

Reagan blamed for layoffs

White to help Waco workers

Associated Press
 AUSTIN — Pledging the state's help after 1,400 layoffs at General Tire's plant in Waco, Gov. Mark White said Thursday he will visit the city Saturday to talk with workers who are losing their jobs.

Texas on the White House, charging President Reagan with failure to develop a sound foreign trade policy.

General Tire announced the layoffs Tuesday, saying its aging, belted tire plant has fallen victim to dwindling demand for non-radial tires and fierce foreign competition.

White said that while foreign governments subsidize industries ex-

porting goods to the United States, the Reagan administration's lack of a trade policy has helped those nations and crippled American industry.

"We are seeing the heart cut out of this country's industrial capacity and transplanted overseas piece by piece," White said. "It has happened with steel. It has happened in electronics, chemical industries and textiles."

"And it's happening with tire and rubber manufacturing, as evidenced by this shutdown in Waco. Foreign imports of tires doubled their share of the U.S. tire market over the past five years."

White said he has sent a team from his economic development office to Waco to work with commu-

nity leaders and to recommend ways to assist those affected by the plant closing. He said emergency funds could be used to help re-train laid-off workers.

"We also will be working with General Tire to hopefully see that there will be a phased-in displacement as opposed to an abrupt termination," he said.

On a related subject, White said Texas businesses are getting some good news — a reduction in taxes for the state's Unemployment Trust Fund.

Because the fund has been balanced this fall, White said Texas employers will be paying \$440 million less in unemployment taxes next year.

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What's up

Friday

HILLEL FOUNDATION: will hold Friday evening services at 800 Jersey.

INDIAN ASSOCIATION: is hosting a party at 7 p.m. in Sausalito Apts. party room.

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: will meet at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

PUERTO RICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder.

PHILMONT STAFF ASSOCIATION: will have a National meeting of past and present members of the Philmont Scout Ranch Staff, B.S.A. today through Nov. 10 at Timber Creek Apts. party room.

Saturday

CHI OMEGA SORORITY: will have a Variety Show at 8 p.m. at Bryan Civic Auditorium (fundraiser for Brazos County Rehabilitation Center).

PROFESSIONAL SECRETARIES INTERNATIONAL: will have a rummage sale 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Walmart parking lot.

DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOC.: will have a CDP Review: Harware at 8:30 in 156 Blocker.

HILLEL GRADS PLUS: will meet at 7 p.m.

TAMU SPORTS CAR CLUB: will hold a Road Rally at 2 p.m. at Zachry lot. Drivers need to bring a navigator, pencil & calculator. Entry fee: \$5 members, \$8 non-members.

Sunday

TAMU INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS: will meet at 8 p.m. in MSC (see monitor).

CYCLING TEAM: Intramural bike race, 10 miles around Drill Field. Entry fee: \$5 and \$200 in prizes. Meet at Simpson Drill Field.

Monday

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Applications available for Speakers Seminar through November 27. For more information call 845-1133 or come by 208 Pavilion.

STUDENT AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL: will meet at 7 p.m. in 123 Kieberg.

CEPHEID VARIABLE: will have a literary discussion group focusing on the fiction of Orson Scott Card, AggieCon 17 special guest, 7:30 p.m. in 205 MSC.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: will be noon-6 p.m. at Our Saviours Lutheran Church Activities Bldg.

TAMU JAZZ BAND: will take AggieLand photo at 7:15 p.m. in MSC Student Lounge. Rehearsal will follow in the Commons West piano room.

TAMU SNOW SKI CLUB: will meet for yearbook picture (7:15 p.m. Zachry lobby), final trip deposits, ski rental & condo sign-up at 8:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

BLOOD DRIVE COMMITTEE: Blood drive locations Nov. 11-14: MSC/Rudder, Pavilion & Shisa fish pond area. (OPA, APO, Student Govt.)

TRAP & SKEET CLUB: will meet for yearbook picture at 7:45 p.m. at the MSC.

TEXAS A&M MEN'S RUGBY CLUB: practices every Tues.-Thurs. at 5:30 p.m. at East Campus field behind polo field.

AGGIE ALLEMANDERS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 212 MSC.

KINGWOOD HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 7:15 p.m. for yearbook picture and meeting in the MSC.

Yugoslavian gets 30 years in prison for Austin swindle

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A federal judge Thursday ordered a 30-year sentence for a Yugoslavian man convicted of bilking an Austin businessman out of \$46,000 by promising to negotiate his son's release from Vietnam.

Bratislav Lilic, 34, stuck by his story, telling U.S. District Judge James Nowlin, "I am still the only one who can negotiate the release of his son."

Defense lawyer Joe Turner glanced at his client and told Nowlin, "He's sick."

Jurors in August convicted Lilic, a Chicago resident, of taking the money from Douglas Pierce and leading him on unsuccessful trips around the nation to gather information on John Pierce. The younger Pierce was 29 when he disappeared after the Glomar Java Sea drilling ship sank in the South China Sea in 1983.

Lilic said he has worked as an "intermediary" for the Soviets and other Eastern Bloc nations for seven

years. He said he has seen John Pierce alive in a Vietnamese hospital. The elder Pierce said Lilic once told him he worked for the KGB.

"I tried everything in my power to help Douglas Pierce," Lilic told Nowlin. "Since the 11 months I have been in custody he has never had any other contacts. All of a sudden, the doors are closed on him."

Pierce said he was satisfied with the sentence, but added, "I would like to stake him on an ant hill."

He said his expensive search for his son continues. Pierce has said he has spent about \$400,000 so far.

"I leave for Paris tomorrow to follow a lead. I will find my son," he said.

Nowlin also ordered Lilic to repay the \$46,000 he took from Pierce. But after Lilic had been taken from the courtroom the judge told Pierce, "I don't expect you'll ever receive a check for \$46,000."

Lilic told Nowlin, "I never defrauded anyone in my life. I wouldn't know how to defraud someone. I have legitimately worked with the Russian government."

State school security chief resigns in wake of beating

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The chief of security for the Travis State School was forced to resign last week after he protested what he said was lax punishment given an employee who beat a severely retarded resident, an Austin newspaper reported Thursday.

The 30-year-old retarded man has a detached retina, although school officials said doctors haven't been able to link that injury with the incident, the Austin-American Statesman reported.

Ira Harrison told the newspaper he lost his \$20,712-a-year job after he complained that the worker who assaulted the retarded man should have been charged with a third-degree felony instead of being given a 10-day suspension without pay.

Harrison, who witnessed the Oct. 8 incident, said an employee severely struck the man's head three times.

"His face was totally distorted every time he was hit," he said. "It was a horrible-looking sight. The poor boy was so mentally retarded he didn't know what was going on."

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