Violent reality not grasped by students

TULSA, Okla. — Students who cheered the news that President Reagan had been shot were unable to understand the reality of violence, their school principal said

Teachers at the Academy Central School said several students cheered, laughed or made light of the announcement Monday that the president and three other persons had been wounded by gunfire in Washington.

Principal Tom Hayes said the students' reaction was connected with the violence children see daily on television.

"It was a result of the children not understanding the reality of

violence," Hayes said. A teacher, John Zannini, said about 10 of the 16 students in his seventh-grade language arts class cheered the announcement. "It was like television to them," Zannini said. "Someone shot J.R. and they cheered. Someone shot Reagan and they cheered. That's

Zannini said he was stunned at the children's reaction.
"I was dumbfounded. I didn't know what to do," he said. "Here were these kids cheering that the president had been shot. I didn't know what to say.

Another teacher, Lynn Morris, said she was out of the classroom when the announcement was made, and "three or four" of her eighth-grade science students were laughing about it when she

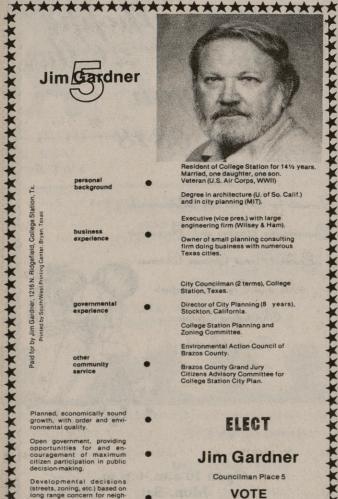
"They asked me if he was dead and when I said no, that he was doing well, they snapped their fingers and said, 'Well, shucks,'" Morris said. "I was stunned and shocked."

Hayes said he made the announcement six minutes before the

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Airlines to share crash payment

United Press International
CHICAGO — American Airlines and McDonnell Douglas Corp. have agreed to share payment of damage awards in the 1979 crash of a DC-10, which will greatly speed up lawsuits filed on

behalf of 273 people who died in

United Press International ASPEN, Colo. — A ski patrolman caught in a "freak" snowslide

in a high avalanche hazard area

near the Snowmass Ski Area was

listed in critical condition Wednesday at Aspen Valley Hos-

to the hospital suffering from ex-

treme cold Tuesday. A second pat-rolman caught in the avalanche,

John Ersbaumer, 36, was listed in good condition with two sprained knees, cuts and bruises.

Aspen Ski Corp. spokesman Jack Brendlinger said he learned

from doctors that Gasperl's heart

had begun to operate on its own and his skin color was starting to

however, said late Tuesday that

worsened. She declined to go into

"He was trapped for some time," Brendlinger said. He had no other details about Gasperl's

A spokeswoman at the hospital,

condition

Roberto Gasperl, 40, was taken

Colorado snowslide

injures patrolman

the nation's worst air disaster.

Tuesday, the airline and the manufacturer agreed to share paying damages granted in past and future suits stemming from the May 25, 1979, crash of American Airlines Flight 191 near O'Hare International Airport.

Details of the landmark settle-

were on a normal, "out-of-bounds" avalanche patrol route

performing snowslide control work, which involves triggering

slides with explosives when the

two men were injured shortly be-

tured above them on a relatively flat slope and swept Ersbaumer

and Gasperl down into Hanging

Although he was buried, Ersbaumer was able to extricate

himself and was digging down to Gasperl when Ryerson (who escaped the slide) arrived."

Brendlinger said Ryerson skied

down to report the incident and

20-25 ski area employees re-

The three patrolmen were wearing avalanche location de-vices, which transmit a small radio

signal to help rescuers find vic-

In Fort Collins, Colo., the U.S. Forest Service said the avalanche

danger for the mountains around

Brendlinger

buried,

"An unusual avalanche frac-

fore 10 a.m.

Although he

sponded.

He said Gasperl and Ersbaum- Aspen was rated "high" Tuesday

full court hearing on the question of who was at fault in the crash, the worst in U.S. aviation history. Such a suit between the two giant corporations could have lasted

McDonnell Douglas attorney Norman J. Barry said the agreement will have a "very, very material effect on rapid disposition" of about 160 damage suits pending.

Barry applauded the settlement as a "very responsible act" which saves years of litigation.

agreement means there will be no be finalized by the end of the week, the lawvers said.

> McDonnell Douglas was the manufacturer of the widebodied jet that crashed in an open field about a mile from the world's busiest airport shortly after takeoff for Los Angeles. The crash killed all 271 people on board and two others on the ground.

Earlier this year, the firm had filed suit in U.S. District Court against the airline to determine the degree of liability.

by a federal appeals court decil last January, which ruled that heirs of crash victims were tled only to compensatory-

The two firms had agreed admit to some liability even be that decision but had disput

degree of their liability Barry said about \$35 million been paid so far to settle 116 cm If a po and lawyers estimated and \$100 million will be paid.

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Jody Powell says press hit Haig with 'bum rap'

United Press International HOUSTON — Secretary of

State Alexander Haig has been receiving unwarranted criticism from government officals and the media for his statements at the White House Monday, former White House press secretary Jody Powell said today.

Powell, press secretary for President Jimmy Carter, told Houston radio station KTRH the secretary of state received a "bum rap" by those who have been openly criticizing him for his appearance in the White House press room after the shooting of

During the appearance Haig said he was in charge of the White House situation room while Vice President Bush was flying back to Washington from Texas.

"Gen. Haig was only trying to reassure millions of citizens watching television who were obviously concerned about the situation and the leadership of the government at the time," Powell said. "Haig also was serving notice to friend and foe around the world

that Washington was in working "Like all Americans, I was at first shocked at the news," Powell

said. "Then there was a moment of

disbelief and when I saw pictor from the scene outside the Hi Hotel I was angered that so thing like this could har

When asked if he ever fear being shot while serving at a White House Powell said, "I something you always thinkain but try to put behind you."

The former press secretz & young complimented the administrative back-to-bu on how it handled the situation

Since leaving government Powell has returned to Atlant where he is writing, lecturing red cinde making public speaking eng

Milk price supports jump in unlike canceled by new law

United Press International WASHINGTON — Acknow ledging the news would "disappoint some dairy farmers," Agriculture Secretary John Block dropped the other shoe in the administration's effort to bring dairy program costs under con-

The first well-publicized effort was a new law canceling an in-crease in the milk support level that was to have gone into effect

President Reagan signed the bill Tuesday morning in the George Washington University hospital bed where he is recovering from Monday's assassination attempt. The bill was the first test of congressional response to his

budget cuts and he was suc-

A little later, Block told the House Agriculture Committee the administration was proposing a minimum support level percent of parity as part of a bill to set basic farm policy over the next

four years.
While Congress considered the April 1 adjustment bill, which sets dairy policy over the next six months, the administration refused to make public its proposal for a four-year dairy program.

In fact, administration sources confirmed that one of the reasons Block delayed appearing on Capitol Hill for a week was to keep the long-term proposal secret while Congress voted on the first bill.

Many congressmen guessed that when the dairy bill was considered last week.

"I'd be perfectly happy to support this bill once the administration drops the other shoe," said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., who represents the nation's prime

dairy state.
"We are aware that this level of support may disappoint some dairy farmers," Block told the committee when he finally unveiled the proposal. "I want to assure you that we are making this recommendation only after careful evaluation of future milk production and use.'

Since the present dairy program was enacted in 1949, minimum support level has been at least 75 percent of parity, a standard that measures farmers' buying power.

Since the last farm bill was enacted in 1977, the level has

been at least 80 percent of parity. The effort to alter the milk support program comes as government purchases are expected to reach nearly \$2 billion this year. Skipping today's scheduled increase in the support level is supposed to save \$147 million in

Block told the committee a school in b percent minimum is unacceptab are paid at the present time because Davis Unif would require net dairy expend volunteer tures of \$908 million in fiscal 1917 rest of the

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Reagan has said he wants keep annual dairy program costs no more than \$600 million a year of parity, the government was be forced to purchase more than percent of total dairy production. The name buys excess butter, cheese monfat dry milk to keep man prices at the support level.

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Block said he would propose justing the level just once a year instead of twice a year as the I law requires. On Oct. 1, then adjustment date, the supportle would be no lower than the rent \$13.10 per 100 pounds,

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The National Milk Produce Federation has proposed that support level be set between and 90 percent of parity depen ing on anticipated future gov ment purchases.

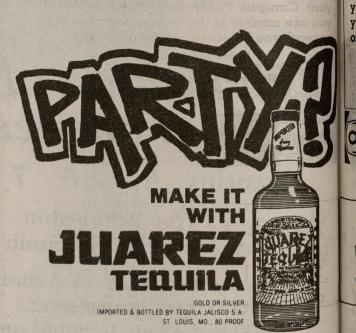
The support level would raised if it appeared purchase were falling to specified levels lowered if purchases were risi

"We'll look at it, but it is ad nistratively complex," Block sa He said he feared that its form would lock in the government

"That's why I feel giving discr tion to the secretary can accomplish the same thing," he said



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