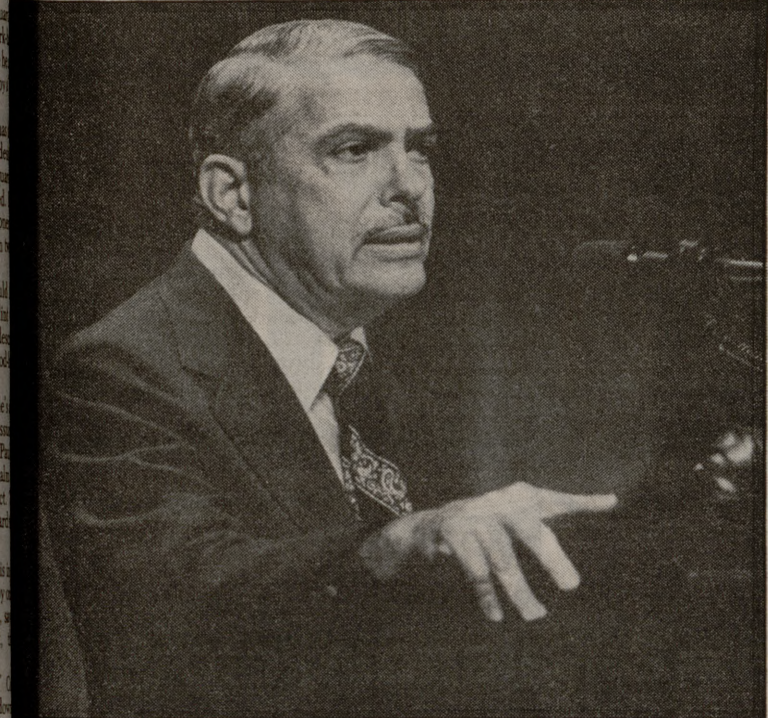


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U.S. 'not immune' from terrorists

Terrorism called 'illness of our age'



Jay Mallin Staff photo by Pat O'Malley

By **BOBBY SWANSON**
Battalion Reporter
Journalist Jay Mallin described terrorism as an "illness of our age," in a speech at Texas A&M University Tuesday night.

Mallin, who has studied international terrorism for over 20 years, was presented by the MSC Great Issues Committee.

Mallin is the author of eight books on terrorism and has been associated with Time magazine since 1956. He covered the developments in Cuba from the Cuban Revolution to the recent Freedom Flotilla and reported on the terrorist groups in Cuba who he said, "wrote the book on bombing and terrorism."

Mallin said he lived in Cuba until the Bay of Pigs incident, but he continues to study Cuban guerrilla warfare because, he says, the Cubans are training many of the South American and African terrorist organizations.

Mallin said he considers himself, "first and foremost," a journalist who has specialized in military affairs and unconventional warfare because, "that is what I have seen for 30 years."

He said he has witnessed unconventional warfare in Uruguay, El Salvador, Vietnam, Venezuela, Nicaragua and Argentina. In these countries, he said, the power of violent acts to change a government has been proven.

Mallin said the FBI has identified over 12 potential terrorist groups and investigated 600 acts of terrorism in the United States this year.

"The U.S. is not immune to terrorist activity," he said. "No country has completely succeeded in developing an immunity to terrorism. Just a few days ago there were bombings in Los Angeles and New York."

But Mallin said he does not pass

moral judgment: he studies and reports.

In judging morality Mallin said, a journalist loses his ability to study terrorism as, "the weapon of the future." But, Mallin said, terrorism is a crime not accepted by the public. "In a democratic society we do not accept terrorism as a means of change."

Mallin said many major American businesses are moving to protected buildings and others have increased security in an effort to protect themselves from what they see as an increase in future terrorist activity.

In a question and answer session after the speech, Mallin was asked about the United States' ability to handle a major terrorist threat. Mallin said the Patricia Hearst incident showed that none of the government security or police agencies were prepared to control a terrorist problem.

Belushi to alter style with movie romance

United Press International
DENVER — John Belushi, the former "Saturday Night Live" company member and star of "The Blues Brothers," will portray a Chicago newspaper reporter in a movie to be filmed in Colorado.

Karl Smith, director of the Colorado State Film Commission, said Monday the Universal Pictures film, to be called "Continental Divide," will be directed by Michael Apten and produced by Bob Larson, the same team who made "Coal Miner's Daughter."

Smith said the film will be a big-budget picture centering around the romance between the reporter and a young woman who lives in the mountains and studies the behavioral patterns of eagles.

Brown charges irresponsibility

By **STARR MOORE**
Battalion Reporter

The Republican candidate for county attorney, Jeff Brown, said that incumbent John M. Barron Jr. is trying to shirk off his responsibility onto others in his effort to have the county commissioners appoint two assistants to aid him in the disposal of county cases.

Brown said in a press conference at the Ramada Inn Tuesday that Barron's plan is a faulty one because there is no statutory right for city attorneys to try county cases.

"He (Barron) has made several excuses, from saying it's not his responsibility to saying he does not have the time," Brown said. "The point is that someone must handle these appeals. The city attorneys do not have the authority to do so, nor should they be expected to."

Monday at the Brazos County Commissioners Court, Barron said he needed the assistance to prosecute the backlog of misdemeanor appeals to the county court.

Brown said there have been around 700 such appeals backlogged in Barron's court over the last three years.

"He has had no established policy or system with which to handle these appeals," Brown said.

Barron requested that Lowell Denton and Charles A. Bluntzer, the city attorneys of College Station and Bryan, be appointed as assistant county attorneys.

The commissioners tabled the request until further consideration may be given to the matter.

Brown said the key issue is really a

question of authority and Barron has already enlisted the aid of the city attorneys without the commissioners court approval.

Barron said the attorneys are only helping him prepare cases and plea bargain with other attorneys.

Brown said if he is elected county attorney and needs an assistant, he would not hire one and expect the county to pay for one, but he would tell the commissioners court of his need and ask for an assistant.

Barron said the assistants are not paid by the county, but look on the work as part of their responsibility as city attorneys because the fees they collect will be returned to their cities.

Barron added that Brown is too inexperienced to understand the limitations of available funds and personnel that have been placed upon the county attorney's office.

Barron said, "You've got to be there... it's easy to sit on the outside and criticize, especially when you have nothing to say for yourself."

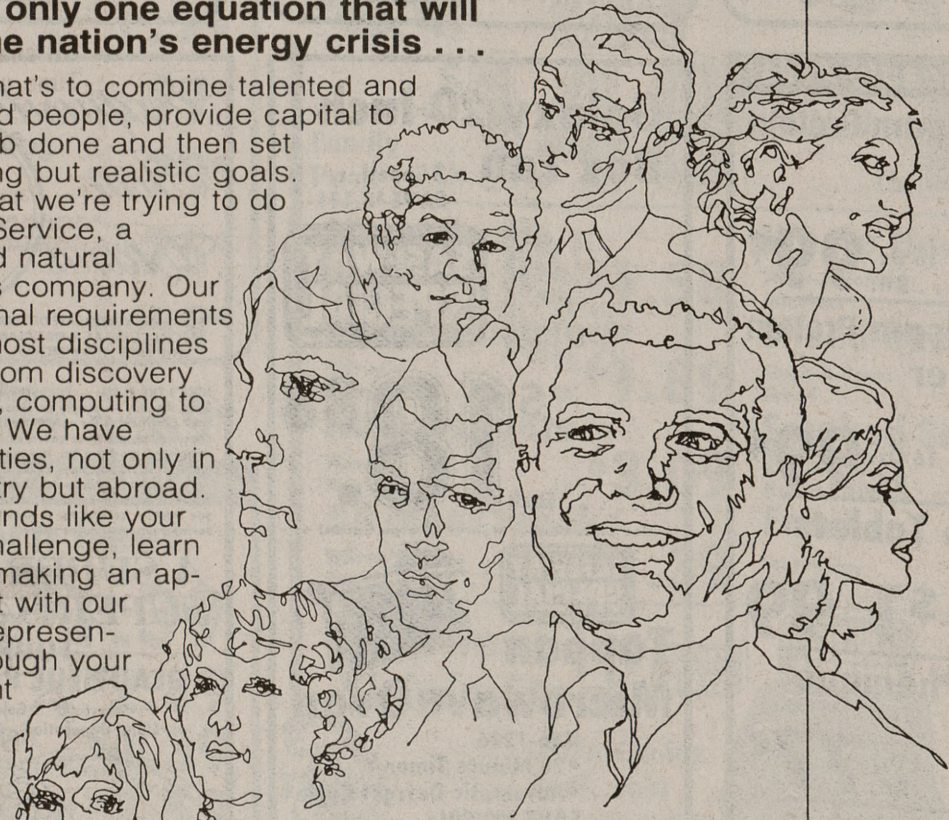
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