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U.S. recovers men after Soviet detainment

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NOME, Alaska — Coast Guard officers recovered five American seamen from their supply boat in the choppy Bering Sea Wednesday after the Americans were detained by the Soviets for a week in remote Siberia.

The return of the Frieda K. to U.S. custody appeared to be going smoothly and on schedule, the State Department said in Washington.

The cutter Sherman rendezvoused as planned Wednesday evening with the ship, according to a radio report from the Coast Guard, which was relayed to the State Department.

At the appointed time, the Coast

Guard officers boarded the ship, the State Department said, and the next step was that the Soviets were to relinquish custody. The captured ship was to be either towed or escorted to the nearest port, Gambell, on the island where U.S. and Soviet territories nearly meet.

The turnover was being monitored via an open telephone line in the State Department and the skipper of the Sherman, Capt. J. F. Billington, was authorized to sign a receipt for the men and the ship.

The 120-foot supply boat Frieda K. was returning from a supply run to a seismic exploration vessel above the Arctic Circle when it was de-

tained Sept. 12 for allegedly entering Soviet waters near the Bering Strait.

State Department officials said Wednesday there had been no indication of any lack of cooperation on the part of the Soviets concerning the release of the Americans.

But the State Department formally protested the Soviet delay in informing U.S. officials of the detention. Washington was told two days after it occurred and another three days lapsed before the U.S. embassy in Moscow made telephone contact with the men.

"Their voyage was innocent and the Soviets should have been aware

of that," State Department spokesman John Hughes said.

The freeing of the seamen came less than two weeks before a meeting at the White House between President Reagan and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko which Secretary of State George Shultz said would center on "a more constructive relationship" between the two countries.

Tab Thoms, skipper of the Frieda K. said Tuesday he was sure he had not strayed into Soviet territory and he refused to sign a document stating he had.

"I checked out my navigation equipment, which showed I was in

U.S. waters, but they wanted me to sign a paper saying I was there and not here," the 25-year-old seaman said in a telephone conversation from Ureliki, near the Bay of Providence.

The crewmen were identified as the captain's brother, Tate Thoms, Mark Halpin, Robert Miller and Charlie Burrall, the cook. All are from Homer, Alaska.

The Sherman was diverted from its duty patrolling fisheries in the Bering Sea to pick up the sailors in international waters. They were expected to be taken to Nome, Alaska.

The seizure came after the Frieda K. docked next to what turned out to

be a Soviet warship to ask how best to avoid reefs that surround Little Diomedede Island — in U.S. territory.

"About 15 soldiers in uniform, with machine guns, knives and pistols boarded the ship," Thoms said. "They took me to the pilot house and kept my crew on the deck. They shut off the radios and unplugged our communications. It was a very military type of operation."

"The first thing we asked was to call our families, but they said, 'You have no rights. You have broken the law and in our country you don't have rights,'" he said.

Burton discusses the effects of cadet's death on Corps

By DAINAH BULLARD

Staff Writer

Corps Commandant Col. Donald L. Burton and Corps Cmdr. Chuck Rollins spoke about the state of affairs in the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets during a Student Senate meeting Wednesday evening.

Burton's speech centered on the changes which have occurred in the Corps since the Aug. 30 death of sophomore cadet Bruce Dean Goodrich. Burton also spoke about the affect of Goodrich's death on the Corps.

"It's pretty obvious we've had a pretty serious incident at Texas A&M," Burton said. "To say that the campus was shaken is an understatement. The Corps was devastated."

However, both Burton and Rollins said morale is high among Corps members despite the problems encountered in recent weeks. Though a "mass exodus" of freshmen cadets was predicted following Goodrich's death, this fall's freshman dropout rate is less than half of the fall 1983 rate, Burton said.

Burton outlined the changes in the Corps' physical training pro-

gram, explaining that cadets will undergo training only under safe temperature and humidity conditions. The program will follow rules from an Army field manual, and outfit trainers will receive special instruction, he said.

Burton said the Corps' physical training program was altered because he has been "unhappy" with the program since last spring. The new program will achieve the desired result without endangering the cadets' health, he said.

"It's going to be body building, it's going to be confidence building," Burton said. "And it's going to be motivational."

Burton said students, faculty and staff should report to him any problems they observe concerning the treatment of cadets.

In spite of the recent problems and bad publicity incurred by the Corps, the organization remains an asset to the University, Burton said.

"I'm biased, but I still consider the Corps of Cadets to be a most valuable asset to Texas A&M," he said. "I'm concerned that the majority of the student body expects the Corps on this campus to lead, and it will."

The Corps investigation into abuse of authority concluded Wednesday, and the results will be presented to the Texas A&M Board of Regents, Rollins said. The investigation included listing every hazing activity that has occurred since the Corps seniors have been enrolled at A&M, he said.

"We're not going to be afraid of 'Oh, my God ... that really happened? People are going to find us out,'" Rollins said. "We're not going to be afraid of that, because we don't have anything to fear. The worst of anything that could happen has happened."

Following the speeches, the Senate elected Mike Cook as vice president of the Rules and Regulations committee, and Wayne Roberts as vice president of Student Services.

The Senate then passed a bill for formation of the University Center Finance Executive Committee, a joint committee of Student Government and the MSC Council which will give students more input in topics such as the operation of food services.

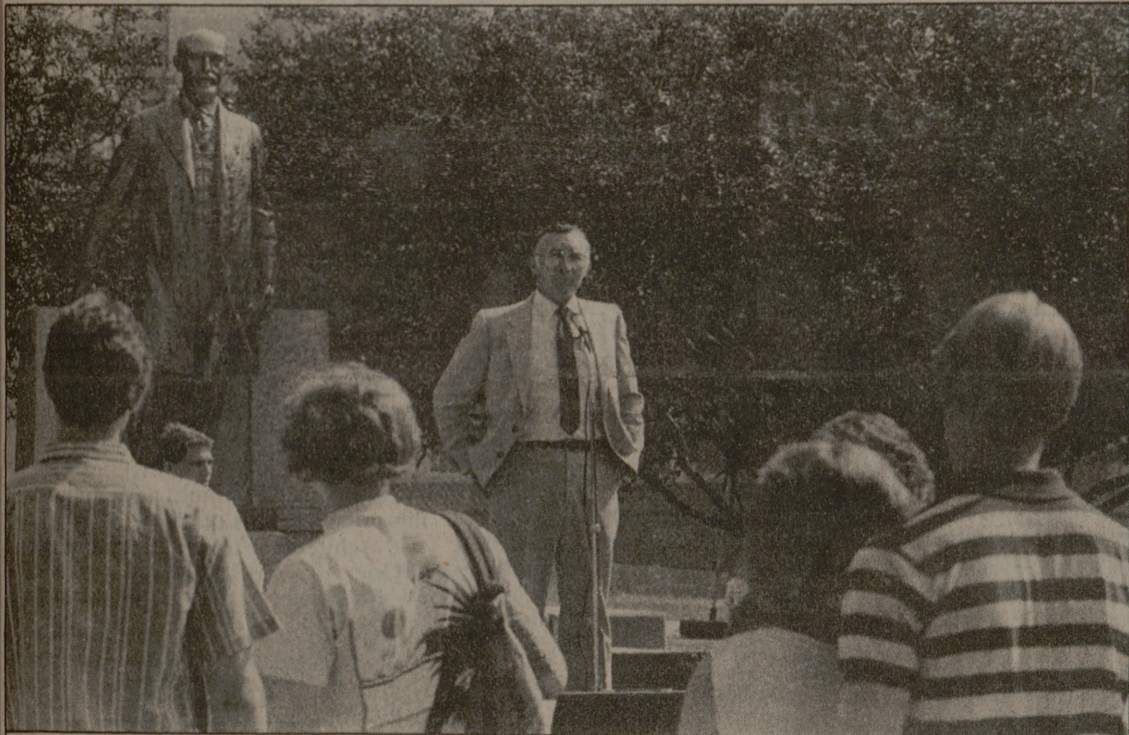


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Sully Symposium

Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services, talks with a group of students

Wednesday during the second in a series of Sully symposiums. See story page 3.

Police chief attends FBI National Academy

By SARAH OATES

Staff Writer

His fellow employees almost didn't recognize University Police Chief Elmer Schneider Jr. when he returned to work after a summer of classes at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.

"I left 25 pounds and four inches from my waist in the hills of Virginia," Schneider said Wednesday.

"The guys in my section at the Academy called me 'the terminal man' because every time they saw me, there was less and less of me."

He graduated Sept. 14 from the Academy, which is attended by law enforcement officials from all over the world. Its rigorous 11-week training program includes specialized law enforcement training plus 14 hours of college-level classes and a strenuous physical fitness program.

"They have an obstacle course called the 'yellow brick road,'" he said. "It's 2.8 uphill miles of log jumps, wall climbs and rappelling."

Schneider said the specialized training he received in management, criminal investigation and firearms is the most applicable to the University Police Department.

"I'd like to re-evaluate the in-service training here," he said. "I want to add some new techniques in criminal investigation and crime prevention."

Schneider said, for example, that officers are taught at the Academy to "profile crimes" by researching a suspect's background for clues as to why a crime was committed.

This is not a new technique, he said, but in the past it was not stressed as much as it is now. More

officers today are being trained to do this kind of research.

The college classes taught at the Academy — which include behavioral science, communications, sociology and psychology — are geared toward police work.

For example, the psychology course teaches investigators to judge a criminal's character by looking for certain clues at the scene of a violent crime.

"There are two types of character," Schneider said. "There's the organized criminal and the disorganized criminal. Each type leaves different clues."

He said that investigators determine whether a criminal is organized or disorganized by looking at the type of weapon used and the location of the crime.

A disorganized criminal may take a victim's clothing or a piece of jewelry as a souvenir, Schneider said. The organized criminal is more likely to take a body part in an attempt to shock the public, he said.

The courses didn't focus only on techniques, Schneider said. Guest lecturers, such as Justice Department officials, spoke to several of the classes.

The woman whose struggle with a split personality inspired the book "The Three Faces of Eve" spoke to the psychology class.

"Split personality is often used as a criminal defense," Schneider said. "They invited her to tell us about her experiences. She showed us art work done by the different personalities and you could really see a differ-

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Israel's prime minister to request increased U.S. aid for recovery

United Press International

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Shimon Peres will ask President Reagan as "a thing of urgency" for up to \$950 million in additional U.S. aid as part of a recovery plan for Israel's ailing economy, government sources said Wednesday.

Peres, who has made the Israeli economy a priority since taking office six days ago, will travel to Washington next month for a "working visit," meeting with Reagan Oct. 9, four weeks before the American election.

Congress is completing action now on an aid package it increased

to \$2.6 billion, all in grants, from the \$2.2 billion in both loans and grants Reagan submitted for approval in February.

"This is a thing of urgency," a government source said.

The reception that Peres' request for an additional \$750 million to \$950 million will get may depend on what steps Israel takes at home to bring the economy under control.

U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis reportedly told Peres and new Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai in recent days that the Reagan administration views Israel's economic situation with seriousness and at-

taches great importance to taking corrective measures as soon as possible.

The Israeli media reported that Lewis bluntly told Modai the United States would not see its aid funds channeled toward raising the Israeli standard of living and establishing new Jewish settlements on the occupied West Bank.

But the Israeli sources said the United States has made no demands that Israel must meet to get the additional aid.

The sources also said the amount

of U.S. aid to Israel barely covers Israel's payment on its debt to the United States, adding: "It is a matter of principle that we pay all our debts."

Israel's inflation has been running at an annual rate of 400 percent — double that of last year.

Israel radio reported that the government had approved increases of 30 percent in electricity charges and 60 percent in postal rates.

The new Cabinet, in one of its first decisions, has ordered a cut of \$1 billion in Israel's \$22 billion budget.

Bombing suspect drops pants in court

United Press International

MONTREAL — American Thomas Brigham yanked down his pants in court Wednesday and proclaimed that his underwear proves him innocent of a bombing that killed three people in Montreal's main railway station.

He was ordered to undergo psychiatric exams prior to a hearing to determine whether he is fit to stand trial on the charges.

Brigham demanded the right to make a statement and said he is not responsible for the Labor Day blast that killed three French tourists and injured 41 people in Central Station.

Quebec Sessions Court Judge Bernard Grenier ordered Brigham held for 30 days for psychiatric ex-

amination and set a hearing for Oct. 3 to determine if he is mentally competent to stand trial.

As prosecutor Claude Parent questioned court-appointed psychiatrist Dr. Charles Daoust, Brigham jumped on a chair in the prisoner's dock and shouted: "I want to make a statement. I have not had a chance to speak."

"I want to present my evidence," Brigham said, pulling down his trousers and pointing to his exposed undershorts.

"I was doing my laundry" he yelled.

"How in the hell could I plant a

bomb when I was doing my laundry? Why would I be sitting on the can when the bomb was going off next door?"

Brigham, a 65-year-old native of Rochester, N.Y., said "Montreal is a symbolic sacrifice for the second coming" and predicted further bombings in the city. But he denied he has been or would be involved in any bombings.

"That bomb was only the kickoff," he screamed. "They're going to be 10, 20, 30 more bombs and the first target is going to be the Jacques Cartier Bridge."

The bridge spans the St. Lawrence River and connects Montreal to Quebec's south shore.

Brigham also predicted firebombings at all Montreal strip clubs and the homes of civic officials who approved of strip clubs.

"I'm not part of the bomb squad or the fire squad," he said. "I'm part of the truth squad."

During his five-minute outburst, he threatened to launch lawsuits against the city over his detention and prosecution.

He said he had tried to assist people injured in the railway station bombing.

"I stayed around for hours afterwards to help people," he said.

He was arrested after police traced letters — at least one of them threatening the pope who is on a 12-day visit to Canada — to him.