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Haig returns to Argentina

United Press International
President Reagan sent Secretary of State Alexander Haig back to Buenos Aires today with new ideas to avert war between Britain and Argentina, but both nations warned they were ready to fight for the Falkland Islands and ordered up reinforcements.

Britain was just as firm in its demand for the islands' return, with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher vowing to Parliament Wednesday that "our diplomacy is backed by

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Haig, resuming the peace mission that has taken him to London twice and Buenos Aires once in the last week, said he had discussed proposals with Argentine officials by telephone Wednesday.

strength and we have the resolve to use that strength if necessary."

"Based on these new ideas, the Argentines have invited me to return to Buenos Aires," he said, refusing to elaborate or say if he would continue the shuttle to London.

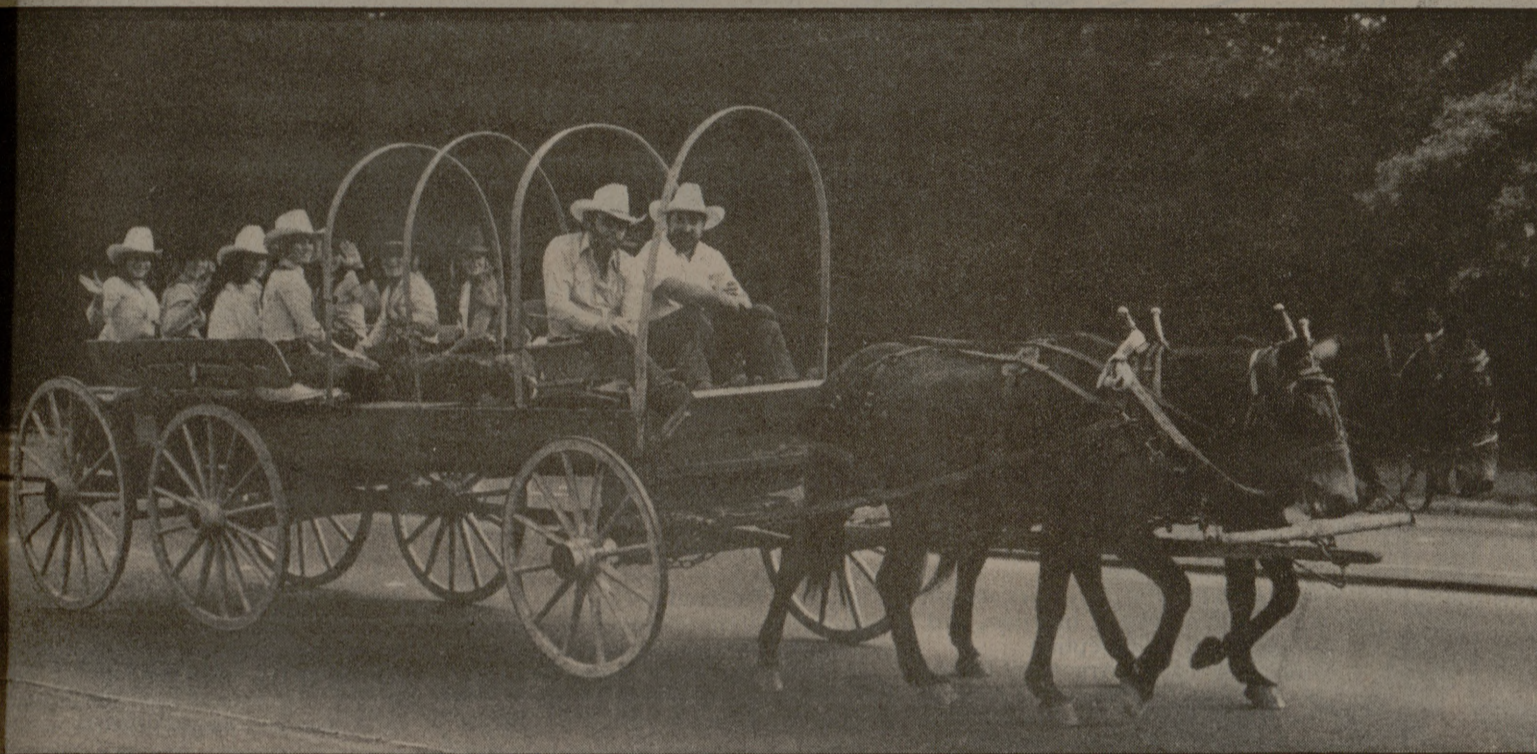
Efforts to find a diplomatic solution were hung up by British and Argentine demands for recognition of sovereignty before talks begin on the future of the islands, inhabited by 1,800 Britons.

Argentina took a tough stand before his arrival, with President Leopoldo Galtieri saying his country will seek a peaceful solution to the crisis but would not withdraw from the British colony they seized April 2.

Britain and Argentina continued their military buildup, with both sides making a display of their willingness to battle for the islands if Haig's diplomatic efforts collapse.

Gen. Mario Menendez, the newly appointed Argentine governor of the windswept 200-island archipelago, said the British are not going to push Argentines off the islands.

Thatcher called Haig's mission today crucial and Argentina moved at least 2,000 troops to Rio Gallegos, 1,740 miles south of the capital, on their way to the Falklands off the east coast of Argentina, where 9,000 troops were dug in awaiting the arrival of the British warships.



Riding Texas style

photo by Greg Manthei

Traffic on Texas Avenue had to make room Wednesday afternoon for this horse-drawn wagon, a promotion of the Brazos De Dios P.R.C.A. Rodeo and Western Fiesta. The rodeo — sponsored by the Bryan-College

Station Chamber of Commerce — will run tonight through Saturday at 8 each evening. The fiesta will begin noon Friday and run through Sunday. Tickets can be purchased at the MSC Box Office.

Bright speaks of year's highlights

by Daniel Puckett

Battalion Staff
Athletic Director Marvin Tate and Head Coach Tom Wilson were replaced because of mediocrity in the Athletic Department, the chairman of the Texas A&M System Board of Regents said Wednesday morning.

Regents Chairman H.R. "Bum" Bright of Dallas also discussed the hiring of Purdue President Arthur G. Hansen as System chancellor at a breakfast meeting of the Sul Ross organization.

And, after the meeting, Bright commented on Hansen's proposal for a student member on the Board of Regents, saying he does not see the merit of the idea.

The Sul Ross group is composed of former students who graduated at least 50 years ago. It conducts a reunion on campus each spring; about 300 members attended the reunion's farewell breakfast Wednesday.

At the breakfast, Bright focused on the change of personnel in the Athletic Department. He said he had started to worry about the quality of the University's athletic program as early as the July regents' meeting. Bright appointed a committee then to oversee department operations.

That committee reported that the Athletic Department was badly run, Bright said.

No football games outside the Southwest Conference had been scheduled past 1984; Bright said most major universities already had been booked through 1992.

"That's why we're playing the Louisiana Techs and UT-Arlingtons," Bright said. "Because

they're the only ones we could get." That was not the only scheduling deficiency, he said.

One technique used in recruiting football players is to take them to basketball games on Saturday nights in recruiting season. The spirit display-

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ed at the games, Bright said, inspires the high-school players to sign up.

"For this past recruiting season, Texas A&M did not have one home basketball game scheduled for a Saturday night," he said.

No University football coaches were invited to speak at football clinics, Bright said. And few high-school coaches came to watch Aggie spring practice.

And since 1941, Texas A&M had been to the Cotton Bowl only once, in 1967.

"We did not have a pre-eminent athletic program," Bright said.

So the Board began to apply pressure to the department to raise its level of performance, he said. And under

that pressure, Tate resigned.

So the Athletic Oversight Committee became a search committee. It sought advice from professional and college football coaches; those coaches submitted a list of names, of which five were picked as candidates for the athletic director position.

All five candidates said they would either fire the football coaching staff or reserve the right to do so, Bright said. And when the committee settled on Jackie Sherrill, Sherrill said he would take the job only if it were combined with the head coach's position.

Under Sherrill, Bright said, the athletic program will be outstanding.

"We have wound up with a man to head our athletic program that will make us second to none," he said. "By way of comparison, this year Texas A&M will have about 250 high-school football coaches attending their spring practice.

"At Texas A&M, Jackie Sherrill has built a juggernaut of a staff. And that word is the word Darrell Royal (former head football coach at the University of Texas) used to describe it; he said, 'My gosh, you have put together a juggernaut.'

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Bright also praised Chancellor-designate Hansen.

"I predict we'll be so proud of Dr. Hansen we'll just strut around, popping buttons off of our vest," Bright said. "He is a man of remarkable

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photo by Diana Sultenfuss

H.R. "Bum" Bright, chairman of the Sul Ross organization Wednesday. Texas A&M System Board of Regents, Namesake of Moshier Hall, Edward J. Moshier, Class of '28, right, listens.

Dean says enrollment limited to keep quality

by Johna Jo Maurer

Battalion Staff

A continued limit on enrollment and raised academic standards for admission are two ways administrators plan to maintain the quality and reputation of the Texas A&M College of Engineering, the dean of the college said Wednesday.

"Standards will stay high and our goal is set to maintain those standards," Dean R.H. Page told engineering students in an open question-and-answer period Wednesday. "We are not going to grow to be a monstrous university."

If the College of Engineering continues to grow as it has since 1977 — when enrollment was less than 7,000 students — total enrollment for the fall semester of 1982 will be 12,500, even with the raised requirements for admission determined by the Texas

A&M System Board of Regents, Page said.

A deficit of 400,000 square feet of space is predicted for the fall semester, and close to \$29 million is needed to cover undergraduate, masters and doctorate teaching programs, he said.

"We need 52 new faculty, but because of budget problems, we'll only add ten," Page said.

These positions, he said, were created by a manipulation of funds from other colleges.

Some of the facilities problems of the college now are being solved.

The Engineering Laboratory Center now under construction should be available in the spring of 1983, and another building, planned for completion in 1985 or 1986, will house facilities for physics and engineering. It will be located between the Halbouty Building and the Cyclotron.

Page said the goal of the College of Engineering, in order to maintain high quality and standards, is to limit enrollment in the year 1990 to 11,000 students.

Page told students the success of the college depends on them.

"The crux is you, the student body," he said. "Without students we'd be nothing."

During the open question-and-answer period, several areas of concern were brought up by students.

As to the availability of laboratory facilities for undergraduate use in the new Engineering Laboratory Center, Assistant Dean L. A. Carlson said plans are not firm as to whether there will be undergraduate facilities. He added that whatever goes into the building will leave space elsewhere in current campus buildings for facilities.

As to the effect of raised academic requirements on students currently enrolled in the college, Page said the changes, effective now, would not be retroactive.

The question was raised as to whether the statics and dynamics course (ME 212) is being used to weed out engineering students.

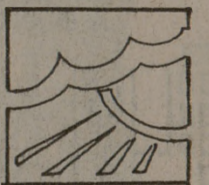
Mechanical Engineering Department Chairman G. R. Hopkins said the requirements of this course have not changed, but that it is harder to meet them now because of the increasingly competitive nature of the engineering curriculum.

He said individual student problems cannot be handled as well now because the student-faculty ratio is not the same as it was ten years ago.

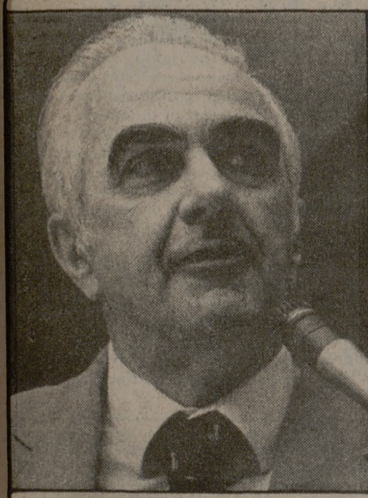
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Today's Forecast: Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain today and tonight; high today in the mid-80s; low near 70. Friday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies again with a high near 90.



Dr. Robert H. Page