

The Texas A&M **Battalion**

Vol. 82 No. 196 USPS 045360 14 pages

College Station, Texas

Wednesday, August 20, 1986

Reagan to renew sanctions

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — President Reagan is expected to renew his sanctions against South Africa next month, but there are no plans at present to take additional measures against the white-ruled regime as demanded by Congress, the president's chief of staff said Tuesday.

Donald T. Regan, in California with the vacationing president, added that the administration was leaving the door open "a little bit" to taking new steps against South Africa.

President Reagan, the chief of staff emphasized, "thinks additional sanctions would not be the right way to go."

Reagan faces severe pressure from Capitol Hill on the issue after the Senate gave overwhelming approval to a package of sweeping economic sanctions that go beyond Reagan's milder steps. Those sanctions, contained in an executive order, are due to expire on Sept. 9.

Regan told reporters in an impromptu interview that additional sanctions, beyond those imposed last year by Reagan, are unnecessary at the moment because the South Africans have "gotten the message" that the United States is seeking an end to apartheid.

"Whether additional sanctions will put more heat on them is a debatable question," Regan said.

"As far as additional sanctions, we have no plans at the current moment," the chief of staff said. "We have no plans at this moment to add any sanctions to what we are going to do on Sept. 9."

Asked whether he intended to leave the door open to additional steps, Regan replied: "We don't slam the door on every possibility."



Photo by Anthony S. Casper

Plenty Of Fish In This Sea

Members of Fish Camp Hensel practice the freshman 'wildcat' at a spirit rally at Kyle Field Tuesday afternoon. The freshmen and counselors, who are part of the second session of the summer camp, practice yells and eat lunch on campus before leaving.

Senator: Tax decisions can't wait until January

AUSTIN (AP) — Sen. Ray Farabee introduced a proposal Tuesday that he said calls upon the Legislature to make the "tough decisions" now on a tax increase rather than waiting until January as the House leadership would prefer.

One key House member said the Farabee proposal looked like a bit of "brinkmanship."

Also Tuesday, the House voted preliminary approval for two bills that Speaker Gib Lewis said could save \$250 million by offering incentives for state workers to retire early and change state pay day from the last day of the month to the first working day of the next month.

Both bills face another House vote, probably today.

The House on Friday approved a proposal that would slice some \$750 million out of the current two-year state budget but has not moved on any tax proposal to make up a projected \$3.5 billion budget deficit.

A tax bill must originate in the House although Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said Tuesday that measures such as pari-mutuel betting and a state lottery — "which may raise revenue" — can start out in the Senate.

On Tuesday, Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, introduced a proposal that would require the state comptroller to certify any appropriation bill passed by the Legislature. Farabee's bill had a near-majority 14 sponsors of the 31-member Senate.

Since the House-approved budget bill does not make up the entire deficit, presumably the comptroller could not certify it because the Texas Constitution requires a balanced budget.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Stan Schlueter, D-Killeen, said of Farabee's bill, "I understand brinkmanship and

gamesmanship and all those kinds of things."

"They just don't want to deal with the budget as it is and we are going to wait until they deal with it," he said of senators.

The Farabee plan would require a constitutional amendment, according to Schlueter.

Farabee told reporters his proposal "strengthens the position of those of us who believe we shouldn't be passing a major appropriation bill like House Bill 1 without it being

certified by the comptroller that the funds are available."

Asked if his measure represented a Senate move "to get the House talking about taxes," Farabee responded, "I would hope that this would cause greater consideration for a balanced budget and meeting any shortfalls now rather than six months from now when the problem will be far more critical."

Lewis said the Farabee proposal would not help the House and Senate work toward a compromise.

House discusses legalizing some forms of gambling

AUSTIN (AP) — The issue of legalizing pari-mutuel betting in Texas on Tuesday once again matched those who say it could help revitalize the state's economy against those who say it would destroy families and increase crime.

Sen. O.H. "Ike" Harris, R-Dallas, said his proposal for local option betting on horse races, as well as dog races in certain counties, would not offer "instant money" but would result in more jobs and a diversified economy.

Harris, chairman of the Senate Economic Development Committee, said the money generated by the bill eventually could head off budget cuts such as have been recommended by the special legislative ses-

sion. Whether the measure would require a statewide referendum was uncertain, and the bill was sent to a subcommittee.

Harris' witnesses concentrated on the economic impact of pari-mutuel betting, which was outlawed in 1937 after four-year trial runs in 1905-09 and 1933-37.

Numerous attempts to start it up again have failed, including an overwhelming rejection by the House in 1985.

Gary Keith of the Texas Agriculture Department testified Tuesday that pari-mutuel betting would add 25,000 horses to the Texas horse population of one million with a total "farm-related" impact of \$713 million in 10 years.

Steve Shumake, a Dallas analyst who authored a report for the Texas Horse Racing Association, placed the economic impact of a full-fledged horse race industry — not including track construction — at \$1.2 billion a year.

Shumake said over \$100 million a year already is leaving Texas for race tracks in Louisiana, and a new track in Oklahoma City is "banking on" expenditures by Texas visitors.

Palestine veterinarian Steve Hicks said the Texas Veterinary Medical Association had endorsed pari-mutuel betting. Hicks said East Texas, with ample supplies of water and relatively cheap land, could be an ideal location for horse farms.

Larry Prehn, an Austin business consultant, said his studies of possible greyhound racing in Galveston, Nueces and Cameron counties, showed an economic impact of \$32 million a year after the dog tracks are in operation.

Declining trade, oil, gas slump hurt GNP

Economic growth barely perceptible

WASHINGTON (AP) — Economic growth slumped to a barely perceptible 0.6 percent from April through June, the worst performance since the end of the last recession, the government said Tuesday.

The Commerce Department said growth in the gross national product, the broadest measure of economic health, was held back by a huge deterioration in the country's trade performance and a slump in oil and gas production.

The new estimate of GNP growth during the second quarter marked a downward revision from a month

ago when the government estimated the economy was growing at a slightly faster 1.1 percent pace. It was the poorest performance since the 0.6 percent advance turned in as the country emerged from the last recession in the final quarter of 1982.

The weak showing raised new fears about the durability of the 44-month-old recovery, which is already the second longest since the end of World War II.

"We are not that far away from a recession, but I don't think there is enough conclusive evidence to say

we are in one," said Lawrence Chimerine, president of Chase Economics of Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

Among the factors pointing to growing weakness were three consecutive monthly declines in industrial production, something that has not occurred since the last recession, Chimerine said.

Still, he said Chase expects growth will rebound in the second half of the year to a rate of 2.5 percent to 3 percent, keeping the current 44-month-old recovery alive.

"If the trade deficit improves, we will avoid a recession," he said.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes, in California with the vacationing President Reagan, trying to strike a positive note despite the weak GNP figure, said, "With inflation remaining under control and key economic indicators strengthening, we are optimistic about the prospects for a strong showing the second half of 1986."

Alan Greenspan, former chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, also said he believed growth would improve in the second half of the year as the fall in the value of the dollar begins to raise

the price Americans pay for imported goods.

He predicted the economy would grow at an annual rate of 2.5 percent in the second half of the year, only slightly better than the 2.2 percent growth rate turned in during the first six months.

The Reagan administration, which began the year forecasting the economy would grow at a robust annual rate of 4 percent, has already scaled that estimate back to 3.2 percent growth.

Mexican government to investigate death of U.S. drug agent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Mexican government has promised the United States quick and decisive action in its investigation of the kidnapping and beating of a U.S. narcotics agent, the State Department said Tuesday.

Deputy spokesman Charles Redman said the assurances were offered Monday by Mexican Foreign Secretary Bernardo Sepulveda following a U.S. protest of the "unprovoked, brutal and criminal acts" against Victor Cortez, a Drug Enforcement Administration official taken into custody by Jalisco state police in Guadalajara last week.

Sepulveda told U.S. diplomats that Mexico was moving to resolve the case quickly and decisively, Redman said, adding that 11 Jalisco state police officers have been suspended and detained for questioning in the investigation.

Mexico has denied that Cortez was tortured, but the DEA said the agent was subjected to electric shock treatment and had numerous contusions on his body.

Meanwhile, a report published Tuesday said that an adviser to Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid confirmed that Mexican police tortured Cortez, and that some officials were giving false information about the agent's treatment.

It was the first time a Mexican official had confirmed that the agent was tortured during his de-

tention in the state of Jalisco last Wednesday, the *Chicago Tribune* said. Other officials have either denied the incident or refused to comment directly, the newspaper said.

The Mexican official, a senior adviser to de la Madrid, asked not to be identified, according to the *Tribune*.

It said that when the official was asked about denials made by authorities in Jalisco, he replied, "That is their version." The official made it clear that federal officials did not agree, but he refused to say what was done to Cortez, the newspaper said.

However, the *Tribune* quoted a source with access to information about Cortez's interrogation as saying the agent "got the works." The source said Cortez's captors used electric cattle prods on sensitive parts of his body and sprayed carbonated water, in which hot chili peppers had been soaked, up his nose, the newspaper reported.

According the *Tribune*, officials close to the investigation said Cortez reported that while he was blindfolded and being tortured in a jail cell in Guadalajara, one of his captors told him, "If you think this is bad, wait until we get you out into the country and you'll see what Camarena went through."

Killer denied reprieve, executed

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Randy Lynn Woolls, who beat, slashed and burned a drive-in movie cashier to death, was executed early today after the U.S. Supreme Court and Gov. Mark White rejected his last-minute appeals.

Woolls, a 36-year-old drug addict who claims to remember nothing of the 1979 slaying of Betty Stotts, was pronounced dead at 12:23 a.m. after receiving a drug injection, Attorney General Jim Mattox said.

"I'd like to say goodbye to my family," Woolls said after he helped his executioners find the veins in his arms for the fatal fluid that began flowing at 12:13 a.m. "I love all of them."

"I'd like to tell the people fighting against the death penalty to continue their work," he added. "I'd like to say I'm sorry for the victim and family, and I wish there was something I could do to make it all right."

To the sobbing witnesses standing nearby, he said only, "Take care. He then coughed slightly, closed his eyes halfway and died."

Woolls is the 16th Texas inmate put to death since the state resumed executions in 1982. Five prisoners have been killed this year alone, a pace that paled the number of protesters outside the death chamber Tuesday night to zero.

One of two lethal needles were inserted into his right arm just below a tattoo of a buzzard grasping a syringe.

Woolls said tattoos on his left arm dealt with the theme of death, and a second needle carrying the fatal drugs was inserted among pictures of the Grim Reaper and a large swastika.

His final meal was two cheeseburgers, french fries and iced tea, and

he designated two cousins, Natrona Mills and Tyobe Mills, to witness his execution, said prison spokesman Charles Brown.

Woolls said he was introduced to each of his three prison sentences, he said.

"My whole complaint is that I'm being executed for a crime I can't remember committing," he said. "I was flipped out on drugs."

"I don't know what's supposed to be done with me," he said. "I don't know whether I deserve a life sen-

tence. I feel death is a little severe for something that was a mistake."

Stotts was collecting ticket money the evening of June 16, 1979, when she was killed.

"They said I beat this woman down with a tire tool, cut her throat, then I piled everything in the booth on top of her and set it on fire," Woolls said.

"Then while this booth is on fire, I'm sitting there selling tickets to people coming into the show," he said. "Then I get in her car and

drive inside the show and am sitting inside the show in her car when the cops got there. It's obvious I was out of my mind."

The family of the murdered woman had expressed pity for Woolls. Stotts' daughter, Deborah Coonfield, had expressed a desire to talk to him before the execution.

"Everybody seems to expect me to hate him, but I don't," she said. "I wasn't brought up that way. . . . I don't want to say that I want him (Woolls) to die. I understand why he has to. I have a lot of pity for him."

Daughter wanted to meet killer

KERRVILLE (AP) — A Kerrville woman wanted to meet the man convicted of killing her mother before his execution, scheduled for early today, was carried out.

"In the beginning I hated him, but that was something I had to overcome," Deborah Coonfield told the *San Antonio Express-News*. "I knew my mother wouldn't have wanted it that way."

Coonfield said she nevertheless wanted to know why Randy Lynn Woolls killed her mother — Betty Stotts — on June 16, 1979, as the woman worked at the ticket window of a Kerrville drive-in theater.

The daughter was 20 years old that night more than seven years ago when her oldest brother told her their mother was dead.

Stotts, 44, was a deeply reli-

gious woman who had premonitions of death.

The whole ordeal has been a nightmare for Coonfield and her three brothers. Her father, Joseph Stotts, died two years ago.

"He was 20 years older than my mother," Coonfield said. "He never got over her death."

She said the tragedy hit her youngest brother, Roger, the hardest. He was 13 years old and at the drive-in on the night of the slaying.

The teen-ager had been told about a fire at the ticket booth where he knew his mother was working. He saw someone driving his mother's car at the drive-in, approached the car, stuck his head in a window and saw a man wearing bloody clothing. Evidence at the trial showed that man was Woolls.

"All of us still have flashbacks

and pain," Coonfield said. "I think he (Roger, now 20) has matured better than any of us and has dealt with what happened. Because of what happened, he was forced to grow up fast."

She said her oldest brother, Ronnie, was searching through a desk drawer at his mother's house two days after the slaying. The drawer contained five envelopes, each containing a letter Stotts wrote to her husband and each of her four children.

The letters apparently were written only a few days before the killing, Coonfield said. In the notes, Stotts told the family she would not always be with them in body but that her spirit would.

Stotts' next-to-last journal entry read: "The burning and cutting of oneself for natural self is sorrow, and when it is all gone, the higher self is left."