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Soviets expel American diplomat

United Press International
MOSCOW — The KGB secret police said Thursday it caught a U.S. diplomat operating satellite radio spy equipment and the Soviet government ordered him expelled.

The diplomat, Richard Osborne, as detained by Soviet agents Monday as a spy but a U.S. Embassy spokesman said he was not in Soviet custody Thursday.

Richard Osborne has been declared persona non grata for actions incompatible with diplomatic status," the Soviet news agency Tass said.

The chief U.S. spokesman in Moscow said Osborne, a first secretary at the embassy's economic section, had been ordered to leave the country. He refused to discuss any details of the Soviet allegations.

The spokesman said Osborne was "in the process of making his plans to leave." Osborne arrived in Moscow in August 1982.

The move followed a flurry of expulsions of Soviet diplomats from Western European countries, including a naval attache and a translator in London, an army attache in Rome, two diplomats in Stockholm and an assistant military attache in Berne, Switzerland.

Reagan asks for more aid in El Salvador

United Press International
WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan set the stage for a clash in Congress by asking for \$110 million in new military aid for El Salvador, hinting he will send more military advisers if the amount is not approved.

With Congress about to begin work next week on a major foreign aid bill, Reagan unveiled an aid request Thursday intended to combat instability in El Salvador and prevent from spreading throughout Central America.

At the same time, Reagan said he would not be bound by a self-imposed limit on the number of U.S. military advisers and trainers in El Salvador.

Reagan said only \$85 million would be new money, with the remainder allocated from other assistance programs.

Rep. Michael Barnes, D-Md., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on inter-American affairs, predicted Congress will attach strings to whatever aid it approves.

Anticipating opposition in Congress, Reagan at one point said, "We welcome all the help we can get" in winning approval of his aid program.

El Salvador recently returned to center stage in high-level foreign policy discussions within the administration. Reagan pointed with alarm to "the tactical advantage" taken by the guerrillas and warned the outcome in El Salvador will affect not only its neighbors, but U.S. security as well.

"We have been slow to understand the defense of the Caribbean and Central America against Marxist-Leninist takeover is vital to our national security in ways we are not accustomed to thinking about," he said.

The forum — a speech to the National Association of Manufacturers — was an unlikely one for a detailed presentation of foreign policy. The business crowd applauded only twice — in response to comments unrelated to El Salvador — and sat in silence even when Reagan paused at lines designed to spark applause.

The \$298 million represents \$130 million in military assistance — \$110 million for El Salvador and \$20 million for neighboring countries — and \$168 million in extra economic assistance.

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Regents to discuss fee, rent increases

The Texas A&M System Board of Regents will discuss fee increases for dormitory rooms, board plans and shuttle bus service for next semester at its March 20 meeting.

The proposed increases for residence halls, which are due to the expected rise in utility costs, would mean a 10 percent increase for all dorms.

Increases in the cost of operating food services area has caused a request for an estimated 7 percent increase in board plans for both five- and seven-day plans.

Regents also will consider increasing the shuttle bus service fee from \$10 per student to \$42 per student, a 320 percent increase.

Other proposed increases include an 8 percent increase in student laundry fees and an increase in the physical education service fee from \$10 to \$12 per student per course.

One proposal calls for the monthly rental rates of some married student housing units to decrease 6 percent. Rental rates are decreasing because, beginning Sept. 1, the tenants of the College Avenue, College View and Hensel Terrace Apartments will pay their own electricity bills.

The University will continue to pay the electric bills at the Southside Apartments. The rent at those apartments will increase 10 percent. No increase is proposed for rent at the Avenue "A" apartments.

Other items to be discussed include appropriations for detailed designs of the chancellor's residence and the Engineering/Physics Building and appropriations for the preliminary designs of the new System Building and Chemistry Building.

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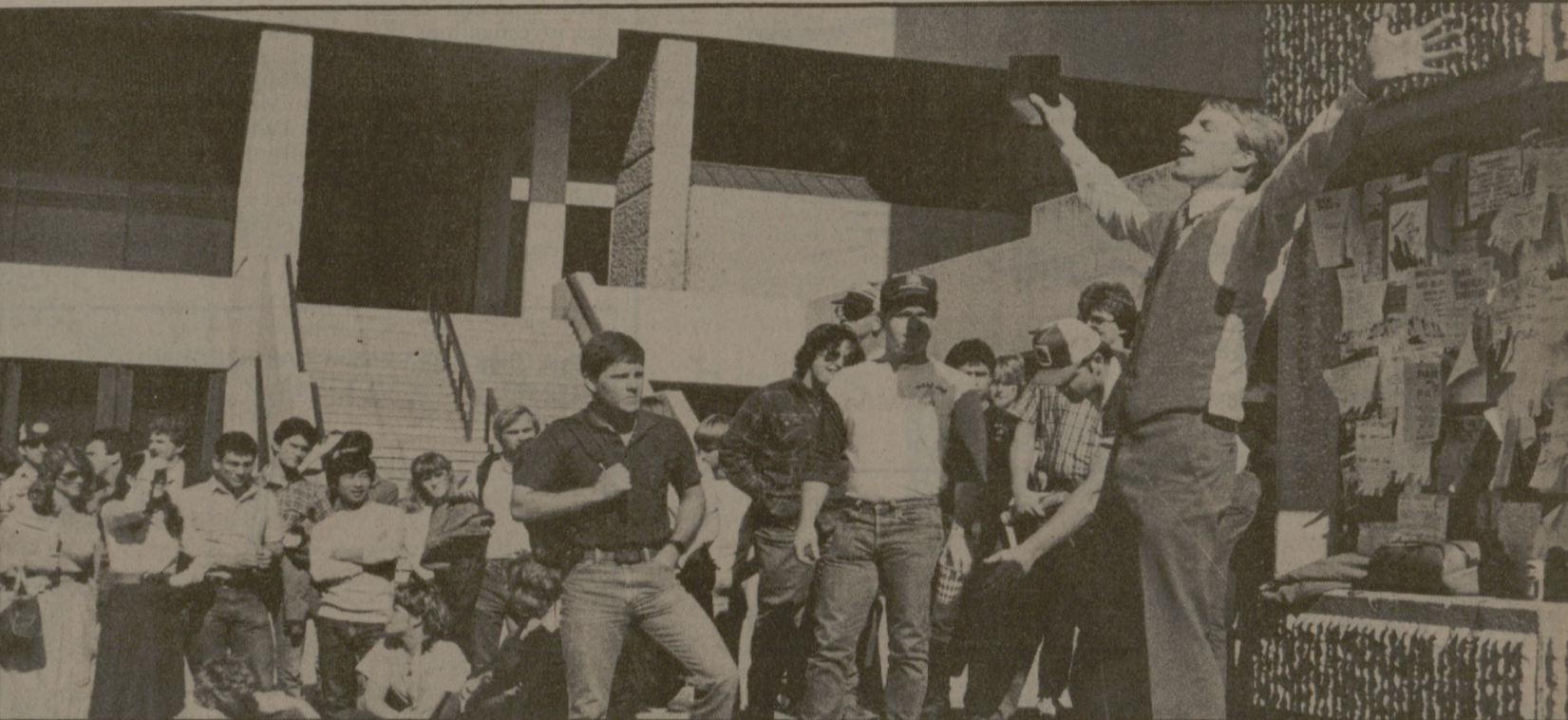
"We had our first meeting Tuesday and the faculty were very receptive to the students," Mailhos said about the search committee. "It went really well and we felt very comfortable."

Filing deadline
Filing for positions with Student Government, Residence Hall Association, yell leaders and Off-Campus Aggies closes at 7 p.m. today.

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forecast
Sunny skies today with a high near 67. Winds from the north at 10 to 15 mph. Clear and chilly tonight with the low near 38. Clear skies Saturday morning becoming partly cloudy by the afternoon. Saturday's high near 69.



Staff photo by John Makely

Repent and Be Saved!

A crowd of over 100 people gathered in front of Rudder Tower Thursday to listen, question and heckle Jim Gilles, a Christian speaker from Evansville, Ill. Gilles, a member of the Jed Smock Christian Evangelical Circular spoke on

Christianity and damnation, receiving more heckles than criticism from the crowd. Dave Bergen, a student activities advisor, requested that Gilles move to the fountain as classes in the Academic Building were being disturbed.

Teacher pay hikes mean cuts in other programs, senator says

United Press International
AUSTIN — Gov. Mark White's proposal for a 30 percent overall increase in teachers' pay comes at the expense of \$136 million in transportation, maintenance and vocational education, a state official said.

Butler said the governor's proposal for higher teacher salaries could force local school districts to either raise taxes or withhold part of the increased pay.

Butler reminded lawmakers that voters can call an election to limit school district taxes if the district increases its tax rate by more than 8 percent. He said 49 such "roll-back" elections already are in process.

"If the state passes a program that is unbalanced, under-funded and unfair in the burden placed on local districts, we are encouraging an increase in the number of these roll-back situations," he said. "Ultimately, the very teachers whom we want to give raises to probably will never get them."

Joe Kelly Butler, chairman of the State Board of Education, was one of several senators and public officials who made budget presentations Thursday before a specially-called meeting of the Texas Senate.

The governor's proposal advocates a salary schedule which certainly is attractive," Butler said. "Unfortunately, the total package does not allocate state money in such a manner as to allow the full increases to get to all the teachers."

Butler said that under White's budget formula, \$166 million more in local taxes would be required, with the largest increases coming in rural areas.

Butler said that under White's proposal, state funds are shifted from populous counties, such as Harris, Dallas, Tarrant and some rural areas, and into areas such as Bexar, El Paso and border counties.

Students take part in dean selection

by Kelley Smith
Battalion Staff
Two Texas A&M students are participating in the selection process for a new dean for the College of Business.

The Academic Programs Council approved a request by Student Government to have two students serve on all dean and vice president selection committees.

Selection committee member Jolie Mailhos said that it is important that there be at least one student from the college seeking a dean on the committee.

It is important to have student input, and students from that college would be most familiar with it and know what it needs," Mailhos said. "The student also must be someone mature and able to handle that type of responsibility."

She said it's a good idea for the students on the committees to come from Student Government because they are familiar with the administrative process.

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Sportsmanship committee fights for respect

By Robert McGlohan
Battalion Staff
It's been an uphill battle but the head of the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committee says the student group will be around for a while.

Problems with the committee were due to its lack of an official voice within the SWC and to a few uncommitted committee members, Jordan said. But the committee is trying to change that, he said.

As it stands now, the committee meets three times a year to discuss possible solutions to the promotion of sportsmanship in the nine colleges of the SWC.

And that has been where it has died usually in the past," Jordan said.

After the discussion was complete and a decision reached, it was left up to the students to take the ideas back to campus. But some of the students — who were assigned to the committee only because they had a free weekend — didn't care,

he said. And of those who did care some weren't listened to when they returned to campus, Jordan said.

"We would like to see our proposals go directly to the Southwest Conference for consideration," he said.

Although it probably won't be completed and is not on the official schedule, a proposal to reorganize the committee will be the primary subject of the meeting, Jordan said.

The proposal will require the committee to submit its ideas and decisions to the SWC governing body for official approval, Jordan said, and that would give the committee's decisions more bite.

The committee will try to prepare a rough draft of the proposal, which will be finished at the next meeting in September, he said. Jordan said the proposal then will be given to the governing body of the SWC, which is composed of faculty representatives from SWC schools.

If accepted, he said, the proposal will be incorporated into the SWC constitution and give the Sportsmanship Committee a more official status. Jordan said that the committee's mandate now is one sentence in the SWC constitution that states the committee will exist, but not much more.

During Saturday's meeting, the committee also will vote on which SWC school should receive the yearly sportsmanship award. Jordan, as executive secretary, will present a plaque to the representatives of the winning school.

He said there's a good chance he will be able to present the plaque to himself.

Committee members are not allowed to vote for their own schools, Jordan said, but he thinks that other members will be inclined to vote for Texas A&M. He said there are basically three reasons for his belief:

— Texas A&M won't be immediately disqualified for blatant acts of unsportsman-like conduct, a situation facing a couple of the SWC schools.