

German president to visit Fort Bliss

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EL PASO — American and West German soldiers are preparing a red carpet welcome for Dr. Karl Carstens, president of the Federal Republic of Germany, who will make a brief

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ceremonial trip to Fort Bliss on Saturday.

Carstens, and his wife, Veronica, will visit the German Air Force Air Defense School at Fort Bliss.

Following a private lunch he will receive a briefing on the German Air Force Air Defense School and inspect the training area before leaving.

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vary between 800 and 900. There are also 720 German dependants at the military installation.

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"Carstens is first in the country protocol-wise," said Capt. Tony Magus, aide-de-camp to the commandant of the German Air Defense School. "But the bulk of the political power is carried by the chancellor. We have a parliamentary democracy, more similar to the English system than to the American government. It would take the chancellor and president together to make up your president."

Carstens' duties include maintaining a balance between all groups of the community and representing Germany in international relations, Magus said.

The German president is visiting the United States as a guest of President Reagan. He

was scheduled to visit St. Louis, Mo., on Friday. Following his visit to El Paso's Fort Bliss, the president will spend two days in Dallas on Sunday and Monday.

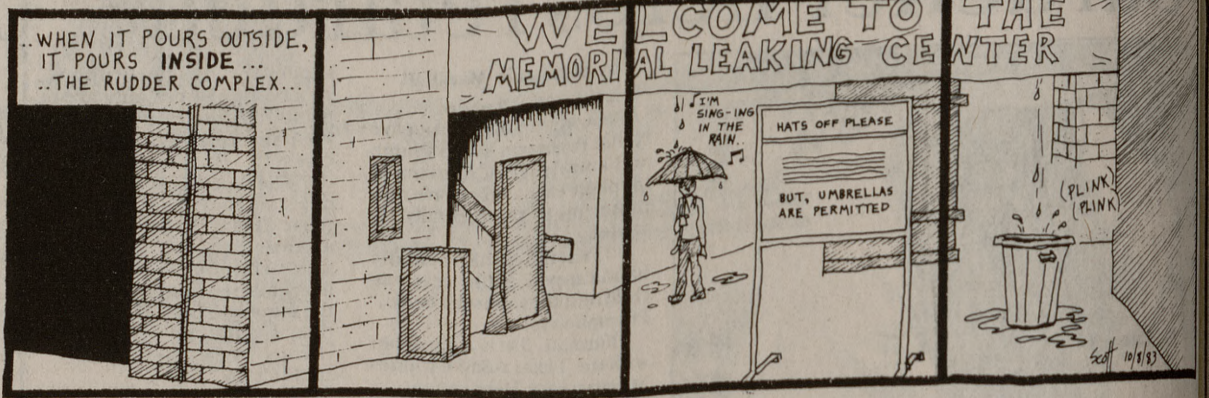
In a recent article in a German newspaper Carstens said he hopes his visit to the United States will strengthen friendly ties.

"My visit also is designed to express how much we have in common with the United States," he was quoted as saying.

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"Fifty million Americans are of German descent. Germans and Americans share the same values — democracy, personal freedom and the rule of law."

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Three fishermen rescued

Men drift at sea 11 days

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.— Three fishermen who drifted for 11 days in an 18-foot open fishing boat with a canvas top were rescued by a passing freighter in the Gulf of Mexico 200 miles west of Cape Romano Wednesday.

Roger Ulrich, 38, his step-son Wayne Beasley, 25, and a friend, Donald Balsley, 42, were suffering from a little exposure, but in good condition despite their ordeal.

The three left Fort Myers on a one-day fishing trip Sept. 25 in an open fishing boat with a canvas top. The boat was powered by a 65-horsepower engine.

Winds were about 30 mph. It was not known what life-saving

gear or signaling devices were aboard. When they failed to return that night, the Coast Guard was alerted and began searching from Key West to Fort Myers and up to 200 miles off-shore.

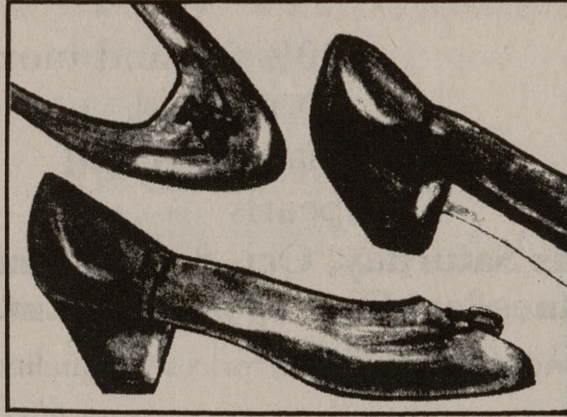
When the search was called off Monday, Ulrich's wife Ellen said she had not given up hope for her husband Roger, or Beasley, her son from a previous marriage, and Balsley.

"My main concern is ensure and the weather. If they've got grit and they're guts. My son is a Floridian. He was raised as a child to survive."

"His dad was a woodsman and taught him hunting, fishing and camping," she said. "I probably eating raw fish or whatever. I'm not worried about that."

Her hopes were fulfilled when the freighter came on the fishing boat. The freighter was en route to Houston and was scheduled to arrive this morning.

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\$15,000 bond Thursday on a charge of critically injuring the girl's 5-month-old son by feed-

ing him insecticide, police said. A spokeswoman at Odessa Women's and Children's Hospital said the baby, Ricker Rivera, had improved since being brought in for treatment.

His condition was critical although he was conscious. Police arrested and charged Gerardo Gonzales Aparicio, an Odessa motel employee, with injury to a child, a first-degree felony.

The incident occurred Tuesday.

"All we have been able to determine is that it was an insecticide which was mixed with milk and fed to the baby through a bottle," said police Lt. Earl Baker. "The insecticide is being tested."

Baker said the baby was taken to a hospital by his mother, Leticia Rivera, 12, who was not at home when the child was poisoned.

Baker said police had not determined why the baby was poisoned.

The maximum penalty on conviction for the charge is 10 years to life in prison, Baker said.

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