

# Southern leaders told to study gas proposal

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WASHINGTON — Louisiana Gov. Dave Treen is urging governors in the South and Southwest to carefully consider President Reagan's proposal to decontrol all natural gas prices within the next three years.

"The South has a huge stake in making sure, not just for our residents but also for our industries, that natural gas is available," said Treen, who chairs the Southern States Energy Board. "We've got to be sure we have a supply at reasonable prices."

Treen, a Republican, told a Sunday meeting of the Southern Governors Association that while he had not had time to fully review Reagan's plan, he considered it innovative and responsive to consumers reeling from high gas prices.

"It behooves us all to consider it very carefully," he said. "This

is a very innovative program that could meet major problems."

The plan was one of several issues brought before the 17 governors representing Southern and Southwestern states, along with Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, during a regional session at the National Governors Association meeting.

The plan was expected to be further discussed during yesterday's scheduled meeting between the governors and Reagan.

"I think there's a consensus now that the 1978 legislation creating the Natural Gas Policy Act has failed to achieve its stated purposes," Treen said of the current phased-in decontrol plan.

"I believe all of us feel that ultimate decontrol is the best route for this country both in terms of our industries and consumers."

Reagan plans to ask Congress to remove controls from natural gas prices to let them react to market conditions while providing three years of protection against higher consumer costs.

Also during the regional session, Florida Gov. Bob Graham urged the governors to ask their legislatures to consider the reality of interstate banking and move to ensure Southern banks survive.

"Interstate banking is a reality," said Graham, chairman of the Southern Group Policies Board. "The question is when it's going to come."

He said the board supported interstate banking reciprocity among Southern states.

"We can build greater strength in the banks of the South so when it comes (interstate banking) there will be some survivors," Graham said.

# A&M lacks programs, help for minorities, activist says

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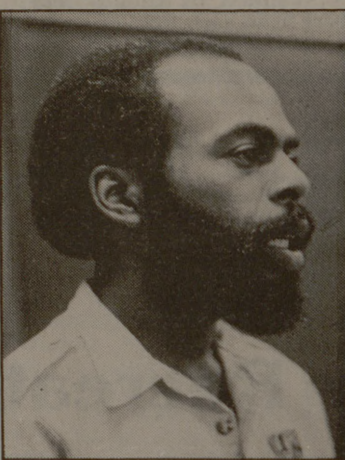
Black students at Texas A&M should insist on having more programs and classes geared towards blacks, said black activist Ron Wilkins Monday night.

In his lecture, sponsored by the Black Awareness Committee in conjunction with Black History Month, Wilkins spoke on several issues that he said were problems facing blacks. The speech was Wilkins' last in a four-part weekly series held this month.

Wilkins cited education as one of the main problems for blacks in the United States today.

"In most places, black people are getting the short end of the stick in education," he said.

One of the main problems here, he said, is that Texas A&M falls short in helping



Activist Ron Wilkins minorities. He said that the University should offer more courses in black history so that black students can become educated about their background.

"This campus is very dead in my opinion ... especially compared to other universities," Wilkins said. It doesn't do anything to help blacks learn more about their ancestry, he said.

Another main problem for blacks is the oppression they face in the job market. There are few good jobs offered to blacks and even fewer promotions are offered, Wilkins said.

"Black college graduates earn about \$1,000 less annually than white high school graduates," Wilkins said.

Wilkins also said that a major problem for blacks across the world is lack of proper medical care.

"For every 1,000 live births among blacks, there are 220 fatalities," he said. "For the same number of whites, the fatalities equal only 14."

Wilkins said the health

problems are extreme in Africa. There is one hospital bed per 20,000 blacks and one per 50,000 blacks in Africa.

Wilkins also said that with anti-black groups like the Ku Klux Klan as long as blacks let it be "The KKK is rising and it gets away with things that black people would never be allowed to." Blacks must stand this and fight for change.

In addition to standing against anti-black groups, Wilkins said, blacks should stand up for their rights back to Africa should be nanced by the government. "Blacks who want to get back there," he said, "didn't ask to come here were forced to come here."

## 5 perjury charges filed

# Killer's wife's trial begins

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SHREVEPORT — Jury selection began yesterday in the trial of a woman accused of lying to a grand jury about her role in the assassination of a federal judge in Texas.

Jo Ann Harrelson, 42, is charged with lying five times when she told a grand jury she did not purchase a rifle allegedly used to gun down U.S. District Judge John Wood Jr. outside his San Antonio, Texas, townhome in 1979.

Mrs. Harrelson is the wife of contract killer Charles Harrel-

son, who was convicted last year in Wood's slaying. In the same trial, Mrs. Harrelson was found guilty of obstructing justice and Elizabeth Chagra was convicted of conspiring to commit murder.

El Paso gambler Jamiel Chagra, Elizabeth's husband, was found innocent in a Florida trial of hiring Harrelson to kill Wood, but was convicted on a marijuana distribution charge.

Harrelson is serving a 40-year Texas prison term on weapons charges and Chagra is jailed for continued criminal en-

terprise and cocaine possession.

A judge refused Friday to throw out three of the five perjury charges against Mrs. Harrelson. He rejected defense attorney Charles Campion's claim the counts duplicated the two remaining charges.

Mrs. Harrelson is accused of lying to the jury twice when she denied purchasing the rifle in Dallas and when she said she never used the alias Fay L. King.

She also allegedly lied when she said she had never seen her daughter, Teresa Starr, with more than \$1,000 and denied

knowledge of a trip made to Las Vegas, Texas, to pick up \$250,000 to Harrelson for killing Wood.

Prosecutors had Chagra contracted for death because the judge sentenced him for a drug violation. Wood was known as "Jimmy John" for the hundreds he gave drug dealers.

The perjury trial was to Shreveport because of publicity the case received in Texas. It was expected to last about one week.

# Five shot in poker game

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ODESSA — An apparent penny ante poker game ended in a series of shootings early Sunday which left three men dead and two more wounded,

police said today.

Police Lt. Rusty Baker said officers will interview the two wounded men and other people who may have been present to find out what happened. He noted that of the six players, only one emerged alive and unharmed.

"It may have been a legal game in a private home," Baker said, "But it became illegal when the shooting started."

Police found one man fatally wounded in an apartment, and the rest of the victims at locations outside the apartment.

One victim, Robert M. Nolley, about 40, was found on the

ground outside the rear door of La Cosita Apartments. Justice of the Peace J.P. Williams pronounced Nolley dead of gunshot wounds at 4 a.m. at a hospital.

Another wounded man, Douglas H. Blevins, 42, was found lying on the kitchen floor, but he died during surgery about two hours later.

Baker said a third man, possibly connected with the card game and probably wounded, ran to a house about a block away and kicked in the front door. The sleeping occupant grabbed a .22 caliber gun and shot the intruder, who died

shortly after arrival at a hospital. Authorities have not been able to identify him, Baker said.

"Three guns were found," he said, "A 380 Smith & Wesson .38 revolver and a .44 revolver. We are still looking for a .45 automatic."

A fourth unidentified man believed to have been in the apartment is being treated at Midland hospital for a wound in the abdomen.

A fifth man was arrested Sunday when he sought a hand wound at a Midland hospital. Names of the two men being withheld, Baker said, because they may be witnesses.

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