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Texas calls prison fines unjustified

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas should not be fined \$800,500 a day for failing to comply with a federal judge's order to improve prisons because the state is working to solve its prison problems, attorneys for the state contend.

State attorneys appear today in Houston before U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice to argue the more than decade-long prison reform case.

On Dec. 31, 1986, Justice found the state in contempt of court for failing to carry out prison improvements as it had promised and gave the state until April 1 to comply or face the fines, which would total \$24 million a month. These fines subsequently were delayed pending the upcoming hearing.

The state also has appealed the fines to the federal appeals court in New Orleans, which has not yet ruled in the matter.

In general, the state of Texas and Texas Department of Corrections have taken significant steps to address the conditions that led to the court's contempt order," F. Scott McCown, special assistant attorney general, said in briefs filed prior to the hearing before Justice.

"Rather than fining the state, the court should allow the governor and Legislature time to effect long-term solutions through the regular tax and appropriation process," he said. "Fining the state would interfere with the state's prerogative of raising and allocating money."

But William Bennett Turner, the attorney for the inmate plaintiffs, says he'll pursue the fines and argue that the state is not moving on prison problems.

"We know full well, and so do they, they have not complied," he said. "They're just sticking Band-Aids on problems."

'Trade restrictions on Japan unwise'

Expert warns against U.S. sanctions

By Staci Finch
Reporter

The United States should be careful about instituting sanctions against Japan for trade violations, said Dr. Larry Wolken, administrative director of Texas A&M's Center for International Business Studies.

Wolken explained that Japan has apparently been "dumping" computer chips to other countries below cost, and U.S. manufacturers feel they cannot afford to meet these prices.

"Japan had agreed not to do this, and it is for this reason President Reagan has decided to impose sanctions against Japan," he said.

Wolken said there are two factors Reagan has considered in bringing these sanctions.

"There are a certain amount of protectionist feelings in Congress," he said. "There are some bills being discussed that would go much further in putting restrictions on Japan than the measures taking effect later this month. By imposing these restrictions, Reagan may be able to diffuse those protectionist pressures in Congress."

"Also, the sanctions may alleviate the frustration many people in America are feeling. The United States has been discussing the trade imbalance with the Japanese for five or six years. The Japanese have been

history, solving problems between countries by imposing trade sanctions has only resulted in more problems.

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very polite and have said they will do something, but it's not always easy to see the results.

"Many of the perceived barriers to American goods entering Japan are not legislative barriers like tariffs but are invisible, and the United States feels the Japanese are dragging their feet and are really not doing anything to change the situation."

"For Reagan, the proposals are a way to tell the Japanese that the United States is frustrated and wants some changes made."

Wolken also said that throughout

countries," Wolken said. "This is what happened in the '20s and '30s with the Great Depression."

"The sanctions are really very limited. Reagan has proposed restrictions on a small number of goods like televisions, disk drives and stereos, goods that Japan is trying to gain a market for in the United States. These restrictions will only amount to about \$300 million in goods."

"However, this approach overlooks the fact that, while trade restrictions may keep foreign goods out

of America, benefiting some Americans by saving jobs, foreign countries won't have as much money to buy American goods, and businesses involved in exporting will be hurt."

Wolken said he feels sanctions are a weapon the United States shouldn't use, because of the possibility of escalation. He said he hopes that through international organizations and diplomatic channels a satisfactory agreement can be worked out.

Americans have grown spoiled, he said. Other countries are becoming major industrial competitors with the United States.

"There are other countries in the world that are producing the same products we are," he said, "and not everybody is flocking to our market."

Wolken said the solution is to become competitive and research their market. "That means learning about the culture and society of the Japanese, learning the language, just really getting to know the Japanese," he said. "That's what the Japanese have done in America, and it's obviously working."

A&M police recover stolen Hobby painting

By Curtis L. Culberson
Staff Writer

University Police recovered the portrait of Oveta Culp Hobby that was stolen from Hobby Hall after they were tipped by two anonymous phone callers responding to a Crimestoppers report that aired on KBTX-TV Tuesday night.

Director of University Police Bob Wiatt said that officers found the painting, reported stolen Feb. 4, in a white plastic trash bag behind All-Faiths Chapel Wednesday night. Police also found three plaques, which also had been stolen, with the painting in a brown paper bag, he said.

The first caller gave police the first name of a student who the caller claimed stole the painting. Police interviewed the suspect at about 4:30 p.m., Wiatt said.

"We didn't have enough evidence to charge the student," Wiatt said. But an hour later police received another phone call from a student who revealed the location of the painting and plaques, he said.

Wiatt said the student told police she learned of the painting's whereabouts from an anonymous caller.

Oveta Culp Hobby is the mother of Lt. Governor Bill Hobby and her portrait, an oil painting, is valued at more than \$800, Wiatt said.

According to a police report, the painting and three plaques were stolen from the first floor of Hobby Hall between January 21 and February 4.

Wiatt said it was a joint decision of UPD, the Brazos County Sheriff's Office and the Bryan

and College Station police departments to use the Crimestoppers Program in the case.

"All four departments meet and decide on which cases to use," Wiatt said. "Then we turn the information over to Channel 3 who produces them." He said the Bryan-College Station Eagle newspaper also participates in the program.

"This program has been particularly effective in providing valuable advice," he said.

The program usually pays informants \$1,000, but neither student was paid in this case because the callers were anonymous and the UPD didn't have enough information to prosecute anyone, Wiatt said.

"Someone felt the heat and decided they better turn the items in," he said.

POLITICAL AWARENESS

SPEAKERS SCHEDULE

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| 11:00 | American Atheists |
| 11:30 | Texas Trial Lawyers Association |
| 12:00 | Central American Peace Initiative |
| 12:30 | National Organization For Women |
| 1:00 | Communist Party Of Texas |
| 1:30 | Students Against Apartheid |
| 2:00 | Socialists Workers Party |
| 2:30 | Student American Ethnic Coalition |

FEATURING

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| Aggie Democrats Texas Handgun Control, Inc. National Rifle Association Sierra Club Communist Party Of Texas American Atheists Socialists Workers Party Texans War On Drugs Students American Ethnic Coalition National Organization For Women Brazos Valley Peace Action | Texas Abortion Rights Action League Brazos County United Way Texas Conservative Union Green Earth Society Legislative Study Group Young Conservatives Of Texas Texas A&M Civil Liberties Union Public Citizen Students Against Apartheid Central American Peace Initiative | |
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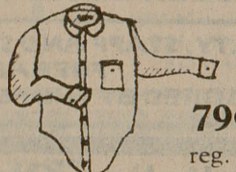
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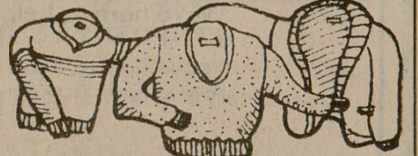
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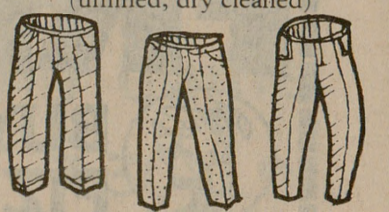
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