

Drugs

Poor protection leaves border open to smuggling, report says

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Drug-smuggling planes can easily fly across the nation's vulnerable southern border because of uncoordinated, inadequate and

temporary federal efforts to stop them, a congressional report showed Tuesday.

The report by the House Government Operations Committee calls the nation's south-

ern border "the soft underbelly of the United States" and says there has been little impact from even the much-ballyhooed efforts of the Reagan administration to halt drug smuggling.

"The drug smuggling threat has overwhelmed this nation's capacity to contain it," the report said. "Even in those areas where extraordinary emphasis has been placed, interdiction has been only marginally successful."

U.S. Customs officials have estimated 1.3 million pounds of illegal drugs will be smuggled into the United States by air this year — 90 percent of it through remote airstrips along the southern border.

The committee said Customs and the Coast Guard, the nation's primary drug interdiction agencies, are severely limited in terms of manpower and modern equipment, and lack timely intelligence to use their limited resources.

Limited radar capabilities to detect low-flying aircraft and a small airfleet are partially responsible for Customs' failure to detect, intercept and arrive at the landing site of drug-carrying

"some of which are barely air-worthy and only 15 of which have the capabilities needed to be effective on an interdiction mission."

These 15 aircraft, which include five helicopters on loan from the Army, are expected to cover the entire Southern border on a 24-hour-a-day basis, the report noted.

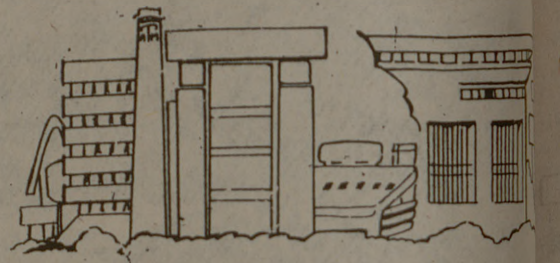
The report said drug-smugglers' favorite route appears to be from Colombia, through the Windward Passage, then to either the Bahamas or the Florida Peninsula.

The report said the Miami Customs area of responsibility, which covers the entire Florida peninsula extending east to the Atlantic Ocean and well to the south of Cuba, is most threatened by drug smuggling and has been the focus of drug interdiction efforts.

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planes in time to seize the contraband and arrest the violators, the panel said.

The report said Customs has only 63 anti-smuggling aircraft,



Around town

National group observes Diabetes Month

November is **Diabetes Month**, and the local chapter of the **American Diabetes Association** invites anyone interested in its efforts to help diabetics and the general public become more aware of the facts about diabetes. Dr. Lindsey, a local ophthalmologist, will discuss eye problems associated with diabetes at the organization's monthly meeting at 7:30 tonight in the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce Building at 401 S. Washington in Bryan.

Any student needing transportation or additional information may call Liz Batson at 775-6607 or Pat Hartman at 693-6434 or 846-5788.

Animal technicians sponsor speaker

The Brazos Valley chapter of the **Texas Association of Animal Technicians**, Registered, will present a speaker tonight by John Karger, the founder of the Last of the Forever Birds of Prey Project. Karger will speak at 7:05 Large Animal Clinic.

Visiting architect to lecture

Renowned architect **Dr. Peter Eisenman**, founding director of the Institute for Architecture and Urban Studies in New York, will be a visiting lecturer in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design Friday, Saturday.

While at Texas A&M, Eisenman will critique design studio work and give a slide presentation as well as meet informally with faculty and students. The critique will be held Thursday in the Langford Architecture Center, and the presentation will be held 4 p.m. in 102 Zachry the same day.

Eisenman is the author of two books and editor of *Architecture* magazine, and he has taught at several universities, including Cornell University, Columbia University and Cambridge University. His work has been exhibited internationally and has received many awards including Progressive Architecture Design Award.

Cadets receive ROTC scholarships

Three senior Texas A&M cadets have received scholarships from the **Wofford Cain Foundation** for outstanding achievement in ROTC.

Recipients are: **Justin Green** from the Air Force ROTC, microbiology and biochemistry major from Garland; **Dr. Kelley Starr** from the Army program, a senior finance major from Haughton, La.; and **Preston Abbott** from the Navy ROTC, a senior petroleum engineering major from Lufkin.

The \$1250 scholarships are presented annually in honor of Wofford Cain, a 1913 Texas A&M graduate.

To submit an item for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald.

Tanker fire in control, investigation continues

United Press International
PORT NECHES — The Coast Guard Tuesday began investigating the cause of a fire that ravaged an empty oil tanker at a dock and forced temporary evacuation of more than 100 people from a nearby neighborhood.

The fire that started Monday in the Maru Hope, a 71,000-ton vessel, was under control, firefighters said they were letting it burn out. Evacuees were allowed to return home Tuesday "at their own risk."

The fire started about 8 p.m. Monday in the room of the tanker, doing repairs at Coastal Marine on the Neches River. Officials said some welding had been done on the tanker.

The tanker was empty and had about 40,000 gallons of diesel fuel aboard.

"A preliminary investigation is ongoing right now," said Guard Capt. J.J. Wick. "The Liberian government's registry has been notified and they'll probably have investigators out to find out what happened."

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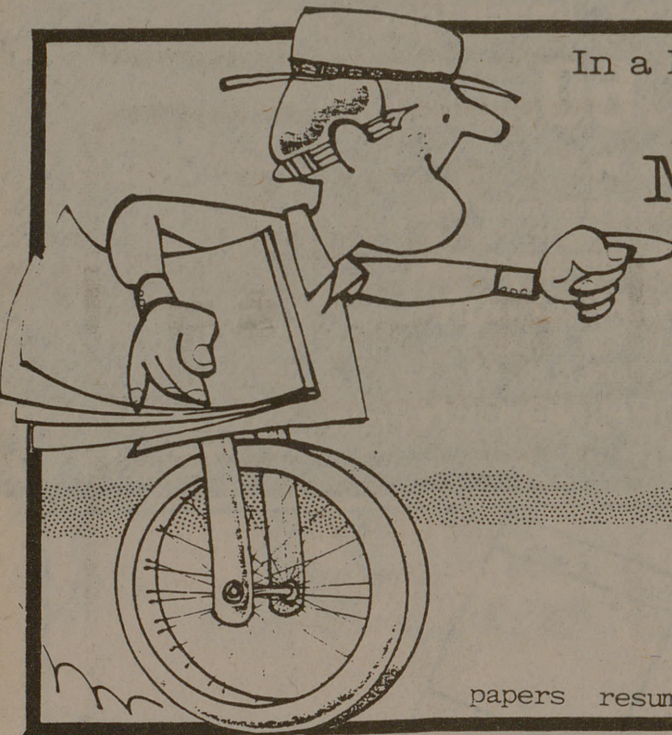
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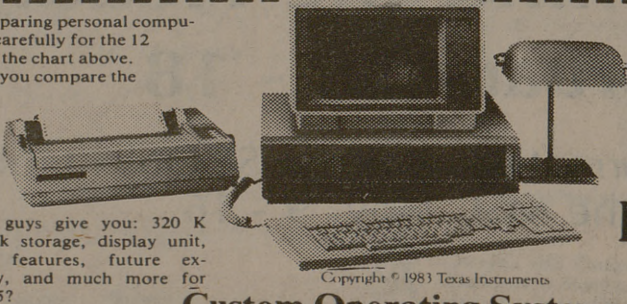
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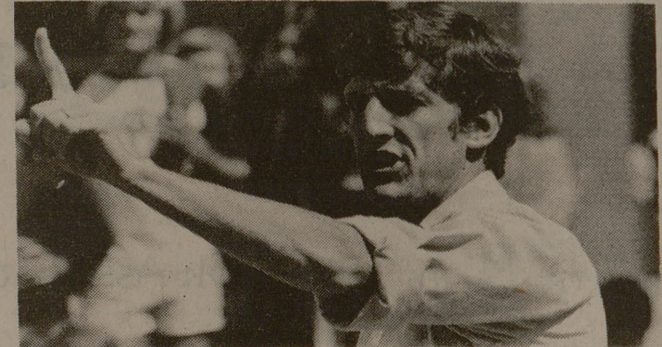
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