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Officials blast embassy heads in spy scandal

Congressmen say building may never be free of spies

MOSCOW (AP) — Two members of Congress looking into the U.S. Embassy security scandal blasted top people Tuesday for resisting tighter protection measures and said the mission might never be declared spy-free.

Their report called for a worldwide overhaul of measures taken to protect U.S. diplomatic missions from espionage.

They said a new \$195-million embassy complex being built in Moscow would take at least five more years to make secure, and did not rule out that it might have to be destroyed

because it was riddled with KGB bugging devices.

Embassy security in Moscow now is "fundamentally flawed both in physical and personnel areas," concluded Dan Mica, D-Fla., and Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, from the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mica and Snowe came to Moscow to inspect the new embassy and assess damage done by a spying scandal that led to two former U.S. Marine embassy guards being arrested. They spoke to reporters after two days of inspecting the buildings and talking with embassy officials.

President Reagan told a White House news conference Tuesday U.S. diplomats would not occupy the new embassy until he is sure it is secure from Soviet eavesdropping. He said the Kremlin could not use its new office tower in Washington until Americans occupy their Moscow embassy.

"We are not going to be run out of town" by spying, Reagan said.

U.S. Ambassador Jack Matlock delivered a formal protest Tuesday over purported infiltration of the old and new buildings, embassy spokesman Jaroslav Verneer said Tuesday.

"We should operate on the basis that the facility has been fully compromised," Mica said of the building that has served as the U.S. Embassy since 1933.

"We have five years of problems there, at least," he said.

Snowe said, "We might recommend that it be demolished."

The two reserved their strongest criticism for the attitude taken by top embassy personnel on security matters, and what they said was the failure to devise back-up systems that would prevent Soviet penetration.

The two arrested Marines were said to have been seduced by Soviet women into allowing KGB agents to enter the embassy at night, where the agents got into top-secret areas after automatic alarms were switched off.

"It all came down to a point where only two people could override the entire system to all the electronics equipment, all the physical security and all the clearances and training," Mica said.

Snowe said her talks with embassy personnel revealed a "negative attitude" toward the Marine guards.

Mica said embassy officials expressed disagreement with those findings.

Clements to allow tax vote

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements said Tuesday he would agree if the Legislature chooses to allow voters to decide this summer whether they want to pay more taxes to build more prisons.

The governor said opinion polls repeatedly have shown Texans willing to pay higher taxes if it would mean expanding the currently overcrowded prison system.

"Putting it to the people and letting them decide on this particular (prison) issue is a form of referendum, which I heartily endorse," Clements said.

Clements also said he wouldn't object to shifting the statewide horse-racing referendum from November to this summer if a special election is going to be held at that time on the prison tax and a state lottery.

Struggling with Clements' refusal to approve more than \$2.9 billion in new taxes for the 1988-89 budget period, some legislators have suggested placing before voters a proposed constitutional amendment that would dedicate some additional tax money to fund prison construction.

Although he says such a plan probably would be acceptable, Clements also said lawmakers who want to spend more money than he will approve "are not facing up to reality with the budget."

"They keep talking about greatly increasing programs," he said. "I'm not going to agree to those increased programs."

"I've tried to make that very clear to everyone."



Photo by Dean Saito

Room With A View

This passerby was silhouetted against the windows of the walkway between the Soil and Crop Sciences and Entomology buildings on the

west side of campus. The walkway provides a different perspective of the main campus, although the passerby doesn't seem to notice.

Rio Airways relies on Ch. 11 for protection

By Elisa Hutchins
Reporter

Rio Airways Inc. filed for protection from its creditors under Chapter 11 of federal bankruptcy law Feb. 27, leaving hundreds of employees scrambling to find jobs and to recover wages.

Chris Frank, a Texas A&M student and a ticket agent for the recently closed Bryan-College Station terminal, said management notified

him Feb. 12, only a day before the terminal closed.

"We were told Rio was discontinuing service here and that we would be given a week of severance pay plus our wages," Frank said. "Two weeks later, they filed for bankruptcy and I'm out about \$800."

Rio's creditors number in the hundreds. The top five listed in the petition together owe more than \$1.27 million.

The top five companies listed were: Beech Aircraft Corp., of Wi-

chita, Kan., \$855,900; Donovan & Baker Inc., of Houston, \$131,737; Northwestern Motor Carriers, of Wis., \$117,551; James Kensington, of New York, \$111,919; and Coastal Refining & Manufacturing, \$69,851.

Barry Phillips, a Waco attorney retained by Rio chairman Hugh Seaborn, said that under Chapter 11, employees are given priority over creditors in collecting wages. But there is nothing they can do legally to collect their money.

To date, Rio has made no attempt

to tell its employees when, if ever, they will be paid.

No one could be reached in Kill-
een, the airline's base of operations, to comment on the status of the company.

In the meantime, many Rio employees have found other jobs.

"A lot of pilots have gotten jobs with American Eagle or on other airlines," said Judy Pustejovsky, a pre-

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A&M pathologist accidentally discovered mild jalapeño

By Carolyn Garcia
Staff Writer

Most who fancy Mexican food have never tasted a jalapeño.

What? Mexican food in Texas without the famous pepper? No — it's just that they've never "tasted" the pepper because their taste buds have been burnt off.

But because most Aggies believe in having it all, Dr. Pepper was called in.

No, they are not purchasing bulk quantities of the sweet brown liquid. Dr. Pepper is Ben Villalon, a Texas A&M plant pathologist at A&M's research station in Weslaco.

Villalon didn't set out to genetically create a mild jalapeño for the non-cast-iron stomachs. His mission was quite different.

"Dr. Pepper," as his co-workers call him, was sent to the Rio Grande Valley in 1970 to help find a cure for a disease that was wreaking havoc on bell pepper crops.

The discovery was somewhat of an accident. During the cross-hybridization, which included altering the pepper's capsaicin — the clear liquid responsible for a pepper's fire power — some interesting things developed.

"We had a variety of sweet jalapeños and some hot bell peppers," he said.

The mild jalapeño, appropriately called TAM1, will make up half of the pepper crop this year, Villalon said.

Villalon set up a one-to-ten scale system to rate the heat of the peppers.

A normal bell pepper rates a one, while a standard jalapeño tips the scales at seven to nine, he said.

The TAM1 pepper ranks somewhere between two and five.

The Aggie pepper made its debut in 1981 when it was released to a few growers.

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Aggression, need to dominate cause rape

Sexual assault victims don't 'ask for it'

By Carolyn Garcia
Staff Writer

Sexual assault victims never asked for it.

Rape is not the result of an uncontrollable sexual desire for a particular individual brought on by the way she dresses or walks — it is an act of aggression and dominance.

Most women do not "bring it on themselves." However, it is up to them to assure they are not vulnerable.

Sexual assault Part three of a three-part series

And vulnerability is the name of the game, said Bob Wiatt, director of campus security and University Police.

"The rapist is an opportunist," he said. "He is a thief. He steals a woman's self-respect and dignity. But even though he operates on some strange emotional urge, he doesn't want to get caught."

"Unfortunately, many of our inhabitants think they live in a dog-eat-dog world. They think because they are at Texas A&M, the real world doesn't exist. Well, the city of College Station may just become the real world for them. Too many people are walking around with their heads in the sand."

Wiatt said the police can only do so much to protect women from assault. The burden of staying safe rests largely on the shoulders of the potential victim.

"If you want to be hard-nosed about it, every man is a potential rapist," he said. "Every nice-looking guy is not Tom Sawyer. Some could rip you up bad."

Although all people have the right to go wherever they want and do whatever they want, Wiatt said, they must be prepared to be responsible for their own safety.

"If a woman wants to sit in the middle of the golf course at 3 a.m. and contemplate her constitutional right to be there, she has that right," he said.

"But when the guy hiding behind the tree gets her — a lot of good her right to be there has done," he said.

Wiatt said that although "stranger rape" is a threat to Aggie coeds, there is a closer and just as dangerous foe.

"It's date rape," he said. "It's not the guy jumping out of the bushes or breaking into your car that's going to get you. It's probably that good-looking guy you've been dying to go out with."

Debbie Spencer, assistant coordinator in the South Area Office, said although it may seem stupid or embarrassing, it may not be a bad idea to

sit down with the person you've been dating and set some ground rules to establish just what you're comfortable with.

"There is no reason why a man

"If you want to be hard-nosed about it, every man is a potential rapist."

— Bob Wiatt, director of security and University Police

can't initiate this kind of discussion to find out what she is comfortable with," she said. "And if he doesn't seem like the kind who would respect your wishes — don't continue to go out with him."

A little honesty ahead of time can save everyone a lot of grief, she said. It would curtail men trying to pull the "I spent all that money — you owe me," and "you're a tease — why did you lead me on?"

Wiatt said women unnecessarily continue to find themselves in these kinds of situations.

"Women are smart," he said. "When a guy suggests stopping for a drink, or going back to his place — man, they should be hearing bells!"

"Unfortunately, men lie — and they do it very well.

"Women know from the time they are little girls what makes men crazy. They need to be very careful that their actions aren't misinterpreted."

There is no "right way" for victims to defend themselves once they're in a rape situation, Wiatt said.

There are, however, three variables to be considered.

The location of the assault plays a big part in whether the victim can get help.

Potential victims must think about their surroundings," he said. "Screaming or shouting 'Fire!' might frighten away the attacker at a shopping mall or in a building on campus, but in a secluded place it might be a waste of breath and energy."

The second variable is the victim herself, Wiatt said. She must decide if she has the capability to be vicious. Could she, in fact, jam her finger in her attacker's eye?

The attacker is the third variable. What is he made of? Victims must try to read their attackers and, most importantly, should remember to stay calm and consider all the alternatives.

Wiatt said he is often asked, "How do I defend myself?"

"There is no formula," he said.

"People want to be told exactly what to do so they don't have to think.

And thinking ahead of time is the only way they are going to be safe.

"I see women who read books and watch television shows and even go to self-defense classes. I admire their concern, but it's injurious to them — it gives them a false sense of security.

"There are plenty of people out there who claim to have the answer and those willing to sell you a whole assortment of gadgets, but awareness for your own safety is the best way to go. Weapons tend to get taken away from the victim. Besides, most women I know couldn't find their mace or whatever in their purse if they tried."

The myths surrounding rape are plentiful and often serve to contribute to the vulnerability of the victim.

Linda Castoria, director of the Brazos Valley Rape Crisis Center, said that white women are led to believe that most rapists are black men.

"Race rapes race," she said. "Statistics show that the majority of white women are raped by white men. And black women are usually raped by black men."

"A (white) woman can be followed by a white man, who has full intent of raping her, and she might not be the slightest bit concerned. But you let a black man be walking down the

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Applications for editors due April 10

By Jenny Hynes
Reporter

The Student Publications Board now is accepting applications for summer and fall editors for *The Battalion*, editor for the 1987-88 Aggeland and editor/producer for the 1987-88 Video Aggeland.

Applications may be obtained in the Journalism Department Office, 230 Reed McDonald, and must be returned to Malinda Pope, 230A Reed McDonald by 5 p.m. on April 10.

Qualifications of all positions are:

- Minimum 2.0 GPR, both overall and in major, both at the time of appointment and throughout the term of office;
- At least one year of experience in a responsible staff position on *The Battalion* (for Battalion editors) or on Aggeland (for Aggeland editors) or any comparable student publication; or
- At least one year of experience on a commercial newspaper (for *Battalion* editors) or on a commercial television staff (for Video Aggeland editors); or
- At least 12 hours of journalism courses including JOUR 203 and 303 (Reporting and Editing I

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