



## Soviets consent to change, allow teaching of Hebrew

MOSCOW (AP) — The teaching of Hebrew, once punished in the Soviet Union as a crime, will be allowed again, an official of the World Jewish Congress said Wednesday.

Officials also will allow Soviet Jews to participate in the congress, according to its executive director, Elan Steinberg, who met with high-level Soviet officials.

Both steps would constitute major changes in how the Kremlin has dealt with the country's 1.8 million Jews, and they come in the context of an effort by President Mikhail S. Gorbachev to elimi-

nate rancorous issues that have historically hampered relations with the West, especially in the field of human rights.

As part of that effort, 1975 Nobel Peace laureate Andrei D. Sakharov is being allowed to travel to the West for the first time, and the Soviets have reportedly agreed to release all remaining political prisoners by the end of the year.

World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman met for two hours Wednesday with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze, and later with Konstantin Kharchev, chairman of the

Soviet State Committee on Religious Affairs, Steinberg said in an interview.

"Soviet authorities have now agreed that the Soviet Jewish community participate in the activities of the World Jewish Congress," Steinberg said, reporting on accords reached during the meetings.

He said the exact form of participation remains to be worked out.

The World Jewish Congress represents Jewish groups from 70 countries whose combined Jewish population

total 11 million to 12 million, Steinberg said.

Those countries include Eastern European allies of the Soviet Union, where the local Jewish populations have a central representative body, he said.

Soviet Jews have no such central body as of now, Steinberg said.

Assessing the agreement reached with the Soviets, the World Jewish Congress official said: "We view this as part of a larger process of easing tensions between East and West, which includes a better understanding and relationship with Jewish communities of the world and with Israel."

The Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, Gennady I. Gerasimov, made general comments about the meeting between Bronfman and Shevardnadze at a government news briefing.

## Suspect lineup in rape case pending on victim's health

**By Kelly S. Brown**  
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A suspect lineup has yet to take place in the case of a Texas A&M student who was raped and stabbed in the throat Oct. 20, and police say it will be postponed until the victim's health improves.

After police released a sketch of the suspect on Oct. 24, the University Police Department and the College Station Police Department received over a hundred tips in the case. It was perhaps one or more of those tips that led police on Oct. 28 to the doorstep of the suspect David Corwin. His fingerprints matched those of the rapist, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice said.

Maj. Edgar Feldman with the College Station Police Department said the lineup will take place when the 21-year-old victim is feeling better. Tuesday night she

remained in fair, stable condition at Humana Hospital.

Director of Security at A&M Bob Wiatt, said Corwin, who remains in the Brazos County Jail in lieu of \$200,000 bond on charges of kidnapping, aggravated rape, attempted capital murder and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, has been on unsupervised parole since his release from the Texas Department of Corrections in 1985.

In 1975 Corwin was convicted in Bell County of raping and stabbing a Temple woman in the throat. Parole board records show Corwin's sentence was for 40 years — he served nine years before being paroled on Nov. 20, 1985.

Walker County and Madison County officials said they want to question Corwin in connection with three murders

that have taken place over the last year and a half.

In July 1987 a woman, who was wearing her car at a carwash in Huntsville, was stabbed in the throat. Her daughter — locked in the car — watched as her mother bled to death.

On Oct. 31 of that same year a woman was abducted from an optical center in Huntsville shopping center. Police say she was found two days later in a id near Lake Conroe — she had been raped and stabbed.

Police say they have no evidence at all very little to go on in the case, but they are keeping him Corwin in mind.

On Feb. 13, 1987 in Madisonville, where Corwin lived from January 17 until June 1987, a 72-year-old woman was abducted while taking a morning walk. She was raped and stabbed in the back.

## South Texas plans to vote for merger with Texas A&M

From Staff and Wire Reports

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A majority of the directors of the University System of South Texas — which includes Texas A&I, Laredo State and Corpus Christi State University — said they will vote to seek a merger with the Texas A&M University System.

The USST board meets Thursday in Laredo and will vote on a resolution calling for a merger. A feasibility study completed Friday concluded a merger would be advantageous to both systems.

A&M Regents will vote on the study and merger resolution Nov. 21, A&M Deputy Chancellor Ed Davis, said.

Royce Wisenbaker, an A&M Regent, said he didn't know any specifics on the study, but said he knew the A&M people have talked with their USST people.

Five of the nine USST directors told the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* they will vote for the merger with A&M.

According to the feasibility study, A&M would encourage and support development of more graduate and professional programs in South Texas.

Among other conclusions, the study said Corpus Christi State University, now an upper-level school, should become a four-year university.

Alan Sugg, USST chancellor and president of Corpus Christi State, said, "One of the greatest advantages of becoming part of the A&M System would be an increase in political clout for South Texas, both in Austin and Washington."

A merger of the two systems would require the approval of both boards and the Legislature.

The merger proposal is among results of a resolution from the state Legislature last year ordering the Texas A&M and University of Texas systems, the state's two premier public higher education in-

stitutions, to study higher education needs in South Texas.

Another result of the resolution is that UT and Edinburg-based Pan American University are discussing cooperative programs and a possible merger.

The Joint Legislative Committee on Higher Education in South Texas, chaired by state Sen. Carlos Truan and state Rep. Eddie Cavazos, both Corpus Christi Democrats, has held five hearings in South Texas, and will file a report with its findings and recommendations with the Legislature when it convenes in January.

## Texas schools polish scores on skills tests

AUSTIN (AP) — A significant majority of Texas school districts and campuses showed marked improvement on 1987-88 student basic skills test scores, the Texas Education Agency said Wednesday.

Education Commissioner William N. Kirby said, "We are very pleased to see that more than 80 percent of Texas school districts and nearly 70 percent of individual campuses were able to raise their (Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills) test scores from one year to the next."

"At the same time, the Texas Education Agency will continue to assist low-performing schools in improving student achievement as part of the state's performance-based accreditation process," Kirby said.



**Don't look now!!**  
While doing an open-air performance of "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" Wednesday, Aggie Players members Sara Waak, Matt Hunt and Patience Reading race toward David Gaw.

## Student Senate declares Dec. 1 Hurricane Bowl

**By Kelly S. Brown**  
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The Student Senate passed a revised resolution Wednesday whereby the Texas A&M vs. Alabama game on Dec. 1 be declared the "Hurricane Bowl."

Mike Kelley, Speaker Pro-Tempore and a senior political science major, said because the A&M football team will not be appearing in any official bowl games this season, a bowl game would be something to get the students spirited at the end of the year.

"Neither the NCAA nor Alabama have any objections with it being called the Hurricane Bowl," Kelley said. "And the College Station Chamber of Commerce has already made it official."

Kelley said they're trying to get Willard Scott of the Today Show to give his weather report from Kyle Field the morning of the game.

"It's something we want everyone, including Alabama, to have fun with," Kelley said.

Also in the meeting, a collegiate license-plate bill was passed unanimously.

Ty Clevenger, a sophomore genetics major and senator from the agriculture college, introduced a bill endorsing the concept of collegiate license plates and encourages the Legislative Study Group to research and represent the student body on the issue.

Clevenger said the state of Florida has successfully introduced license plates with the imprint of different colleges and universities, and the extra amount

charged for these imprinted plates has brought significant additional revenue to the State of Florida as well as increasing the state's schools visibility.

Clevenger said he would like to see a similar program established in Texas with similar benefits.

"It's basically a non-controversial bill, but we'll take it to the state legislature as soon as possible," he said. "We'll show them the A&M student body supports it, and work with them on it," he said.

If the bill remains in the form that Florida passed it, plates would cost \$27 in addition to the normal plate fees.

"The money will go toward scholarship funds for the universities," Clevenger said.

## Campaigns plow on as election day nears

George Bush said Wednesday that voters should pick a president who reflects their hopes and dreams for America and proudly proclaimed, "I am that man."

Michael Dukakis urged supporters to "keep pouring it on" in a drive for an Election Day upset.

Republican Bush and Democrat Dukakis made their rounds six days before the voting while all around them the pace of campaigning quickened.

Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole was going to three states during the day in a bid to help endangered GOP candidates for Congress. Sen. Edward Kennedy countered for the Democrats by campaigning in Minnesota, where Hubert H. Humphrey III is a Senate race underdog.

Officials in both parties agree Democrats are likely to retain control of both houses of Congress after next week's balloting, although Republicans harbor hopes of winning enough close Senate seats to reduce the current 54-46 Democratic advantage.

President Reagan campaigned in Ohio, where he tried to turn Dukakis' "On Your Side" rallying cry against the Democrats. "(They're) on your side when they want to get their hands on your wallets," he said.

John Howard in Owensboro, Ky., set up a sort of drive-through poll at his Crickets Classy Car Wash, and said the results were about even. Customers could drive into a bay named for the presidential candidate of their choosing. "It's very scientific," he said. "The margin of error is 100 percent."

As usual, Dukakis' aides said their private polls were encouraging. As usual, the public polls seemed to be pointing to a Republican victory next Tuesday. ABC said its latest Illinois survey was a dead heat, but Bush led in other surveys from Ohio, Arkansas and Connecticut.

Bush campaigned through Illinois and Michigan, two key Midwestern battlegrounds.

At his first stop, at Adlai Stevenson High School outside Chicago, he instructed an audience made up largely of students how to make an Election Day choice.

"You're not going to make your decision on some television (advertisement) or some sound bite, and what I want you to do is look beyond the charges, get past the shouting and choose as president the person who represents your values, your dreams, your hopes for the United States, and I am that man."

He returned to the theme later in Grand Rapids, Mich. "I represent the mainstream, the mainstream views and

the mainstream values," he said. "If I win, it will be a mainstream mandate. That's what this election is all about."

Bush also said Dukakis was conducting a "media blitz."

"(He's) on every television show except 'Wheel of Fortune.' He was afraid that Vanna might turn over the L-word," Bush said.

Dukakis began his day in Minnesota by visiting his wife Kitty, who is hospitalized for an upper respiratory infection.

At a downtown rally, the Massachusetts governor urged supporters to "keep pouring it on" as he summoned up mem-

ories of Harry Truman's upset victory of 1948, John Kennedy's closely won contest of 1960 and Hubert Humphrey's narrow defeat in 1968. "There are millions and millions of voters out there who haven't made up their mind," he said.

Dukakis also aired new television commercials nationally that originally were tailored for California. One says the Democrat wants an "America that exports its products, not its jobs." In another, he says he wants "clean air and clean water and clean coasts and a clean government in Washington, D.C."

## Preregistration begins today for senior class

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Spring preregistration starts today for seniors with last names beginning with the letters A-G and will continue by designated classifications through Nov. 30.

The telephone registration system, now in its fourth semester of operation, can be accessed from any touch-tone phone from 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Thirty-two lines are open for registration, and students must register on their designated day.

With such a limited number of lines available, Assistant Registrar Willis Ritchey said, calls placed on the wrong day only block the system for those assigned to register at that time.

"It's a real problem," Ritchey said, "because the computer lets the student get so far before it tells them they are not allowed to register then."

"They are just tying up the line for the ones who should be registering."

Students with unpaid traffic tickets, library fines, fiscal fees or other unpaid bills or departmental problems will be blocked from registration.

A list of blocked students is posted in the Pavilion and is updated weekly.

Students who are blocked should contact the appropriate department for information and clearance.

No changes have been made in the registration system this year, Ritchey

said, and the process should run smoothly.

"We've debugged it until we think we have gotten all of the problems out of the system," he said.

Registration help is available from 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. at 845-4374 for students having problems with the touch-tone system.

Terminal registration will open Jan. 9, 1989 for students who need additional help.

## Registration schedule for spring

Designated registration days for seniors are: Nov. 3, A-G; Nov. 4, H-O; Nov. 7, P-Z, and Nov. 8, open registration.

Juniors: Nov. 9, A-G; Nov. 10, H-O; Nov. 11, P-Z, and Nov. 14, open registration.

Sophomores: Nov. 15, A-G; Nov. 16, H-O; Nov. 17, P-Z, and Nov. 18, open registration.

Freshmen: Nov. 21, A-E; Nov. 22, F-L; Nov. 28, M-R; and Nov. 29, S-Z, and Nov. 30, open registration.

Open registration for all classifications will be from Dec. 1-16 and from Jan. 3-9, 1989.