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Israeli troops kill Moslem, deter U.N. inspection

GAZA CITY, Occupied Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli troops shot and killed a Moslem fundamentalist in a violent demonstration Tuesday, and a U.N. envoy's attempts to inspect refugee camps were frustrated by soldiers and protesters.

Military spokesmen said the army imposed curfews on five of the eight Gaza Palestinian refugee camps.

In the Israeli parliament, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres appealed for an effort to end the violence by political means. Hawkish members accused him of caving in to Arab demands.

At least 32 Arabs have been killed since violent protest began Dec. 8 in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which Israel captured from Jordan and Egypt in the 1967 Middle East War. About 1.5 million Palestinians live in the territories.

diers opened fire when their lives were threatened by a crowd of knife-wielding Arabs in Rafah, at the southern end of the Gaza Strip. One Arab died and three were wounded, while a soldier was treated for a minor stab wound, a communique said.

The army identified the dead man as Muhammed Yusuf El Yazouri, a member of the Moslem fundamentalist Islamic Jihad group, who was freed from prison last year after serving three years on unspecified charges.

In the Jabaliya refugee camp, troops fired on rioters brandishing nail-studded sticks, slightly injuring two people, the military said. Doctors in Jabaliya said they treated two people for gunshot wounds.

Soldiers barred Marrack Goulding, the U.N. undersecretary general in the territories.

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Moving back

Hud Hopkins, a Fort Worth freshman general studies major of Company E-1, helps Christy Cook, a freshman general studies major from

Waco, move into Krueger Hall Tuesday in between light showers. The dorms opened Monday for the spring semester.

Photo by Sam B. Myers

Stone improving following surgery to transplant liver

Former Texas A&M student John Stone remains in serious condition a week after his second liver transplant operation, a spokesman at the Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas said Tuesday.

Susan Hall, the Baylor spokesman, said Tuesday evening that Stone was still in the intensive care unit and that his doctors say he is improving slowly.

Stone, a 1984 A&M graduate and second-year medical student at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, received his second liver transplant Jan. 5 after his first transplanted liver became infected.

Stone's original liver was destroyed by Alpha-1 Anti-Trypsin Deficiency, which kept his body

from controlling his digestive enzymes and resulted in cirrhosis of the liver.

He received his first liver transplant Dec. 1 after a two-month wait. Donations from the A&M community helped to pay \$45,000 of the estimated \$250,000 needed for the first transplant. The second transplant will cost about the same as the first.

Anyone wishing to contribute money can write to the American Transplant Association, Box 822123, Dallas, TX 75382-2123, or to the American Transplant Association, care of the John Stone Fund, Post Oak Branch of First State Bank in Caldwell, P.O. Box 10130, College Station, TX 77840.

Board reports accident increase for airlines

WASHINGTON (AP) — Major U.S. airlines in 1987 had the highest number of accidents in 13 years and the most deaths in five years while commuter carriers had their worst safety record of this decade, the National Transportation Safety Board reported Tuesday.

The board said the large airlines had 31 accidents last year, including four crashes involving fatalities, accounting for 231 deaths. The commuter airlines, which fly smaller planes, had 35 accidents and 58 deaths in 1987, the largest number

for that segment of the industry since 1979, when 66 people died.

The 31 accidents among the U.S. airlines flying large jet aircraft was the highest figure since 1974, when the airlines had 42 accidents. The 231 fatalities were topped during the past decade only by 1979, when 351 people died, and 1982 when 233 were killed, according to the board.

Airline industry officials suggested, however, that the total accident and fatality figures are misleading.

They say the rate of accidents involving fatalities — 0.043 per

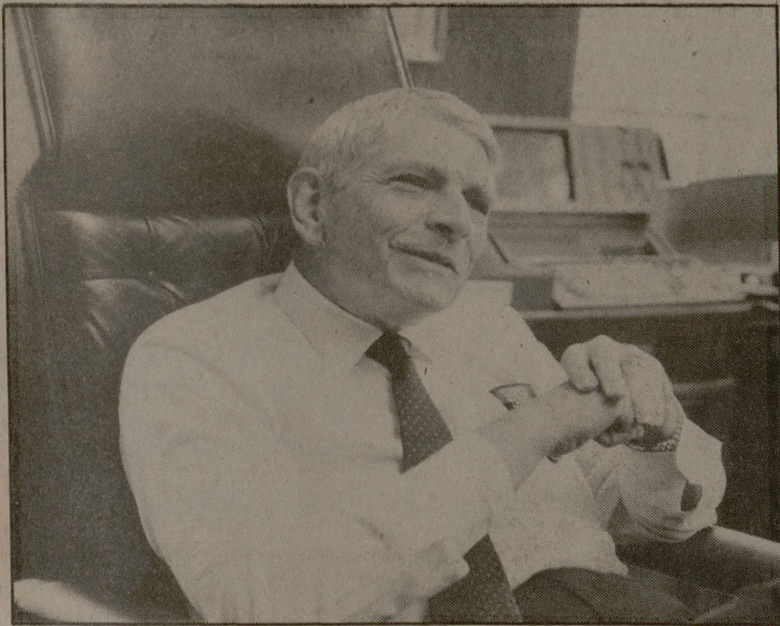
100,000 departures — was lower in 1987 than in most years although significantly higher than the rate in 1986 when there was only one fatality involving major U.S. air carriers.

"There were only six other years since the beginning of safety regulations in 1926 that had a lower (fatal accident) rate," said William F. Bolger, president of the Air Transport Association, which represents the major air carriers.

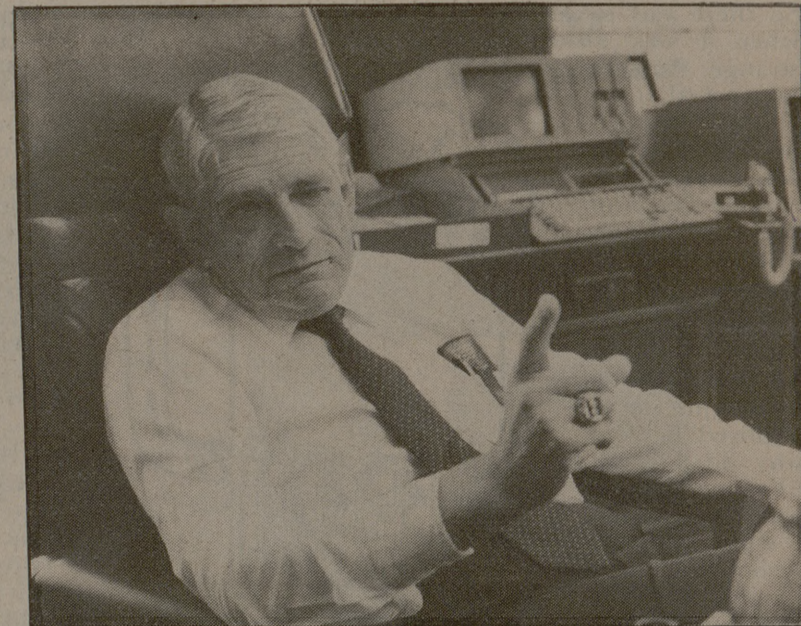
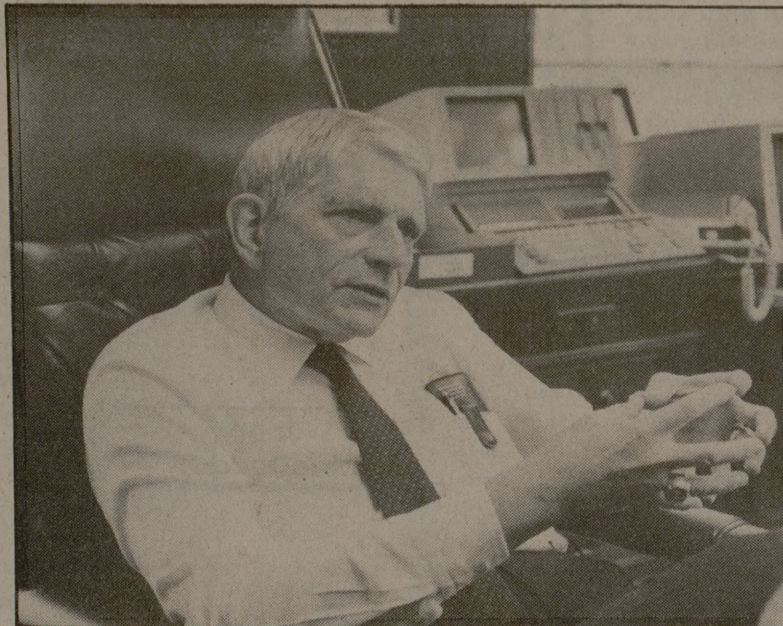
Bolger said the airlines carried more than 450 million passengers on nearly 7 million flights during 1987

and that 17 of the 31 accidents involved some sort of injury. The NTSB counts an accident whenever there is a significant injury or aircraft damage. Heavy turbulence in which there is a significant injury also is classified as an accident.

During 1987, the major airline accident rate — covering fatal and non-fatal accidents — was 0.43 per 100,000 departures compared with 0.31 the previous year, the safety board said. The accident rate for commuters was 1.43 per 100,000 departures, the highest since 1981.



Dr. Frank E. Vandiver, in an August interview with *The Battalion* explains the changing role of the University in its quest for world status.



Battalion file photos

Vandiver's resignation provokes mixed reactions at A&M

By Karen Kroesche and Lee Schexnaider

Members of the Texas A&M community expressed varied reactions to President Frank E. Vandiver's surprise announcement last week that he will leave his post to assume the directorship of a new military think tank at A&M.

"I certainly have mixed emotions about (Vandiver) stepping down, primarily because I think he's done an exceptional job as president," said Dr. John B. Coleman, a member of the Board of Regents. "I don't think we could have had a better president for Texas A&M during this period of time."

Vandiver, 62, announced Thursday that he will resign effective Sept. 1 and will head the proposed Mosher Institute for Defense Studies. He also will hold the title of distinguished university professor and fill an endowed chair to be created for him.

Deputy Chancellor James B. Bond said his regret at Vandiver's departure after seven years as presi-

Conflict, compromise mark president's University career

By Karen Kroesche and Lee Schexnaider

President Frank Vandiver was praised extensively by his colleagues after he announced his resignation last week, but his 7-year tenure at A&M has not been immune to conflict.

James B. Bond, deputy chancellor for legal and external affairs, said that Vandiver has made great strides during his presidency. Among the

strong points he listed were Vandiver's interest in the humanities and liberal arts and his determination to involve the faculty.

"But I think the best thing, his best contribution to the University is his leadership in attracting a high-quality faculty," Bond said. "We have been able to attract and retain some of the best faculty of any university in the country, and I think that's a credit to his administration and probably the most important thing that he's done for the University."

Bond also said that there have

been some "rocky times" in the Vandiver presidency. But one conflict, involving the hiring of head football coach and Athletic Director Jackie Sherrill, was pointed to as an accomplishment by Dr. Richard Shumway, speaker of the Faculty Senate.

In January 1982, the Board of Regents hired Sherrill without consulting Vandiver and then asked him to fire Tom Wilson, head football coach at the time.

Vandiver offered to resign twice because of the Board's actions, but the matter was dropped after Van-

diver received a retroactive raise that increased his salary to \$100,000 — \$5,000 more than Sherrill's salary.

aised Vandiver's ability to "bite the bullet" in the situation.

"I think it was an extremely important one (accomplishment), to draw the line and say 'that is not acceptable,' even to the point of being willing to give up his office if necessary," Shumway said.

Shumway also said conflict with the regents has been a source of

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dent is countered by his sense of relief that Vandiver will remain in a leadership role at A&M.

"You know that in the life of anybody they get to a point where they're ready to hand over the mantle, but we're so happy that he is going to stay here and do what he is so good at doing," Bond said. "I think that the University is going to be a real beneficiary even though

we're losing a person who has been our standard-bearer and has done it extremely well."

Fellow regents Douglas R. DeCluitt, L. Lowry Mays and Joe H. Reynolds as well as Bill C. Presnal, executive secretary for the Board and vice chancellor for state affairs, also spoke highly of Vandiver's accomplishments during his term of office. The defense studies institute is

scheduled for formal approval at the Jan. 25 regents' meeting. Coleman said it is expected to attract more graduate students and funding to A&M.

"It is one of our goals to increase our graduate-level activity, and as we increase the graduate-level activity we also increase the research dollars," Coleman said. "A&M has always gotten its fair share of many re-

search dollars, but we got less than our fair share of so-called 'federal dollars.'"

Vandiver has been praised by his contemporaries for his efforts to expand A&M's research and graduate student programs, but Student Body President Mason Hogan worries that undergraduate programs might have been sacrificed in this process.

"Right now, they're trying to build

up the graduate students on campus, and my fear is they're going to put so much emphasis on graduate students and the field of research that we're going to just become another t.u.; that's their big impact," he said.

"An undergraduate student at Texas is nothing, and at A&M he's everything, or at least that's what we've always been known (for)," he said, "and I just hope we don't get geared so much that way that we fall in the same category with them, to where we don't really care about the undergraduate student."

One of Vandiver's most frequently cited accomplishments was his role in the establishment of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Richard Shumway, current speaker of the Senate, praised Vandiver's efforts.

"He's been an extremely strong advocate of participative government," Shumway said. "He has brought an attitude, a demeanor that has greatly affected faculty morale positively."

Hogan agreed that it is definitely

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