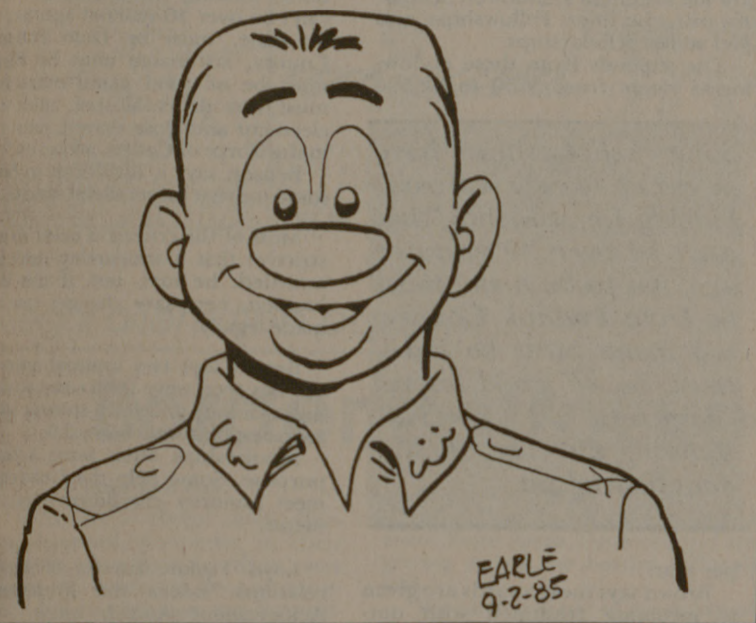


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Flyers bound for Texas

Associated Press
NEW ORLEANS — When people fly out of New Orleans International Airport, there's a good chance they're heading for Texas.
Houston and Dallas are the most common destinations, according to figures from the Civil Aeronautics board. Together, the two cities drew one-fourth of the 2.4 million people flying out of New Orleans in 1983.
Houston topped the list by capturing 15.5 percent of the travelers, fol-

lowed by Dallas, New York, Atlanta and Chicago, which all had less than 10 percent.
"Most of it is business travel," said Virginia Simons, manager of research for the Economic Development Council of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce. "This indicates where our strongest (commercial) ties are."
Records show the same five cities as the most common starting points for people flying to New Orleans.

**AFL-CIO president
claims import glut
hurts U.S. unions**

Associated Press
EL PASO — AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland said Monday that unions, as well as the U.S. economy, are threatened by a flood of foreign imports that has cut the demand for domestically produced goods.
"Jobs are being lost in all sectors of the country," Kirkland said in a Labor Day address in El Paso. "We're even losing now large sectors of the so-called high-tech sector of the economy."

"We're shipping jobs overseas. We're confronted by a flood of imports that are systematically driving American goods from the American workplace. And, I'm beginning to fear we're teetering on the edge of another severe downfall."

Speaking to about 600 people at the El Paso Central Labor Union's annual Labor Day breakfast, Kirkland said national policy and legislation that addresses "these major problems" must be adopted.

But the Reagan administration "is still asleep on the issue," he said.

At a news conference preceding his speech, Kirkland said, "I think that the Reagan administration is locked in the ice of dogmas that are no longer realistic, that no longer reflect the real world. If it continues on its present course . . . this administration will become irrelevant and the initiative will go elsewhere."

Kirkland said the public has been aware of the need for labor-related legislation for several years and that "Congress is far ahead of the administration."

But, he said, "the Reagan administration represents elements of our society and special interests in our society . . . that want to attack the trade movement."

Kirkland, who became president of the 14 million-member AFL-CIO in 1979, said, foreign trade "is not just a problem for the trade unions. It's a problem for the whole country."

He said more than 8 million people are unemployed in the United States, many because foreign imports have eliminated their jobs.

"Unemployment that high used to be called a recession," Kirkland said. "But today, it's called a recovery."

Kirkland also dismissed the notion that organized labor is weakening in the United States.

"What I see today from the grassroots up is not a weak, sick, discouraged labor movement," he said. "The labor movement is the first line of defense and the only real avenue of progress for the plain people in this country. The labor movement is a great chorus in which the voices of all America can be heard."

Kirkland predicted that organized labor will grow in strength in the future, saying it already is adapting to meet the needs of the United States' more technological-oriented society.

"I think we're on the threshold of a long period of growth," Kirkland said. "Our mission is to make sure that those who do not have enough power in this country are not kicked around . . ."

Profs say salaries may not be gender-related

Associated Press
COLLEGE STATION — Employee experience and job traits — not gender — may account for why men receive higher overall salaries than women in the same field, three Texas A&M researchers said Monday.

A study of 100 occupations showed that, in general, women and the jobs they traditionally hold possess fewer characteristics linked to

higher salaries.
In their study, associate psychology professor Ben Shaw, associate management professor Stuart Youngblood and graduate student Keith Allen analyzed job characteristics such as salary, decision-making, use of machinery, clerical activity, supervisory duties and public contact as well as experience, education and the number of hours worked each week and each year.

The team found employers valued the traits studied equally whether the characteristics are found in women or men, or in traditionally male or female jobs.

"Women have less of many characteristics, including four or five major ones," Shaw said. "Males had more experience, worked more hours per week and worked more weeks per year. Their jobs were also significantly different."

"The conclusion might be that in male and female jobs these factors are treated equally to determine wages, but females tend to be in jobs which have lower levels of things which got weighted highly to determine those wages," he said.

Shaw said the research seems to refute theories that women are not paid comparable wages for comparable work.

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