She fired through the door at least twice—she shot three times." The shots entered the door about 3 feet above the floor.

Arbuckle said Baugh said only that "she wanted her children and she was going to get me."

Bryan police then arrived and talked Baugh into entering another office where she locked herself in. The remainder of the 15-20 caseworkers and clerks who had not fled out of one of three exits at the sound of the gunshots were helped outside by policemen.

Charles Jenkins, program director for protective services for the human resources department, said welfare officials took custody of Baugh's two boys and a girl in 1976.

Asked why welfare officials took custody of the children, Jenkins said, "I don't know the specific action, or whatever it was. I know it was in 1976."

Jenkins said the two boys are living with a sister of Baugh's but no one would tell the location of the girl. The girl seemed to be Baugh's main concern. While in the room, Bryan Police Chief Charles Phelps said Baugh said if her daughter was not brought to her, she would "come out shooting."

But it was Freeman of the Bryan police who finally earned her trust and was able to get the gun away from her in a short struggle.

Freeman entered the building about 4:45 p.m. and began talking to Baugh through the door. He said when the subject of her children came up, "We talked about something else that was pleasant to her," because she said she became upset at the mention of her children.

Freeman said when he felt it was safe



Staff photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

A young spectator looks past Bryan and Department of Public Safety officers into the State Welfare office that was held under siege Monday.

enough to move, he grabbed the rifle from Baugh.

Phelps said Freeman had no assistance until officers heard "the furniture flying." He said about three or four officers entered the office, but that Freeman had things under control.

Baugh, hand-cuffed and struggling, was brought outside at 8:15 p.m. to a waiting police car in view of about 100 onlookers.

Phelps said Baugh was "hollering and yelling" and had not given any hint prior to Freeman's capture that she was ready to surrender.

Jenkins said Baugh had called and dropped into the welfare office periodically for the last three years, but workers did not foresee Monday's actions.

## 3,000 to receive degrees in ceremonies this week

University officials will present more than 3,000 degrees during three separate commencement ceremonies Friday and Saturday.

Among those degrees will be the 100,000th degree awarded by Texas A&M in its 103-year history.

The first ceremony begins at 2 p.m. Friday in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Degree candidates from the Graduate College, the College of Business Administration and the College of Education will receive their diplomas.

Dr. Haskell Monroe will address the graduates at the first ceremony. Monroe, Texas A&M's associate vice

president for academic affairs and dean of faculties, is president-designate of the University of Texas-El Paso.

At 7:30 p.m. Friday, candidates from the colleges of Engineering, Architecture, Geosciences and Veterinary Medicine will receive their degrees in the Coliseum. Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby address the graduates.

The final ceremony begins at 9 a.m. Saturday. Candidates from the colleges of Agriculture, Liberal Arts, Science and those from the Galveston campus will receive degrees. Hobby will also address that ceremony.

United Press International  
SAN ANTONIO — Defense Secretary Harold Brown says he is hopeful America's allies will not lose faith in President Carter's foreign policy because of the resignation of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

"(I) expect our allies will reach their conclusions on the basis of issues and policies" when making their decisions on sanctions against Iran, Brown said Monday as he accompanied Carter on a good-will visit to five servicemen injured in last week's failed rescue mission to Iran.

"Our indication from the allies is that

## Student senate to elect new officers in final meeting

By NANCY ANDERSEN

Battalion Staff

Student Body President Brad Smith will announce his executive branch and university committees appointments and the senate will elect officers at the year's final meeting of the student senate tonight.

The senate will also hear a number of bills for the first time. Unless the senate votes to place any of them on emergency status, all bills introduced at this meeting will not be acted on until next school year.

One bill asks for a senate recommendation to the Athletic Department to set aside 588 seats in the first six rows of sections 324-326 and 337-338 for students preferring to sit. These seats are on the third level ranging from the 10-yard line to the goal line at both ends of the field.

Priority would be given to graduate students and temporarily or permanently handicapped students. Any tickets left over from the graduate-senior draw will go to juniors.

Among other legislation to be introduced is a bill that would ask permission for the Basement Coffeehouse to apply for a license to sell beer and another that would revise bylaws of the internal affairs committee.

Senator George Pappas, who introduced the Basement Coffeehouse bill, said many coffeehouse members feel selling beer will make it more competitive with similar off-campus establishments.

The bill was introduced last year, Pappas said, but was killed in committee.

Even if the bill passes, Pappas said there might be problems in obtaining a liquor license from the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Also to be introduced is a bill which would approve continuation of student government's consumer guide with some revisions. The guide was started last semester and provides students with information not compiled elsewhere. If approved it will be expanded to include consumer tips, restaurants, and emergency numbers. The guide will be distributed through the Survival Kit early next fall.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in 204 Harrington Education Center.

## Greek clergyman to retrieve bodies of men killed in raid

United Press International

TEHRAN, Iran — A Greek archbishop once jailed by the Israelis for running guns to Palestinian guerrillas arrived in Tehran today in answer to a call to take custody of the remains of the U.S. servicemen killed in the failed bid to rescue the American hostages.

Archbishop Hilarion Capucci went straight into talks with Iranian officials.

He flew to Tehran in response to an Iranian call to facilitate the return of the charred corpses, which were moved to the morgue after being displayed at a ghoulis news conference at the occupied U.S. Embassy.

The militants holding the hostages for 178 days said an undisclosed number of the captives had been moved from the embassy to new places in confinement in the cities of Tabriz, Isfahan, Yazd and Najafabad.

In the case of Tabriz, north of Tehran, the hostages were being kept at the former U.S. Consulate there, the militants said.

In a statement they warned the hostages would be "dispatched to hell" if President Carter attempts more "savage acts."

Iranian officials, meanwhile, responded to the resignation of Secretary Cyrus Vance, who said he quit because he opposed the rescue operation, by saying it gave added weight to their cause.

The arrival of Capucci, who has visited the hostages in the past, was seen as setting the stage for resolution of an internal conflict over what to do with the bodies of the American servicemen, killed in the collision of an helicopter and C-130 transport plane after the mission was canceled.

Originally, President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr said the remains would be returned without "preconditions," but he was again contradicted by the embassy militants.

After he was disputed by the militants, Bani-Sadr said the bodies would be turned over to Red Cross or church representatives.

Later, still, it was announced Capucci

had been requested to take custody of the remains.

In a statement Monday, Bani-Sadr's office said representatives of the European Economic Community and Japan as well as liberation and trade union movements and political parties would be invited to Iran to discuss and investigate "the United States aggression against Iran."

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini had instructed Bani-Sadr to issue the invitations Sunday.

Bani-Sadr's statement said Iran had also decided to call an emergency session of nonaligned nations and to invite the U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to send a representative to Iran.

Iranian Oil Minister Ali Akbar Moinefar said Vance's resignation proved the "rightness of the Iranian revolutionary cause."

He said Carter should resign and "apologize to the American people and other nations for his actions against Iran."

## Injured men tell Carter they'd repeat mission

United Press International

SAN ANTONIO — Five injured American servicemen had a united message for the president who sent them on an unsuccessful rescue mission to Iran — they would do it again.

President Carter made a hurried flight to San Antonio Monday, his first trip outside the Washington area since before the hostages were taken, to thank the "five brave men" hurt last week when two aircraft collided following the cancellation of a raid on the captors of the 53 Americans in Tehran.

"I wanted to extend my best wishes to you," Carter said. "I wanted you to know how proud we all are of you. You all did your part; you did it very well." Airman 1st Class William B. Tootle, 21, of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., recovering from a knee injury at Wilford Hall Medical Center — where the deposed shah of Iran was treated last year — was the first visited by Carter. He set the tone for expressing the men's willingness to go on the mission and said he

regretted only that it did not end successfully.

"I just wish we could have gone through all the way," he said. "Those people there (the hostages) have suffered a lot more than we have."

Asked by Carter how the fiery collision on the remote Iranian desert occurred, Tootle replied in a low, timid voice: "It just blew up."

Carter then moved on to Brooke Army Medical Center, noted for its treatment of burn victims, and donned a surgical gown to enter the ward where the other four servicemen are recovering "quite satisfactorily," in the words of a hospital spokesman. "Congratulations to you. We are all especially proud of you people," the president told 1st Lt. Jeffrey B. Harrison, 26, of Warren, Ohio; Marine Maj. Leslie Petty, 34, of Jacksonville, N.C.; and Maj. James H. Schaefer Jr., 36, of Los Angeles.

Carter then turned to Petty and said: "I'm proud of you personally, and as com-

mander in chief, and on behalf of the 220 million Americans. You take care of yourself. When you all get better, you'll have to come see me in the White House."

Schaefer spoke for the group: "Thank you sir, I'd do it again if (we) need to." Staff Sgt. Joseph J. Beyers III, 37, of Charleston, S.C., the most seriously burned, was in a separate ward. Because he wore a plexiglass face mask, only Carter could hear what he said.

"God bless you," Carter said, putting his hand on Beyer's unburned shoulder and patting it. "The whole nation is pulling for you, is grateful to you, and pleased with your progress."

Col. Basil A. Pruitt Jr., commander and director of the burn ward at Brooke, said the outlook was good for all four men there but, citing the Privacy Act, would not specify the extent of their injuries except to say that the burns covered from 2 percent to 44 percent of the victims' bodies.

"I expect all of them to recover," he said.

## Winds halt Cuban sealift

United Press International

KEY WEST, Fla. — Angry seas and blustery winds that sent a dozen boats to the bottom of the Florida Straits brought a temporary halt Monday to the Cuban exile sealift of refugees from Cuba.

The Coast Guard reported the hurricane force gusts of Sunday had subsided, but winds of 20 knots were clocked and 7-foot seas measured in the 90-mile-wide Florida Straits Monday.

No sealift boats have arrived at Key West since 11 a.m. Sunday and none has left Key West since 3 p.m. Sunday.

Outside the old USO center where refugees have been fed and housed at Key

West, exile leaders posted a hand-written list of the dozen vessels wrecked so far. But the list said there were "no known casualties."

Coast Guard spokesman Mike Ayers in Miami confirmed there were "no known dead" but "we don't know whether 200-odd people are missing or not." He said the mystery of distress calls Saturday reporting the sinking of a vessel carrying 200 people and another with 15 aboard remained unresolved.

Those calls, and another report Sunday night involving a vessel with 200 people aboard reported sinking "may or may not have been hoaxes," he said.

Coast Guard Petty Officer Bob Stauffer said in Key West, "There's no way of telling, but vessels out there have seen debris and life jackets. You're dealing with an unknown factor."

Ayers said the Coast Guard rescued 47 people from the sea since the adverse weather began. He said the Coast Guard assisted 141 vessels and "20 more are pending right now."

A squall produced winds up to 90 miles an hour Sunday but there were no deaths reported and only two injuries. In a frantic five minutes, the Coast Guard received 29 distress calls.

## Brown hopes for allies' support

they do intend to move forward," he said.

Brown said he supported the decision to "go ahead" with the unsuccessful hostage rescue raid, and it was "appropriate" for Vance to resign under the circumstances of his disagreement. He declined to say whether he tried to talk Vance out of quitting.

Defending the mission, the secretary said: "The plan was formulated by the task force and reviewed thoroughly by the joint chiefs of staff and me and we concluded the operation was feasible. It had risks but was capable of being carried out and I advised

the president that although it had risks, there was a reasonable chance of success and we should proceed with it."

He said he believes the rescue attempt was necessary to try to end the problem that has plagued the United States for six months and said he is not ruling out future similar attempts.

The Cabinet official said he has no information beyond Iranian reports on the present whereabouts of the hostages and the return of the bodies of eight servicemen killed in the aborted mission.

"I don't know yet whether the hostages have been moved," Brown said.

He said the flaunting of the bodies in Iran "is the kind of behavior that goes beyond the bounds of international practice and of humane practice."

"We very much want this settled in a non-belligerent fashion," he said. Brown also defended the aborted mission on the grounds that it showed "how extremely important to us" is the matter of the hostages.

"I don't think this is lost on the Iranians or our allies," he said.