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Lance acquitted on 9 counts

United Press International
ATLANTA — Former federal Budget Director Bert Lance was acquitted Wednesday on nine counts of violating banking laws, but the jury was unable to reach a verdict on three other charges.

Lance's attorneys immediately asked U.S. District Judge Charles A. Moye Jr. for a directed verdict of acquittal on the remaining counts. Moye gave defense attorneys until May 20 to file supporting briefs for their motion and gave the prosecution until June 10 to respond.

One of Lance's three co-defendants, Thomas Mitchell, was exonerated of the four counts he was charged with in the 19-count indictment. Of the other two defendants,

Richard T. Carr was acquitted on three counts, with no verdicts returned on three others, and H. Jackson Mullins was acquitted on three, with no verdicts on another.

"We're delighted about the not guilty verdicts," Lance said shortly after they were handed down. "That's what we thought all the time. So we are terribly delighted and pleased."

The White House said it would have no immediate comment on the verdict.

Mitchell, too, said he was pleased, and added, "I think the government could have better used its money in another area."

Carr, who broke into tears, said "I'm very, very elated. I don't know what else to say."

Mullins said only: "It feels great." Lance, 48, and his co-defendants were charged with 19 counts of misapplication of bank funds and filing false statements to banks. The counts, reduced from an original 33 when Moye threw out 14, involved \$1.4 million in loans which Lance and his co-defendants obtained over a period of three and a half years.

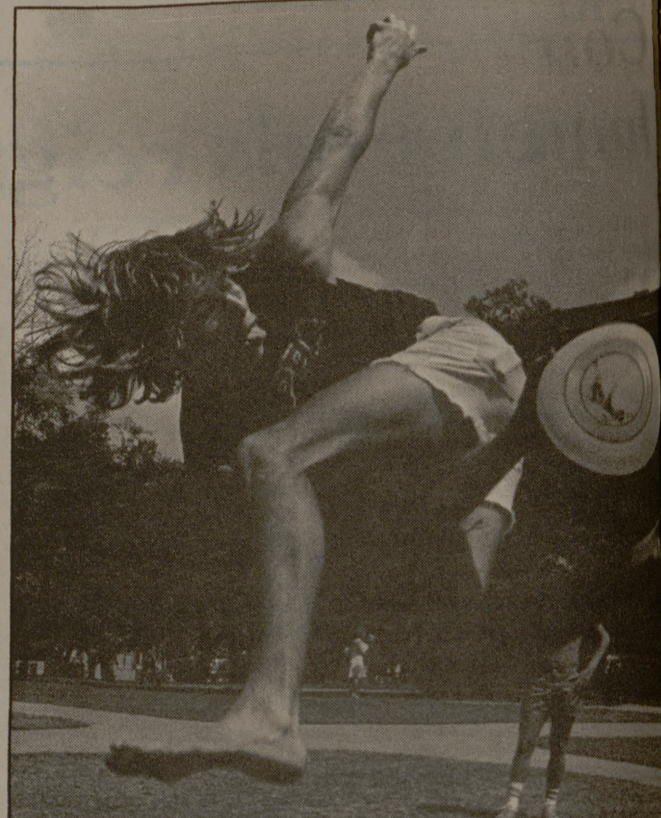
The prosecution contended that many of the loans were unsecured or poorly secured and the defendants lied about their holdings to obtain the loans.

Most of the loans involved the Calhoun First National Bank and the National Bank of Georgia, both of which Lance headed before moving on to be President Carter's budget director.

Juror Eloise Hudgins said reaching a settlement on the unresolved counts against Lance had hinged on whether Lance was guilty of filing a false statement to a bank in support of a loan request.

She said the jury was hung 10-2 for acquittal on that count last Saturday, but as they continued deliberating, the jurors eventually were deadlocked 6-6. She said she felt if that could have been resolved, they could have compromised on the others.

Juror James Collins said intent was the key to all the charges. He said he found it difficult to believe that Lance and his co-defendants intended to injure and defraud any banks.



Frisbee finesse

Jeff Ryman displays his talents in catching the frisbee Saturday while warming up for the Aggie Jam '80 Frisbee Disc Classic. The Disc Classic, held Saturday and Sunday, attracted fans and entries from around the state and entailed free-style frisbee contests, frisbee golf, maximum time and ultimate frisbee.

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Gilley's named nightclub of year

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BUENA PARK, Calif. — Gilley's, a country-western club in Pasadena, Texas, was selected nightclub of the year by the Academy of Country Music.

It marked the first year the award did not go to the Palomino Club in North Hollywood, Calif.

Once an establishment primarily occupied by the refinery and construction workers who populate the southeast Houston community, Gilley's is now a chic institution for the emerging urban cowboys. The club, owned by country singer Mickey Gilley, was the locale for filming "Urban Cowboy," with John Travolta last summer.

Kenny Rogers, who won this year's Grammy for best country male vocalist, had the most nominations for "Hat Awards," with five in the 10 categories. Larry Gatlin and Waylon Jennings captured four nominations each in balloting by the academy's 2,000 members. Ballots were returned April 2.

Crystal Gayle led female contenders with three nominations, trailed by Loretta Lynn, Dolly Parton and Barbara Mandrell with two each. Rogers was nominated in the coveted entertainer of the year category with Crystal Gayle, Jennings, Loretta Lynn and Willie Nelson. Nelson was also nominated as top male vocalist with Gatlin, Jennings, Moe Bandy and Don Williams.

Gayle was nominated as top female vocalist with Lynn, Barbara Mandrell, Anne Murray and Dolly Parton.

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