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Charges to be filed soon in church firebombing case

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Formal charges against a man arrested after last week's rash of church firebombings have not yet been filed in Brazos County but probably will be filed soon, sheriff's detective Buford Thorton said Monday.

Norris Eugene Moss is the only suspect in the case, Thorton said, but more concrete evidence is needed before charges can be filed. Moss already has been charged in Milam County with one of the firebombings. "The m.o. (method of operation) is the same," Thorton said, but added

that officers are waiting for results of lab tests before filing charges here.

Moss, 34, of Houston, was arrested by Houston arson investigators Wednesday at Bill McDavid Oldsmobile, where he is employed as a car salesman. He then was taken to the Milam County Courthouse in Cameron and formally charged Thursday with one of last week's eight firebombings. Moss did not enter a plea at the arraignment. Bond was set at \$50,000.

The string of firebombings began early on the morning of Independence Day. Four small Milam County

churches were set on fire that morning.

The Perry Memorial Church of God in Christ, located in Gause, was destroyed. Two other Gause churches were damaged by fire. The Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church was heavily damaged and the Stephen Chapel AME Church sustained minor damage.

The Hoyte Church of Christ, located north of Gause, was the first to catch fire and was heavily damaged.

The firebombings continued the next day. Early on the morning of July 5, four more fires were set, this

time in Robertson, Franklin and Brazos counties.

The Shiloh Baptist Church, near Franklin, and the old Masonic Hall in Hearne, which is the regular meeting place of the Church of God in Christ, both sustained minor damage from the fires. The Friendship Baptist Church, north of Bryan, was heavily damaged. It was gutted and the rear half of the building destroyed.

The fourth fire, although it is believed to have been set about the same time as the other Tuesday morning fires, was not discovered until the next day.

Committee selections focus of Faculty Senate meeting

by Jill Slayman
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The newly-established Faculty Senate selected an eight-member executive committee and an eleven-member election committee Monday during its second meeting.

The executive committee will be responsible for the budget, advise the speaker of the Senate and implement

the programs and decisions of the Senate.

Members of the executive committee include:

- Thomas Kozik, College of Engineering
- Ethel Tsutsui, College of Agriculture
- Linda Parrish, College of Education
- John Hoyle, College of Education

• Jaan Laane, College of Science

• Robert Albanese, College of Business

• M.H. Milford, College of Agriculture

• William Barzak, College of Liberal Arts

The 85-member Senate also selected William Barzak, professor of English, as secretary-treasurer.

The faculty representatives elected an eleven-member election committee and an eleven-member committee on committees.

Revisions also were approved for the bylaws and the transition committee reports that were established during the Senate's first meeting last month.

Reagan files may be reviewed

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the House subcommittee probing possible campaign espionage by aides of Ronald Reagan said today he has asked the Hoover Institution for permission for staff investigators to secure Reagan campaign files and allow his staff to review them.

"I want to be sure that the original copies do not leave the files," Rep. Donald Albosta, D-Mich., said.

In a telegram sent during the weekend to Molly Tuthill, curator of

the museum at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., Albosta asked for permission for his staff to inspect original copies of the files, among which documents from the Carter White House have been discovered.

Tuthill has been looking through the files and sending to the White House — and more recently at the White House's request to the Justice Department — materials that appear to be documents from Carter White House and political strategists. The telegram requested that the facility

confirm that all originals of the Reagan file be preserved and that only copies would be sent to the Justice Department.

Albosta is pressing the Hoover Institution to release only copies of the files and to keep the originals intact. He said he felt his request is "just good policy." Some former Carter aides privately have expressed suspicions that Reagan's staff might be tampering with the files and Albosta said, "Reagan still has his people out

there overseeing the whole operation."

Albosta said he plans to send staff investigators to the museum in the next day or two. He said if the Hoover Institution for some reason declines his request for congressional review of the files, the panel would consider issuing a subpoena.

His Post Office and Civil Service three-member subcommittee on human resources is scrambling to carry on the spreading probe of presidential campaign practices.



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A bit of ground work

Nellie Pittme, a full-time employee of the University, keeps the landscape around the Chemistry Building in full bloom. She says she enjoys working outside and doesn't even mind the heat.

Ecuadorean jet explodes, crashes

QUITO, Ecuador — An Ecuadorean jetliner carrying 116 people exploded and crashed in flames today as it approached for landing at the southern city of Cuenca. All aboard were believed killed, an official said.

Officials said the TAME airlines Boeing 737 exploded and crashed in the suburbs of Cuenca at 8:30 a.m., two minutes before it was to land at the Mariscal Lamar airport.

"We don't know the cause of the explosion but an investigation will begin immediately. We believe all the passengers died," an official at the airport said.

The plane, on a domestic flight from Quito, crashed in the suburbs of Cuenca, Ecuador's third largest city with a population of 150,000. The city, 190 miles south of Quito, is located in the Andes mountains.

A military battalion from nearby

Fort Machangara was dispatched to search for possible survivors and recover the dead.

A spokesman for the state-owned Transportes Aereos Militares Ecuatoriano, TAME, the country's largest domestic airline, said most of the passengers were Cuenca residents returning to the city after a weekend in Quito.

The plane was piloted by Gen. Juan Pena.

In 1978 and 1979, two TAME airliners crashed in the Cuenca area and the remains were never recovered. The crashes prompted demands that the airline buy new planes better suited for flying over the region's rugged mountains.

A TAME spokesman in Quito said the plane that crashed today was one of a new fleet of Boeing 737s purchased by the airline in the past year.



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Who wanted a trashcan?

A little bit of trash didn't stop Texas A&M students from paying fees Monday in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Wednesday is the deadline to pay fees for the second session of summer school.

Campus utility signup planned for this fall

This fall, students can sign applications for utilities and pay utility deposits without leaving campus.

Area utility departments will take student applications for utility service at the Memorial Student Center before the fall semester begins.

Utility workers hope the service will speed utility hookups and put an end to long lines at the utility offices.

The sign-up service will be available from Aug. 22 to Sept. 1.

Louann Schulze of the Off-Campus Housing Center says forms for utility service may be obtained at her office in Puryear Hall prior to the sign-up.

There are about 26,000 Texas A&M students who live off campus during the school year.

Valerie Ellison, a Bryan utility supervisor, says the sign up service will benefit students and the utility offices by reducing lines.

End to martial law in Poland forecast

WARSAW, Poland — Poland's Communist government signaled it was edging closer to lifting martial law and Cardinal Jozef Glemp said he expected the country's 19-month state of emergency would end in 10 days.

A ranking official of the national parliament, the Sejm, said late Monday the deputies would meet next week on the martial law issue, apparently to write into law some of the special police powers assumed during the military takeover of the government in December 1981.

Glemp told reporters he hoped

lifting martial law would be accompanied by an amnesty "of a general character" for political prisoners and activists who went underground when the Solidarity free trade union was outlawed.

"The church has thought about this for a long time, is waiting for the moment and wishes for it to occur," the cardinal said. "God grant that it might be so."

Glemp, who returned Monday from a 10-day trip to Italy that combined a vacation with talks at the Vatican, said his "expectation" was that

martial law would be lifted July 22, the national holiday of socialist Poland.

He did not say, however, if he had any private assurances from members of Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski's government about that date.

The primate said he and the other Polish bishops were "enormously satisfied" with Pope John Paul II's visit to his homeland last month.

Reports in the state-run press have linked the outcome of the papal visit — specifically the lack of any anti-government protests more widespread than those that did occur — to

the decision on whether to lift martial law, which was imposed Dec. 13, 1981.

The regime suspended martial law last December. But a series of tough regulations enacted earlier remains in effect.

Taking part in strikes, public protests and demonstrations are still punishable by up to three years in prison, job dismissal and expulsion from school. Military courts are still hearing cases for people accused of political crimes and other offenses against public order and security.

Alabama colleges first targets of Reagan's desegregation effort

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration, under severe criticism for its civil rights policies, has made public universities and colleges in Alabama the targets of its first school desegregation lawsuit.

In a suit filed in U.S. District Court in Birmingham, Ala., the Justice Department charged Monday the state maintained and perpetuated a system of "racial dualism" at 16 campuses.

In Alabama, Gov. George Wallace, one of the defendants in the suit, said he would study the situation before determining how the state would react.

"I am not surprised inasmuch as I have noted recently that several other

states have experienced similar" pressure to desegregate schools, Wallace said in a statement.

The government suit asked the federal court to bar the state from maintaining and perpetuating "racial dualism" in the state-supported system of higher education and to require them to develop plans to eliminate all segregation.

The Alabama case is one of three school desegregation cases that have been authorized by the Justice Department. The other two, which involve secondary or elementary schools, have not yet been filed.

The government charged that Alabama has provided black students with fewer opportunities than white

students for public higher education and denied them opportunities available to whites. The state was ordered to allow blacks to attend its colleges in 1963.

"As a result of defendants' racially discriminatory practices and policies of admission, faculty hiring and assignment, and provisions of facilities, resources and curricular and extracurricular programs and activities, the institutions of the Alabama system of public higher education remain largely segregated by race," the government said.

Reynolds said the suit was filed following more than a year of negotiations with the state.

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forecast

Partly cloudy today with a 20 percent chance of showers and a high of 92. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms tonight with a low near 72. Partly cloudy Wednesday with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms and a high of 91.