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Agency blocks pro speakers

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 WASHINGTON — The dean of the Texas congressional delegation, Democratic Rep. Jack Brooks, said Thursday he was amused and shocked to learn he was among 84 people blacklisted from the government's overseas speaking program.

U.S. Information Agency Deputy Director Leslie Lenkowsky confirmed Thursday the agency had blacklisted 84 people — including Walter Cronkite, Ralph Nader and Corretta Scott King — who were suggested for the "American Participation" overseas speaking program.

However, he said he ordered destruction of the list when he learned of it after joining the agency in September and that USIA Director Charles Wick was unaware of the list. Wick has been under fire for secretly taping his telephone calls.

Brooks, a 16-term congressman from Beaumont, took to the House floor upon learning his name was on the list — which he called an "arrogant and out-

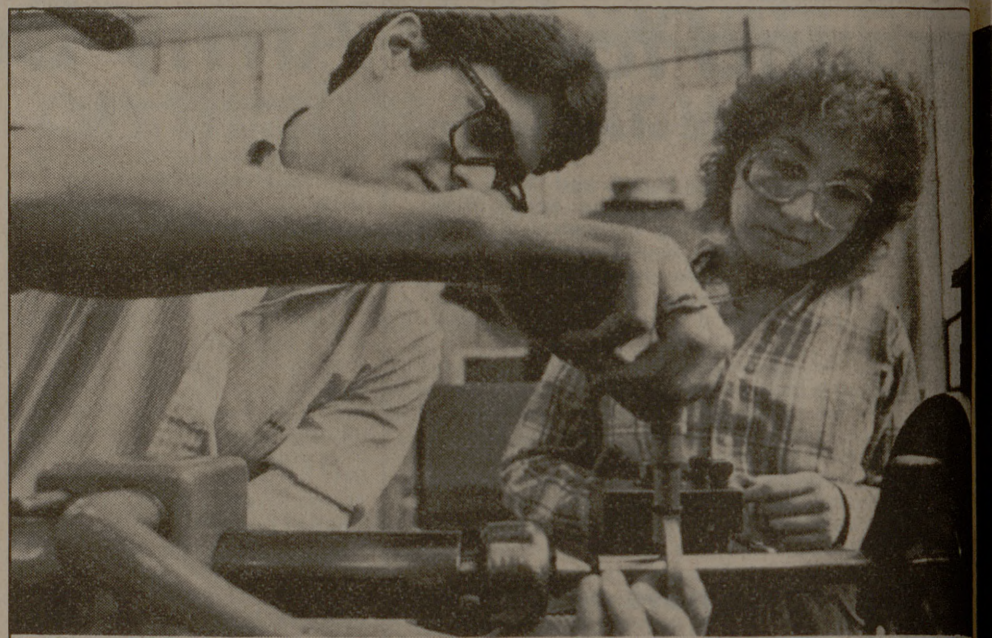
rageous abuse of executive power."

"For the record — while I am pleased to be associated with such dignitaries as Walter Cronkite and Benjamin Bradlee — as a member of Congress, chairman of the House Government Operations Committee and a member of the Judiciary Committee, I am less than pleased with the existence of such a list and I am more than anxious to discover a detailed explanation as to why the list was compiled in the first place," Brooks said.

Brooks also urged his colleagues who did not make the list "not to give up in a fit of pique but keep up your Democratic values and you too may work your way into a similar exalted circle."

USIA officials said the blacklist contained names of a number of prominent liberals and Democrats as well as more obscure people who apparently had displeased agency bureaucrats.

The USIA, a federal agency that provides information about the United States overseas, sends about 500 speakers abroad each year, paying their expenses and sometimes a fee. A USIA spokeswoman said 5,000 people are suggested for the speeches each year by embassies and government officials.



Precision...
 Henry Havre, junior industrial engineering major from Brownsville, gauges a machined part in the Thompson Hall machine production lab, while his partner, Laura Ellis, sophomore industrial engineering major from Killeen looks on. The part is one of the components of a drill press which they, and other classmates, are working on.

Texas' business climate good

United Press International

ARLINGTON — Texans must expect fundamental changes in the state's economy from its oil-driven past to a more diversified industrial future, two economists told Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby's select committee on fiscal policy Thursday.

"We can expect the Texas of the 1980s and 1990s to be much more susceptible to U.S. business fluctuations than was the

Texas of the 1970s," said Dr. M. Ray Perryman, professor of economics at Baylor University.

Perryman projected a long-term rate of expansion in production of goods and services in the state of about 5.3 percent per year during the next two decades.

"This pace is well below the oil boom years of the 1970s but we should nevertheless continue to exceed the perfor-

mance of the U.S. economy significant degree," he said.

"Although our state needs that must be addressed by government," said Boatwright, economic advisor for the Exxon Co., "we must protect its existing tax treatment of business and individuals since that petitive advantage will be increasingly important in the future economic growth."

Boatwright said Texas "come to grips with the realization that oil will no longer provide the prime impetus for state's economic growth."

He said events in the petroleum market now strongly influence what happens in the Texas market.

Boatwright said the size of new petroleum discoveries is gradually decreasing.

Furthermore, he said amount of gas discovered percent of total new field cats has increased from 30 percent in the 1950s to between 50 and 60 percent in 1970s.

This is significant, he said, because it costs three times more to transport a barrel of gas than a BTU of oil.

Boatwright said there is some improvement in the oil field service and supply industries in Texas over low levels.

"But I am not at all certain that 1990 drilling levels in Texas will exceed the 1981-82 drilling activity," Boatwright said.

He said high-tech manufacturing may be a key to the state's economic future, but pointed out that the U.S. Department of Commerce forecasts only modest growth in jobs in that sector between 1982 and 1995.

Furthermore, he said, "competition among states for tech jobs is fierce. High-tech industry is attracted to superior university facilities, concentration of mobile, highly educated, scientifically trained individuals, low-cost production workers and low taxes. None of these factors are unique to Texas."

"In fact, Texas' biggest advantage seems to be its well-admired tax and business climate."

Among the committee members present were House Speaker Gib Lewis and State Treasurer Ann Richards.

Hobb asked the speaker how, specifically, they would keep taxes low.

"Would you cut out of the highway system?" he asked. "Would you cut out our public schools or our higher education system? Would you cut out the prison system? These are the count for about 85 percent of our total expenditures. I would appreciate your suggestions."

Perryman and Boatwright said they could come up with specific suggestions, although Boatwright said, "There probably could be something to some of these areas."

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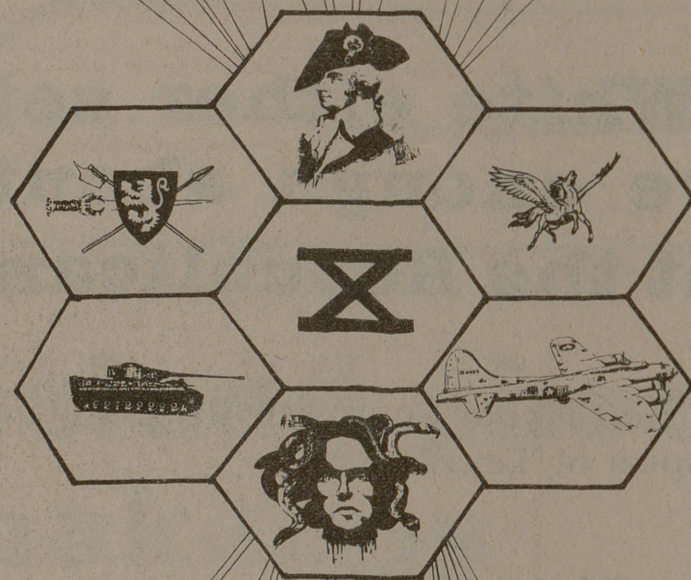
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