

Salinas announces end to monopoly on news imports

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — President Carlos Salinas de Gortari said Monday he will end a government-controlled monopoly on the importation and sale of inexpensive newsprint in Mexico, leaving publishers to buy their paper where they will.

The monopoly has been used in past years to retaliate against newspapers that failed to toe the government or ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party's line by making it difficult or expensive for dissidents to buy newsprint.

"Allow me to announce that, once we sell PIPSA, we will allow free and total importation of newsprint, and thus avoid a monopoly by certain groups that could affect freedom of press expression," Salinas told 450 members of the Inter-American Press Association meeting here.

Salinas was greeted with a standing ovation and shouts of "bravo, bravo" when he announced the sale of Productora e Importadora de Papel, S.A. de C.V., popularly known by its Spanish initials of PIPSA, which is jointly owned by the gov-

ernment and long-established newspapers.

Salinas did not give any deadline for the sale in his speech at the opening session of IAPA's 45th annual general assembly in this capital of Nuevo Leon state, about 150 miles south of Laredo.

IAPA has about 1,300 members in the United States, Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean.

PIPSA was founded by President Lazaro Cardenas in 1935 when world prices of newsprint skyrocketed and Mexican publishers were hard pressed for money.

It imported newsprint duty-free and distributed it among affiliated newspapers, virtually all of which were sympathetic to the Institutional Revolutionary Party.

When PIPSA's charter expired in 1965, the members voted to renew it for another 30 years.

But Salinas has been pressing for the monopoly's dissolution since he took office Dec. 1, as part of a campaign to cut government subsidies, encourage competition in the free market and encourage greater press freedom in Mexico.

Minister maintains subpoena part of plot by FBI to ruin him

CHICAGO (AP) — Black Muslim minister Louis Farrakhan contends that a subpoena ordering him to disclose information about a 1982 slaying is part of an FBI plot to destroy him, his attorney said Monday.

The controversial Farrakhan is not considered a suspect in the slaying, but he and two fellow Nation of Islam ministers were ordered to reveal information they gathered during their own probe of the Texas death, said James Montgomery, an attorney for Farrakhan.

The slaying of Nation of Islam minister Raymond Wattlington, whose dismembered body was found in a river near Houston in April 1982, has never been solved.

But a grand jury was recently convened in Harris County after a black Muslim imprisoned in Chicago on federal bank robbery charges told

FBI investigators of Farrakhan's private probe into Wattlington's death, Montgomery said in a telephone interview.

"The anti-terrorist unit of the FBI energized the prosecutor's office in Harris County, Texas, to reopen this investigation based on allegations made by this fellow," Montgomery said.

The jailed Muslim, identified only as "Theron" by the lawyer, was "interrogated by the anti-terrorist section of the FBI with a view toward getting some sort of information that might implicate Louis Farrakhan in something criminal," Montgomery said.

FBI officials declined to discuss the case and Harris County authorities could not be reached for comment.

What's Up

Wednesday

MSC POLITICAL FORUM INSIGHT: will have an informal roundtable discussion on South African apartheid with Dr. Yarak from noon until 1 p.m. in 027 MSC.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HISPANIC JOURNALISTS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 215 Reed McDonald. For more information call Suzanne at 847-0733.

WOMEN'S BONFIRE COMMITTEE: meets at 7 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

FLORICULTURE—ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 102 Horticulture Forestry Sciences Building.

DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION: scholarship applications are available in the BANA office, 401 Blocker.

HELLENIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 8 p.m. at Mr. Gatti's Pizza on University Dr.

BETA ALPHA PSI: will have a professional meeting with Peat Marwick at 6:30 p.m. at the College Station Hilton. Dress professionally.

PHI BETA LAMBDA: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Blocker. Check the billboard for room number.

P.A.I.D.: will meet for a power lunch from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Dixie Chicken.

AGRICULTURE COMMUNICATORS OF TOMORROW: will meet at 7 p.m. in 214 Reed McDonald.

OUTDOOR RECREATION CLUB: will sponsor a seminar on conservation titled "One Earth-One Chance" at 6 p.m. at The Grove.

AGGIES ABROAD CLUB: Dr. Beeches will discuss Spain at 8:30 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: will have Bible study with hot lunch at noon at the Baptist Student Union.

CATHOLIC SINGLES: will have happy hour from 6 until 7:30 p.m. at Sundance.

CATHOLICS ON THE QUAD: Father Kitten and Danny Borst will discuss the differences between order priests and regular priests at 9 p.m. in Lounge B.

NEWMAN CLUB: will take a mid-week study break and join in the celebration of a creative liturgy at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: will have an Aggie Supper from 6 until 7:20 p.m. at A&M Presbyterian Church.

UNDERGRADUATE GENETIC SOCIETY: Dr. Westhusen from Grenada will speak at 7 p.m. in 107 Biochemistry.

TAMU BAHAI CLUB: will have a discussion on world peace titled "The Promise of World Peace" from 8:30 until 10 p.m. in 230 Rudder.

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS: Alvin Williams, Deputy Director of Black Outreach and Youth Coordinator for the Republican National Committee, will speak at 8:30 p.m. in 701 Rudder. For more information call Joe Tremble at 847-1701.

TAMU KITEFLYERS: will meet and elect officers at 8:30 p.m. in 231 MSC. For more information call Tamara Joyce at 696-6710.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: will have a general discussion at 8:30 p.m. For more information call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will have a general discussion at noon. For more information call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280.

NATIONAL AGRI—MARKETING ASSOCIATION: will have a meeting about resume writing at 7:30 p.m. in 113 Kleberg.

S.W.A.P.: will have an open poetry and short fiction reading at 8 p.m. on the second floor of Rudder in front of the theater.

EUROPE CLUB: will have its regular weekly meeting at 10:30 p.m. upstairs at Sneakers. For more information, call 693-3924, 693-0056 or 696-1413.

BONFIRE RELOAD CREW: will have its first training session at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

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PARENTHOOD (PG-13)	7:00 9:20
SEA OF LOVE (R)	7:15 9:35

Navy discloses truth of Vietnam 'hero'

Widow informed husband's prisoner-of-war stories were lies

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Nancy Fife never doubted her husband had been scarred in mind and body by his Viet Cong captors, that he was a tarnished and troubled war hero.

The night nearly 20 years ago, when her sneakers seemed to drive Robert Fife berserk, was all the proof she needed. Fife told her later that his captors used to wear sneakers when they came to his bamboo cage to beat him and urinate on him, and that the enemy soldier he strangled when he escaped also was wearing canvas shoes.

Then there was the manuscript her husband left when he died this summer at the age of 46 of self-inflicted carbon monoxide poisoning — 449 pages of vivid Vietnam experiences.

But Fife had never been to Vietnam, let alone been a hero.

Misled by Fife, his therapist, Dr. Corydon Hammond, had concluded that he suffered from post-traumatic stress syndrome and was "very much a casualty of the Vietnam War." A letter Hammond wrote after Fife's death included a general account of what he believed was his patient's Navy war experience — 15 days of torment as a prisoner of war after the USS Ranger-based F-4 fighter on which Fife was navigator was shot down in early 1966.

"He was clearly depressed, guilt-ridden, angry, alienated from people and viewed the world

in a very negative manner as a result of his military service experiences, particularly as a prisoner of war," Hammond wrote.

But Fife's heroic identity was adopted to cover a lifetime of failure.

His image, maintained through 23 years of marriage, was shattered only when his widow tried to have his name included on the state's Vietnam War memorial, using the letter from Hammond as part of her evidence.

The Utah Vietnam Era Veterans Memorial Committee decided last month after some debate to place Fife's name on the granite and marble structure, to be dedicated Saturday.

Fife's would have been the last of 390 names on the memorial. But while an artisan was preparing to engrave Fife's name, an Associated Press reporter who had searched unsuccessfully for veterans who served with the dead hero told Mrs. Fife that her husband had lied.

"I feel like I've been raped," Mrs. Fife said after being told of the deception revealed by Navy records. After a great deal of anguish, she decided to tell the truth to her 21-year-old son and her 19-year-old daughter.

"Intellectually I know I have the right to be angry," she said, "but even with all of this I first need to understand it all."

Fife didn't usually talk much about Vietnam,

but his wife had accompanied him to his first session with Hammond in 1986, when he used the old fiction to try to justify his life.

Fife had acquired a certificate, purportedly from the USS Ranger Committee, listing the medals he said he had earned at the time to protest bad treatment of Vietnam veterans. They included the Navy Cross, the service's highest award for valor.

At the reporter's request, Jeannie Kirk, head of the Navy's Awards and Special Projects Branch, tracked down Fife's real Navy records.

They showed he enlisted in September 1965 and was discharged eight months later as medically unfit because of bones broken in his right foot during childhood that hadn't mended properly.

Fife wanted to be remembered as the hero in his manuscript, not as a man obsessed by the circumstances of his birth. Fife never knew his father and blamed his mother for making him "a bastard," a sister, Lynda Turcsanski, said.

Friends and relatives knew Fife as unreliable, angry, a dreamer, a failed businessman who gambled away \$172,000 of a partner's money, a sometime truck driver and a would-be writer.

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