

# State

Says civil rights violated with threats, intimidation

## Vietnamese fisherman testifies against Klan

HOUSTON — A Vietnamese fisherman testified Tuesday that an American man in a fishing boat pointed a pistol at him a month ago while he was fishing in Galveston Bay.

Phuoc Dang, speaking through his 10-year-old son, Son Dang, said the American man did not say anything to him, he just "stuck a gun at the driver (Dang). The driver didn't say anything," the interpreter said.

The Vietnamese fisherman testified during a federal trial between Vietnamese fishermen against native-born Americans and the Ku Klux Klan. The Klan offered to aid the Americans who say they are being forced out of their livelihood in Galveston Bay by the numerous immigrant fishermen.

The Vietnamese fishermen filed suit against the Klan and Texas fishermen and claimed their civil rights have been violated by

threats. The suit also says federal antitrust and anti-racketeering laws have been violated and asks U.S. District Judge Gabrielle McDonald to issue an injunction forbidding the intimidation.

The Vietnamese also want her to send U.S. Marshals to enforce the order and to ban Klan paramilitary training statewide.

Dang said he knew who it was that threatened him, but said he did not report it to police because "he and other men don't want to

have a fight; they don't want to argue about it," the interpreter explained to Morris Dees, an attorney with the Alabama-based Southern Poverty Law Center who is representing the Vietnamese.

When asked by Sam Adamo, lawyer for the Texas fishermen and Texas Klan Grand Dragon Louis Beam, why he had not come forth earlier with this information, Dang's interpreter said "he and Americans want to do business

again."

The fishermen in the Kemah-Seabrook area have been fighting over fishing rights for two years, with the native Americans claiming the ecology in Galveston Bay has been damaged by the Vietnamese overfishing. However, because of recent state legislation which would limit the time allowed daily to fish, Adamo said the friction along the waterfront will be eased. He said he offered to settle the case out of court, but

was flatly refused by Dees.

In earlier testimony, Gene Fisher, a named defendant in the suit, admitted Monday he once suggested to Kemah seafood dock owner Jim Craig that the Vietnamese boats at Craig's dock could be burned.

Fisher also admitted he said publicly that the Texas fishermen would "help control" Vietnamese fishermen curtail their shrimping activities in the bay after he saw a videotape of himself making the

statement. Fisher testified he said "several times" that some of the boats "will have to be taken out of the water and destroyed."

Beam, who sits in the courtroom at the defense table and reads the Bible most of the day, led a Klan rally Saturday to raise money to finance the defense of the Klan and defendant fishermen. During the rally, Beam offered a "wreath of reconciliation" to the Vietnamese.

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## Gasohol receives tax break

AUSTIN — In an effort to stimulate the gasohol industry in Texas, the House Tuesday tentatively approved a bill allowing producers of the fuel to sell their product without the five-cent state gasoline tax until 1986.

As the bill came out of committee, the tax exemption was tied to the price of unleaded gasoline. If the average price of unleaded went to \$1.80, the exemption would be dropped.

However, the bills sponsor, Rep. Dan Kubiak, D-Rockdale, amended it on the floor to remove the \$1.80 stipulation.

Under the present version, gasohol producers would be granted the five-cent exemption through 1986, then the exemption would decrease a cent a year until it is removed in 1990. Kubiak said that at that point the producers "will have to fend for themselves."

Kubiak said the tax exemptions were necessary so that producers could secure loans to build plants for the production of ethyl alcohol. Gasohol is a mixture of 10 percent alcohol and 90 percent unleaded gas.

According to Kubiak, there are five different groups awaiting passage of the bill so they can begin plant construction. He said that within four years the state could be producing 200 million gallons of alcohol.

Until the Texas plants are able to produce sufficient alcohol, the state will have to import it. The bill specifies alcohol can only be imported from states that offer a reciprocal tax exemption.

Gasohol currently sells for about seven cents more than unleaded, but Kubiak predicted some of the tax break would be passed along to consumers in lower prices.

## Highways rougher than shuttle ride

AUSTIN — Shuttle astronaut Robert Crippen told the Texas Legislature the flight in the Columbia was surprisingly smooth — smoother than a trip across the state's highways.

"You get a rougher ride on one of our smooth Texas highways," Crippen said in the Monday appearance with John Young, the commander of the flight.

According to Young, NASA materials will comprise one third of future payloads, with another third for defense hardware and the remainder for commercial and foreign interests.

Defense capabilities will improve from the research conducted on future shuttle flights, the astronauts said.

"In the next five years we can learn in space what it would have taken 10 to 20 years to learn on the ground," Young said.

Sen. J. E. Brown, R-Lake Jackson, said the astronauts had "rekindled the spirit of adventure" in U.S. citizens.

"This country has been needing something it can be proud of," Crippen said. "John and I had the opportunity to wave the flag on the side of the Columbia the way we haven't for a long time."

The astronauts presented the Legislature with a Texas flag that was carried on the Columbia's maiden voyage and earlier presented Gov. Bill Clements with a patch and American flag that made the flight.

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