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San Antonio group denies woman hid leftist's arms

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An ecumenical group that works in El Salvador is discounting accusations that a woman associated with the organization hid ammunition and explosives for leftist guerrillas.

But the White House was casting doubt Monday on the circumstances that led to the arrest of Jennifer J. Casolo, 28, a Connecticut woman associated with a San Antonio religious group.

Casolo was arrested by Salvadoran police Sunday as authorities seized a cache of ammunition they said was buried under her house in San Salvador.

Police briefly displayed Casolo for reporters, but she was not allowed to comment.

"I find it very difficult to believe that Jennifer had anything to do with this," said John Blatz, spokesman for the San Antonio-based Christian Educational Seminar, the group with which Casolo is associated.

Blatz called the accusations against Casolo "part of their persecution of the churches. That's clear."

In Washington, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said, "There are indications of her involvement, that's for certain." However, he offered no specifics other than to cite press accounts of "her role and her past history there."

"It's fairly clear that these weapons were found there," Fitzwater said. "I mean, we're not talking about a small package of pistols here. We're talking about tons of equipment and mortars and dynamite and rounds of ammunition and explosives. This is hardly a case of someone having a few things flipped in their shopping bag on the way home."

Asked if it appeared she was guilty, Fitzwater replied, "There's not much question that the material was there. . . I don't know about her role."

The Christian Educational Seminar is a project of Christians for Peace in El Salvador. The seminar organizes delegations of North Americans to travel to El Salvador, Blatz said.

Casolo's arrest prompted dozens at St. Mary's Catholic Church in San Antonio to pray for her and for six recently slain Jesuit priests and thousands who have died in El Salvador's civil war.

San Antonio Archbishop Patrick Flores called for U.S. military aid to the war-torn country to be stopped.

"Instead of dropping bombs on each other, it would

cost a whole lot less to drop food on our table one day," Flores said. "When are we going to learn that the world is chaos, because we, the men and women, are not thinking?"

Meanwhile, the mother and friends of Casolo denied the accusations of Salvadoran police.

"Jennifer is working for the church," Audrey Casolo, the woman's mother, said. "She is working to help poor people."

Sen. Christopher J. Dodd, D-Conn., said he was assured by the Salvadoran ambassador in Washington, D.C., that Casolo would not be harmed.

Maj. Mauricio Chavez Caceres, a Salvadoran army forces spokesman, said 40,000 rounds of ammunition for U.S.-made M-16 rifles, 40,000 rounds of ammunition

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tion for Soviet-designed AK-47 rifles, 203 blocks of TNT and 403 detonator caps were found in Casolo's house and at other locations.

Chavez said the cache "proves church involvement with the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front guerrillas of El Salvador. Salvadoran authorities said they were tipped off to the arms cache by a deserter."

Friends noted that Casolo's arrest came amid a wave of harassment and arrests of church workers of various denominations in El Salvador. Six Jesuit priests were slain Nov. 16 and witnesses said the military was involved.

Since her 1983 graduation from Brandeis University, Casolo has worked with the church and the poor. After receiving her degree in American and Latin American studies, she worked at a soup kitchen in Chicago and taught English to refugees in Maryland.

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THE BEAR # PG 7:20 9:30

PLAZA THREE
228 SOUTHWEST PKWY 883-2457

HARLEM KNIGHTS # R 7:00 9:30
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WHEN HARRY MET SALLY R 7:05 9:25
TURNER AND HOOCHE PG 7:15 9:30
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Legislature tries again
Committee passes revised workers' comp bill; Speaker urges Senate to accept House version

AUSTIN (AP) — Speaker Gib Lewis said Monday he hopes the House will pass a business-oriented workers' compensation reform bill this week and that senators will change their minds and accept it.

The House Business and Commerce Committee voted 7-0 for a bill backed by Lewis to change the way workers are paid for on-the-job injuries. Lewis said he hopes the bill will win House approval Wednesday.

The proposal, initially authored by Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby in a bid to break an 11-month stalemate, was heavily amended by senators before they sent it to the House.

Minor, technical Senate amendments were retained by the House sponsor, Rep. Richard Smith, and some other changes were made. But Smith, R-Bryan, said the bill sent to the full House is essentially that written by Hobby and supported by Gov. Bill Clements.

Lewis said the right plan could end lawmakers' third try this year to overhaul the workers' compensation system. The regular session and an earlier special session failed to end the impasse.

"The bill that left the Senate was probably much, much worse than current law," Lewis said. "We will under no condition accept that bill, or any bill that would resemble that."

Lewis said he has no reason to think votes will change in the Senate,

but that he hopes "wisdom will prevail." Opponents have said portions of Hobby's plan are unfair to workers.

The Senate-approved plan differed from Hobby's measure, and from earlier proposals by House members, on the questions of calculating benefits and resolving disputed workers' compensation claims.

Hobby's plan would restrict jury trials in compensation cases. It also would establish a specific schedule of monetary payments for permanent injuries.

Business lobbyists say large awards by juries and high injury benefits have caused increases in employer-paid premiums, which are up 148 percent since 1985 and scheduled to rise another 22 percent by Jan. 1.

The Senate-passed bill would restrict the admission in a trial any issues not raised at the state agency administrative hearing on a workers' compensation case. But senators refused to go along with requiring all potential evidence on every dispute to be presented at the administration level.

The Senate bill also changed the so-called impairment schedule for permanent injuries, adding more flexibility to the plan so benefits could be linked with a person's abil-

ity to hold a job in his field.

One amendment added to the bill by the House committee would allow the Houston Oilers' football team owner to deduct contractual disability payments to players from workers' compensation payments, like Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, said.

Lewis said that if Smith's bill passes the House, he hopes the Senate will accept it and avert the need for a conference committee to work out differences.

"Hopefully, the wisdom of this will just kind of just overcome the entire East (Senate) side of the Capitol . . . and we can go home," he said.

Experts predict Leland's widow will endorse Washington

HOUSTON (AP) — Alison Leland, widow of Rep. Mickey Leland, is expected to endorse Sen. Craig Washington this week to fill her husband's unexpected congressional term.

The Houston Post reported the announcement is expected at a news conference and a mailing later this week.

Leland last week would neither confirm or deny reports, saying she would make her choice known "probably toward the end of next week."

Washington, D-Houston, far City Councilman Anthony Hall in a Dec. 9 runoff race to fill the 18th Congressional District seat.

Mickey Leland's mother, Alvin Rains, endorsed Washington before the Nov. 7 special election that included a field of 11 candidates. Gaston Leland, the congressman's brother, also supported Washington.

Leland was killed in an August plane crash over the remote jungles of Ethiopia while on a famine relief journey.

"Under the circumstances of Leland's death, his wife's endorsement could be beneficial," said political analyst Richard Murray, a University of Houston political scientist. "Certainly one would vote against a candidate because she endorsed him."

"It's most critical for candidates to motivate supporters to get back to the polls," Murray said. Washington has announced endorsements from a number of Texas legislators.

Hall, who had been labeled a front-runner by pollsters before the election, nabbed endorsements from three former candidates vying for the seat and is expected the nod from a large group of ministers this week.

Washington received 41.4 percent of the vote to Hall's 34.4 percent in the special election.

Austin woman gives birth after dogs attack, maul her

AUSTIN (AP) — An Austin woman gave birth to a 7-pound, 10-ounce boy hours after she was attacked and mauled by two dogs who chased and killed her cat.

Kathleen MacKenzie, 31, went into labor as a result of the attack at about 7 a.m. Sunday in the parking lot of her apartment complex. Her son was born — six days before his due date — at 11:29 a.m.

MacKenzie said she was trying to save her cat from an attack by a 110-pound Akita Japanese husky and a 50-pound pit bull terrier when the larger dog jumped on her back and knocked her down on her stomach. "That's when my water broke," she said.

She ran to a neighbor, who refused to call 911 for help.

"I closed the door because I didn't want to get involved," the man said, who refused to give his name. "You just don't know what kinds of people are hanging around apartment complexes these days."

Another unidentified neighbor called for help.

Police shot and killed the dogs when the animals started coming at the officers, Sgt. John Russell said.

MacKenzie underwent surgery to her right arm three hours after the baby was delivered by Caesarean section. She also suffered a 5-inch cut to the back of her head, puncture wounds on the left side of her neck,

scratches on her back and abdomen and scraped knees, hospital spokesman M.A. Bengston said.

She was listed in stable condition. Her son, Andrew Scott, was in good condition, Bengston said.

The dogs' owner, Joseph Chernoff, was issued two citations for having dogs at large, Russell said.

Chernoff said he had owned the Akita, named Kado, for 14 months and the pit bull terrier, Mozart, for eight months. He said the two were worth \$5,000.

"I knew I would eventually lose the big dog," Chernoff said. "He's bitten some friends before. He doesn't like strangers to touch him. If they (police) shot him, I'm not shocked. I've thought about shooting him myself."

Two guests accidentally left the door to his house open early Sunday, allowing the dogs to escape, he said. After searching for three hours, Chernoff said he reported them missing to police.

"These were probably the two finest dogs in Austin except the big one was born with a bad personality," Chernoff said. "I don't understand them shooting the little one, I never will."

Chernoff said he always kept the two dogs — who ate steak and shrimp instead of dog food — indoors.

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