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Truckers' strike parks violence

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Shipments and vandalism forced truck drivers off the road today, leaving them unwilling participants in the Independent Truckers Association strike, but others armed themselves and depended on state police and Teamsters for security. Truckers were advised to travel in groups and many parked their rigs overnight, preferring to drive during daylight hours. Non-striking truckers were the targets of bullets, bomb threats, rocks, bricks and nails to get them to join the protest against the 5-cent fuel tax increase and higher road-use fees. A United Press International

count showed more than 270 incidents of violence had been reported in 28 states since the strike began early Monday. A Teamster Union driver in North Carolina was killed and 11 other people have been injured, two seriously. The Des-Lan Trucking Co. of Walkerton, Ind., shut down Tuesday after a driver said he had two tires shot out Monday near Beloit, Wis. "We're tired of the violence and are really afraid one of our drivers will get killed," said Weston Brigham, a dispatcher for the firm. While a North Dakota trucker was in a Mandan, N.D., truck stop, his milk transport was stolen, driven into

a ditch and set on fire. A bomb threat was received at the Rosspoint Truck Stop in Newport, Ind., but no explosive was found. The ITA, which claims to represent 100,000 drivers who own their rigs and haul loads for a fee, called the strike to protest the Reagan administration's program to hike taxes on fuel and road use. Between 50,000 and 60,000 drivers are striking, the ITA said. A Department of Transportation spokesman said the department's "conservative estimate" was that less than 20,000 independent truckers had joined the strike.

Italian police expose plot to murder Pope

United Press International
MILAN, Italy — Italian authorities uncovered a new attempt to assassinate Pope John Paul II, arresting a Turkish citizen on charges he plotted to shoot the pope during his scheduled visit to Milan in May, police said Tuesday. Italian police already are holding two Turks and a Bulgarian on charges they conspired with Turkish gunman Mehmet Ali Agca to assassinate the pope in a shooting at Rome's St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981.

U.S. and Italian news reports, some of which have been confirmed by Italian authorities, have claimed Agca was part of an elaborate international plot involving the Bulgarian secret police and the Soviet KGB to kill the pope. Bulgarian and the Soviet Union have repeatedly denied the charge, calling the reports "absurd inventions" with "all the attributes of a cheap detective story." The State-run Italian radio said that Savak was arrested at Rho, near Milan, after an informant told police the Turk had contacted "several people" to organize an attempt on the pope's life.

The Vatican had announced last month that the pope would travel to Milan in May, as part of his continuing travels to all parts of Italy. The arrest marks the third time John Paul has been targeted for assassination. On May 12, 1982, a renegade priest wielding a bayonet lunged at him at the Portuguese shrine of Fatima where John Paul went to pray for thanks for his recovery from three bullet wounds suffered in the St. Peter's Square shooting. Agca, 24, was convicted in Rome in July 1981 of shooting the pope with a 9mm Browning pistol and sentenced to life at a top security jail near Ascoli Piceno in east-central Italy.

Court schedules inmate's appeal after execution stay

United Press International
NEW ORLEANS — The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has stayed the scheduled Feb. 10 execution of Texas death row inmate Henry Martinez Porter and scheduled a hurried hearing March 21 for his appeal. Porter, 41, of San Antonio, was sentenced to death by injection for the Nov. 29, 1975, shooting death of Fort Worth policeman H.P. Mailloux. The state of Texas did not oppose Tuesday's stay of Porter's execution pending a hearing. Defense lawyer Deniz Tor in Corpus Christi said defense attorneys will file briefs outlining grounds for Porter's appeal by Feb. 15. He said that the defense brief could contain the same arguments as made in the thorough 50-page docu-

ment submitted to the 5th Circuit Monday. "We don't want the same thing to happen to Porter that happened to Brooks," Tor said. Tor said he believed Charlie Brooks, 41, was denied a stay by the 5th Circuit and became the first person executed in Texas in 18 years on Dec. 7 because an application for stay was thought to be unconvincing. The "skeleton" stay application for Brooks was only three pages, he said. Deniz' primary argument against Porter's conviction was what he called the judge's improper exclusion of prospective witnesses because they said they might not be able to assess the death penalty. "Six jurors stated a reluctance, but

not an irreversible stand, to give the death penalty. Courts have found that excluding jurors for a reason other than an irreversible stand is improper," he said. Last Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court prevented the state from carrying out the execution of Texas death row inmate Thomas "Andy" Barefoot, 37, for the shooting death of a Central Texas police officer. The high court said it would use Barefoot's case to set up guidelines on how federal courts should handle emergency requests for stays of execution from condemned inmates. The Supreme Court scheduled an April 26 hearing on the Barefoot matter, but indicated it might not rule in the case until July.



Smile and say cheese! Pam Branden poses with the Harlem Globetrotters as James "Twiggy" Sanders takes her picture. Branden was taking pictures of the Globetrotters from the stands when team members pulled her onto the court for a photo session. See related story, page 14. staff photo by David Fisher

Two UT students arrested, suspected of stealing tests

by Donn Friedman
Battalion Reporter
University of Texas officials are investigating rumors that fraternity members were involved in large-scale scholastic dishonesty — including the stealing and selling of exams for profit. During finals week last semester, two UT fraternity members were arrested for using a duplicate key to break into the Business-Economics Building. According to an article published Monday in the Daily Texan, the UT student newspaper, a closet

was found unlocked at the time of the arrest. UT police said the closet contained exam materials stored by the chairman of the marketing department. Gregory Brown Wallace and Harry Hayden Fouke, both Acacia fraternity members, were arrested and charged with burglary of a building — a second-degree felony. At a meeting of the Acacia fraternity Tuesday night, Wallace was removed from the active member list; Fouke had been inactive in the fraternity this semester. UT Acacia president Pat Stone

said Tuesday: "I'm sure our frat will be cleared of everything. The rumors are just getting built up. A guy who was a member of our fraternity was arrested, so he was suspended from our chapter until the charges are cleared up. The accusations that the fraternity was involved stem from the Daily Texan stories." The Daily Texan reported Monday that UT officials have not commented on speculation that Wallace and Fouke were members of a 2-year-old organized ring that made money selling stolen tests and forging UT identification cards.

Nation's first contingent of B-1 bombers to be based in Abilene

United Press International
ABILENE — Congressional legislation proposes to base the nation's first contingent of B-1 bombers in Abilene, replacing 13 aging B-52s. A spokesman for the office of Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, said the proposal was made in the 1984 military construction budget submitted Monday by the Armed Services Committee. The plan set aside \$8.4 million for the Dyess Air Force Base, which

would receive 26 of the new B-1 bombers. The base will gain an additional 510 military personnel and 20 civilians. "It always has been evident to me that Dyess (Air Force Base) is the most suitable site for the first B-1 bombers," said Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, in making the announcement Monday.

"I am delighted that the decision now is official," he said. "The men and women of Dyess Air Force Base and the citizens of Abilene have a proud history of service to the nation. This tradition is certain to continue as the B-1 bomber becomes part of national defense system." The bombers will replace the B-52s by the end of 1985 and they represent the first basing deployment of the sophisticated aircraft.

Play showcases black history, leaders



Phillip Walker, artistic director of the African American Drama Company of California, acts out a debate between Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. Dubois in his one-man show dramatizing nine black leaders Tuesday night. staff photo by Irene Mees

by Michelle Powe
Battalion Reporter
The first day of Black History Month was recognized Tuesday with the performance of the play "Can I Speak For You Brother?" in Rudder Forum. The one-man show, sponsored by the MSC Black Awareness Committee, was performed by Phillip E. Walker of the African American Drama Company of California. Walker, who helped establish the company in 1979, has toured with the San Francisco Mime Troupe and won critical acclaim for his performance in "Ceremonies In Dark Old Men." He also played in the NBC-TV series "The Duke," with Robert Conrad. In "Can I Speak For You Brother?" Walker brings to life nine black American leaders, including Martin Luther King, Frederick Douglass and W.E.B. DuBois. Through words and thoughts expressed by those leaders, Walker takes his audience through time, beginning with the arrival of slaves to America and ending in the present. By presenting black and African plays for American audiences, the company hopes to encourage people to read black

American history and to further the development of young black leaders-to-be. That view corresponds with the purposes of Carter Godwin Woodson, the founder of Negro History Week, which later was expanded to Black History Month. Woodson said he wanted young blacks to grow up knowing their own possibilities by knowing of blacks' contributions to history. "If a race has no history," he said, "if it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thoughts of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated." Negro History Week may have been his proudest accomplishment because, Woodson said, no other thing "has done so much to dramatize the achievement of persons of African blood." The MSC Black Awareness Committee says that the purpose of Black History Month is to study and recognize black history and culture. The committee is sponsoring several events this month in recognition of black history and culture, including the film "Malcolm X" and a speech by civil rights activist Dick Gregory.

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forecast

Mostly clear to partly cloudy skies and chilly for today with a high of 50. Moderate northwest winds at 15 to 20 mph. Clear skies and quite cold for tonight, with the low reaching 25. Clear to partly cloudy on Thursday with a high of 52.

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United Press International
Today is Wednesday, Feb. 2, the 33rd day of 1983 with 332 to follow. On this date in history: In 1848, Mexico signed a treaty giving Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California to the United States for \$15 million. In 1876, the National Baseball League was formed, comprised of teams in Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Louisville, Ky., and Hartford, Conn. In 1933, two days after gaining office, Nazi Chancellor Adolf Hitler ordered dissolution of the Reichstag, the German parliament.