

Defendant predicts quick ethics trial

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Rep. George Hansen, R-Idaho, who faces trial Monday on charges of failing to disclose \$333,978 in financial transactions, says his ordeal "could be over before it starts."

The maverick seven-term congressman, who said he is not nervous about the trial, is the first public official to be tried for violating the Ethics in Government Act.

If convicted, he could get a maximum five years in prison and \$10,000 fine for each count. The trial is expected to last up to two weeks, but Hansen said he thinks it may take half as long. "It could be over before it starts," he said recently.

The ethics law requires congressmen and other high-ranking government officials to file annual reports disclosing their income and other financial transactions.

But Hansen's lawyers claim the omissions from the ethics disclosure statements are not a willful violation of any law because Congress did not intend to use the statements for anything.

U.S. District Court Judge Joyce Hens Green is expected to rule shortly before the trial on papers seeking the federal grand jury testimony of a man who tried to extort \$440,000 from Texas silver billionaire Nelson Bunker Hunt.

The Justice Department indicted Hansen last April 7,

charging him with failing to disclose:

- A \$61,503 personal loan from Hunt in 1980 and three other transactions.

- A \$87,475 profit for himself and his wife on purchase and sale of silver futures contracts in 1979.

- A \$50,000 personal loan in Mrs. Hansen's name from a Dallas bank, guaranteed by Hunt, also in 1979.

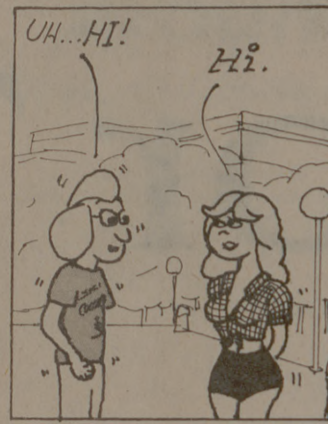
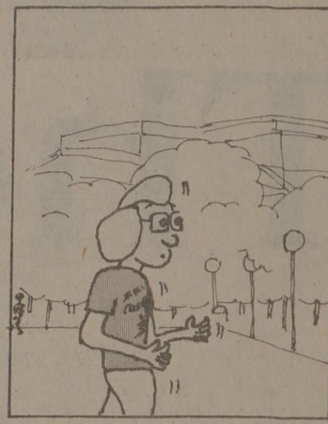
- Personal loans totalling \$135,000 in 1981 by individuals in southern Virginia. He said the money was for the Association of Concerned Citizens that promoted his book assailing the Internal Revenue Service.

Arthur Emens III, an Oklahoma commodities brokerage employee, pleaded guilty in 1982 to blackmail for threatening to tell the FBI of his claim that Hunt bribed Hansen by helping his wife, Connie, make a profit in silver.

Emens got a suspended one-year prison sentence and a \$2,000 fine. He was given immunity from prosecution for stealing more than \$100,000 from commodities accounts because he cooperated with the government, court papers said.

The judge has allowed Hansen to use the blackmail attempt, which he and Hunt reports to the FBI, as evidence he is innocent of trying to conceal the silver transaction.

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by Paul Dimer

Egypt, Sudan invoke defense pact after Libyans bomb town

United Press International

CAIRO, Egypt — Egypt and Sudan invoked a joint defense pact Sunday and said their forces had teamed up to defend strategic positions inside Sudan in the wake of a Libyan aerial bombardment of Khartoum.

In Tripoli, the Libyan government of Col. Moammar Khadafi denied it was behind Friday's bombing of a Khartoum suburb and said the incident was part of a U.S.-backed conspiracy against Libya.

A bomber, identified by Egypt and Sudan as a Soviet-made TU-22 based in Libya, dropped five bombs on the Omdurman section of the Sudanese capital, reportedly killing five people and sharply escalating tension with Libya.

The Sudanese government said it was requesting an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council to consider the Libyan "aggression" and that it had lodged a complaint against Libya with the Tunis-based Arab League.

Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiry, in a speech to army officers in Khartoum late Saturday, said Egypt and Sudan had put into effect a mutual defense pact signed in 1976 after a Libyan attempt to overthrow him.

"The common defense forces have already moved in to defend strategic positions in Sudan," Numeiry said.

In Cairo, Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali also said the pact was in force and Egypt was taking "military measures to repel any aggression

against Sudan in cooperation with the Sudanese army.

A highly placed government source said the United States was considering airlifting defensive military equipment to Sudan. In Washington, the Department had no comment.

U.S. Ambassador in Cairo Nicholas Veliotis met Sunday with President Hosni Mubarak, Defense Minister Field Marshal Abdel Halim Abu-Ghazala and Foreign Minister Ali.

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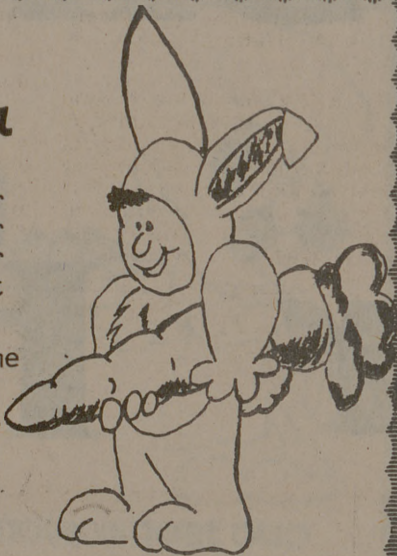
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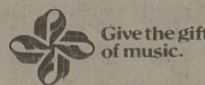
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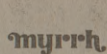
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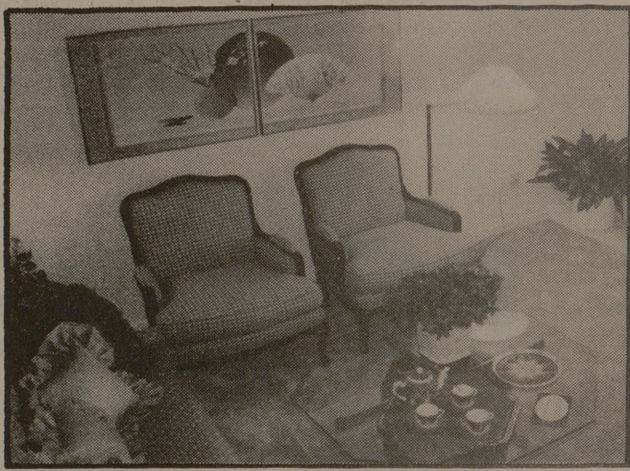
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Salvadorans rally, cheer ultra-rightist

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SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Some 30,000 Salvadorans singing "Liberty is written with blood" Sunday attended the largest rally of the presidential campaign to cheer ultra-rightist candidate Roberto d'Aubuisson.

The enthusiastic demonstration of support for d'Aubuisson

in the Flor Blanca National Center Stadium in San Salvador came one week before the election.

His main opponent is moderate candidate Jose Napoleon Duarte of the Christian Democratic Party, who d'Aubuisson accuses of being a communist. D'Aubuisson has been accused by Robert White, former ambassador to San Salvador, of running death squads held responsible for many of the 40,000 political killings in the country since 1981.

A d'Aubuisson victory would be an embarrassment for the Reagan administration's policy that democratic elections legitimize a government best a four-year civil war.

Although the administration has said it will support who wins the elections, it has distanced itself from d'Aubuisson most recently by denying him a visa March 5 to visit the United States.

D'Aubuisson, wearing a blue leisure suit, was cheered wildly as he entered the stadium that was filled to capacity by some 30,000 people wearing hats in the blue, red and white colors of his National Republican Alliance party.

Standing in a jeep, he cheered with his vice presidential candidate, Hugo Barrera.

The crowds, aligned in stands according to their provinces, chanted d'Aubuisson's name and waved flags as he passed their sections.

Over and over they sang an arena song, which begins with the words, "Liberty is written with blood, labor with sweat."

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