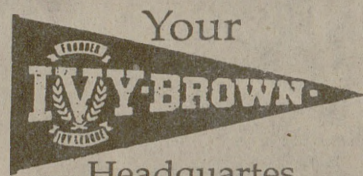


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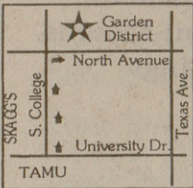
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DISD plan will retain teachers

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas school Superintendent Marvin Edwards on Thursday announced a \$1.75 million plan under which all 127 remaining teachers targeted for layoffs would be retained.

The plan involves delays in filling nonessential administrative vacancies as well as cooperation by teachers in reducing the amount of absenteeism requiring the use of substitute teachers.

"Unless we have full cooperation, it will not happen," Edwards said during a news conference Thursday afternoon.

Edwards said the plan was "very fragile" and would be eval-

uated monthly to determine whether it would succeed.

Edwards was joined in the announcement by members of the Dallas Independent School District board as well as representatives of four unions representing Dallas teachers.

"The fact that we are all standing together for the announcement is significant in both real and symbolic ways," Edwards said.

"The fact is that the board and administration has worked hard through some very trying physical challenges to best balance the needs of our students and teachers

with the interests of our taxpayers," he added.

The plan also involved accelerating teacher re-certification, freezing current administrative vacancies in the DISD.

The announcement comes days after DISD trustees rejected Edwards' call for an 18-percent increase to cope with the layoffs. They instead approved almost a million in other budget cuts, mainly in administrative areas.

The board on Tuesday voted 3 against hiking taxes, which had been tentatively set at a 17.5 percent increase.

U.S. team to help at crash site

Forensic experts will identify remains of persons killed in Conoco jet

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — A team of U.S. forensic experts will help identify remains of those who died when a Du Pont Corp. executive jet crashed last week, killing 12 people from Houston, search officials said Thursday.

The Grumman Gulfstream II was carrying five executives of Conoco Inc., four of their spouses and three crew members when it crashed Sept. 4 about 30 miles south of Kota Kinabalu on Borneo Island. The plane was trying to make a refueling stop on a flight from Tokyo to Jakarta. Malaysian authorities said the American experts would arrive in

a day or two to assist a Malaysian pathologist.

Search officials said they planned to recover six bodies from a jungle ravine by use of a helicopter on Friday. The difficult terrain had thwarted efforts by rescue workers to carry out the bodies, found Tuesday in the remote Crocker mountain range about 900 miles east of Kuala Lumpur. Other remains have been taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Kota Kinabalu.

Conoco has identified those on the plane as: William K. Dietrich, 53, executive vice president of exploration and production, his wife,

Gayle, 54; Colin H. Lee, 55, executive vice president of refining,

marketing, supply and transportation, and his wife, Brooke, 53; K. "Kent" Bowden, 57, senior vice president of administration, his wife, Connie, 56; James M. Parsons, 50, general manager of petroleum coke and specialty products, his wife, Linda, 41; and Ann Parsons, 35, executive assistant to Lee.

The crew were identified as pilot Kenneth R. Fox, 46, and co-pilot Johnston, 55, and mechanic Stephen P. James, 40. The group left Houston on Aug. 29.

Drift

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Harder said the research will reconstruct what Asia looked like before the accident to determine how far Indochina moved south along fault lines.

Harder and McCabe spent several weeks collecting samples and data in Thailand and Vietnam to analyze when they returned to the United States.

This was McCabe's second trip to Indochina in connection with the project. Last summer, he traveled to Indochina to negotiate future geological and geophysical studies.

"The problem with the project is getting to Indochina," Harder

said. "There has been a trade embargo against Vietnam since 1975, and this means monetary support is not possible through the United States government."

The project is being funded through money raised by the U.S. Committee for Scientific Cooperation with Vietnam at the University of Wisconsin. The committee raises funds to support academic and humanitarian research.

There is a group of major international oil companies who have pledged more than a half million dollars to the project for the next five years.

Harder said interest in the project

is definitely picking up, because these oil companies are using the research for background information on further geological studies.

Harder stayed in Saigon and Hanoi during his trip and was surprised at the positive reception. "The reception was great," Harder said. "I expected that we would have some problems, but relations were easier than I expected."

He said it will take years to answer all the research out, and more questions will be raised as research continues.

Harder and McCabe will return to Indochina to continue their search in November.

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