

Leland opposes South Africa flights

United Press International
 WASHINGTON — Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, cited apartheid and racial issues Thursday in urging the Civil Aeronautics Board to reject South Africa Airways' petition to continue service between Houston and Johannesburg.

"During the past four years, President Reagan has worked to make our relationship with South Africa increasingly cozy," Leland said. "His administration's policy of 'constructive engagement' has failed to move the South African government to eliminate apartheid."

Leland was one of 86 congressmen who objected two years ago when the CAB granted SAA "the extraordinary right" to provide Houston-Johannesburg service, which is outside the United States-South Africa bilateral air transport agreement.

"Extending SAA's exemption would only serve to reward a government system built on racial bigotry and rampant discrimination," he said.

Leland filed the objection and called on the board to hold a full evidentiary hearing to determine if the U.S. has received any benefit under the original premise for granting the exemption and whether the service is profitable and necessary.

Under apartheid, blacks who make up 73 percent of South Africa's population are segregated to "homelands" and prohibited from having any voice in government. Leland said Congress has moved to take actions against South Africa, such as blocking corporate investment in America.

"Justice demands that the United States take similar action by renouncing its bilateral agreement with South Africa and terminating SAA's flights to this country," Leland said. "However, at this time I am only asking that the board not go beyond the bilateral agreement in rewarding South Africa with added economic benefits."

Leland said there is little evidence the public is served by the route. He said the CAB justified the Houston service on grounds South Africa would then give favorable consideration to a Pan Am route to Cape-town, but that service has not begun.

Leland said SAA estimates its service from Houston carries an average of 151 passengers a week and has yet to earn a profit.

"It is also obvious from looking at SAA's results that its Houston service is not being conducted as a viable commercial operation," he said.

Around town

Science students must take exam

Any junior or senior in the College of Science who has not previously taken the English Proficiency Examination should plan to take the test Oct. 15 unless they have completed English 301 with a minimum grade of C. Students in the College of Science are required to pass either English 301 or the test in order to qualify as a degree candidate.

The English Proficiency Exam will be administered by the English department. Students in the biology, chemistry, mathematics and physics departments should register for the exam in 313 Biological Sciences Building prior to the exam.

Voter registration deadline approaches

Sunday is the last day to register to vote in the November election. Aggie GOP will have registration tables in the MSC, Blocker Building and Zachry Engineering Center this week.

Aggie Players present Liliom tonight

The TAMU Aggie Players will open their 40th season with the haunting, romantic fantasy, "Liliom" at 8 p.m. tonight in Rudder Forum. "Liliom" also will be presented Saturday. Tickets are \$4 for the general public and \$3 for A&M students and are available at the MSC Box Office.

Alcohol awareness week begins Monday

Next week is National Alcohol Awareness Week. The Department of Student Affairs, through the alcohol Awareness Program is sponsoring a variety of activities and events to increase student awareness of responsible drinking. See the daily "What's Up" column for special events, or call 845-5826 for more information.

SCAVMA sponsors dog bath and dip

The SCAVMA Auxiliary is sponsoring a dog bath and dip from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the vet school parking lot. The cost is \$5 per dog. A veterinarian will be available to answer questions. Please bring your dog's leash and a towel.

Driver safety course begins today

The College Station Lions Club will sponsor a Driver Safety Course today from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and tomorrow from 8 a.m. to noon. This course may be used to have certain traffic violations dismissed and to receive a 10 percent discount on automobile insurance. Registration is held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. today in ballroom A of the Aggeland Inn. For more information, call 696-4945.

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World's Fair president queried by grand jury

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 NEW ORLEANS — Peter Spurney, the embattled president of the debt-ridden World's Fair, went before a federal grand jury Thursday to answer questions about possible crimes committed in the expo's management.

Spurney, already under pressure from a public committee appointed by Gov. Edwin Edwards to help the fair limp toward its scheduled close, was tight-lipped as he emerged with expo attorney Ann Brown after more than an hour of interrogation.

Federal officials refused to disclose the nature of the investigation,

saying the activities of such grand juries were by law outside the public view.

At a meeting Wednesday, public committee member Bob d'Hemecourt suggested Spurney be replaced by Jim Brandt, vice president for planning, and that the exposition reduce from seven to four the number of vice presidents by merging their tasks.

Admission figures and concessions sales dropped this week, and the \$1.2 million set aside for expenses will be used up just on taxes and payroll, leaving no money for creditors.

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