83 drug indictments returned

ment officials are seeking peo-ple indicted by a Bell County grand jury on various drug-related charges, authorities said.

The Bell County grand jury Wednesday returned 80 sealed indictments and the Lampasas dants, charged in drug transactions believed to be valued at said.

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About 70 law enforcement officers began making arrests Wednesday afternoon. Authorities said most of the drug cases were unrelated.

The bust, believed to be the largest in the history of Bell County, was the result of a County grand jury returned three others against 43 defentigation headed by the Belton tigation headed by the Belton Police Department, authorities

Company plans guilty plea For in Pemex bribery charge

United Press International HOUSTON — International Harvester Co. officials blamed

the Chicago firm's financial position for its decision to plead guilty Thursday rather than fight federal criminal charges.

The government has charged that one of IH's former subsidiaries, Solar Turbines International, conspired to bribe officials of Mexico's government-owned oil company.

The company was negotiating with the Justice Department on the matter to avoid the finan-cial demands of an extended period of litigation, spokesman said.

quoting a company statement. "International Harvester ex-

pects to enter a plea of guilty to a one-count charge of conspiracy to violate the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act in the federal court in Houston," Greenhill said.
"The maximum penalty for this offense is a \$10,000 fine.

"The documents to be sub-mitted by the Justice Depart-ment will include a statement that there was no evidence officers, directors or management of IH were aware of, or participated in, the conspiracy," he

In a criminal information ployees of Solar Turbins, charge filed Wednesday, the involved in the alleged U.S. government claimed Solar spiracy. Turbines International took part in a conspiracy to bribe officials of Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex) — the government-owned Mexican oil monopoly— to obtain Pemex purchase orders for turbine compression

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The charges allege the bribes were made between December 1977 and May 1980. Greenhill said IH sold the San Diego-based Solar Turbines Co. to

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A 49-count indictment i last month charged Crawle Enterprises of Houston, board chairman and prese and seven other men without spiracy to pay \$9.9 million bribes to Pemex officials in change for lucrative contra

Colby says better days ahead

U.S.-Soviet chill seen

United Press International HOUSTON — Former Cen-tral Intelligence Agency Direis chillier short-term relations with the Soviet Union because of the new leadership in Moscow.

Yuri Andropov succeeded Leonid Brezhnev as Communist Party chief after Brezhnev died

last week.
"I think we are in for a period of heightening of rhetoric," Colby told a luncheon Wednesday. "I think we are in for, in the short term at least, an increase in the degree of tensions betweeen

Colby, now a Washington

ness consultant, said his long-run outlook is different. He ex-pects continued mutual accommodation to reduce the risk of a nuclear confrontation.

"Our leadership is exactly the kind that can reach out to a hos-tile leadership," Colby said, sug-gesting President Reagan like President Nixon would be in a strong position to deal with a Communist country.
Colby said "I think this is a

dangerous world but it is also the kind that will push both sides" toward reaching some limited

said the arms-smuggling conviction of renegade ex-CIA agent Edwin Wilson in Alexandro Va., Wednesday was the desirable course of justice and not a able course of justice and not a gather public support to less and a pilots' gather public support gather publi Edwin Wilson in Alexandria,

thousands of people go through it over the years," Colby said. "It thousands of people go through the transfer of the years," Colby said. "It has had a few bad apples. When someone transgresses American law, he is prosecuted. That's program, not only of finding agreed, to term law, he is prosecuted. That's what happened to Mr. Wilson.

"But I don't think we condemn (the institution) for the actions of a few bad apples."

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Texan dies capping well

United Press International LODGEPOLE, Alberta — Amoco Canada officials are puz-

zled as to why a routine operation to cap a well seeping hydrogen sulphide gas turned into a death trap that killed one member of a Texas crew and left another critically ill.

'We're genuinely mystified,' Amoco Canada Petroleum Co.
Ltd. spokesman Don Smith said
Wednesday. "We're not attempting to hide anything. We just

The accident occurred Tuesday afternoon as workers were trying to cap the well, about 110 kilometers southwest of Edmondon't know the answer

While provincial government officials spent the day investigat- mid-30s, was originally from

ing the cause of the accident, Joe Bowden, president of Wild Well Rafuse Control Inc. of Spring, said his expert crew would continue cap-ping efforts today.
"The mystery (of what caused

the accident) is troublesome, but we still have faith in Mr. Bowden's ability to cap the well," Smith said.

kilometers southwest of Edmonton. Bryon Lee of Spring was killed in the accident. Lee, in his

Rafuse "Irwin" Hoke was listed in critical but stable condition at University Hospital in Edmonton.

Smith said three workers equipped with face masks were lowering a blowout preventer — a device with large steel rams de-signed to choke off a wild well onto the well when the accident

When the preventer was about two feet above the well, Smith said, gas began to steam horizontally out the side of the well at an estimated 3,000 pounds per square inch. It was believed the force of the gas may have knocked the masks from at

least two workers, including Lee, who later died. The first warning we had (of trouble) was when an Amoco person noticed Lee coming out mask," Smith said.

"What's so perplexing," he added, "is that this (escaping and "kill the monster." gas) was expected. The crew and our own people were fully aware it would happen. It's a short-out and fire in the Lodge term phenomenon."

The other workers crawled or stumbled away from the well site wholly owned subsidiar and were given oxygen to coun- Standard Oil Co. of Indiana

teract the effects of the brogen sulphide, he said.
Wild Well official John by ton said he was uncertain caused the accident.

"I believe the hydrogen phide overcame the work and they collapsed," he s "From what I understand."

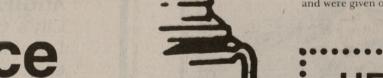
fumes paralyze the lungs a workers black out." Barton said the 5-years company had lost an emplor in June while servicing a wel

The 10,000-foot-deep ploratory gas well blew our control Oct. 17 and a capping team was called shortly afterward. But thes 120-foot-tall drill rig caugh Nov. 1, delaying the treefforts to cap the well. I flames were extinguished week later.

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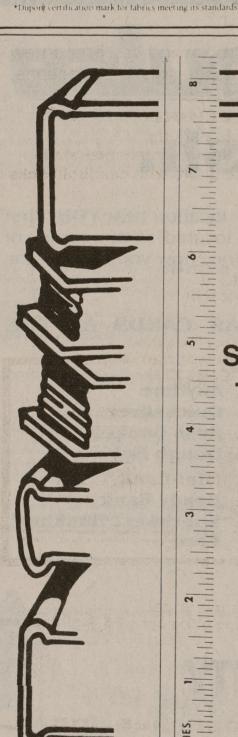
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