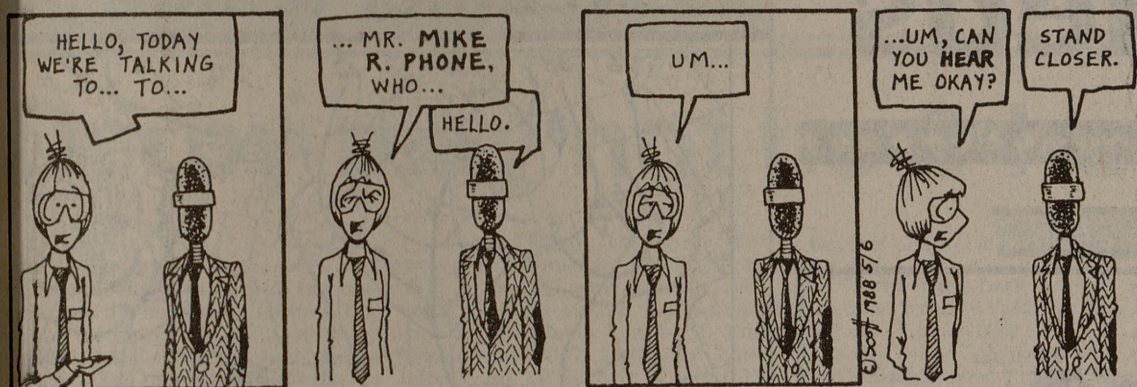


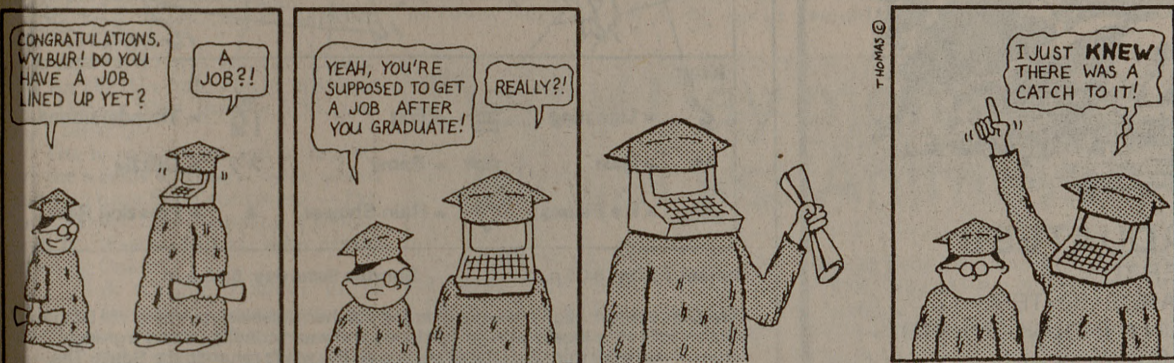
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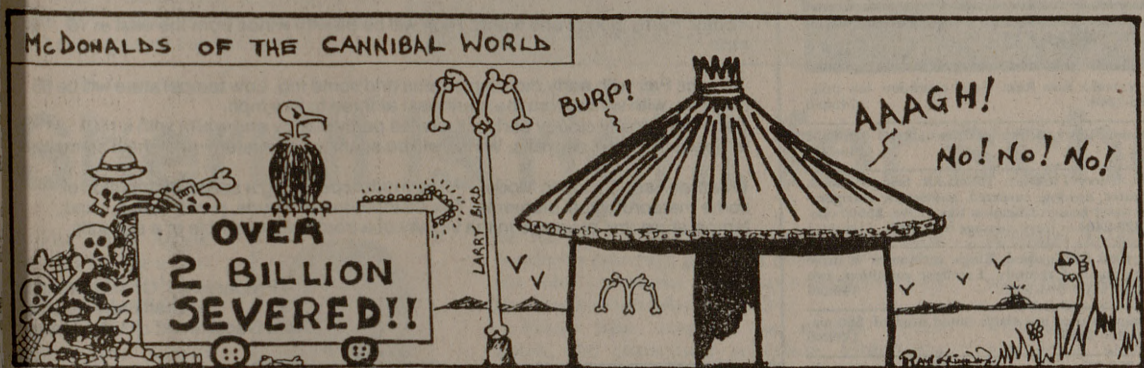
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Aircraft worker denies charges of conspiracy

DALLAS (AP) — A man who worked for an aircraft firm in Switzerland pleaded not guilty Thursday to charges that he conspired to sell arms to Iran in violation of the U.S. Arms Export Control Act. Moments after John Richard Brown entered his plea, his son-in-law — Virginia Beach, Va., businessman James Edward Miller, who faces similar charges — told U.S. District Judge Robert Maloney that he couldn't afford an attorney.

Maloney ordered Miller, 40, to seek a court-appointed attorney and return for arraignment in one week. Brown's trial was set for June 27. Brown, an employee of Panaircraft Co. in Geneva, and Miller were named in a Dallas grand jury indictment April 12 along with Achmed Kashani, nephew of the speaker of Iran's parliament, Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Kashani, described in federal documents as the leading buyer of military arms for the Iranian government, is believed to be in Spain. According to an affidavit, Miller told undercover agents in Dallas that he was interested in obtaining microwave tubes that help guide U.S. Hawk missiles to their targets, as well as attack helicopters, helicopter spare parts and TOW anti-tank missiles, all for shipment to Iran.

U.S. Customs agents posing as arms dealers allegedly sold Miller a defective microwave tube for \$40,000 that was then shipped by air freight to Brown care of Panaircraft.

There in Switzerland, Miller and Brown allegedly met with Kashani to discuss the deal. Customs officials said the arrests of Brown and Miller followed a 10-month probe.

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2 million aliens apply for amnesty; 26,000 file on last day in South

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Doors closing early Thursday at immigration centers throughout the state brought an end to a landmark amnesty program, but the process is far from over for the thousands of undocumented aliens who applied for legal residency.

By the Wednesday midnight deadline, about 2 million aliens had applied for amnesty nationwide, more than 500,000 of them in the 13-state Southern Region, Immigration and Naturalization Service Southern Region Commissioner Stephen H. Martin said.

More than 26,000 of those in the Southern Region filed their applications on the year-long program's final day, he said.

Richard Rios, head of the Houston center, said, "Today we're recuperating and doing in-house stuff. We're not open to the public." Rios and his staff has been on 16-hour shifts for two weeks.

Omer Bangs, chief legalization officer at the San Antonio center, said, "Everyone is glad to see the rush go away so we can get back to the life-style of normal shifts."

INS employees said they were ready for the rest.

Cora Rodriguez, an employee at the Houston center, said of the long-awaited deadline, "I'm going to sleep all weekend long. But I wouldn't miss this for the world. This is making history tonight."

Many of the INS workers at the Houston office who were processing the last-minute amnesty applications

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 Houston INS employee

wore white T-shirts that boasted the slogan, "I survived the IRCA crunch."

Under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, aliens who have lived illegally in the United States continuously since before 1982 are eligible for temporary residency and amnesty from deportation. Persons who fit these requirements can apply for permanent residency after 18 months and eventually for citizenship.

Special agricultural workers, who so far have constituted about one-sixth of amnesty applicants, apply under different rules and have a Nov. 30 deadline.

Martin said, "This has been a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, an incredible human adventure."

Now that the amnesty deadline has passed, he added, the INS will begin focusing on sanctions against employers who hire illegal aliens. The grace period in which only warnings were issued is over.

People granted amnesty from the application period are given temporary residency and a work permit. Starting 18 months after filing their amnesty applications, recipients have one year to apply for permanent residency.

Controversy already is brewing over testing procedures for amnesty recipients, who unlike legal immigrants must display a proficiency in English and knowledge of U.S. history and government to gain permanent residency.

Legal immigrants have to take such a test only when they apply for citizenship.

John Armistead, spokesman for the regional INS office in Dallas, said, "This is the first time either a temporary or permanent resident has had to learn some English and history and U.S. government."

The INS can waive the requirements if amnesty recipients can prove they are enrolled in English and government courses.

INS officials are still trying to figure out how to administer the test, a fact that does not please the Rev. Rick Matty, director of the El Paso Catholic Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services.

Matty, who directs the diocese's program to help amnesty applicants, said the diocese plans to offer classes in U.S. civics and history and English. But he said he wants specific guidelines on how much amnesty recipients will be expected to know.

Before the application deadline, local stations broadcast live from the Houston center encouraging aliens to meet the deadline. The Goodyear blimp circled overhead flashing "Legalize Now" and "Time Is Short," in both English and Spanish. Rios said his office will open Monday to start the task of interviewing applicants.

Ron Parra, INS director in Houston, said that a total of 108,579 people applied through the Houston office, and 4,200 of those applicants applied in the last 24 hours. The total number should increase once mailed-in applications are received.

Lynn Consentine, director of the Austin office, said that a total of 600 aliens were processed by the Austin INS legalization center Wednesday.

"We had a mob scene (in the morning)," she said. "But we called back everyone who ever worked in the office, put them on the windows and processed every applicant quickly."

Chief Legalization officer of the Harlingen legalization center Charles Perez said his group saw a total of 1,944 applicants on Wednesday, bringing its total to 36,070 in the year it has been open.

Elaine Mueller, office supervisor, said that the 22 workers at the El Paso legalization center already are looking toward the mounds of applications expected from qualified designated entities in the next two months.

'King of the Hobos'

Man enjoys fifth re-election to only elected U.S. kingship

BROWNWOOD, (AP) — He's the king of the hobos and proud of it.

"The office of hobo king is the only elected kingship in the United States," said "Steam Train" Maury Graham on a recent visit to Central Texas.

"Steam Train" earned his title and kingship at the National Hobo Convention in Britt, Iowa, in 1973 and was re-elected five different times. He now holds the honorary title of "King of the East" for life.

Even though his freight train days are over, Graham still looks the part of the Hobo King. A colorful bandana shirt is part of his rig, as are the sturdy shoes, big hat and crooked walking stick.

The walking stick is a vine he picked up in Mississippi about six years ago, he says. He makes at least 30 or 40 walking sticks every year, giving them to "old fellas" who need them, Graham says.

Graham has been the subject of numerous magazine articles and has appeared on numerous television talk shows, always introduced as

"Steam Train Maury — Hobo King."

But he wasn't born a hobo. When arthritis and an on-the-job injury forced him to end a thriving construction career, he began his long ride on freight trains.

"After I retired from my work, I decided to take a two-week camping trip. The two weeks extended to 12 years," he recalls.

This was no ordinary camping trip. The whole American countryside was his camping ground and his mode of travel was a freight train car.

"I would find me an empty box car and just ride. There were good days and not so good ones. After two or three years of riding the rails, the trainmen, who at first objected to my free rides, became my pals. They are still great friends," he said.

Graham says he has ridden on passenger trains, but he has always preferred the box car. "In a box car you can stretch out and rest when you get the notion and just watch the scenery roll by from what we referred to as 'sidedoor Pullmans.'"

During those 12 years of hobo travels, his wife, Wanda, who remained at home in Toledo, Ohio, wasn't exactly delighted with his lifestyle. "She wouldn't even answer my phone calls."

"But after those 12 years when I had had enough of freight train rides, I went back home and courted her all over again," he said. "We are still together."

Now they travel together, in a motor home. "It's an old beat up thing that I call a 'shanty on wheels,'" Graham says.

He has written a book "History of Hobos, Tramps and Other Vagabonds."

Graham says many people do not understand that there's a lot of difference between a hobo and a bum. "A hobo is a self-supporting vagabond," he explains. "Every hobo has a trade or craft. While I traveled with them, some were whittlers, others, wood carvers and many of them construction workers. Some were even writers."

"Jack London, who was a hobo for

some time, wrote our greatest adventure stories," he said.

Generally, hobos carry bedrolls and food, Graham said. "While I traveled on freight cars, we used to stop at cities and sell items from door-to-door, sharpen knives and do various chores. Some of my hobo friends were even preachers," he recalls.

"Many of the beautiful depots and county courthouses were built by hobos and itinerant workers."

"I loved that life. I met many people and will always remember those friends. I probably write more letters than any other person in America," he said. "I have friends all over America and have spoken to over a quarter of a million school children."

Graham is an ardent environmentalist and a naturalist who. He talks about saving the environment.

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