

Sikorsky bids for Belgian helicopter contract-plus

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STRATFORD, Conn. — Sikorsky Aircraft has offered to build a helicopter manufacturing plant in Belgium in order to win a \$300 million helicopter contract with the Belgian Army.

The Belgian army wants to buy a fleet of 46 helicopters, said a Sikorsky spokesman. But, he said, the company winning the contract must agree to provide

benefits to the government equal to the cost of the helicopters.

Sikorsky, a division of United Technologies Corp., said Monday, its offer was made to the Belgian government late last year by company president William F. Paul.

Paul has offered his firm's H-76 model, a recently militarized version of the only commercial helicopter the company still

produces, the S-76 Spirit.

Sikorsky's offer will compete against others from five firms representing the United States, France, Italy, Germany and Britain.

Sikorsky will not disclose details of Paul's offer but confirmed a trade report from Brussels that said the proposed plant would employ about 1,900 workers.

Krueger's mistaken claims important, opponents say

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AUSTIN — Democratic Senate candidates Lloyd Doggett and Kent Hance continued their joint assault on front-running opponent Bob Krueger Tuesday by again citing inaccuracies in Krueger's campaign claims.

Although Krueger, a former congressman, has characterized the inaccuracies as minor oversights in a mountain of campaign materials, both Doggett and Hance

tried during a televised debate to portray the errors as important campaign issues.

The most frequently cited error arose from campaign materials in which Krueger claimed he was voted most effective new member of Congress "by his colleagues," when in fact the voting was done by congressional employees.

Hance, a Lubbock congressman, and Doggett, an Austin state senator, also have questioned Krueger's

claim that he voted to create the Department of Education, noting that Krueger was not a representative when the vote was taken.

Hance and Doggett agreed that the mistakes were a valid issue in the election.

On other matters, all three of the candidates agreed that steps should be taken to reduce the federal budget deficit.

Doggett said he would achieve a balanced budget by reducing selected govern-

ment programs and abolishing the tax reduction policies of the Reagan Administration.

Hance said economic growth — not a tax increase — is the only acceptable way to reduce budget deficits.

Hance also advocated a freeze in government spending at current levels, with the exception of Social Security and defense.

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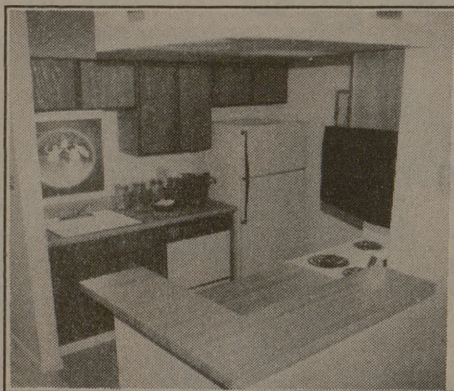
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