

KGB defector now crusading for far-right

Associated Press

ODESSA — Tomas Schuman says he spent much of his life as an agent of the left, working for the KGB. Now the Russian defector is a Cold Warrior for the far-right.

Sporting a tie adorned with American flags, liberty bells and minutemen, Schuman spoke in Odessa as part of his nationwide tour for the Larry McDonald Crusade to Stop Financing Communism.

McDonald, a conservative U.S. congressman, died in the Korean Airlines flight shot down by the Soviets in 1983.

Schuman, who defected from the Soviet Union in 1970 as Yuri Bezmenov, said he met McDonald in 1978 while lecturing in journalism at Carlton University in Toronto, Canada.

Schuman said he called the John Birch Society, an ultra-conservative group founded in 1959 to fight the spread of communism in America, and was persuaded to coordinate his speaking engagements through them.

Although Schuman said he does not belong to the John Birch Society, joining would be just a formality.

Joe Davenport, a San Angelo-based John Birch Society coordinator for West Texas, said the Larry McDonald Crusade is a standing committee of the anti-communist group.

Schuman said Friday that he once had a high-paying job manipulating the American press in the "disinformation" section of the KGB, the Soviet Union's secret police and intelligence agency.

Now he claims federal welfare programs, large corporations and "monopolistic media" such as television networks could turn the U.S. into a communist dictatorship.

Schuman said communism can be defeated — but only if the media stops repeating messages from communist governments and if commercial trade with communist countries is halted.



Photo by ANTHONY S. CASPER

Musical Interlude

The Texas A&M Singing Cadets provided entertainment between baseball games Saturday afternoon. A&M hosted a double-

header with the University of Texas. The cadets also sang the national anthem for the opening game.

Government auditors discover overbilling in defense contracts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A team of auditors uncovered \$109.7 million in "absolutely inexcusable" claims against the Pentagon by seven giant defense contractors, the House Armed Services Committee said Sunday.

The questioned bills were found in audits of one-year billing periods by General Dynamics Corp., the Sperry Corp., the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Bell Helicopter, McDonnell Douglas Corp., Rockwell International Corp. and Boeing.

The auditors examined \$3.6 billion in claims for overhead expenses by the seven corporations and concluded "that up to \$1 for every \$33 submitted to the government for overhead expenses is questionable," said Rep. Bill Nichols, D-Ala.

"The problem is broader than one company," Nichols said, "and the volume of questionable billings al-

ready found shows that the problem goes deep — it's not just a matter of an occasional and isolated wrong bill."

Hearings will begin in mid-May and legislation is likely to be introduced to "eliminate the incentives that firms now have to charge the Pentagon for everything but the kitchen sink," he said.

"We haven't seen the report and we can't comment at this time," said Alvin Spivak, spokesman for General Dynamics.

Comment was not available from the other companies.

The billings include:
• \$261,000 for an executive dining room where company officials were "fed without charge."

• \$1,099,619 for operating losses of employee cafeterias over a two-

year period. The Defense Acquisition Regulations say companies must operate food services with the intent of breaking even.

• \$10,713 to cover operating losses of a barber shop reserved for senior executives.

• \$62,071 "to enhance the 'public image' of a firm after the crash of a plane it manufactured. Costs included those for a news conference, rehearsal of company officials appearing at the conference, monitoring of newscasts, limousine rental, a clipping service and library research on crashes of airplanes built by competitors.

• \$160,000 for taxes paid to a foreign government in connection with the contractor's commercial business.

• \$162,149 for promotional giveaways.

UPI asks for protection from paper's creditors

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — United Press International filed Sunday for protection under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code, saying it must reorganize its affairs after compiling \$45 million in liabilities against an estimated \$20 million in assets.

"Basically, what happens in a Chapter 11 is the filing of a petition allows some breathing space for the corporation to restructure its affairs," said Francis DiCello, the Washington attorney who filed the papers.

David Wickenden, a UPI spokesman, said that effective Sunday, UPI raised rates for its clients by 9.9 percent, a move he said was aimed at generating several million dollars in revenues.

UPI's four-member board of directors authorized the filing Friday after the agency was unable to cover its April 26 payroll.

The filing would stop creditors "from taking any enforced collection action pending further order of the bankruptcy court," DiCello said.

UPI plans to ask the court today to grant permission for UPI to cover last week's paychecks for nearly 2,000 employees, who were advised Thursday night that their checks would bounce if deposited.

The court also would be asked to

approve payment of four weeks' pay to about 80 employees laid off without notice Friday.

In addition, attorneys for the news service said they will seek permission to enter into a financing agreement with the Foothill Capital Corp. of Los Angeles, its principal lender, to provide funds needed during the reorganization period, UPI said.

"We've basically been looking at this option for a long time," President Ray Wechsler said. He described the petition as "terrifying to the company" as it moves to reorganize.

The largest liabilities listed by UPI were \$6.1 million to AT&T Communications Co. for news and picture transmissions and news gathering, \$2.1 million to Equatorial Communications Co., which provides satellite dishes to UPI clients, and \$1 million to American Express Co., which provided credit cards for employees.

UPI Chairman Luis Nogales, one of the four directors, has been meeting with creditors "in an attempt to informally reach an agreement that would clear the company's short-term debts of more than \$20 million and also provide vendors with payment or stock in the company," UPI said.

Around town

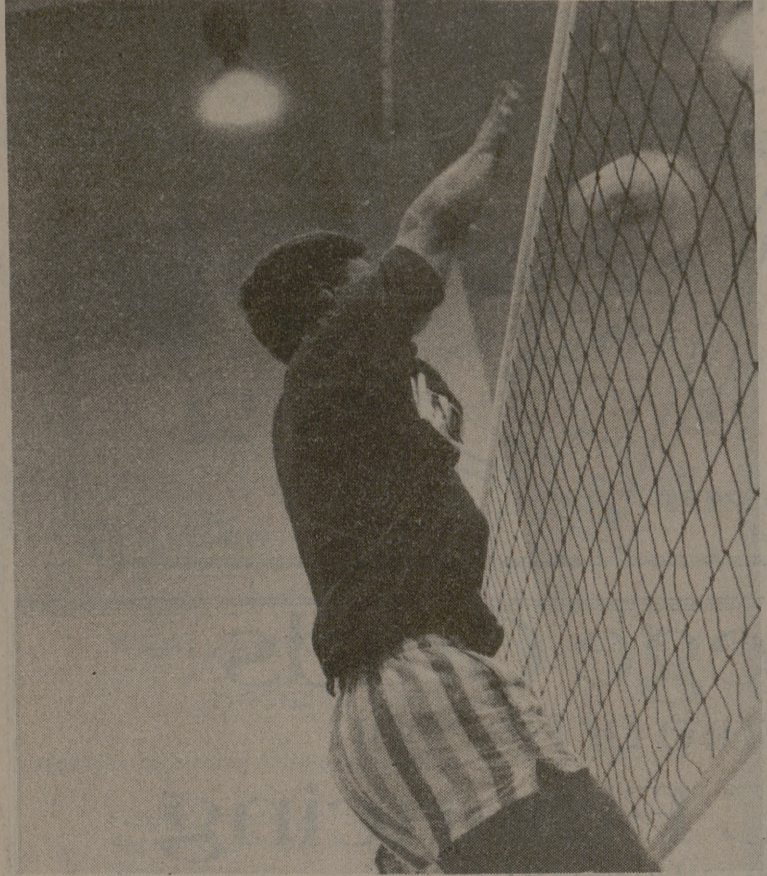
A&M Macintosh users group forming

The Texas A&M Macintosh Users Group is a non-profit, independent group of people who own or use Macintosh computers. The first meeting will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, May 2 in Room 105, Soil & Crop Sciences-Entomology Center. Membership is \$10 and includes a free disk of public domain software (including fonts and a new Finder). Everyone is encouraged to attend. This is the place where you can get your questions answered.

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At 2930 E. Highway 21



Paul De Vries from team Canada blocks a spiked ball in the All-U championship volleyball triples game.

SUMMER SPORTS

Never fear die hard Intramural fans! The advent of summer doesn't mean the end of your fun. Intramural sports will be played during both summer sessions. Here's a list of the events scheduled for the first session:

- Slow Pitch Softball
- Basketball Triples
- Volleyball Triples
- Tennis Singles
- Handball Singles
- Racquetball Doubles
- Golf Singles

WINNERS! WINNERS! WINNERS!

- VOLLEYBALL TRIPLES**
- CLASS A: MEN'S — Team Canada
WOMEN'S — Whatever
COREC — Split Six III
- CLASS B: MEN'S — Trader
WOMEN'S — Anonymous
COREC — GWN
- CLASS C: COREC — Slugger
- ARCHERY TOURNAMNET**
- SINGLES:**
- CLASS A: MEN — (tie) Randal Whittlesey
Jeff Tague
WOMEN — Ingrid Seaborne
- CLASS B: MEN — Shain Chapman
WOMEN — Kathy Craig
- DOUBLES:**
- CLASS A: MEN'S — Brian Koehl & Gary Boecker
WOMEN'S — Eugenia Algaze & Julie Burg
COREC — Foster Ullmann & Eugenia Algaze
- CLASS B: MEN'S — Bob Stallsmith & Mark Usnick
WOMEN'S — Kathy Craig & Cheryl Craig
COREC — Kepler Johnson & Leah Starr

<p>Lockers</p> <p>All recreational lockers must be cleared out or renewed before Tuesday, June 4.</p>	<p>Innertube Water Polo</p> <p>Innertube Water Polo finals will be tonight, April 29 beginning at 7 p.m. in the P.L. Downs Pool.</p>	<p>All-U championship</p> <p>All-University playoffs for Softball will begin Wednesday, May 1 and will conclude on Sunday, May 5. These schedules will be posted today after 3 p.m.</p>
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- Deware Fieldhouse
Closed May 13-June 2
Beginning June 2
12 p.m.-7 p.m. M-F
11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sat. & sun.
- Beginning May 13
East Klye
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8 a.m.-10 p.m. Sat. & Sun.

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