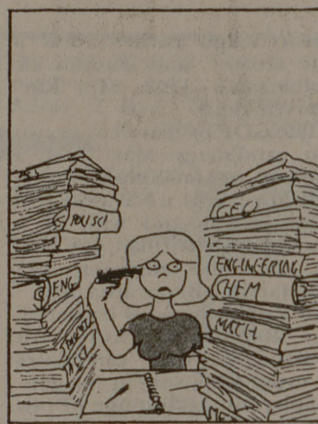


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Tower asks for Cobb as judge

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 WASHINGTON — Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, Thursday asked President Reagan to appoint Howell Cobb of Beaumont as a federal judge to replace Judge Joe Fisher, who is taking senior status.
 Cobb, who was born in Atlanta, has been a trial lawyer since 1951. He is a partner in the Beaumont law firm of Or-gain, Bell and Tucker. The 61-year-old Cobb graduated from the University of Virginia Law School.
 Cobb has practiced both in the state and federal courts, specializing in civil cases. He is a member of the Texas Bar Association.

Why they call it DEAD WEEK



United Auto Workers attack General Dynamics' policies

United Press International
 FORT WORTH — Labor and church representatives accused General Dynamics Corp. Thursday of being a "corporation out of control" and guilty of a variety of sins at an anything-but-routine annual shareholders meeting.
 An official of the United Auto Workers accused General Dynamics of an anti-union attitude and said if the situation persists, the union will be prepared to take strong counter-measures.
 In response, General Dynamics Chairman David Lewis charged the UAW was attempting "blackmail" and "bully boy tactics."
 Before the dispute began, Lewis announced that the corporation had net sales of \$1.86 billion and net earnings of \$77.5 million, or \$1.52 per share, in the first quarter of 1984. In the same period the

previous year, General Dynamics reported net sales of \$1.82 billion and net earnings of \$56.8 million, or \$1.03 per share.
 Eleven dissident stockholders leveled complaints against the St. Louis-based firm, which makes jet fighter planes, electronics equipment, missile systems, tanks and submarines. General Dynamics was accused of anti-union activity, discriminating against women, overcharging on government contracts and ignoring worker safety measures.
 Sister Mary Ann McGovern of the Sisters of Loretto in St. Louis, spoke on behalf of resolution that would require that voting by stockholders be done by secret ballot.
 Lewis announced the resolution lost, receiving only 3.4 percent of the votes cast by stockholders.
 Sister McGovern said the decision to seek a secret ballot

arose from a situation last year when her order sponsored a resolution to bar the company from bidding on a cruise missile contract.
 "Last year the company resolicited over 900 people, including employees, that voted in favor of the proposal," she said.
 The main concern of many of the other speakers was the long-running strike by 1,500 members of the Marine Draftsmen's Association at General Dynamics' Electric Boat Division in Groton, Conn. The Marine Draftsmen's union, an affiliate of the UAW, went on strike in June 1983.
 Marc Stepp of the UAW told the General Dynamics directors, "We are concerned about what seemingly is an anti-union position that has shown itself in our relationship with you." He said a roadblock in the situation in Groton involved the corporation's refusal to bring back 500 of the striking workers.

"We can settle that this day, in this building agree to bring these back to work," Stepp said.
 Responding from the podium, Lewis said the Marine Draftsmen's Association history of extremely difficult bargaining — constant strikes — He said the draftsmen were making more money workers doing the same as a competing company in port News, Va.
 "We had to get on with jobs" during the strike, Lewis said, so the company hired placement workers and allowed union members to go to work. In addition, there no longer were as many jobs needed at the plant.
 The union, he said, "who freed that we drop those people from the street — people came from all over America to take jobs — and we're not to do it. And this is a basic

GM car owners to be reimbursed

By ERIN PYLE
 Reporter
 Owners of any General Motors Corp. cars with transmission or engine defects will now

be able to have the Better Business Bureau handle their complaints.
 GM was taken to court in 1983 when a complaint was filed charging GM with failing to notify consumers about engine or transmission defects that were costly to repair. The Federal Trade Commission ordered GM to reimburse almost \$95 million to consumers, making this the largest settlement of its kind.
 Owners may settle disputes with GM regardless of the age or mileage of their car. This arbitration program will run for eight years.
 The Better Business Bureau said there are two kinds of re-

imbursements consumers can receive.
 If a consumer is having trouble with his car now, he may file a complaint with the Better Business Bureau and go through the arbitration process. A hearing with an impartial arbitrator will be held at the convenience of the consumer. Consumers will not need lawyers, but they should bring their repair bills and, if possible, witnesses to assist them at the settlement hearing.
 The settlement hearings are binding on GM, but not on the consumer, unless he accepts the arbitrator's award. If the consumer is not satisfied with the award offered, he may reject

the arbitrator's decision and pursue the matter through a private law suit.
 The Better Business Bureau said the arbitration process usually takes less than six months to complete.
 If the consumer already paid for damages to have car fixed, he may file a claim through the Better Business Bureau to get a reimbursement from GM. Consumers who are not happy with the GM offers may go through arbitration process.
 The FTC said that almost 1 million GM cars were equipped with components which have been found defective.

Lawyers association elects leaders

United Press International
 AUSTIN — Texas lawyers have elected Charles L. Smith as president-elect of the State Bar of Texas and David R. Seidler of Aransas Pass as president-elect of the Texas Young Lawyers Association, bar officials

announced Thursday.
 Smith, a graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law and a member of the bar since 1955, defeated Howard Waldrop of Texarkana for the president's post.
 Smith, 52, has served as chairman of the state bar's board of directors and also as president and vice president of the San Antonio Bar Association. He currently is a partner

in the law firm Groce, Seidler, 32, is a graduate of Texas Tech University School and was licensed by the bar in 1976. He defeated Charles M. Jordan of Galveston for the post of TYLA president.
 Both Smith and Seidler serve a year as president before assuming their offices at the June 1985 State Bar convention in Dallas.

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