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World leaders close summit with relief plan

TORONTO (AP) — Leaders of the seven richest nations concluded their annual summit Tuesday with a debt-relief plan for the world's most desperately poor countries, proclaiming optimism about the global economy but spurning President Reagan's plea to abolish farm subsidies.

Reagan acknowledged that there are some differences of opinion on agricultural subsidies but said, "I am not going to give up on that."

Showing no regrets over the final communique, he said, "I'm just surprised we got it done."

The three-day summit was Reagan's last, and Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney thanked the president on behalf of the Western leaders.

"His leadership has been strong, his accomplishments substantial and his place in history secure. . . . We shall all miss his warmth and his wisdom," Mulroney said after reading the final communique.

The final communique, completing work on the 34-paragraph document, contained no surprises or breakthroughs.

The communique said the leaders approved a plan allowing creditor countries to choose from a menu of options in granting debt relief to 20 to 30 nations of sub-Saharan Africa.

On the agricultural subsidies issue, however, they stopped far short of Reagan's proposal to eliminate subsidies by the year 2000, an idea staunchly opposed by European nations and Japan.

Instead, the leaders said negotiators must develop "a framework approach" to reduce — not eliminate — the subsidies.

At a news conference after the close of the summit, Reagan said he thought the U.S. policy of seeking to ease governmental regulation.

He said tax burdens for business has sent a message to the rest of the industrialized world and that "today, it defines the consensus of the summit nations" on economic strategy.

Although that was far short of Reagan's proposal, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said it was still an improvement from the vaguely worded language of the draft communique.

A political statement issued Monday praised Reagan for his arms negotiations with Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev and urged the superpowers to pursue deep cuts in their strategic nuclear arsenals.

Offering Gorbachev an incentive to pursue his programs of openness and freedom, the summit leaders held out the prospect of expanded trade with the West and said that Soviet reforms would be viewed positively.

Proclaiming their talks a benefit for the entire world, the summit leaders agreed to launch a new, seven-year cycle of summits in France next year, beginning July 14, the bicentennial of the start of the French Revolution, and running three days.

Conferring around an octagonal table in a windowless, basement room of Toronto's convention center, the leaders met for nearly three hours — an hour longer than scheduled.

"It was a very vigorous exchange of views that produced a very substantial document," said Mulroney, the host of the summit conference.

Members of their delegations had worked through the night to finish



Photo by Jay Janner

Professional skateboarder Tony Magnusson, from San Diego, does a half pipe in College Station Tuesday. Magnusson, who stopped in the demonstration on local skate enthusiast Jonathan Berry's five-foot area on his way to a pro contest, is ranked third in the nation.

NCAA gives A&M more time to reply

From Staff and Wire Reports

Texas A&M has been given more time to respond to NCAA charges of improper recruiting and procedural practices in the University's football program, a spokesman said.

The original deadline for the southwest Conference school to reply to the 31 rule violations alleged by the National Collegiate Athletic Association was Monday, the same day A&M spokesman Lane Stephenson announced the school would get an extension.

Stephenson said an internal investigation into the allegations will take four to six weeks. The University has hired the Chicago law firm of Coffield, Ungaretti, Harris and Slavin to conduct the investigation. A&M's attorneys refused to comment when contacted by *The Battalion* Tuesday.

"We knew the report would not be ready in time so we requested an extension some time last week," Stephenson said.

The NCAA allegations include claims of payments to football players and inducements to recruits. The NCAA also claims Texas A&M orchestrated a cover-up and misinformed NCAA investigators.

The violations were outlined April 4 in a letter to the University from the NCAA Committee on Infractions.

Coma victim's father gives accident details

By Stephen Masters
Staff Writer

Details of the May 30 accident in Germany that left Laura Burnett in a coma were revealed Tuesday by a friend of the Burnett family.

Laura Burnett, 19, is a junior at Texas Tech University and the daughter of Texas A&M marketing professor Dr. John Burnett.

Frank Shannon, assistant director of the Development Foundation and friend of the family, said that Burnett and two others, including an unnamed A&M student, were crossing a 10-lane intersection in Munich, Germany when she was struck by an automobile that ran a red light. As the car neared, the A&M student jumped out of the way, but Burnett apparently did not see it in time, Shannon said. He said legal action is being taken against the driver.

Dr. Burnett and Laura were touring businesses as part of a Study Abroad program in Europe prior to the accident. She has been in a coma since the acci-

dent but had some response Saturday, Shannon said. She is still unconscious.

The Laura Burnett Fund, established at First RepublicBank A&M June 9, had received over \$8,500 through Tuesday. Although the original goal of \$6,540 for a military airlift was reached Friday, donations are still being accepted for other expenses incurred since the accident, he said.

Instead of bringing Burnett to College Station, Shannon said she will be flown to Houston and admitted into the Medical Center del Oro, which specializes in head and spinal injuries.

Shannon said Dr. Burnett returned to College Station late Monday night. The family is overwhelmed by the speed and amount of contributions received, he said.

Donations should be sent to the Laura Burnett Fund in care of First RepublicBank A&M, P.O. Box 2860, College Station, Texas 77841. All donations should be designated to the attention of Lee Cargill.

City monitoring behavior of AIDS-carrier resident

EL PASO (AP) — A health official said the city is monitoring the sexual behavior of an AIDS carrier who allegedly has unprotected sex with high school students without warning them of his condition.

Dr. Laurance Nickey, director of the El Paso City-County Health District, said the department has warned the man to stop having sex without using a condom or informing his partners of his condition, and if the order is violated, the district will pursue the matter to the legal limit of the law.

He declined to explain how the department is monitoring the man's activities. Officials have refused to identify the man.

If the man violates the June 4 notice, he could be quarantined under a new state law. Only a judge at the state district level or higher can order a quarantine, which is like a house arrest. The man could be held in a health facility or the county jail, Nickey said.

Nickey's actions have drawn several critics, including a county commissioner and the director of an AIDS hospice and counseling center. County Commissioner Orlando Fonseca and Rio Bravo Association Director Jaime Perez said Nickey should pursue the matter in civil court. Both favor quarantining the man.

At issue is Nickey's contention that officials have little power to pursue the matter until one of the man's partners files a criminal complaint. A criminal plaintiff's name is a matter of public record.

At least two people have filed administrative complaints with the health district, but Nickey they are not

criminal complaints. Officials don't have to release the names of those making administrative complaints.

Perez said that he, Nickey and one of the AIDS carrier's sex partners met Tuesday morning to discuss the possibility of filing assault or attempted murder charges against the man. The man was not worried about having his identity publicized.

"He said he'd be willing to fill out the papers and sign on the dotted line," Perez said.

But when the potential plaintiff was informed he could be prosecuted under the state's sodomy statute, he decided not to file a criminal complaint against the AIDS carrier, Perez said.

Nickey, who did not answer calls Tuesday from the Associated Press, said in Tuesday's meeting that he was powerless to pursue the matter in civil court until someone complains that he or she had unprotected sex with the man after the AIDS carrier received his June 4 order to stop such activities, according to Perez.

That means the health district cannot pursue the administrative complaints it received before June 4 unless the complainants file criminal charges against the man, and that the health district has to wait until someone else has sex with the man before it can pursue the matter in civil court.

"I didn't know whether to get angry or laugh, because it's absolutely ludicrous," Perez said.

Someone filing a civil complaint with the health department would not necessarily have to be publicly identified, Perez said.

Source will tell knowledge in fraud probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — One figure implicated through wiretaps in the Pentagon procurement bribery and fraud probe agreed within the past few days to cooperate with the government and another is on the verge of agreeing to tell what he knows, sources familiar with the investigation said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Defense Secretary Frank C. Carlucci decided to reassign six Pentagon officials under scrutiny in the investigation. He directed that anyone whose activities come under examination must be moved to a different job that has nothing to do with procurement.

The person who is cooperating with the government is someone whose voice turned up frequently on the court-ordered wiretaps that are a central part of the two-year investigation, said the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Under investigation are allegations that defense contractors and consultants, many of them former military men, bribed Pentagon officials for contracting details that could be vital in winning contracts worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

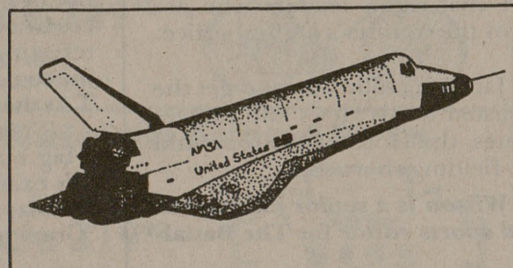
It could not be determined whether the target who is cooperating is a Pentagon employee.

A&M reviews recovery system

By Catherine Zudak
Reporter

It's been smooth sailing for Texas A&M's search of a hang-glider-type wing that may be used to return the space shuttle's booster rockets to the launch area instead of having them splash down in the ocean.

A&M's Space Research Center, in conjunction with United Technologies of Huntsville, Alabama is testing a booster rocket recovery system for NASA's space shuttle at the wind tunnel near Easterwood Airport.



Solid-fuel booster rockets, used in the past to launch the shuttle into orbit, parachuted into the ocean after separating from the shuttle and were recovered by ships. Salt water corrodes and damages the boosters.

Project engineer Jeff Fisher said this new recovery system would consist of a hang-glider type wing attached to the booster rockets. After the boosters separate from the shuttle, the wing would deploy and allow the boosters to glide back to the ground virtually undamaged.

Oran Nicks, Director of the Space Research Center, said returning the boosters undamaged by salt water would lower the cost of launch.

Fisher said booster recovery is just one of many applications for advanced recovery systems.

"We've done some studies on crew escape systems for the space station, recovery of engine packages and orbital payloads using advanced recovery systems or precision recovery systems," he said.

"These systems consist of any deployable device, even parachutes, that can glide. The difference here is that the shuttle boosters will have a deployable wing that will glide the boosters back to a runway."

"We've been very fortunate. We've been getting a much better performance than NASA thought we would and it's mostly do to the fact we're getting a (good) airfoil shape."

The model wing has a 6-foot wing span and is made of a double layer of coated nylon with internal ribs that connect the upper and lower surface. The internal ribs are different lengths so when the wing is filled with air the entire wing has a three-dimensional shape rather than being a single sheet like a hang glider wing.

Fisher, a mechanical engineer from the Space Flight Systems Division of United Technologies, said the actual wing will have a 227-foot wing span and will be made of Kevlar fabric which will be coated or laminated to prevent air flow.

"What's really important is that air cannot flow through the fabric of the wing," he said. "There are inlets on the lower surface that allow the wing to pressurize — air passing over the lower surface flows inside the wing (inflating it) and that's why we're getting such good performance."

"The glide ratio has been 8 to 1, for every 8 feet the booster flies forward it drops a foot. The old single surface designs that NASA was looking at got about 4 to 1."

Fisher has been working with A&M faculty and students at the wind tunnel since June 10 gathering data on the wing's load capabilities, performance, deployment sequence and response to control systems. Saturday the first series of tests were completed. Another series of tests is scheduled for July.

Fisher said an aerodynamicist will analyze the data collected during the wind tunnel tests and apply it to a full-scale booster system to determine how well the system will fly.

Nicks said the new recovery system probably would be used in the next five to 10 years.

"The Space Station is scheduled for 1992-1995; There will be a lot of launches going up," he said. "That's when this new system would be most useful."

Nicks said the recovery system tests in the wind tunnel reflect a new era of space research that will provide greater opportunity for University involvement.

He said the center, which supports research efforts of NASA's major contractors, was created in recognition of this new era.