

# 'No escape' from Texas blaze

GALVESTON, Tex. (AP) — Fire destroyed an old five-story brick hotel today in a rundown section of downtown Galveston. Police said they feared 10 to 12 persons were killed and said 28 were unaccounted for.

At least 14 persons were taken to hospital, three of whom were in critical condition. Police Lieut. John Jennings said there was only one escape route for the persons inside the Central Hotel and that it was blocked by flames shortly after the fire started. "There was no way they could escape."

The fire started shortly after 1:30 a.m. local time near an entrance to the hotel, located about two blocks from the docks in this Gulf of Mexico island city.

Jennings said a man who once had threatened to burn down the hotel was being held for questioning.

Jennings said the fire was so intense that it melted and warped parking meters across the street.

When he arrived "men were hanging by their fingertips from the windows and many attempted to escape by leaping to the pavement below."

The first two bodies brought out of the fire were those of a 13-year-old boy and of a 40-year-old man, firemen said.

Firemen brought the fire under control just before dawn. Only the front wall remained standing.

The fire also damaged a drugstore and a furniture store.

## The world BRIEFLY

### Dock workers back on jobs

NEW YORK (AP) — About 35,000 dock workers ended their strike against seven major shipping lines in ports from Maine to Texas and returned to work today pending resumption of contract negotiations, said a spokesman for the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA).

The announcement of the walkout's end came Monday from ILA President Thomas (Teddy) Gleason after a meeting between union leaders and executives of the seven container companies.

The struck lines are three domestic carriers—Seatrain, SeaLand and United States Lines—and four foreign companies—Hapag-Lloyd, Dart Container Line, Atlantic Container Line, and Baltatlantic-Blasco.

### Belgians haggle

BRUSSELS (Reuter) — Interparty haggling over a new coalition government began here Monday following Sunday's general elections which saw Belgium's biggest party, the Social Christians, make significant gains in Parliament without winning an absolute majority.

Unofficial projections gave the Social Christians of Premier Leo Tindemans 79 seats in the 212-member lower house, an increase of seven.

The Opposition Socialists, with a probable increase of one seat for a total of 60, were the only other party to increase their strength. The Liberals held steady at 33 members.

### Ferry mishap

SEATTLE (AP) — The state ferry Hyak crunched into a slip at the main ferry terminal in Seattle early today, causing damage estimated at \$500,000, authorities said.

Lee Kramer, a spokesman for the state ferry system, said it appeared that a circuit-breaker in one of the two engines failed as the super-ferry approached the slip about 2:15 a.m., making it impossible for the 382-foot vessel to reduce its speed.

### Hangs self

PARIS (AP) — Gerard Amanrich, former French ambassador to the Vatican who killed his wife and two children earlier this year, hanged himself early today in the psychiatric hospital where he was confined, authorities said.

Amanrich, 56, was not prosecuted for killing his family because the examining magistrate ruled he had acted in a fit of insanity.

Recalled from his Vatican post after less than two years, Amanrich was reported to have felt that he had been disgraced. His depression increased when he was not offered another post which he considered suitable.

## ENERGY CONSERVATION

# Carter must sell U.S. on sacrifice

by GARRY FAIRBAIRN

WASHINGTON (CP) — Can Jimmy Carter get Americans to swallow the bitter medicine that is necessary under a realistic energy conservation policy?

That question may be more important to the long-term economic health of the United States than virtually all the specific proposals in the energy policy he produced with so much fanfare.

Richard Nixon had little success after his unveiling four years ago of an energy policy that was supposed to make the United States basically self-sufficient within a decade.

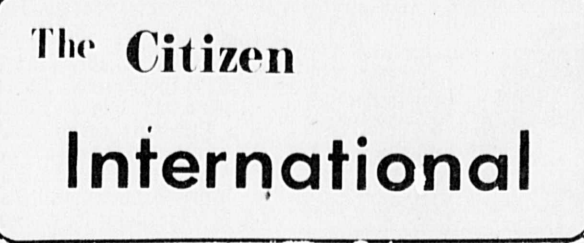
Despite some gains, Nixon's proposed program collapsed in the face of public unwillingness to make sacrifices and a Congress that admittedly was afraid to pass key pieces of legislation imposing significant burdens on the public.

One official quoted a congressman as telling him three years ago: "You're asking me to vote for things that will cost my constituents money and make life less convenient and they won't see any benefit from it for the next five elections. And I'll tell you something else: If I do what you want, the last four of those elections I'll be out."

Carter, however, has displayed a better "bedside manner" than Nixon. While Nixon occupied much of his time during the Watergate scandals telling the U.S. public "I am not a crook," Carter has been working hard to project an image of a president who is sincerely working for the long-term public good.

His specific task is to build up his credibility so that when White House officials say the coming energy crisis is not the work of avaricious oil companies or Arabs they will be believed.

Carter aides say bluntly that the president is willing



to "spend" popularity points—at least early in his administration—to push unpopular policies like his energy program.

The president took an unusual step to prepare the public for his energy speech to Congress, going on national television to outline the scope of the energy problems the United States and the world will face in the 1980s.

He told his audience that his message is "unpleasant" and he warned them to disregard the complaints of special-interest groups who would say his energy proposals are fair except as they apply to their group.

But despite such unprecedented efforts to sell a policy before its unveiling, there were ominous signs for Carter's ambitious energy plan.

The president already had been forced by congressional and interest-group pressure to back away from much-publicized proposals to give all Americans a \$50 tax rebate and to end dozens of water projects.

Neither case was a total defeat, since Carter went ahead with other parts of his tax program and did keep 18 water projects on the abandonment list, but they raised doubts

## Russia demands damages

TOKYO (AFP) — The Soviet Union has demanded about \$10.1 million in compensation from Japan for what Moscow claims as Japanese disclosure of classified information about a Soviet MiG-25 jet combat plane to the West, a foreign ministry spokesman said today.

The spokesman, Ken-suke Yanagiya, confirmed a report published earlier in the day by the Mainichi newspaper, quoting unidentified government sources as saying that Soviet Ambassador Dmitri Polyanski passed on the demand to Foreign Minister Ichiro Hatoyama and Deputy Foreign Minister Shoji Sato on Feb. 1 and March 8 respectively.

Yanagiya said "Japan is in no position to make such a payment to the Soviet Union" because the Japanese government feels that Japan's air space was violated when the plane was flown here last September by a defecting Soviet air force pilot.



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### POLICE BELIEVE

## 'Woman killer a psycho'

NEW YORK (AP) — A "rambling, incoherent" note left by a gunman believed to have killed five persons in the Bronx and Queens bolsters police suspicions they are hunting a deranged woman hater.

The handwritten note, left in the car where a young student and her male friend were slain in the Bronx early Sunday, was addressed to Capt. Joseph Borrelli, commander of the Queens homicide squad. Queens was the scene of two of the five murders and three other non-fatal shootings since last July. Four of the five deaths have been young women.

Although the exact contents of the note were not divulged, Chief of Detectives John Keenan said there was "nothing in the letter to indicate any reason for the killings." He added that "this letter could prove to be a very important piece of evidence after we've captured this madman."

Police have linked the killings to the same .44-calibre pistol, a large weapon of the type which gained fame in the old West. Keenan said the gun probably was manufactured after 1974. Police ballistics experts say thousands of such guns are available on legal and illegal markets.

The pistol apparently was used to kill Valentina Suriani, 18, and fatally wound Alexander Esau, 20, as they sat in a car Sunday near her home in the Bronx, two blocks from the scene of the killer's first known murder last July 29.

The first victim, Donna Laurie, 18, was shot while sitting in a parked car in front of her home. Virginia Voskerichian, 19, was gunned down while walking near her home in Forest Hills, Queens. In January, a block away, Christine Freund, 26, of Ridgewood, Queens, was murdered with the same .44-calibre gun as she sat with her boyfriend in front of the Forest Hills railway station.

The female victims, including others who survived shootings, had resembled each other. Most had shoulder-length brown hair, but one had short hair and another's hair was light brown.

The non-fatal shootings took place in the Floral Park and Flushing sections of Queens and in the Bronx.

Based on some survivor accounts, police artists have composed several sketches of the killer, said to be a young white man about five-foot-nine inches tall and weighing about 165 pounds.

## 'Holy war' call sparks violence

LAHORE (Reuter) — Eight persons were killed and more than 40 injured in demonstrations throughout Pakistan as the opposition alliance pressed its campaign for the resignation of Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Thousands of demonstrators in the Moslem state answered a call from the opposition Pakistan National Alliance (PNA) Monday for a "holy war" against Bhutto.

As the nine-party alliance rejected all peace overtures from Bhutto, two more members of his ruling Pakistan People's party (PPP) resigned their seats, newspapers said.

Both were members of a rebel group that has called on Bhutto to bow to alliance demands and hold a new general election.

Four National Assembly members now have resigned from the governing party in the last week. About 12 party members in provincial assemblies have also resigned.

In Rawalpindi Monday, the government announced substantial pay raises starting next month for its civil servants and armed forces.

The raises, which will cost the government \$177 million in the first year, follow Bhutto's earlier reforms, which included a ban on liquor and gambling and a pledge to speed up the introduction of other Islamic laws.

### Patty pleads 'no contest'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Patricia Hearst faces a possible prison sentence of 15½ years to life, or may be released on probation, following her plea of "no contest" and acceptance of a guilty judgment on charges of armed robbery and assault with a deadly weapon.

The 23-year-old heiress, who insisted she was forced into a life of crime, was ordered to return here May 9 for sentencing.

## HASSAN II CLAIMS

### 'Cubans fight in Zaire'

by Associated Press

Zairean troops continued a two-pronged offensive to dislodge rebels from mineral-rich Shaba province today. Meanwhile, King Hassan II of Morocco said his expeditionary force in Zaire has "absolutely certain" proof that Cuban soldiers are among the invaders.

The Moroccan monarch said the interrogation of a prisoner captured in fighting west of the mining centre of Kolwezi proved that Cubans and white Angolans are extensively employed in the command, logistic and training structure of the invading force.

The Soviet Union, Cuba and Angola have all denied direct involvement in the fighting in Zaire which they have termed a popular uprising.

The official Moroccan news agency distributed the text of the king's hour-long talk with French reporters on Monday. Morocco sent a 1,500-man force to Zaire, the only country to send troops in response to an appeal for help by President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire.

King Hassan said the Cuban presence was also evident

"from the point of view of the logistics, arms supplies, command, training and infiltration methods" of the invaders.

The king avoided suggesting the Soviet Union was directly involved, but he said the invasion was part of a large-scale political strategy to undermine the pro-Western regimes in Africa and the Middle East — particularly Egypt, Sudan and Saudi Arabia.

The Soviet news agency Tass said fighting continued today between the Moroccan-Zaire forces and the rebels. It quoted a communique from a Paris-based Front for the National Liberation of the Congo as saying French servicemen are taking a direct role in the fighting. The communique by the group which says it represents the rebels said the French drove tanks and piloted planes from which napalm bombs were dropped "on peaceful populated localities." Tass said the rebels controlled a Belgium-sized chunk of Shaba province.

France has mounted an airlift to fly supplies to Zaire and said it has military instructors in the central African country

to teach Zairean soldiers how to use French weaponry. But France has insisted none of its soldiers has any combat role.

Diplomatic sources in Kinshasa said today that government troops have stabilized the front in Shaba and tried to dislodge rebels who invaded the province March 8 from bases in Angola.

Sources confirmed that the government launched a two-pronged offensive during the weekend. One arm moved northwest from the village of Kanzenze while another column moved to the southeast. Zairean troops said they drove the rebels back 15 miles from Kanzenze, 25 miles northwest of the copper centre of Kolwezi.

A government spokesman said the Zaireans captured 40 cases of arms and materiel, two prisoners, \$500,000 in counterfeit Zairean notes and an unspecified amount of bogus U.S. money.

### Firemen save Sophia Loren

PARIS (AP) — Fire broke out early today in the 10-storey apartment building where Sophia Loren lives, and the film star said she spent 2½ hours on the roof in her nightgown and bare feet with her two young children until firemen rescued them.

"I awoke about 4 a.m.," Miss Loren said in a telephone interview. "I couldn't open the front door so I broke a window and went up on the fire escape with my children. There were about three other people on the roof when we got there."

She said firemen carried one son, Eduardo, 4, down the stairs but she and her oldest son Carlo, 8, were able to make it down alone.

## FIVE-GALLON BUCKET

### Two heads found

TRINIDAD, Colo. (AP) — A sealed five-gallon bucket containing two human heads apparently lay in a field for three to six months before its discovery.

Las Animas County Coroner Steve Comi said the heads had not yet been identified. He said one of the heads was that of a man and the other was that of either a younger person or a woman because it was smaller.

The bucket and the heads were to be sent to Colorado Bureau of Investigation laboratories in Denver today for examination and identification.

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