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Happy feet

Jay Cranford, left, Elizabeth Ward and Jimmy Bushin recline against a couch at the end of "Good Mornin'," one of the song and dance numbers in "Singin' in the Rain" Tuesday night. Cranford played

Don Lockwood, the Gene Kelly character in the movie. Ward played Kathy Seldin and Bushin played Cosmo Brown. The performance was sponsored by MSC OPAS.

Photo by Sam B. Myers

Republicans dismiss report of arms sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — The congressional Iran-Contra report paints a picture of a Reagan administration at odds with the law and the Constitution, but minority Republicans dismissed it Tuesday as a partisan indictment of the president that ignores foreign policy questions raised by the affair.

The report says President Reagan flirted with constitutional crisis by creating a White House atmosphere that encouraged evasion of legal requirements and flouting of proper procedures for reaching foreign policy goals.

It also says the administration violated the Constitution by going to third countries to solicit donations for Nicaragua's Contra rebels at a time when Congress barred even indirect military aid to them.

It is sharply critical of Attorney General Edwin Meese III, questioning why he delayed launching a criminal investigation of the affair when it became public a year ago.

The voluminous document, reviewing in detail the story of how administration officials sold arms to Iran in hopes of freeing Americans held hostage in Lebanon, then diverted some \$4 million of the profits to the Contras, is due to be released today.

But glimpses of its findings were gleaned Tuesday from a report of minority Republicans on the House and Senate investigating panels and from committee sources.

"Clearly, what went on here was not what the founding fathers envisioned," said a source familiar with the report, who spoke only on condition of anonymity. "It paints a picture of a government out of control."

In its broadest criticism of the president, the Democratic-directed report said Reagan failed in his con-

stitutional duty to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed."

In the introduction to their version of the report, the GOP dissenters contended that it also attempts, "almost as an overarching thesis, to portray the administration as if it were behaving with wanton disregard for the law."

But the minority dissent found that conclusion, as well as many others in the document, based on selective use of testimony and dubious interpretation of the law.

The document was signed by all six Republicans on the House committee — Reps. Dick Cheney of Wyoming, William Broomfield of Michigan, Henry Hyde of Illinois, Jim Courter of New Jersey, Bill McCollum of Florida and Michael DeWine of Ohio — and two Senate Republicans, Orrin Hatch of Utah and James McClure of Idaho.

The GOP members did find numerous mistakes, most of them errors of political judgment, including an 11-month delay in notifying Congress of the Iran arms initiative.

However, they wrote, "We emphatically reject the idea that through these mistakes, the executive branch subverted the law, undermined the Constitution or threatened democracy."

"On some issues — particularly the ones involving the statutes involving covert operations — we believe the law to be clearly on the administration's side."

Even where the administration did run into legal gray areas, the Republicans asserted the problems do not affect the fundamental policy decisions that the administration pursued in the Middle East and in Central America.

The minority contended that the report seeks to treat policy debates as though they were legal or criminal concerns, and tries to give to Congress a greater role in policymaking than it should properly assume.

UT police won't file charges against four A&M students

The University of Texas assistant police chief said that no charges will be filed against four A&M students who were found on the UT campus early Sunday morning, including one who was handcuffed to a post.

Harry Eastman, assistant chief of police at UT, said that there were no damages done to UT property by the A&M students, but a report of the incident will be given to A&M officials today.

George Russell Pulliam, a senior journalism major and member of the Corps of Cadets, was found by UT police early Sunday morning handcuffed and tied to a post.

Three other people, identified by UT police as A&M students, were at the scene and were taken to police headquarters before being released.

Director of A&M Police Bob Wiatt said his department will take no action unless Pulliam files charges saying he was kidnapped or assaulted on the A&M campus.

Wiatt said he can take no action unless Pulliam files charges.

Wiatt said the report from UT will be given to the Department of Student Affairs as well as to the office of Commandant of the Corps.

Both offices have reported that action may be taken after they see the report.

Because this may have been a hazing incident, Wiatt said, it will be taken very seriously.

Despite repeated efforts to reach Pulliam by phone, he has not been available for comment.

Clements tours areas damaged by storms to assess need for aid

PALESTINE (AP) — Damage estimates from the violent storms that lashed East Texas will be consolidated in efforts to obtain federal disaster aid, Gov. Bill Clements said Tuesday.

"It's an unusual set of circumstances that we have here," Clements said at a news conference in front of

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a devastated elementary school in Palestine before traveling to Jacksonville, 25 miles away.

The two towns were among the hardest hit after a swarm of tornadoes buffeted Texas Sunday and Monday.

The storms killed 10 people and injured more than 160 others.

The tornadoes also caused millions of dollars in damage.

Clements said he would make a state disaster-area declaration after all the paperwork was processed.

"We'll try to consolidate all these different counties and damaged areas into a regional concept and get relief on a regional basis," Clements said.

The governor took a 20-minute tour of Palestine, where a tornado killed one person Sunday, injured several and damaged at least 86 businesses and 200 homes.

In Jacksonville, two people were killed and 75 injured in a tornado

Radio club aids tornado victims

By Marissa Wallace
Reporter

Sunday's tornadoes left Palestine without long-distance phone service, but the Texas A&M Amateur Radio Club was ready with short-wave radios to restore communication for town residents.

"In a natural disaster where the long distance service is cut off, we come into action," said Kraig Kreymer, club director of operations and a freshman electrical engineering major. "The whole purpose of the radio club is to help out when needed."

Kreymer said club members started providing communications for the town about 11:30 a.m. Monday.

"We weren't that busy, but we passed three messages and we've passed two this morning (Tuesday)," he said.

Kreymer explained how the club does its work:

that destroyed eight homes, 27 mobile homes and a Veterans of Foreign Wars hall.

Anderson County Judge Jack Rogers said he gave the governor a report of damage in Palestine that

"They (relatives or other interested parties) tell us who they need to check on, and we in turn will get in touch with our contact in Palestine. He in turn will go find the person in Palestine and check on their welfare. We then call the relatives."

Members of the club travel to the tornado-devastated areas where they act as contacts between club members in College Station and people who live in those areas.

Kreymer said they still are sending information to Palestine, but there are not that many people who have relatives there.

The radio club also has a field team in Caldwell working with the Red Cross to help victims of the tornadoes that killed two and injured several others in the town.

More than 200 miles of East Texas were ravaged by the violent storms Sunday, killing 10 people and injuring more than 160.

Kreymer said the radio club will

offer its services to Palestine and other areas until the telephone lines are repaired.

He said the amateur radio club has been active at A&M since the 1920s and is a non-profit organization providing service free for anyone in need.

The club's radios are able to reach all over the world, he said.

"Even though we're amateurs, we have the club to better the spirit and better the activity of A&M," said Kreymer. "We learn from it and in turn we are providing a service for the people."

"It's humanitarian, but I personally get a kick out of it."

The radio club offers its services regularly to public organizations and also provides communication at bonfire cutting sites in case of emergency.

"If people ask us to help them out, if they need long-distance communications, we can normally accommodate them," Kreymer said.

He could not compare this disaster with others.

"When you start talking about human suffering, damages to homes and business, schools — you just can't compare one disaster with another," he said.

At the news conference, Clements

Planned EPA policy to penalize cities not meeting clean air goals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency said Tuesday that some cities probably will have to enact new auto restrictions under its planned new policy calling for eventual penalties against areas that can't quickly meet clean air goals.

Four senators denounced EPA Administrator Lee M. Thomas for not announcing penalties as of Jan. 1. Anything else, they said, is an illegal extension of deadlines only Congress can set.

Thomas said his interpretation of the law was wrong. He said he had been trying "ad nauseam" to get Congress to change the Clean Air Act to postpone deadlines for compliance with pollution standards, currently Dec. 31.

"I'd like Congress to lay out what should be done," Thomas said.

The deadline — originally set for 1977, and twice postponed — will find about 62 cities and rural counties out of compliance for ozone, the smog constituent that makes breath-

ing difficult, and 65 violating the standard for carbon monoxide, which lessens the blood's oxygen-carrying capacity.

Twenty-three cities are on both lists. The 26 largest metropolitan areas are on one or the other.

Thomas said "a handful, maybe 10" cities, including New York, Denver and Los Angeles, probably would have to restrict auto use to meet the standards.

That could be done, he suggested, "by measures like ride-sharing and

car pools and mass transit."

Thomas' policy, announced for public comment before adoption early next year, calls for all states to submit new pollution control plans for non-compliance areas in the next two years. EPA then would take up to a year to examine the plans.

Areas that could show compliance in three to five years from approval would escape penalty. Other areas would be barred from construction of large new pollution sources, and would have to reduce emissions of

carbon monoxide or the chemicals that form ozone by 3 percent per year above what results from federal programs or face withholding of federal highway and sewer aid.

That 3 percent would have to be achieved on top of federal measures that are making the air cleaner everywhere, such as EPA's planned restrictions on the volatility of gasoline, a principal precursor of ozone.

Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., said Thomas' policy "takes the heat off us."

He was joined by other colleagues on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Robert Stafford, R-Vt., and Democrats Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York and Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey.

The committee has approved a major revamping of the Clean Air Act that sets compliance deadlines three, five and 10 years away, but also includes acid rain measures the Reagan administration opposes.

Official: A&M unhappy with low number of women in engineering

By Doug Driskell
Staff Writer

Although Texas A&M leads the nation in engineering bachelor degrees issued to women — 302 in 1986 — it still is not enough, an official in the Texas Engineering Experiment Station said.

"We are really unhappy with how few women we have," Jeanne Rierson, administration assistant at TEES, said.

"There is no strong recruitment of women — as we do for minorities — at this time," Rierson said.

What recruitment there is for women is offered by the Society of Women Engineers, she said.

Each year SWE sponsors a conference in January, which male and female students are invited to attend.

The purpose of the conference is to show female high school students that women can be success-

ful engineers.

In 1986, A&M led the nation in bachelor degrees issued with 1,730, 5.4 percent of the nation's total, according to a special report from the American Society for Engineering Education.

A&M is second in the nation in producing Hispanic engineering graduates, with 93 representing 4.2 percent of the nation's total Hispanic engineering graduates, according to the report.

Where A&M did not fare well in the report is in the number of blacks issued bachelor's degrees in engineering.

The number of blacks who earned bachelor's degrees in engineering at A&M was only 1 percent of all the blacks who received degrees in 1986, the report said.

Rierson attributes the high number of Hispanic engineers in comparison to the low number of black student engineers to the de-

mographics of Texas.

In 1986, Prairie View A&M was second in the nation in black engineering bachelor degrees, according to the report.

A&M's School Relations Office offers a special scholarship called the Presidential Achievement Award to bring the most outstanding minorities from their high schools, she said. This, along with 150 industry-supported scholarships offered within the college,

is the extent of aid offered to minorities in the engineering department.

Rierson said the department also promotes graduate school to all engineering undergraduate students, especially minorities.

She said there is a lack of engineer graduates going to graduate school and last week a program was given by the engineering department to promote graduate school to minorities.