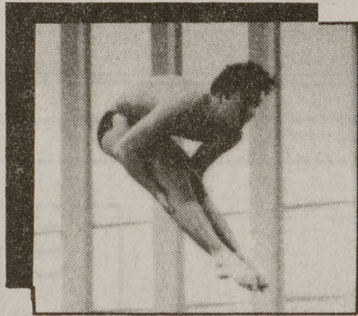


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Reagan forms council

United Press International
WASHINGTON — President Reagan will establish a White House council to determine policy on such controversial legal issues as tax-exempt status for private schools and the Equal Rights Amendment, a published report said.

The Washington Post said in its Sunday edition the new panel — which is not yet in operation — will enable administration officials to consider political and other issues before legal decisions are made.

"There is high political — and for that matter policy — content in a lot of these issues," the Post quoted an unidentified administration official as saying.

The newspaper said the administration did not act earlier because of opposition from Attorney General William French. It said the president's senior advisors had been arguing for some time establishing a Cabinet council on legal affairs at the White House.

The move was made because of failures of coordination on the tax-exempt questions and the ERA, the Post said.

Until now the White House has tried to consider the policy and political aspects of legal decisions at staff meetings.

"You couldn't properly treat with legal matters in those meetings," the Post quoted an official as saying. "There wasn't time."



Stayin' Alive

Yaicha, the daughter of graduate student Bill Glynn of Bryan, practices her disco moves in front of the Chemistry building.

Staff photo by Peter Rocha

New battles brewing as Congress returns

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The 97th Congress returns today for its second session, facing a year of ugly battles over social issues and demands from President Reagan for even greater cuts in domestic spending.

Issues that were barely mentioned in the 1981 session — abortion, school prayer and school busing — are almost certain to become major battlegrounds in 1982.

But the old issues — budget cuts, taxes and military spending — won't go away. Reagan is expected to ask for even deeper cuts in domestic spending this year, and a hefty increase in military spending.

This hodge-podge of tough decisions is made even more complicated by an economy that is deteriorating, with unemployment edging toward 9 percent. Adding even further to the year's political pain is the fact that the year will end with all 435 House members and 33 senators facing election.

"Last year, I urged the Senate to postpone the so-called 'emotional issues' — that is, busing, abortion, prayer in public schools — until the end of the session," Sen. Howard Baker said Sunday.

"This year I intend to encourage them to do it in the early part of the session," Baker, R-Tenn., said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The majority leader continued, "Now that may mean January, February, perhaps even March are going to be a very tumultuous and disorderly time in the Senate, but these are national issues that must be debated."

The first week of the year will be more form than substance. No legislative floor business was scheduled although some hearings were planned.

Two joint sessions were scheduled this week. Reagan was to deliver his State of the Union address Tuesday night. And on Thursday a joint session was planned to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Franklin D. Roosevelt's birth.

The Cuban connection

Dealer gets port use

United Press International
MIAMI — Fidel Castro's government helped a drug dealer smuggle narcotics into the United States in return for his delivering weapons to revolutionaries in Colombia, where he hoped to become prime minister, federal authorities say.

Authorities identified the smuggler as Jaime Guillot Lara, 35, a Colombian who owns a \$300,000 home in Miami. A federal grand jury in Miami has indicted him on marijuana conspiracy charges and he is currently in a Mexico City jail.

The Drug Enforcement Administration said Cuban President Fidel Castro's brother, Raul, met secretly with Guillot last year and granted him access to Cuban ports for refueling, repairing and evading the U.S. Coast Guard, the Miami Herald reported.

In exchange, the smuggler would run weapons and munitions to the left-wing April 19 Movement — the M-19 guerrillas — in Colombia, U.S.

authorities said. The M-19 drew world attention in February 1980 when its members seized the Dominican Republic's embassy in Bogota and held diplomats including U.S. ambassador Diego Ascencio captive for 61 days.

"This is the first time that I can remember that material (indicating a Castro role in drug trafficking) would come out in open judicial proceedings — and it will," said U.S. Attorney Atlee Wampler III.

The DEA said Guillot was a "major drug trafficker" and wants to be the next prime minister of his native Colombia, where he is wanted for murder.

"This is the first time we have had a major supplier of drugs, now indicted, who is definitely involved with an outfit such as the M-19," DEA supervisor John McCutcheon said.

"We proved that the M-19s are using narcotics to overthrow the government of Colombia, that Cubans are providing them with weapons,

and that the man we indicted was to become the next prime minister," said DEA agent Evelino Fernandez.

The Cuban connection developed after another Colombian drug trafficker, Johnny Crump, introduced Guillot to Cuban diplomat Gonzalo Bezol. Guillot, Bezol and the diplomat's chauffeur, described as former chief of demolition for Cuban forces in Angola, met with Raul Castro, Cuba's armed forces minister, last year in Nicaragua, the DEA said.

Soon afterward, a vessel owned by Guillot delivered 200 tons of weapons to the guerrillas.

When U.S. Customs and DEA agents arrested Crump last week on narcotics trafficking charges, he had documents linking him to Cuban officials, police said. Bond was set at \$3 million.

Twice in November 1981, one of Guillot's vessels, the Monarcha, met with a weapons-laden ship called the Karina, taking on guns and munitions, investigators said.

Centennial

Aggies in Capitol party

by Laura Williams

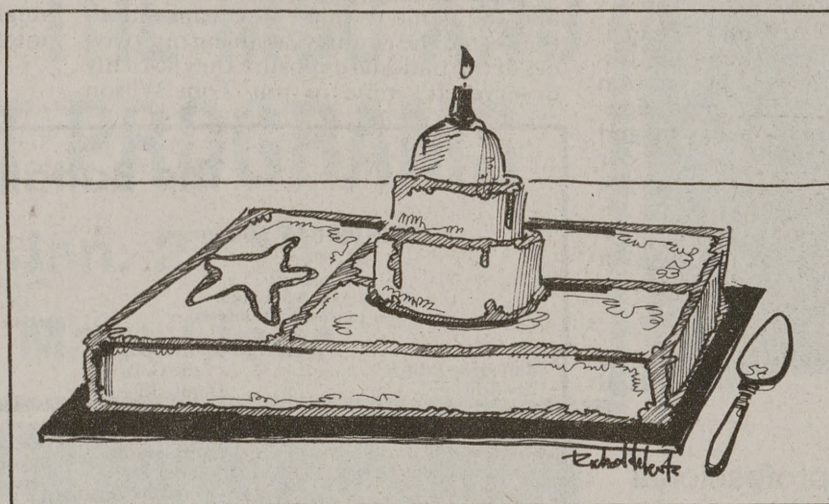
Battalion Staff
Gov. Bill Clements is having a party Monday and Texas A&M University is invited.

Parsons' Mounted Cavalry and the Ross Volunteers will represent the University at a celebration of the State Capitol's 100th birthday. The celebration was to begin at 11 a.m. on the Capitol steps.

Corps Commandant James R. Woodall and his wife Gloria will represent University President Frank E. Vandiver at the celebration. Vandiver, who served on the Capitol Centennial Committee that laid the plans for Texas Government Awareness Day, is unable to attend.

The ceremony schedule includes music by the University of Texas band, which will lead off the parade to the Capitol. The Austin Highlanders Pipe Band will also play.

Eight members of Parsons' Mounted Cavalry will escort the horse-drawn carriage in which Clements and his wife will ride to the Capitol. Also riding in the carriage will be the Lord and Lady Provost of Aberdeen, Scotland, representing the Scottish contributions to the building of the Capitol. Scottish masons



helped build the structure in 1882.

Thirty members of the Ross Volunteers will form a saber arch for the occupants of the carriage to walk through. The saber arch will stretch from the dismount point up to the podium on the Capitol steps.

Dr. William Livingston, professor of government and vice president and dean of graduate studies at the

University of Texas at Austin, will give the keynote speech entitled, "Texas Government — Its Strength, Effectiveness and Continuity."

Other activities throughout the day will include slide shows on the history of the building, special tours of the Capitol, a Texas Artists of the Year display and performances by high school choirs.

Burger calls for systems to decrease court backlog

United Press International
CHICAGO — Warning that a litigation explosion is producing an overwhelming backlog of cases nationwide, Chief Justice Warren Burger is calling for a major national effort to settle disputes outside of courtrooms.

Making his annual State of the Judiciary address Sunday to the American Bar Association, Burger urged the creation of mediation and arbitration systems for settling hundreds of thousands of civil cases that otherwise may slow the wheels of justice to a snail's pace.

The chief justice told about 800 lawyers attending the ABA's mid-year convention that attorneys have a responsibility to provide clients with

an acceptable result in the shortest time, with the least possible expense and with a minimum of stress.

"Our litigation explosion during this generation is suggested by a few figures: from 1940 to 1981, annual federal district court civil case filings increased from about 35,000 to 180,000," he noted. "The real meaning of these figures emerges when we see that federal civil cases increased almost six times as fast as our population."

The proposal by the nation's top judicial officer to drastically slash the number of civil suits that clog court dockets parallels recommendations he made in recent years aimed at reducing the endless number of appeals filed by convicted felons.

"One reason our courts have become overburdened is that Americans are increasingly turning to the courts for relief from a range of personal distresses and anxieties," Burger asserted.

"The courts have been expected to fill the void created by the decline of church, family and neighborhood unity."

"We need to consider moving some cases from the adversary system to administrative processes, like workmen's compensation, or to mediation, conciliation and especially arbitration," Burger said.

He called on the ABA to launch a major study of the situation with a commission that would include representatives from the legal profession, business and other disciplines.

Poles find new life in Texas difficult

Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series on Polish plans they've made for the refugees in San Antonio, the future.

by Daniel Puckett

Battalion Staff
SAN ANTONIO — He pumps gas and washes cars but his eyes seldom betray any discontent.

Mark was a professional soccer player until he decided he wanted a more permanent job. After a few years of training, he became a mining engineer and supervised the planning of new mining projects for 10 years.

Then things started to go wrong and he and his wife decided they had to get out. Posing as tourists off for a weekend in Austria, they packed overnight bags and took a train to Vienna.

For this couple, there's no turning back.

For a while he asks his new neighbors to call him Mark, his real name is Maciej, and he is one of the 38 Polish refugees placed in San Antonio by the U.S. Catholic Conference. The USCC's Refugee Resettlement Program has helped a number of the refugees start a new life in the United States since things began to go awry in Poland.

But although they say they do not regret leaving Poland, not everything is going well. They are living in a country in which the language, culture and laws are unfamiliar, and this unfamiliarity causes them problems every day.

Since Dec. 13, when martial law was imposed in Poland, they have been completely cut off from their homeland, isolated from friends and families. For some of them, especially those from the

more troubled regions such as Katowice and Gdansk, the communications blackout means not knowing if a brother was hurt in a police action at his mine. It means not knowing whether a friend, who was a Solidarity organizer, is free, imprisoned or dead.

However, despite the problems, despite the menial jobs into which they are forced by their lack of English and the low standard of living for which those jobs can pay, they seem happy.

Happy to be free, happy to be safe, happy to know that no soldier will knock on the door at midnight and no unseen apparition is monitoring what they say. They are, most of them, filled with hope and ambitious plans for the future.

Yet they are still haunted by events of the recent past, and,

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forecast

Today's forecast: Partly cloudy and warm. High today in the low-70s; low tonight in the upper 30s. Tuesday's forecast: partly cloudy again with the high in the upper 60s.