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## Copter crashes; two die in Dallas

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DALLAS — A Bell helicopter taking off from a police substation struck a radio tower Tuesday and crashed in flames, killing the pilot and a police officer returning from a meeting on dignitary protection at next month's Republican National Convention.

It was the first such crash in the police special operations department's 14-year history, authorities said.

The victims' names were not released pending notification of relatives. The civilian pilot was attached to the police department.

The crash occurred just before noon at Canton and Hall Streets immediately east of downtown.

"There was a civilian and one sworn officer in the helicopter," said executive assistant police Chief Harold Warren. "We know the pilot knew the tower was there. We don't know why the craft veered into it."

Warren said the two dead men had attended a meeting on dignitary protection in the central city complex and were returning to their base when they struck the 500-foot tower.

The chopper came to rest in the middle of a gravel road, just adjacent to a machinery company's equipment yard, about 500 feet east of the tower.

The fire burned the tail section of the helicopter. Unburned jet fuel stood in puddles all around the helicopter and debris was scattered over a wide area.

Warren said he doubted the pilot tried to navigate the craft toward an open space to avoid injuring people below.

"We believe the forward momentum carried them to where they crashed," Warren said. "I'd say there was no control over where they went."

George Jones, an employee of a service station across street from crash site, witnessed the incident.

"He (the pilot) came close to the tower and when he went to tilt away, the propeller hit it. The motor quit and it came straight down, nose first. It exploded about three or four seconds after it hit," Jones said.



Framework

Photo by PETER ROCHA

Terry Bryan sands the frame of an Academic Building window Tuesday morning.

When he's through, some of the glass will be replaced, then the frame repainted.

## Regents back funding amendment

By REBECA ZIMMERMANN

Editor

Responding to what William A. McKenzie, vice chancellor of the Texas A&M System Board of Regents, termed "perhaps the most important thing that will come before us this year," the board Tuesday formally endorsed the proposed state constitutional amendment to revise higher education funding.

Also at Tuesday's meeting, regents approved the appointments of

Dr. Herbert Richardson as vice chancellor and dean of engineering and Dr. Daniel Fallon as dean of liberal arts at Texas A&M.

The board also heard special reports on Texas A&M's library and the Faculty Senate. Dean of Faculties Clinton Phillips presented a report comparing the Sterling C. Evans Library with other universities' libraries, and Dr. Murray H. Milford, speaker of Texas A&M's Faculty Senate, explained the Senate's role to the board.

Regents endorsed the proposed constitutional amendment because it would allow schools in the University of Texas and Texas A&M systems —

most significantly Prairie View A&M University — greater participation in the Permanent University Fund, which is the primary source of income for the two systems. The amendment also would create a \$100-million-a-year-fund to support the 26 state universities outside of the UT and Texas A&M systems.

After McKenzie read the resolu-

tion, he summed up the feelings of many administrators: "And may God see that it passes."

The new vice chancellor and dean of engineering, Dr. Herbert H. Richardson, now associate dean of engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will begin his duties Oct. 1. The new dean of liberal arts, Dr. Daniel Fallon, a professor of psychology at the University

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## Regents OK 'super dean'

By ROBIN BLACK

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Dr. Herbert Richardson, newly appointed dean of engineering at Texas A&M and vice chancellor of engineering for the Texas A&M University System, said Tuesday that he feels there is a tension between the needs of an essential education in the field of engineering and the need for a total program that includes elective subjects outside the technical field.

Richardson's appointment to the new "super dean" position was made official Tuesday by the Board of Regents. In an executive session, the



Dean Herbert Richardson

regents approved Richardson's appointment as well as Dr. Daniel Fal-

lon's appointment as dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

"My own view is that it will never be possible to provide everything a person needs in just four years," Richardson said. "Engineering is a life-long education. We must give them the information that will be a springboard or basis for what they will do and learn in their jobs."

Richardson said he intends to work with the new liberal arts dean and other college deans at the University to improve curriculum.

"I will try to convince the faculty to try to modify the progress in the area of humanities curriculum," he said.

Expanding the four-year engineering degree plan to five or more years — a question that has been discussed in the Faculty Senate — is not the answer to the problem, Richardson said.

"No matter what number of years you pick, it won't be enough," he said. "The question is can you give the engineering students enough of the basic information they need in four years?"

Richardson, 53, began his engineering career at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1953 and is now second in command of the institute's engineering program.

## Reagan denies 'secret' tax hike

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Reagan Tuesday denied Walter Mondale's charge that he secretly is planning to raise taxes next year if re-elected, and accused his Democratic rival of voting repeatedly to hike taxes.

Trying to counter other Democratic attacks, a combative Reagan also rejected assertions that his programs have hurt the poor and said he is not "trigger happy" in Central America or elsewhere.

He jokingly sidestepped questions about Democratic vice presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro, but defended his administration's appointments of women.

Dogged throughout his political career by accusations he is trying to cut Social Security, Reagan also promised to ask Congress to give the 36 million recipients a benefit increase this year even if inflation is not high enough to trigger an automatic hike.

Accepting the Democrats' presidential nomination at the party con-

vention last week, Mondale said he would raise taxes to reduce the ballooning federal deficit. Mondale said Reagan planned to raise taxes too, but the difference is that "he won't tell you, I just did."

In his 26th formal news conference, Reagan was asked if he would rule out flatly any plans for a tax increase next year.

"Yes," Reagan replied. "I have no plans for a tax increase."

Reagan said it was his own three-year cut in individual income tax rates that helped prompt the current economic boom, and a tax cut would stifle the recovery.

The president said he would consider a tax hike only if government spending is cut to the minimum and revenues still do not meet expenses.

Asked about Democratic charges he is "trigger happy," especially in pursuing a secret war in Nicaragua, Reagan replied: "I'm not trigger happy and having known four wars in my lifetime ... the greatest requirement is to strive for peace."

## No party wins Israel majority

United Press International

TEL AVIV, Israel — The opposition Labor Party and the ruling Likud bloc Tuesday competed for support among small parties to form a new government following national elections that gave neither side a parliamentary majority.

With 100 percent of Monday's votes counted, Labor won 45 seats to Likud's 41, a much smaller margin than had been predicted by Israeli pollsters and political observers.

Both failed to win the 61-seat majority needed in the 120-seat Knesset, or Parliament, to form a government. Thirteen small political parties won the rest of the seats.

American-born Rabbi Meir Kahane, who founded the militant Jewish Defense League in the United States, won a seat on his fourth try.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Labor leader Shimon Peres both said they believed they could find partners among the smaller parties to form a coalition government and made informal contacts with the parties throughout the day.

Likud was given a better chance of forming a coalition because it has more allies among the smaller parties.

President Chaim Herzog said he would ask Labor or Likud to form a government after he assesses who has the better chance, probably by Thursday. Under Israeli law, the president calls on the party he thinks is best positioned to form a new government.

Shamir, 69, jubilant after making a stronger-than-expected showing, began trying to win over small parties to form a new government and extend the seven-year reign of Likud, despite its loss in popular votes to Labor.

Peres, 60, also began talks with potential coalition partners, including former Likud Defense Minister Ezer Weizman's Yahad Together Party and the Tami Party of Oriental Jews, traditionally Likud backers.

Weizman resigned from the Likud Cabinet in 1980 because of its opposition to partial Palestinian autonomy in Arab territories occupied by Israel in the 1967 Six Day War.

The settlement of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip was a key issue in the elections, along with Israel's troubled economy and the two-year Israeli occupation of southern Lebanon.

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