



Setting Your Sites

staff photo by David Fisher

Engineering classes took advantage of the good weather Tuesday to familiarize themselves with the surveying equipment. Amy Brown, left, from Fort

Worth, and Janette Parks, from San Antonio, work on the transit making sure it is level. Both are sophomores in Civil Engineering.

German pacifism spans Iron Curtain

United Press International
BONN, West Germany — A peace movement apparently is burgeoning behind the Iron Curtain as well as in the West, and the attention of East German youth is being caught by the slogan, "Make peace without weapons."

The authorities have replied with a slogan to correct that notion. It reads: "Peace must be defended — Peace must be armed."

The new slogan is part of a pro-military campaign aimed at convincing young East Germans of the need for a strong army. It is being conducted mainly through the pages of the East German Free Youth newspaper "Young World" with the demand that the need for military strength be stressed at all Free German Youth meetings.

"The choice of a military career for a member of our

youth organization is the most important choice for peace," the newspaper said in an editorial.

It suggested areas for youth group discussions such as: "Why does Socialism need a strong army?"

A special week of "defense readiness" has been prepared for the country's 16-year-olds. It will include a "march of brotherliness through arms" to demonstrate "growing defense preparedness and capability."

And for winter school holidays, young East German Pioneers will take part in military-style maneuvers comprising air-rifle shooting and club throwing.

Youth involvement in defense is virtually unavoidable in East Germany which has raised the army to the position of mainstay of the Socialist faith. The "people's army" is even the subject of nursery rhymes, to say

nothing of school textbooks.

But the increased emphasis on the army's importance comes when the peace movement already strong in West Germany, is beginning to take root in the East. It shares the same slogan as the West German campaign.

One recent indication was a peace demonstration in Dresden attended by some 4,000 young East Germans which was decidedly anti-military in tone. Protesters called for a social peace service to replace existing military service for young people.

In the weeks preceding the Dresden demonstration, an appeal was launched by East Berlin Protestant Minister Reinhard Eppelmann, who at church service called on the superpowers to sign agreements leading to the total withdrawal of all troops and arms from Europe.

Man threatening to explode self nods off during talks

United Press International
SOMERS POINT, N.J. — A despondent New York City man who had threatened to kill himself with a hand grenade was captured in his motel room after he fell asleep during four hours of negotiations with police and a priest.

Robert Russo told authorities he wanted to commit suicide because he was "unhappy with the

way his life had gone," a Somers Point police spokesman said.

The drama began about noon Monday when Russo, whose age was not known, called the desk clerk at the Pier 4 Motel, announced he was planning to kill himself with a hand grenade and warned authorities against making any attempt to stop him.

The motel was evacuated and

Somers Point police went to the scene to talk with Russo, who requested a priest. Russo later was given to him on the authorization of the Atlantic County prosecutor's office.

Russo fell asleep after taking the drugs, and police entered the room and seized the hand grenade about 4 p.m.

Supreme Court refuses to change Hughes decision

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Apparently one case involving the web-like financial affairs of the late Howard Hughes was enough for the Supreme Court.

Without comment, the court refused Monday to settle a \$50 million controversy involving charges that the billionaire re-lease illegally backed out of an agreement to buy an airline.

The action lets stand a decision allowing a Texas probate court to hear a suit brought by the bankrupt Los Angeles Airways against Hughes' estate. The suit charges Hughes re-neged on a deal to purchase the air carrier.

The high court has already heard arguments in a separate Hughes-related case and is expected to decide by this summer

whether a federal judge in Texas can determine Hughes' legal residence at the time of his death.

At stake in that controversy is which state can levy death taxes on the empire Hughes left behind. Both Texas and California claim him as a resident, but Hughes' estate says he was a resident of Nevada — the only state in the nation that imposes no death taxes.

On Monday, the justices rejected an appeal by the administrator of the Hughes estate, who claimed a lower court ruling will permit the airline to get "another bite at the apple" of the fortune left by Hughes.

Hughes died in April 1976. The size of his estate, in excess of \$1 billion by some accounts, is still being determined.

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