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Caribbean officials meet Reagan for summit meeting

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 COLUMBIA, S.C. — President Reagan marked the fifth anniversary of the Nicaraguan revolution Thursday by warning the leftist government that "a Soviet-style sham election" this fall will not satisfy demands for progress toward democracy.
 Branding the Sandinista takeover "a revolution betrayed," Reagan said Nicaragua is an extension of the same communist threat that provoked his invasion of Grenada last October.
 "What was happening in Grenada was not an isolated incident," he said at a summit meeting of Caribbean leaders. "The Soviet bloc and Cuba have been committing enormous resources to undermining our liberty and independence."
 Reagan joined officials from 15 Caribbean nations and territories at

the University of South Carolina for two 12 hours of talks on economic and security concerns, marked by signs of impatience with the implementation of his Caribbean Basin Initiative, a package of trade and investment incentives that took effect Jan. 1.
 While the private discussions focused on trade imbalances, debt burdens and threats to security, Reagan used his closing statement to level a broadside at Nicaragua — his second in as many days.
 He also defended his invasion of Grenada as a move to liberate its people from Marxism and prevent "danger and turmoil from spreading beyond Grenada's shores."
 Reagan, whose popularity rose after Grenada, has depicted the invasion as a symbol of the assertive foreign policy he brought to office in 1981 and his determination to check

the spread of communism.
 Reagan charged the Sandinistas have reneged on written commitments to democracy. Taking note of an announced Nov. 4 election, he said: "We would wholeheartedly welcome a genuine democratic election in Nicaragua. But no person committed to democracy will be taken in by a Soviet-style sham election."
 "The situation in Nicaragua is not promising, but if the Sandinistas would keep to their original commitment — permit free elections, respect human rights and establish an independent nation — conflict in the region would subside."
 A senior administration official said the Sandinistas have made no provision for independent observers or given opposition candidates the capability to wage "a real campaign."

Local elderly bachelor remembers way it was

By KAREN GILES
 Reporter

Remember the good ol' days when you could ride your bicycle on the campus' unpaved roads? When the buildings in Bryan-College Station stood no taller than two stories? Or how about when all you could see on Texas Avenue was one grocery-gas station, advertising red lead for 9¢ a gallon?

Steve Holik remembers. Holik, a thin soft-spoken bachelor, said he's spent all 74 years of his life in Bryan-College Station. "Only time I've ever left the town was when I was just a kid, and those nice cadets would pay my train fare to go to Dallas, Austin or Houston with them for their corp trips, and when I went to Mexico," Holik boasted.

Holik, son of an Austrian migrant, said he grew up on a plot of land that is now a paved area on campus. "I used to ride my bike through the pillars of the old Academic building," said Holik. "That school looked a whole lot different back then. I probably couldn't find my way around today. The college sure has changed, but the boys still keep their hair short. Just like mine," he said, as he ran his wrinkled hand over his white bristle-topped head.

The only changes you'll find at Martin's Barbeque is the air conditioner they installed in the wall last week. You can find Holik working at Martin's for his great-nephew, Albin Kapchinski.

"I do a little of everything 'round here," said Holik. "Been here since '46 — that's 1946, but before that I worked ten years in the mess hall at the college."

Martin's has a comfortable atmosphere — one pool table, an old cigarette machine, and a very out-of-place video game. The walls are decorated with neon beer signs and a couple of old clocks, one of which doesn't run. There is one picture though, but it can't be seen, since it's covered with snapshots from Holik's 72nd birthday.

Holik likes to show off the two barbeque pits he works in the back. He carefully opened one of the pits with a rope pulley. As the smoke and steam billowed out, Holik smelled the aroma. He boasts about how good the meat is, and managed to slip in that he makes "the best sauce in town."

The huge black ovens are still fed

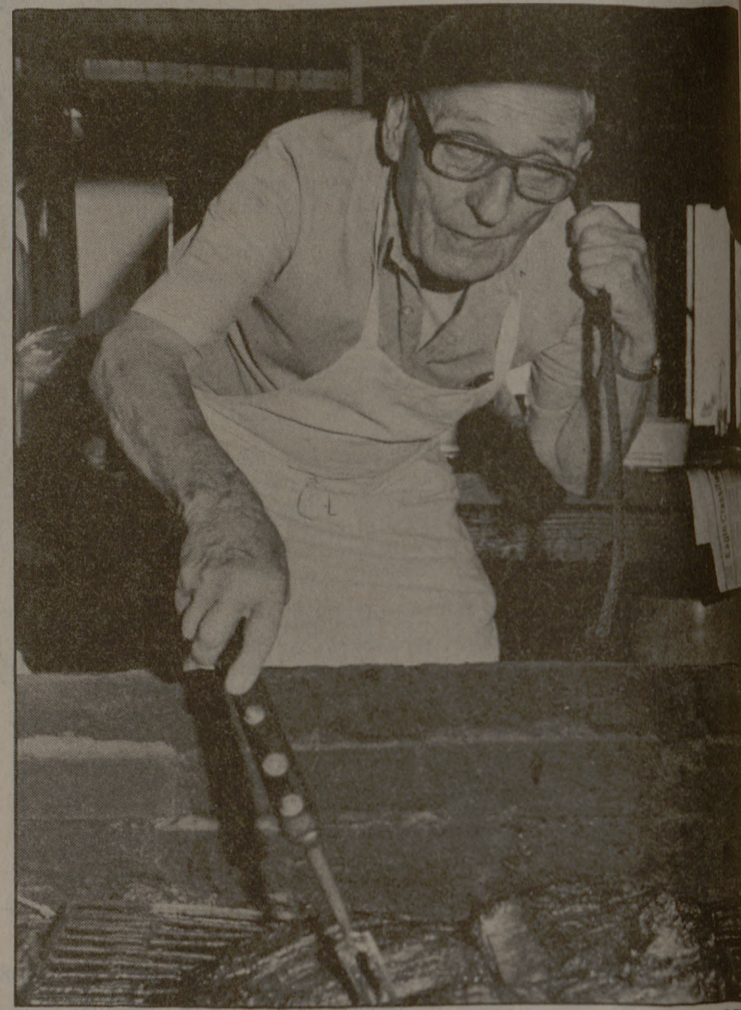


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Steve Holik checks his barbeque pit to make sure the meat cooks just right.

with wood, so the juices drip over the coals and the steam rises to give the meat more flavor, said Holik. "The customers love it!"

Most of the customers sit at the U-shaped bar, with their eyes fixed on a small color television across the smoke-filled room.

"We draw about the same crowd, sometimes a few new ones," said Kapchinski as he scanned the crowd in his restaurant. "But for the most part, these people have been coming here since my grandfather built the place in 1939. Most have died off by now, but everybody still around knows Steve. The regulars are all his old friends."

Kapchinski said that he knows

his restaurant is a little behind the times, but boasts that Martin's was the first store in town to get a license to sell beer.

Holik lives alone in a small white house behind the restaurant, between the barbeque pits and the wood pile.

Between his job in the mess hall and waiting tables at Martin's, Holik said he spent a few years gardening and plowing students' yards. "The other than that, I just piddled around doin' this and that."

"I'm happy with what I'm doing and I don't ever plan on retirin'. I don't like givin' up," Holik said, as he placed his final domino on the table with a hearty, "Beat that, fellas!"

We can take the Heat



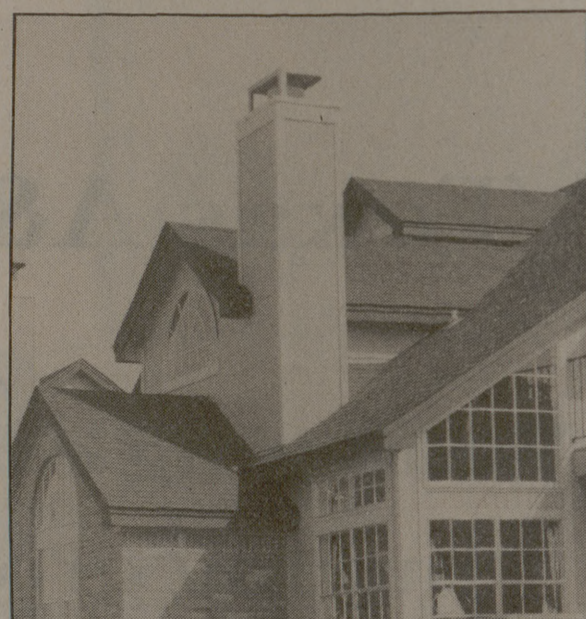
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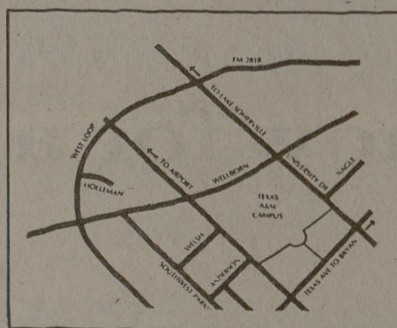


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