

Tower refuses comment on activist's accusations

Panel members question witness' testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — A conservative activist testified Tuesday he has "on a number of occasions" seen Defense Secretary-designate John Tower publicly inebriated and in the company of women other than his wife.

"I have made enough personal observations of this man here in Washington to have serious reservations about his moral character," Paul Weyrich told the Senate panel, which is conducting Tower's confirmation hearing.

But members of the Senate Armed Services Committee said after a closed session with the witness that he failed to provide specifics to support his allegation.

Senators emerging from that session sounded unimpressed.

"I heard nothing that you didn't hear in the open session," Wallop said. "I didn't hear anything persuasive to me."

Sen. Alan Dixon, D-Ill., said, "As an old trial lawyer would have to say that most of what I heard has to go into the hearsay category, even given the high moral ground of the witness," said Sen. Alan Dixon, D-Ill.

Weyrich was unclear whether Tower was married on the occasions he saw him, according to Dixon.

Tower refused to comment on the allegations or executive session as he left the committee office. A closed session is scheduled Wednesday morning followed by an open session on conflict of interest.

Weyrich's comments prompted quick criticism from Sen. Malcolm Wallop, R-Wyo., who complained about "innuendos . . . and insinuations" against the former Texas senator.

Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia, the committee chairman, suggested that any further discussion of Tower's per-

sonal fitness take place in a previously scheduled afternoon session that was closed to the public.

"Beyond statements of seeing Senator Tower on a couple of occasions carrying a little more alcohol than he should have, he hasn't been able to add anything specific that wasn't hearsay," said Sen. Pete Wilson, R-Calif.

The committee has been expected to approve Tower to head the Defense Department, and there was no immediate indication that Weyrich's remarks would change that.

Next Democratic party chairman prepares for job

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ronald H. Brown doesn't intend to lead the Democratic Party as a symbol, although he'll be one — or as a liberal, although he is one.

He is about to become the first black chairman of a national political party and he vows to build the Democrats a campaign organization that can help win the White House, something they have managed only once since 1964.

Company sells missiles with scratch-'n'-sniff ad

DALLAS (AP) — In the battle to sell military hardware, a small Texas company is about to fire a most unusual shot — an ad that features a whiff of war.

BEI Defense Systems is promoting its "extraordinarily lethal" Flechette rockets with a scratch-and-sniff advertisement in trade publications.

The ads, emblazoned with the slogan "The Smell of Victory," release the smell of cordite, the aroma that follows a rocket explosion.

George Coutoumanos, director of U.S. government programs for BEI, came up with the idea in an effort to draw attention to his firm, which is small by defense industry standards. Last year, the rocket and electronics manufacturer handled about \$47 million in defense contracts.

Coutoumanos said he believes the ads, to be reproduced next month, will be a first among defense contractors although perfume manufac-

Brown, 47, an urbane lawyer-lobbyist with a lengthy political resume, says the chairman's job is not a pulpit for any ideology, left or right. He promises even-handed leadership at the national committee, especially when candidates begin lining up for the 1992 presidential campaign.

One of them is likely to be Jesse Jackson, Brown's candidate in 1988 when he served as convention manager for the black challenger to nominee Michael Dukakis. They are allies and friends, but Brown says his new role will lead inevitably to differences.

"I'm not looking to set up a fight to prove something," he said in an interview. Brown said that when his new responsibilities require saying no to Jackson, that's what he'll do.

Setup or not, that will send a useful signal to his southern and conservative opponents, who insist that race is not a factor but that Brown's liberal ties send the wrong message to the voters who have chosen Republican presidents in four of the last five elections.

Again and again, Brown has pointed out that the Jackson campaign was a 90-day assignment in a long political career. But it was the most visible, as he negotiated for Jackson in televised glare of the Atlanta convention, and it now is the one with which he is most widely identified.

Not that his earlier affiliations win points with the party's more conservative wing. After working at the National Urban League, Brown served as a committee aide to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, and as a deputy manager in the Massachusetts senator's losing bid for the 1980 Democratic presidential nomination.

Kirk was Kennedy's campaign manager that year. There's no sign that Kennedy has reaped any benefits from the fact that one former aide has been party chairman and another is about to take over the job.

As chairman, Kirk made his mark with a relatively low profile. He engineered the elimination of mid-term conventions, issues conferences which had become forums for ideological warfare. He also ended party recognition of special interest caucuses, calling them political nonsense. Neither of those steps fit the liberal agenda.

Party chairmen often are little known outside Washington and political circles. Brown will be out front as chairman. That's obviously his preference, but the lower profile wouldn't be an option even if he sought it. As the first black chairman he is sure to be a spokesman on issues and topics that go beyond the nuts and bolts business of political organization.

"I've got to be one of several messengers," he said, a spokesman as well as a technician. Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell and House Speaker Jim Wright are the ranking messengers. Brown said he already has discussed his role with them.

Now he has to sort it out with skeptics, with Democrats who see him as the wrong representative to choose after a presidential election in which the L word — liberal — was used by Republicans as a political curse. To that end, even before the committee election, Brown plans a swing across the South.

What's Up

Wednesday

- WOMEN'S STUDIES:** will have a free film "I've Heard a Mermaid Singing" at 7 p.m. in 200 Harrington.
- BLACK AWARENESS COMMITTEE:** will have an executive officers meeting at 5 p.m. in 146 MSC, and will telecast "Beyond the Dream: A Celebration of Black History" at 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.
- PHI BETA LAMBDA:** will have a smoker at 7 p.m. in 206 MSC.
- CLASS OF 90-91 BALL:** will have a class ball meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 510 Rudder.
- ADVERTISING ASSOCIATION:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 150 Blocker.
- MEXICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 510 Rudder.
- INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION:** will have auditions for the dress parade and the talent show from 7-10 p.m. in 226 MSC.
- STUDY ABROAD OFFICE:** The deadline for exchange program applications are due by 5 p.m. in 161 Blizzell West.
- NEWMAN:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.
- CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will have a Catholic single's happy hour at 6 p.m. at the Sundance Hillton.
- CATHOLICS ON THE QUAD:** will meet at 9 p.m. in Lounge B on the quad.
- OBJECTIVIST CLUB:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 231 MSC.
- MSC VISUAL ARTS:** will have a general committee meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** will meet at noon. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for details.
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for details.
- HELLENIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Mr. Gatti's at Northgate.
- CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL:** will meet at 7 p.m. in Rudder.
- AGGIE DEMOCRATS:** Ron Gray, Brazos County democratic party chairman, will speak at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder.
- STUDENTS AGAINST APARTHEID:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 507 Rudder.

Thursday

- INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM:** will show the film "The Desert Doesn't Bloom Here Anymore" at 12:30 p.m. in 604 D Evans Library.
- AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY:** will have a training session for cancer awareness and prevention at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the American Cancer Society of office, 3207 Briarcrest.
- GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL:** will meet at 5:15 p.m. in 342 Zachry.
- ALPHA PHI OMEGA/PARENT'S NIGHT OUT:** will have free babysitting for faculty and students with children from 6:30-10:30 p.m. in 225 MSC.
- STUDENTS WITH ALTERNATIVE PHILOSOPHIES:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder.
- MANAGEMENT 481:** Ft. Worth Mayor Bob Bolen will speak at 10 a.m. in 114 Blocker.
- OFF CAMPUS AGGIES:** will meet for its third annual Mardi Gras at Texas A&M at 6 p.m. in Cain Hall.
- BETA ALPHA PSI:** will have a social at 6:30 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.
- ATARI USER GROUP:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 146 MSC.
- INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION/INTERNATIONAL WEEK COMMITTEE:** will have auditions for the dress parade and talent show from 7-10 p.m. in 226 MSC.
- TAMU SPORT PARACHUTE CLUB:** will have a membership drive at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder.
- LATIN AMERICAN CATHOLIC STUDENTS:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** will meet at noon. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for details.
- ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS:** will meet at 6 p.m. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for details.
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for details.
- RECREATIONAL SPORTS:** will have a bowling team captain's meeting at 5 p.m. in 167 Read. Registration for wallyball, slam dunk, archery doubles and a backpacking trip is in 159 Read.
- PARENT'S WEEKEND COMMITTEE:** Parents of the Year applications are due Feb. 10 in 221 Pavilion.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

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Spring Break

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* first organizational meeting *

All Interested In Pledging
Please Attend
Wed. Feb. 1 6:30 PM Rm. 230
In the MSC

for more information contact:
Dawn 696-6510
Deborah 764-9603

Omega Phi Alpha
National Service Sorority

Q: What are these furry animals?
A: Meerkats.

Q: What are they looking for?
A: A fun organization.

Q: Who are these men?
A: Nobody knows.

Q: Why are they unhappy?
A: Because they didn't join.

Join what?
GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, February 1 8:30 pm 504 Rudder
(it's fun, it's artsy, it's different, it's free...)

VISUAL ARTS

LATE NIGHT HAPPY HOUR
AT
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9:30-11:00
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