

# House probes military store fraud

**United Press International**  
DALLAS — A House subcommittee plans to investigate allegations of widespread fraud and kickbacks throughout the military's exchange services, which provide everything from perfume to major appliances at cut rates for military personnel, a Dallas newspaper reported Wednesday.

The Dallas Morning News reported the House Armed Services subcommittee will hold hearings on the charges against the Army-Air Force Exchange Service, as well as similar charges against the Navy and Marine exchanges and military commissary systems.

The exchange services, with total estimated sales of about \$9 billion, purchase goods and resell them to members of the military and their dependents through outlets on most military installations. Goods are sold at 16,000 outlets worldwide at costs averaging about 21 percent less than retail prices, the newspaper said.

Subcommittee chairman Rep. Dan Daniel, D-Va., said the group planned hearings in Washington and Dallas, where AAFES is headquartered.

Staff investigator Will Cofer said officials were concerned by indictments of high level officials, the newspaper reported.

Court documents and testimony indicate AAFES employees took bribes in exchange for writing lucrative orders from companies doing business with the exchange service, the newspaper reported.

Twenty-six AAFES employees, including the top civilian in the organization, and more than 50 companies have been implicated in the scheme, the paper reported.

The newspaper reported a federal task force of agents from the FBI, Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. General Accounting Office and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations is continuing its investigation.

# Hot lines' popularity on rise

## Advise runaways, homosexuals, students

By PAMELA RIMOLDI  
Battalion Reporter

Help is only as far away as the telephone. Help for what? Help for homework problems, social problems, medical problems, and endless other kinds of problems. There is a telephone number — many times toll-free — for almost every type of problem a person can have.

Hot lines are becoming more popular in cities around the United States as a unique and valuable source of help to the community.

A major attraction of hot lines is that many find a sense of security in the anonymity of the telephone. Those having difficulty discussing a problem with a friend might find it easier to talk to someone who will never know his identity.

An organization in Bryan has created a hot line for homosexuals. Homosexuals have extreme difficulty expressing their problem to anyone because they are afraid to reveal their sexuality, says a spokesman for the group, wanting only to be identified as Dale. This hot line, called Gayline, helps homosexuals who need to talk, Dale said.

"It can be very lonely. No one understands him; he may not even understand himself. He's in a real bind and that's what we're here for," Dale said.

The Gayline is geared toward a specific group of people with special problems. Another hot line in Bryan — the Crisis Hotline — serves people with any type of personal problem. Crisis Hotline gets calls from people with problems as minor as a simple fight with a roommate to problems as major as attempted suicide.

The organizer of the Crisis Hotline, wishing to be identified as Mary, says the majority of calls are from those who are lonely. "We try and just listen to what they have to say. Many people feel better after talking it all out," she said.

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Mary said a number of callers are regulars — they call back until a sort of relationship is formed between the caller and the volunteers working the line.

Operation Peace of Mind was set up in Texas five years ago to assist runaways by former Gov. Dolph Briscoe after 27 youths, mainly runaways, were killed in Houston by Dean Corll's torture ring. This line works by passing messages from the runaway to the parent without revealing his whereabouts.

The main purpose of Operation Peace of Mind is to let parents know their children are alive. The 1979 grant from the state of Texas was \$174,000 and more than 80,000 calls have been handled.

Another type of hot line was formed at the University of Texas in 1976 through which a student could call to hear tapes about mental or physical health. This line now has 150 tapes on different topics and some of the more popular requests are:

1. Timing problems in Male Sexuality
2. Infatuation or Love

3. Dating
4. How to Have Fun in Austin on next thing
5. Relaxation Exercises

Students not only have problems with homework, DATAline was created in Philadelphia to serve public and private school children who have questions about homework.

An article in Newsweek reports DATAline, originally used by parents attempting to help their children, won a \$32,300 federal grant. Most of the calls are from the children themselves. Evelyn Joell, an English teacher at staff, described DATAline to Newsweek as the ideal situation. "You have someone who can give you information and will listen when you give it."

Dial-a-Grammarians is the name of a hot line in Emporia, Kan., where students can ask questions about correct grammar usage. Time magazine reports the most frequent callers here are students having trouble with their bosses' dictation.

A completely different type of hot line uses the telephone to diagnose potentially irregularities in the heart rhythm, the way they occur and to administer treatment in seconds.

The idea to use the telephone to administer lifesaving treatment by remote control is not reality. Companies are interested in marketing the trans-telephonic resuscitator to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to get out of the liability problems. If someone dies while hooked up to this device, the manufacturer could be sued.

Using the telephone for solving problems can be useful and practical. With hot lines becoming more widespread, it is comforting to know only a phone call away.

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## Greenbugs repelled by new sorghum

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STILLWATER, Okla. — Oklahoma State University scientists have developed a strain of sorghum resistant to a new greenbug discovered in Texas five months ago, OSU officials said.

OSU agronomist Dale Weibel said the new strain, called bloomless sorghum, is disliked by the Biotype E greenbug because it does not have a waxy substance called bloom in the stock.

"No one knows how long the resistance will last against the greenbug's ability to adapt," Weibel said.

## Dangers counter utility

# Pesticide use weighed

By LAURA CORTEZ  
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Approximately one billion pounds of pesticide are used each year in the United States to help control insects, plant diseases and weeds, which destroy 33 percent of potential food crops.

Pesticides are beneficial in that they enable greater food production, and thus lower food prices. A study by David Pimentel, an entomologist at Cornell University, says that pesticide treatment costs in this country total \$2.2 billion annually. However, Pimentel adds, if pesticide use were discontinued, there would be approximately an \$8.7 billion increase in crop losses.

But in addition to the benefits, there are problems.

In a report to Congress last year, the U.S. General Accounting Office said, "Although pesticides are beneficial to the world's health and well-being, they are not problem-free. They can be poisonous to people and animals, and damaging to the environment where they remain active for several years."

An awareness of the potential hazards of pesticides became widespread during the early 1960s, and has continued ever since.

Synthetic pesticides, including DDT, were introduced during World War II and were highly successful because they were inexpensive, easy to use and potent long after application.

But in 1962, Rachel Carson's book "Silent Spring" created public fear as well as concern.

Carson warned of hazards related to pesticide use, including pest resistance to certain insecticides and

the concentration of insecticides to a lethal level in the food chain.

In 1970, the newly created Environmental Protection Agency took over the enforcement of regulation concerning pesticide use, which had been the responsibility of the Department of Agriculture.

The EPA banned DDT in 1972, and has banned 15 other pesticides since.

The agency is continually reviewing chemicals for possible hazards to humans, and sets tolerance levels — the maximum residue allowed in food.

The responsibility to assure that marketed food is safe, pure and wholesome lies with the Food and Drug Administration, which conducts monitoring programs.

But a question arises: Is what is legal necessarily safe?

The GAO has criticized the EPA for setting tolerances without adequate testing, and the FDA for monitoring only a small percentage of food crops.

But Dr. Perry Adkisson, vice president for agricultural and renewable resources at Texas A&M University, said he does not think consumers need to be worried about pesticide residues on food.

He said the best scientific evidence available indicates residue on food is not harmful to humans.

Adkisson said that pests are a serious problem to the \$300 million Texas crop industry. He added that Texas, the third largest producer of vegetables in the country, could not produce most of its crops without pesticides.

"Although we realize the need for chemical pesticides, we don't want

to put our principal reliance on chemicals," he said.

The Agricultural Extension Service is working with alternative methods of insect and disease control, such as development of new varieties that are resistant to insect and disease, and management practices that would reduce the dependence of pests, Adkisson said.

Dr. Ralph Hanna, associate professor of entomology at Texas A&M, said he takes a risk-to-benefit attitude concerning the use of pesticides on food crops — he believes the risk is low in relation to the benefits.

He said that most chemicals in use are non-persistent, and many of them break down quickly. There is a waiting period from the time of the last application of pesticide until the crop can be harvested to allow for this breakdown, he said.

But despite the chemical breakdown, residues remain on food, as raw fruits and vegetables.

When asked if washing these products removes residues, Hanna said, "Unless a batch of something has avoided the regulations, there is not enough on them to worry."

But not everyone accepts the need to worry. "Attitude varies as to pesticides on food," said General Accounting Office and other consumer groups are in a category.

Although alternatives to chemical use — biological control of insects and crops resistant to disease — are being studied and in some cases applied, the abolition of pesticides is not in sight.

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