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Hance discloses plans to enter governor's race

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Saying that the people of Texas have lost faith in Gov. Mark White, Republican Congressman Kent Hance said Saturday that he plans to run for governor in 1986.

Hance stopped short of officially announcing his candidacy for the gubernatorial race but said, "We definitely plan to be on the ballot."

Hance said he will officially announce his plans in late August or September.

Hance's comments came during a press conference at the College Station Hilton.

Hance, in town for a meeting

with local Republican Party officials, said Texans are upset with White's performance as governor.

"During his campaign, Mark White promised not to raise taxes but ended up pushing for the largest tax increase in the state's history," Hance said. "About 70 percent of the school districts in Texas will have to raise their property taxes anywhere from 15 to 150 percent."

Hance also criticized White's handling of the state education reform bill.

"Some good things came out of House Bill 72, but Mark White did not allow enough input from the teaching profession," he said.

"Mark White has not exhibited the leadership this state needs," Hance also responded to criticism that he recently switched to the Republican Party so he would have a better chance of winning the 1986 gubernatorial election.

"I would have won as a Democrat," he said. "The change in parties was a philosophical one. I'm more comfortable with the ideals of the Republican Party."

"For years we have had two Democratic Parties in Texas, a conservative one and a liberal one. More and more conservative Democrats will change to the Republican Party as the Democrats move to the left."

State group begins review of textbooks

Associated Press

AUSTIN — History textbooks proposed for Texas classrooms contain too much about blacks, too little about the values of homemakers and too-small pictures of George Washington, the State Textbook Committee heard Monday.

"With the exception of one text, there's not a picture of George Washington larger than the picture you see on a one-dollar bill," complained Eleanor Hutcheson of Fort Worth, representing the Daughters of the American Revolution.

"You can see more history of our country on money than you can in these texts."

Monday was history book day as the committee began hearings on \$92.9 million of textbooks the state will buy. The committee's recommendations will be forwarded to the State Board of Education, which will select the books next month.

Textbook critic Mel Gabler of Longview offered brief remarks and a lengthy printed analysis of the history texts. He said many of the books do not meet state law.

People for the American Way, an anti-censorship organization, praised the proposed texts as a "significant improvement" over books used in past years.

Several women complained about the books' treatment of women. The witnesses said feminists have pushed publishers too far.

Jennifer Amo of Hurst, mother of six, said some books fail to mention "the contribution of a full-time mother to rear strong, self-reliant moral children who will become citizens capable of self-government."

Ada Ferguson, incoming president of the Austin PTA, agreed. She said texts should be written "so that young girls don't feel put down, unenlightened or unfulfilled if they choose to stay at home with their children."

Hutcheson had a long list of specific complaints, including that some books included pictures of Malcolm X that were larger than pictures of Washington.

"Black is not beautiful all the time," she said, contending that some blacks mentioned in the books had communist ties.

Hutcheson said Crispus Attucks, a black believed to have been a leader in colonial protests that led to the Boston Massacre, was an Indian, not a black.

Hutcheson also listed several well-known American authors she alleged had communist ties.

William Willmann of Fort Worth, a retired Army officer representing the Military Order of the World Wars, complained the texts included too many references to black soldiers.

"We felt there was an overemphasis on race throughout the text, particularly on blacks," he said of one book.

He said mention was made of black troops "... whether their contribution was noteworthy or not."

Prisons

Judge OKs agreement settling 13-year old inmate civil rights suit

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A federal judge who previously ordered sweeping changes in the Texas prison system said Monday he would approve an agreement on overcrowding, resolving the last major issue in a 13-year-old civil rights suit filed by inmates.

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice said, "On balance, terms of the stipulations will be approved by the court."

Justice made the statement after hearing attorneys for the state and the prisoners endorsed an out-of-court agreement that puts a ceiling on the number of inmates in the Texas Department of Corrections, the nation's second largest prison system.

Prison officials said compliance with the agreement would be difficult, particularly with the time constraints on new prison construction.

The attorney for the inmates, William Bennett Turner, said he was not optimistic that the corrections department would be able to comply.

"It's not in the nature of the prison beast to make changes," Turner said.

State prison board Chairman Robert Gunn agreed with Turner's skepticism, but insisted officials "are going to get the job done."

Rick Gray, the state's attorney in the case, said, "We would not have entered into an agreement we could not comply with."

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Lane McCotter, who took over last month as director of the Corrections Department, said, "We're going to give it our best effort. I'm sure we can do it."

Gunn said, "There are going to be problems and we are going to drop the ball but it will not be intentional. Overcrowding is going to be a problem for at least four years."

Gunn said too many minor offenders were being sent to prison, and he suggested greater use of halfway houses, restitution centers and probation to ease the growth of inmate population.

Still, with construction of one new maximum security prison set to begin within a few months, Gunn predicted another two to four prisons would be needed soon in the 26-unit system.

Gray said he believed the shrinking of the population also would ease violence among inmates. More than 400 inmates were stabbed and 25 were killed last year, making 1984 the bloodiest on record in Texas prisons.

So far this year, 15 inmates have been slain and more than 140 have been stabbed.

Turner said he saw a lack of resources, the corrections department bureaucracy and the will of the department as hurdles to making certain the agreement worked.

"Oldtimers would like to get back to the good old days," he said. "Having that mood inhibits prompt compliance."

Prison overcrowding was the last issue to be settled in the suit that began in 1972 as a handwritten petition by prisoner David Ruiz, who was serving time for armed robbery.

Ruiz, now in a federal prison after it was decided he might not be safe in a Texas facility, is awaiting an appeal on a perjury conviction and trial on sexual assault and robbery charges.

In 1980, after nearly a year-long trial, Justice demanded extensive reforms in the prison system. An appeals court upheld most of the orders, but overturned Justice's order for one-person cells for all inmates.

Under the settlement, which averted a trial that had been scheduled for earlier in the year, two-person cells will be allowed but the space in the cells must be increased. Turner said some 5,000 single cells would be created by imposing the population cap.

Justice already had given preliminary approval to the agreement reached in May but withheld final approval until he could hear comments from prison inmates.

Turner said Monday he received 184 objections signed by 1,616 inmates, with complaints addressing visiting rights, prison conditions, inadequate recreation and staff and, among other things, skepticism that the corrections department would comply.

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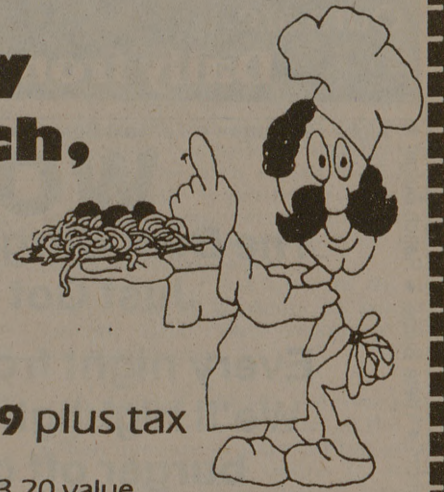
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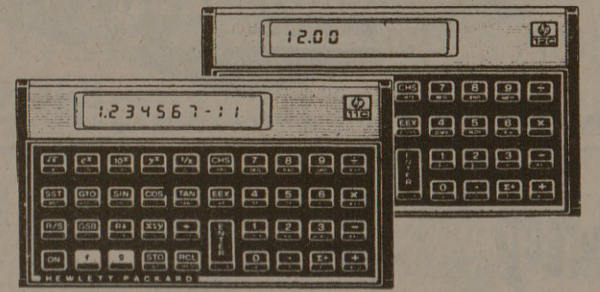
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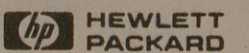
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The Dallas institution won top honors in the annual contest sponsored since 1976 by the National As-

sociation of College and University Business Officers and the United States Steel Foundation.

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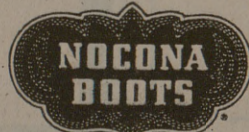
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