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Iraq secures key Iranian port city

United Press International
KHURRAMSHAHR, Iran — Iraqi forces flushed out die-hard snipers in the major oil port city of Khurrumshahr today in securing the biggest prize of the Persian Gulf war.

For the 52 American hostages, the 15th day of the war was the beginning of their 12th month in captivity at the hands of Iranian militants who seized them last Nov. 4.

The Iranian parliament Sunday postponed a scheduled debate on the hostages, held for 338 days, with the explanation that many of the legislators were visiting the front.

A four-day truce declared by Iraq Sunday lasted 12 hours before the Iraqis resumed their offensive, saying Iranian forces attacked on land, sea and in the air.

As the war entered its third week, Iraqi forces secured the key Iranian oil port of Khurrumshahr and flushed out isolated pockets of Iranian snipers in the city proper.

Securing the city on the Shatt al-Arab estuary at the top of the gulf would be a major strategic prize and a big bargaining card in any postwar negotiations.

Khurrumshahr, besieged for 14 days, is the southernmost of a line of vital cities in Iran's oil-rich Khuzistan province, which the Iraqis have hammered away at.

In the Iraqi oil port of Basra, raid blackout was lifted and street

lighting was turned on for the first time since Iraq attacked its eastern neighbor Oct. 22.

There was no immediate claim of victory in Khurrumshahr from Iraq, which since Thursday has limited itself to only one daily late-evening communique on the progress of the war as it sees it.

But Iraq said its troops, warplanes and warships struck hard at Iranian targets in a series of punishing attacks in revenge for Iran's non-compliance with the truce Baghdad said it called at dawn Sunday.

Detailed reports of the ground fighting along the border front were sparse from both sides.

Iran said it counter-attacked along a 100-mile stretch from the Shatt al-Arab in the south to the cities of Ahvaz and Dizful in the north. But Iraq said it repulsed the Iranian counter-offensive and "forced (Iranian forces) to retreat on all battle fronts."

Iraq said it killed 18 Iranian troops for the loss of five Iraqis in the border-sector battles.

Baghdad claimed its air force destroyed two jumbo jets on the ground at Tehran airport, set the Tabriz oil refinery ablaze 60 miles from the Soviet frontier, burned oil storage tanks in Dehloran and south of Tehran, and damaged and destroyed other Iranian targets.

Iran admitted the raids, but claimed "most of the attacking Iraqi MiGs were destroyed by our forces."

Campaign only half over

Polls show Reagan ahead

United Press International

"If the election were today, I think we'd win," says Ronald Reagan's adviser Michael Deaver. "We're behind, yes," says Carter campaign chairman Robert Strauss.

Several new polls and state-by-state surveys bear them out. Both The New York Times and The Washington Post said Sunday their analysts find Reagan over the top in electoral votes, and NBC News found Reagan well ahead, although not yet assured of the 270 electoral votes he needs.

But the campaign is only at the halfway mark, and neither side is ready to claim victory or concede defeat with four full weeks to go.

Reagan aides told United Press International that he has "stabilized" his campaign: refraining from involvement in long-range political invective, charming the crowds instead of haranguing them, benefiting from television and newspaper advertisements paid for by independent pro-Reagan groups instead of his own federal funds.

Aides have devised 28 different winning

combinations of electoral votes, and confidence permeates Reagan's inner circle.

But they are wary of the "October surprise," or, as one aide put it, a "kamikaze style attack at the end" — some stunning international development that an incumbent president could bring about without giving them time to counter.

In a separate interview, Strauss said it is up to the president, to Vice President Walter Mondale and to himself "to point out Reagan's headline harsh statements without being perceived as mean."

"I don't think any of us has done well," he added. "We have to figure a way to elevate the campaign to an issues dialogue . . . Reagan proved in the first two weeks of the campaign that left on his own, he can't be relied on, and must be totally muzzled."

But, he said, "We're reasonably well satisfied with where we are," and "if we do the things we should do," Reagan can't be elected.

A Reagan presidency "is very possible, but not probable," he said.

In San Antonio, Texas, the annual conference of the National Organization for Women voted to withdraw its earlier position of opposing Carter's re-election.

And it approved a resolution pledging to "work in every state" against Reagan, and calling for pickets "wherever Reagan and/or (vice presidential candidate George) Bush appear."

In the surveys, with 270 electoral votes needed for victory:

—The Times had Reagan leading in 29 states with 314 electoral votes; Carter leading in 12 plus the District of Columbia with 136 votes, and nine states with 88 votes too close to call.

—The Post had Reagan ahead in 28 states with 283 votes; Carter in front in 14 states and the District with 151 votes, and eight states with 104 votes rated tossups.

—NBC News had no projected winner as yet, but had Reagan ahead in 25 states with 233 electoral votes, Carter leading in 13 states and the District with 143 votes, and 12 states rated a tossup.

Supreme Court term opens today

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The traditional opening of the Supreme Court's new term — the first Monday in October — comes with justices facing a record number of requests on emotion-laden questions, among them abortion, child custody and sex and race discrimination.

Business issues also confront the court. Chief among them are several cases involving federal regulation — the nemesis of business. One involves the government's power to make business clean up pollution no matter what the cost and another involves on-the-job health protection for textile workers.

School busing may come up again, too. St. Louis, Detroit and Indianapolis have asked to be heard. Justices already have indicated they may take on the integration problems "white flight" from the cities creates by agreeing earlier to hear a case on black student quotas set by Chicago school officials.

Today, the court also announces some of the cases it will accept from the record 1,102 it has been asked to consider.

Steen charged with possession of cocaine

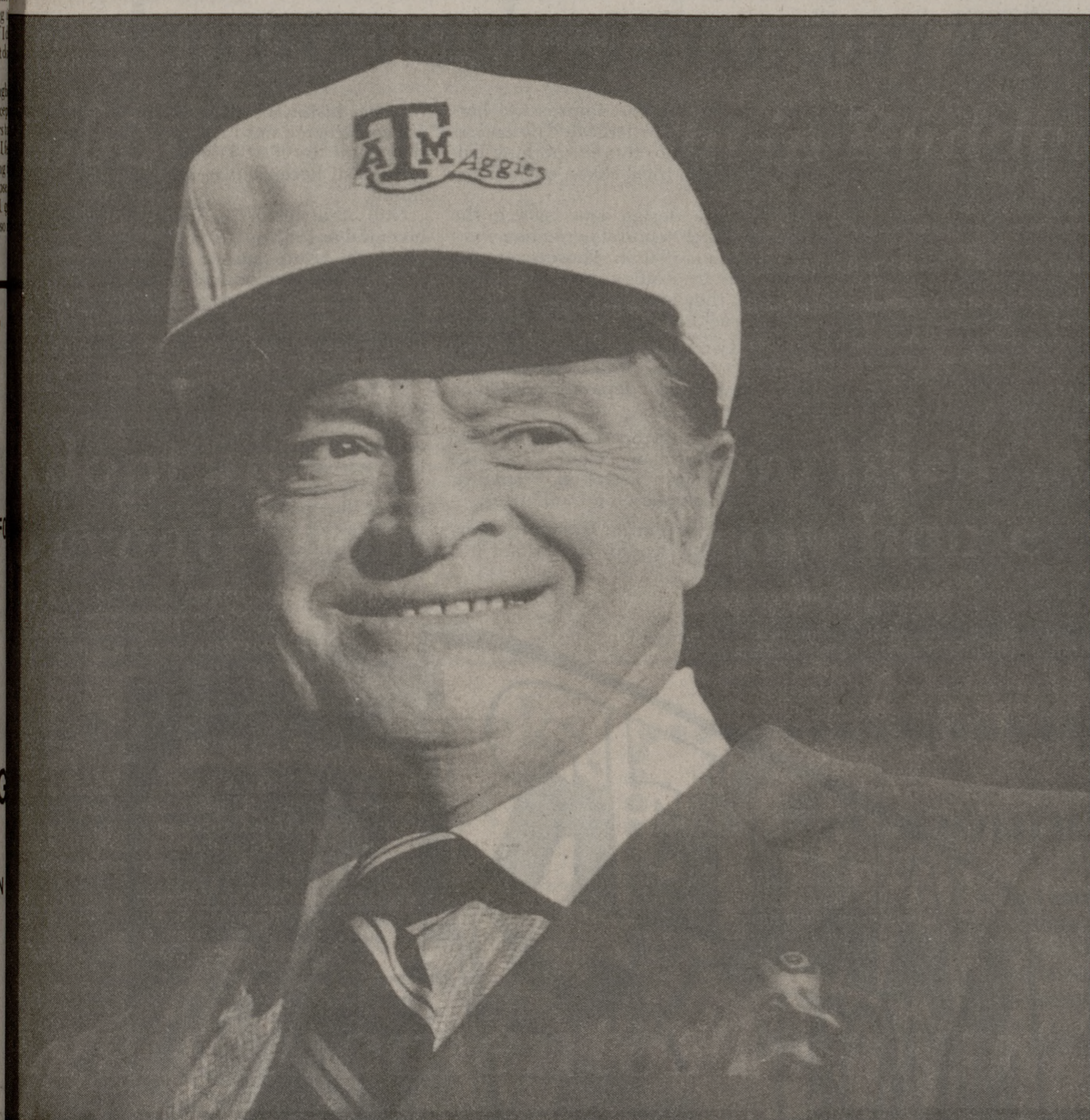
Another chapter was added to the Texas A&M University football team's controversial year Friday, when a felony warrant charging recently dismissed Elroy Steen with possession of cocaine was issued.

A state district court issued the warrant after receiving Department of Public Safety laboratory test results of a substance found in Steen's car two weeks ago.

Steen, a defensive back from Gonzales, was kicked off the football team by Head Coach Tom Wilson after an inventory search of his car before towing by University Police reportedly turned up a "controlled substance," which was immediately sent to the DPS in Austin by the Texas A&M Department of Student Affairs.

Steen is one of three Aggies kicked off the squad by Wilson in the past two weeks. Linebacker Cal Pevetto of Vidor was dismissed after a search of his Cain Hall room turned up an amphetamine, and defensive lineman Kenny Ingram of Corpus Christi was removed last week in a subsequent drug use investigation by the University.

Eight A&M players have been called before University student affairs hearings in the investigation.



Bob Hope

Photo by Bob Sobree

Hope performed before a sell-out crowd Friday night in C. Rollie White Coliseum after arriving in College Station Friday afternoon to kick off his "Bob Hope for President" campaign at Texas A&M. For a review of his appearance, see page 3.

Hobby to speak tonight in Rudder

William P. Hobby, lieutenant governor of Texas, will speak at 8 p.m. tonight in 701 Rudder. His talk, entitled "The 1980 Legislature: What the Future Holds," is sponsored by MSC Political Forum.

Since his election as lieutenant governor in 1972, Hobby has served as chairman of the National Conference of Lieutenant Governors and was a member of the Executive Committee of the Council of State Governments. He is chairman of the Legislative Budget Board and co-chairman of the Texas Energy and Natural Resources Advisory Council.

In addition, Hobby chaired the 1978 State Democratic Convention and was re-elected in 1978 to a second four-year term as lieutenant governor.

He is president of the Houston Post and has served on the Texas Air Control Board, the University of Houston Board of Regents and the Board of Directors of the Houston Chamber of Commerce.

Hobby is a native of Houston and graduated from Rice University in 1953. He then served three years in the Office of Naval Intelligence after joining the U.S. Navy.

Adopt an Aggie' program tries to create 'home away from home'

By DAWN SCOTTE FERGUSON

Battalion Reporter
The Student Y will try to create a "home away from home" for Texas A&M University students this semester in its new program, "Adopt An Aggie."

A faculty member, his family and a student will be able to get together for dinner just spend some time getting to know each other.

Russell Merck, director of faculty/student relations for the Student Y, said the program will give the professors a first hand look at what current college students are like and what they experience.

"We are trying to give students someone they can go to when they have problems or need to talk," Merck said. Merck said the Student Y sent out 70

letters to faculty members; so far only 15 have been returned.

"Out of the 70 we sent," Merck said, "only 10 have agreed to the program."

Texas A&M Methodist Church presently has a program by the same name, wherein a local family "adopts" a student. But, Merck said, the Student Y program is aimed specifically at the Texas A&M faculty.

"This program will give the student and the faculty member a chance to know each other on a one-to-one basis," Merck said.

In Fireside Forum, another Student Y program, 10 to 12 students visit a professor's home for an evening.

"I've been to several of those and the professor usually doesn't remember my name," Merck said.

"Possibly, (in Adopt an Aggie) students will get to know the faculty member as a

person and not just the guy up front who marks F's on their tests.

Hopefully, Merck said, by knowing a student, the faculty member will become a better instructor.

Merck said there are no strict rules about what the professor and the student must do.

"The Student Y will try to match the student and the professor, and hopefully they'll have a good time getting to know one another," Merck said. "One professor wanted to find a student he could ride bikes with."

The program is open to all Texas A&M students and faculty. Merck said any faculty member interested in participating in the program should call the Student Y office.

Aggie mementos bring in bucks for local bookstores

By SHERRY A. EVANS

Battalion Reporter

Although the College Station bookstores mainly market textbooks at the beginning of each semester, the bookstores' biggest sales during football season are in Aggie paraphernalia.

Managers and owners of local bookstores all said they extend their business hours right up until game time on home football game weekends.

Howard DeHart, manager of the Texas A&M Bookstore in the Memorial Student Center, estimated that on the day of a Saturday football game his store has had anywhere from 30,000 to 40,000 people come in to buy Aggie souvenirs.

To help with the increased number of customers, DeHart said his store brings in an additional 25 employees to work on home game weekends.

Martha Camp, manager of the University Book Store, 409 University Drive, said a lot of people come in "just to see what's going on." She said that often she sees "the same ones coming in year after year."

Camp and Dennis Rother, manager of Rother's Book Store, 340 Jersey St., agreed that Aggie fans buy mostly T-shirts, sweatshirts

and Aggie mementos such as mugs, pennants or bumper stickers.

Rother also said customer purchases often depend on how well the football team is doing, whether the game is played at night or during the day, and what kind of mood the customer is in as a result of these factors.

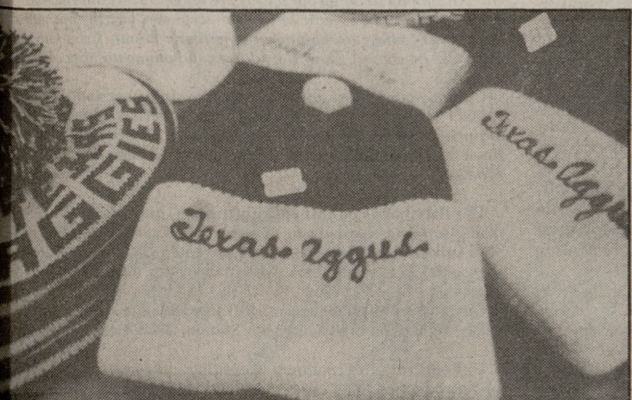
As for actual textbook sales on football weekends, John Raney, owner of the Texas Aggie Bookstore, 327 University Drive, said the students who do come in are usually not there to buy books.

Although textbook sales probably make up two-thirds of his regular business, Raney said, book sales account for no more than 5 percent of total sales on football weekends.

DeHart said that on football weekends, he takes in about "99.9 percent on the sale of Aggie spirit items."

Annually, the Texas A&M Bookstore takes in 60 percent of its revenue in book sales, 15 percent in Aggie paraphernalia and the remaining percentage in supplies and confections, DeHart said. Rother said the bookstore business "is a very seasonal business."

DeHart agreed, saying "textbooks, as a whole, (90 percent), are sold only twice a year and that's at the beginning of the fall semester and the spring semester."



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