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Staff photo by Dave Einsel

Is it straight?

Drew Montz, a junior building construction major from Houston, works to finish a project for a building design class. Montz said the total drawing will take about 20 hours to complete.

U.S. military plane sale continues with Algeria

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The U.S. government is quietly proceeding with a \$100 million sale of six C-130 transport planes to Algeria, opening up a new military supply relationship with the north African country.

Congress did not disapprove the deal, so the Commerce Department issued a license for the sale this past week to the Lockheed Corp.

State Department officials say it is the first military sale of any importance to Algeria.

The military transports, replacing aging Soviet-made aircraft, represent a shift in Algeria's alignment away from the Soviet Union and toward the United States.

It is understood that Algeria will not use the American-made planes to help the Polisario guerrillas in their war against Morocco in the Western Sahara. And the

Moroccan government, which also buys American aircraft, didn't raise any strong objection to the Algerian sale.

The sale, involving spare parts and some pilot training, will total nearly \$100 million, according to the State Department.



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Hearst admits involvement in 1975 holdup in new book

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SAN FRANCISCO — Patricia Hearst says she drove a getaway car in 1975 holdup, where a mother of four was accidentally killed by a shotgun blast by Symbionese Liberation Army member Emily Harris.

In a new book, Hearst — who served two years for one bank robbery — says Harris thought the safety was on her hair-trigger weapon when the woman was killed in Carmichael, Calif., but afterwards added: “Oh, she’s dead but it really doesn’t matter. She was a bourgeois pig anyway.”

The woman was Myrna Lee Onshal, 42, who had gone to the Crocker National Bank to deposit money from her church. She was taken to a hospital where her surgeon husband found her dead on the emergency room table.

In her book, “Every Secret Thing,” Hearst, 27, also revealed that she carried a non-operating carbine in a San Francisco bank robbery and helped plant four pipe bombs in an attempt to kill police officers in San Francisco.

Hearst, now Mrs. Bernard Shaw and mother of a six-month-old daughter, was kidnapped Feb. 4, 1974, by the SLA, a tiny terrorist band who carried her screaming from her Berkeley, Calif., apartment. Ten weeks later, after saying she had joined her captors, she was photographed helping them rob a San Francisco branch of Hibernia bank.

“I had joined the SLA because if I didn’t, they would have killed me,” Hearst said. “And I remained with them, because I truly believed that the FBI would kill me if they could, and if not, the SLA would.”

She was arrested in September 1975, in San Francisco and later served almost two years in prison for armed bank robbery. Her sentence was commuted by President Carter on Feb. 1, 1979.

Tony White, assistant district attorney in Sacramento County, Calif., where the fatal Crocker bank robbery took place, said Hearst cooperated with authorities in the case and was granted immunity in return.

He said because she was not in-

side the bank, she would not be prosecuted for murder even if she had no immunity. She cannot be prosecuted for bank robbery in the case because the three-year statute of limitations has expired, White said.

The only person to go on trial for the robbery was SLA “soldier” Steven Soliah, who was acquitted.

Harris and her husband, Bill Harris, were both sentenced to jail terms for shooting up a sporting goods store in Los Angeles, for robbing the San Francisco bank and for kidnapping Hearst. They were given up to 25 years in prison, but could be freed on parole in 1984.

One of the mysteries about Hearst’s fugitive years was her activities during a so-called “missing year” before her arrest.

There had been speculation that she was associated with a group thought to have committed two Sacramento, Calif., area bank robberies. But until her revelations in the book, the extent of her involvement wasn’t known.

Hearst married her former bodyguard, a San Francisco policeman, and is living quietly in a San Francisco suburb.

She says she was forced to commit the April 14, 1974, Hibernia robbery by her kidnapers and only pretended to go along out of

fear for her life.

She said she carried a nonoperating carbine and that once inside the bank, she aimed it at a teller, being careful not to aim it in the direction of SLA leader Donald “Cinque” DeFreeze. “I knew that if my weapon were pointed in his direction, he would shoot me.”

When DeFreeze and five other members of the SLA died in a fire and shootout with police in Los Angeles, she said the only way she could stay alive was to stay with the Harrises, the only remaining SLA members, and others who subsequently joined them.

Authorities, she said, “would shoot me on sight — I firmly believed that.”

She added: “Once I had been a kidnap victim, but now I was a hunted criminal.”

On Feb. 25, 1975, she wrote, she waited in a car nearby while others in her fugitive band robbed a branch of the Guild Savings and Loan Association in Sacramento, Calif.

Two months later, on April 21, she drove a getaway car from the scene of the robbery at the Crocker National Bank branch where the fatal shooting took place.



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