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Today		Tomorrow	
High	85	High	87
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Terrorists plant bombs on American air base

United Press International
FRANKFURT, West Germany (UPI) — Terrorists planted two bombs today on a rail line used to supply the U.S. Air Force's Rhein Main Air Base in the first attack against Americans, a West German justice spokesman said. The bombs were defused.

Egypt-Soviet link nears total break

United Press International
CAIRO, Egypt — Egypt and the Soviet Union were close to a complete breakdown in relations today with the expulsion of the Soviet ambassador and other Russian diplomats, but Cairo said it does not want to sever all ties. The Egyptian government, retaliating against what it said was a Soviet plot against President Anwar Sadat, Tuesday ordered sweeping expulsions of Soviet diplomats, journalists and technicians and sharply downgraded diplomatic relations.

But Egyptian officials said they did not want to break all lines of communication with the Kremlin, despite charges Soviet Ambassador Vladimir Polakov personally directed the plot against Sadat.

The officials predicted Moscow would stop short of breaking diplomatic relations with Cairo because it is eager to keep Egypt as a listening post in the Middle East.

Polakov and six members of his embassy staff were given 48 hours to leave the country Tuesday after being accused of abetting civil and religious unrest and recruiting Egyptians as Soviet spies.

The aim was to implement a Soviet design against the regime and the national unity and social peace of the country, the Egyptian Cabinet said in a statement.

The Cabinet also ordered the expulsion of a Hungarian Embassy official and two Soviet journalists and canceled the contracts for all Russian technicians working in the country.

In addition, Egypt abolished the military attaches in the embassies of other countries and ordered a cutback of employees at the Soviet Embassy in Cairo to the same level as the Egyptian Embassy in Moscow.

The Cabinet statement accused Soviet spies of posing as diplomats and engaging in subversive activities "with intelligence services and embassies of a number of Eastern Bloc countries as well as local Communists and international Communist movements."

It said Soviets stirred up "seditions and conflicts" between Moslems and the Coptic Christian minority that led to Sadat's crackdown on religious fanatics and political opponents, including the arrest of 1,536 people.

lations since Aug. 31, was designed to disrupt rail transport to the American air base. It came one day after an attempt to kill Gen. Frederick J. Kroesen, the commander-in-chief of the U.S. Army in Europe.

The West German interior minister said terrorists have marked Americans as their main targets and security officials had expected the ambush of Kroesen to be followed by more attacks.

The bombs, with time fuses attached, were in 13-pound fire extinguishers placed on the tracks on a rail line about a mile from the American base, the spokesman said. They were discovered at 8 a.m. and disarmed about 30 minutes later.

Intelligence agencies have received reports terrorists were planning to disrupt the U.S. Army's two-week annual fall maneuver in Germany that began Monday. Documents found in hideouts also disclosed plans for attacks on American installations.

Interior Minister Gerhart Baum said in an interview in the Bild Zeitung newspaper he was warned months ago Americans and American installations would be the key target of terrorists.

His statement was believed to reflect internal reports of West German intelligence that the Red Army Faction, the main German terrorist band, is planning new attacks on Americans.

"I don't know who is responsible," a relaxed Kroesen told a news conference after the attack. "I do know there's a group that has declared war on us and I'm beginning to believe them. They are making the job less than fun."

He referred to the Red Army Faction, which still exists although its founders, Andreas Baader and Ulrike Meinhof are dead. Meinhof killed herself in a Stuttgart prison in 1976 and Baader committed suicide a year later in the same top-security prison.

Police said if the badly damaged Mercedes-Benz of the 58-year-old U.S. European Army commander had not been armored it would have been almost totally destroyed. The general and his wife were cut by flying glass.

The terrorists carried out their carefully prepared plot at 7:20 a.m. as the general's car stopped for a traffic light on its customary 15-minute route from his suburban home to his headquarters in Heidelberg.

The West German federal prosecutor's office said its preliminary investigation showed at least one Russian-made anti-tank grenade was fired from about 200 yards away in a wooded slope on the edge of Heidelberg.

"The material of which the launching apparatus was made and its construction point to its Soviet origin," a spokesman for the prosecutors office said.

Speech Forum begins today

By PHYLLIS HENDERSON

Battalion Staff
Student Government wants students to speak out on issues that concern them, and it will provide them with a forum to do so.

Free Speech Forum begins today at Rudder Fountain and runs from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The open forum will be held every Wednesday throughout the rest of the fall semester.

Student Government is sponsoring the forum in order to give students an opportunity to air their views, said Dale Collins, coordinator of the event. "It's going to be an open forum for students and organizations to voice their opinions on different issues," he said.

The hours between 11 a.m. and noon and between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. will be reserved for individual students to express personal views. Each student will have 10 minutes to discuss issues such as University policies, political views and religious beliefs.

Students do not have to register before they speak; however, each person speaking must be a University student and will be required to show the proctors of the forum a Texas A&M I.D. card.

The hour between noon and 1 p.m. will be reserved for student representa-

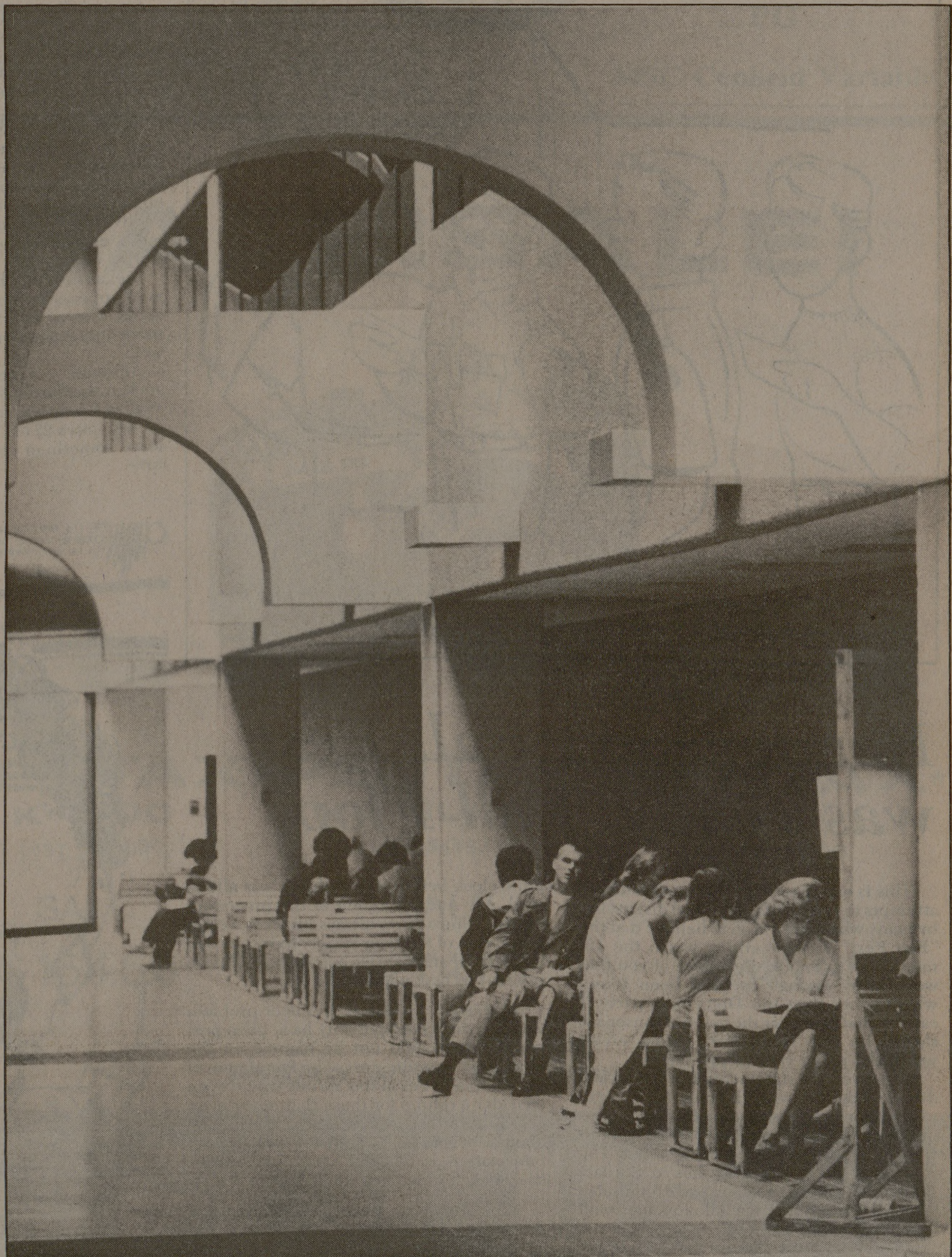
tives of University organizations. They also will be restricted to a 10-minute discussion.

Organizations must register the Monday previous to the forum at which they'd like to speak in the Student Government office in order to reserve time during this hour. If organizations do not reserve the entire hour, the remaining time will be thrown open to individual students.

Student Government will not control the topics discussed at the forum, Collins said, but it does reserve the right to stop one group from sending up different representatives every 10 minutes. "We don't want to have one group of people hogging all the time," he said.

Collins said Student Government hopes to continue the forum in the spring. "We're on a trial period now," he said. "We've only got the fountain reserved for the first (fall) semester." He said the senate expects the forum to start off slowly, but "we expect it to pick up."

The idea for an open forum was introduced in a bill to the senate last fall by Tim Cavell, a graduate liberal arts senator. This bill was sent to the Rules and Regulations Committee and was re-molded into Free Speech Forum.



Staff photo by Greg Gammon

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opened in June, is the largest classroom building on campus. It has 44 classrooms, 539 faculty and staff offices and 24 seminar and conference rooms.

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A&A among busiest facilities

BY STEPHANIE WILLIAMS

Battalion Reporter
With over 2,000 students walking to and from the Academic and Agency Building every class period, Texas A&M's newest facility is one of the busiest buildings on campus.

The A&A Building — which opened in June — is also the largest classroom building on campus. The building's up-to-date facilities were designed to accommodate 3,700 people. It has 44 classrooms, 539 faculty and staff offices and 24 seminar and conference rooms.

Kotter, Tharp, and Cowell of Houston, an architectural firm, designed the building. And in 1979, BFW Construction Co. of Temple began construction on the project that cost \$15.4 million upon its opening three months ago.

The modern architectural design features suspended arches and skylight windows. And walls on each floor are painted a different color; for example, first floor is blue, second floor is red.

John Merchant, construction division manager for Texas A&M, cited several reasons why the A&A Building is located on Ireland Street, on the north side of campus.

"One reason is because there are not many buildings on that side of campus that can help facilitate students," Merchant said. University officials also wanted to tear down the old barracks that were located in that area.

And still another reason the location was desirable is because its immediate access to University Drive and the main campus make it convenient for faculty and students, Merchant said.

Staff members in the College of Business Administration have posed no major complaints about their relocation from the Old Hospital Building, Wil-

liam V. Muse, dean of the business college, said.

Before moving into the A&A Building in July 1981, the faculty of the business department were housed in three different locations and classes were held in several buildings.

"Not all the business classes are presently held in the A&A Building," Muse said, "because the department has almost doubled in size since the idea to put our department in the A&A Building."

Other departments located in the building are English, finance, management, marketing and business analysis.

There are also several agencies who have offices located in the spacious

building such as the Texas Real Estate Research Center, the Texas Transportation Institute and the Texas A&M Research Foundation.

"The building was designed to fit the specific needs of the departments who were going to use it," said Muse, "and we are going to take advantage of the type of space we have."

The large classrooms are conducive to class discussions and the good media facilities make courses more interesting, the dean said.

"The A&A Building is a very fine building for the business school and is a big plus for communications between all students who use the building," he said.

Writing lab moves to A&A Building

BY STEPHANIE WILLIAMS

Battalion Reporter
The writing lab, formerly located in a small red-brick building, moved on to the bigger things in life last summer when it relocated in the new Academic & Agency Building in Ireland.

The lab's former home was in the English Annex on Ross Street.

"My staff was very happy to move into the small building four years ago," said Dr. Ray Leighman, writing lab director. "Anything was better than the barracks where we had been located."

But after a while, both staff and students made fun of the annex building, Leighman said. A standard joke Leighman said he told visitors, was that they could easily recognize the English Annex because it was the only vine-covered building on campus. The director said the building was designed in early 1920s.

"There are cracks in the building big

enough to throw a cat through," Leighman said. "I would tell the gardeners not to pull the vines out because the building would fall apart."

"In a way, we miss it (the annex)," Leighman said. "There was sort of a charm to that building."

The annex was built in the early 1920s and was once the fiscal office for the University. Before the writing lab moved into the annex the Radioactive Safety Office was located there, Leighman said.

The math department has housed graduate students in the English Annex, Leighman said, since the writing lab was re-located in the Academic & Agency Building in July.

Charles McCandless, assistant vice president of academic affairs, said the annex will not be torn down in the near future; however, he said the building is not in good condition and eventually it will have to be razed.

Students waste 1,000 pounds of aluminum cans each week

By SHELLEY EMSHOFF

Battalion Reporter
Each semester Texas A&M students and staff throw away about \$4,000.

Three quarters of an ounce of aluminum, the nation's second most important industrial material, is wasted every time a top is popped on a beverage can and the can is thrown away.

Twenty-four cans make up one pound of aluminum and Russell Hanna of Coca Cola Distributors said about 25,000 cans of soft drinks are bought on the main campus in an average school week — bringing the total aluminum waste to about 1,000 pounds each week.

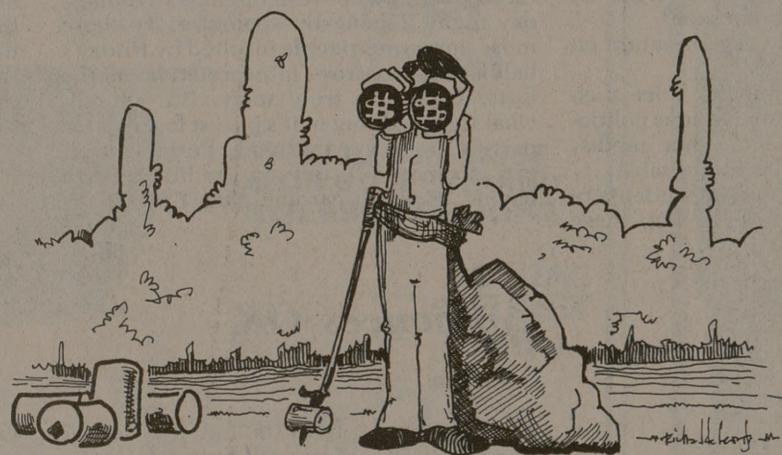
In dollars and cents, this means University students and staff may just as well be donating a sum of nearly \$240 to their nearest trash container each week since the cans can be recycled for about 24 cents a pound.

Yet, what lurks at the bottom of those trash containers is virtually an untapped fund-raising source.

Dr. James Fletcher, adviser for the Texas A&M Recreation and Parks Club said, "Recycling cans not only helps to conserve energy, but also is a good way for clubs to make money that could go toward scholarships."

"The main reason that no one saves cans is because of the inconvenience," he said.

When the recreation and parks department was located in Goodwin Hall the department set up aluminum can



receptacles to raise money for the club treasury.

But, recreation and parks is moving to Francis Hall, and Fletcher said he doesn't know whether or not the department will continue to collect cans once they are relocated.

O. O. Haugen, manager of custodial services, said his department would set up aluminum can receptacles if a club is interested in using this as a fund raiser. He said the club would need to notify him and identify the organization on the container.

Several places in Bryan/College Station will purchase aluminum cans for recycling. Coors Distributors, located in the Industrial Park on FM 2818 buys cans Monday through

Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bryan Iron and Metal, located on Finn-leather Road, buys cans from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Safeway grocers began a recycling program Sept. 6, purchasing cans from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. There is a counter where cans are weighed by an employee and cash is given in return. Payment at these recycling centers vary from 20 cents to 24 cents a pound.

"Things are picking up after the first week," Jerry Howard, a manager Safeway in College Station said. But mostly families and children wanting to earn spending money are selling cans rather than Texas A&M students, he said.