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## The Weather

Today		Tomorrow	
High .....	78	High .....	75
Low .....	55	Low .....	45
Chance of rain .....	10%	Chance of rain .....	10%

## U.S. officials unclear on nuclear strategy

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — Attempting to settle an outright contradiction in nuclear strategy between Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, the administration declared both men correct — at least in what the doctrine actually is.

The issue arose when Haig, testifying Wednesday before the Senate Foreign Relations committee, unexpectedly injected an answer in which he said the NATO doctrine included plans for a "demonstration shot" nuclear explosion to show the Western alliance meant business in any possible confrontation with the Soviet Union.

Weinberger directly refuted that statement 24 hours later by telling the Senate Armed Services Committee: "There is absolutely nothing in any of the plans that I know of that contains anything remotely resembling it — nor would it."

For four hours the administration was silent on the direct contradiction as offi-

cialists tried to put together a statement that would not embarrass either man.

An administration statement finally said that the so-called "demonstration shot" had been under consideration, "as a possible option" a number of years ago.

But, the statement continued, "there is no precise NATO military plan and there have always been significant doubts expressed in NATO — doubts which the United States shares about the utility of this option."

David Gergen, the White House communications director, released a statement saying:

"Secretary Haig was correct in noting that the demonstrative use is an option that has been considered by NATO. Secretary Weinberger was correct in noting that this option has never been translated into a military plan."

Officials recall the idea came up in the 1968 session of the NATO Nuclear Planning Group, as one of a series of proposals put forward by secretary of Defense Clark Clifford. No specific target was

mentioned, although it was presumed that the explosion would take place in some desolate part of the Soviet Union, as a warning that the western powers were willing to match any Soviet attack on Western Europe.

However, the idea aroused great controversy and it has not been mentioned publicly since then.

But the fact that Haig was NATO military commander from 1975 to 1979 and is intimately familiar with NATO strategic doctrine suggests the option remains on the list of possibilities.

The statement said: "NATO strategy is designed to confront the adversary with a wide range of possible responses to aggression. NATO forecloses no options. All seek to keep the level of violence at its lowest level." The White House said that Haig and Weinberger had breakfast Thursday morning, before Weinberger's appearance before the Senate committee, and that the two departments conferred on the statement issued late Thursday afternoon.

## Soviet submarine escorted out of Swedish waters

United Press International  
KARLSKRONA, Sweden — Swedish ships today escorted a Soviet submarine apparently equipped with nuclear torpedoes from the top-secret military zone where it ran aground 11 days ago while on a suspected spy mission.

A minesweeper and tug boat led the gray Russian craft through mine-dotted waters on the four-hour journey out of the Blekinge archipelago into international waters in the Baltic Sea where at least six Soviet warships waited. Three Soviet seamen stood on the submarine's turret.

"Our laws have to change," a senior officer said as the Russian craft was towed off in rolling seas while Swedish helicopters flew overhead. "It must be made easier for us to force foreign submarines that come into our waters."

The tug boat released the submarine from the tow about 10 hours later, but the tug remained close by as the Russian vessel increased its speed to 15 knots, Swedish officials said.

Soviet Admiral Aleksey Kalinin, waiting on a Kashin-class destroyer, had to formally receive the "whisky-class" submarine either by signing a document or radioing his acceptance, Cmdr. Sven Carlsson of the Karlskrona naval base said.

The expulsion of the submarine and its 56-man crew ended an 11-day diplomatic crisis over the Soviet intrusion, which Prime Minister Thorbjorn Falldin called the "most flagrant violation since World War II" of Swedish territory and sovereignty.

Falldin said Thursday the investigation of the submarine showed it had Uranium-238 on board, which meant that "in all probability" the vessel was carrying torpedoes equipped with nuclear warheads.

Naval officials from the Karlskrona base said the inspection of the submarine showed a torpedo tube containing Uranium-238 that was "live," meaning the weapon could be exploded. The officials said the eight torpedoes on the submarine were probably nuclear-armed.

Previously, defense specialists had not thought the whisky-class submarines — comparatively antiquated vessels that were built between 1951 and 1957 — had nuclear weapons.

But Swedish naval officials said the discovery of the atomic arms meant all the 52 similar Soviet submarines in the Baltic Sea were probably carrying nuclear-tipped torpedoes.

Uranium-238, by itself useless for atomic weaponry, can line nuclear devices that contain Uranium-235, the form needed to set off a nuclear explosion, specialists said.

Falldin said Sweden had asked Soviet authorities to confirm their suspicions about the nuclear weapons, but "we have not received an answer."

The Soviets maintained the submarine ran aground because of radar equipment failure, an explanation also given by the submarine's commander when he was interrogated by Swedish authorities Monday.

Swedish officials said there appeared to be no leaks of the radioactive materials in the water where the vessel had been sitting since it ran aground Oct. 27 in a restricted area 10 miles from the top-secret Karlskrona base and 20 miles inside Swedish waters.

Reinforcing suspicions that the submarine was on a spy mission, Swedish military authorities said Wednesday they were testing a secret antisubmarine torpedo when the vessel ran around just 11 miles from the test site.



Quiet solitude

Staff photo by Dave Einsel

Chang Eun Kim, a graduate student in Industrial Engineering, takes time under a tree to relax.

## Bonfire slightly behind schedule; final cutting begins Saturday

By CATHY ANDERSON

Battalion Reporter  
Corps members and civilians will head to the cutting site Saturday morning to begin the final wood cutting weekend before bonfire.

The cutting site is located about 25 miles north of Bryan on Old San Antonio Road.

"We are slightly behind in cutting, but we feel we will be able to finish this weekend," Art Free, head stack, said.

He said 27 loads of wood have been cut and hauled to Duncan Field for the 1981 bonfire. Last year, 55 loads of wood were used on the stack.

Bruce Martin, vice president of Off Campus Aggies and yellow pot, said there have been no extra work hours planned to meet the deadline. But, Free said, this weekend there will be more trucks and tractors available to help meet the deadline.

In case of a shortage, however, trucks assigned to loading wood onto trucks will be sent out next week to bring in more cut wood from the site, Free said.

Martin said the major factor in meeting the deadline will be getting people to turn out.

"We haven't been getting the turnout we've had in the past," he said.

"Some people are afraid to get in an environment where they feel they can't perform as well as their peers," he said, although 100-pound girls have cut and hauled logs this year.

"If I had 1,000 people we'd have room for everyone," he said.

We will reach the cutting site by 9:30 each morning and leave Saturday by 4 p.m. and Sunday by 2 p.m., Martin said.

And next week will be dedicated to working the stack, he said.

Any off campus students interested in helping should pack a lunch and meet behind Duncan Dining Hall by 8 a.m. Saturday.



Staff photo by Dave Einsel

Tracks in the mud are more prominent than wood on Duncan Field. Cutters are falling behind in producing timber for Bonfire. This weekend is the last cutting weekend for the event.

## Fifth power outage darkens campus

By SHERYLON JENKINS

Battalion Reporter  
Several buildings on campus were again without power Thursday when two electrical power cables went down — the fifth power outage this semester.

Physical Plant Director Joseph J. Estill said the cables failed about 8 a.m., causing a power failure in the Systems Administration Building, the Physical Plant, the Animal Husbandry Pavilion, the Facilities Building, the Construction Shop and Grounds Maintenance Building and the Agriculture Building.

In addition, power failed in Schuhmacher, Puryear and Law Halls, the Coke Building and the All Faiths Chapel.

Estill said the two cables went down about ten minutes apart.

"Cables don't go out everyday, but you expect it when you have cables that are 50 years (old)," the director said.

He said one of the cables was re-

placed at 2:40 p.m., restoring partial power. Complete power was restored by 6 p.m.

In a similar power failure, several circuits overloaded Oct. 12, leaving the campus with only partial power.

But, Oct. 6 an electrical conductor failed in the final minutes of the Texas A&M-University of Houston football game, causing a campus-wide power outage. Apparently, rain leaked through a roof and dripped on sections of a switching gear which shorted out a 12,000-volt breaker, Estill said.

Power again failed campus-wide four days later when equipment on an electrical conductor malfunctioned.

However, Estill said Thursday's power failure was not connected with any of the previous power outages. If the incident had been related, it would have occurred within a week of a previous outage, he said.

## Burning nests in vent start courthouse fire

Birds' nests which caught fire in a vent Thursday forced 51 prisoners, sheriff's department personnel and employees to vacate the Brazos County Courthouse.

However, no injuries or damage resulted from the fire.

Sparks from equipment being used to install a smoke vent on the fourth floor of the courthouse were responsible for the fire, Deputy Fire Chief Robert Blinka of the Bryan Fire Department said.

He attributed the cause of the fire to sparks which dropped onto some birds' nests in a third floor vent.

Bryan police and sheriff's department deputies had the courthouse evacuated before firemen arrived, the deputy chief said. And by the time firemen arrived, the fire was already out.

There was no fire damage, Blinka said, but portions of the third floor had to have smoke removed.

The prisoners were moved from the county jail, on the fourth floor of the courthouse, to the Commissioners' Court on the first floor.

This was the first time in two years the prisoners had to vacate because of a fire, a sheriff's department spokesman said.

However, Thursday was the second time this week there was a fire at the courthouse.

On Tuesday, a cigarette ignited lint in an air conditioning duct on the first floor of the courthouse, a spokesman said. The fire department extinguished the fire in about 40 minutes.

There were also no injuries or damage resulting from the Tuesday fire, he said.