

News In Brief

Jenrette to stay in re-election race

FLORENCE, S.C. (AP)—Rep. John W. Jenrette Jr., convicted last week in the FBI's Abscam probe of official corruption, announced Monday he would stay in his campaign for re-election.

The 44-year-old Democrat said, however, he would resign from Congress if he lost his appeal of the conviction.

"This office is too valuable to allow anyone to win by default," Jenrette said, his voice breaking and his lips trembling. "Therefore I plan to remain on the ballot."

A crowd of about 75 supporters from his northeastern South Carolina congressional district loudly applauded the announcement.

Jenrette, who said he sought the advice and prayers of many people in making his decision, said there was "no perfect or reasonable solution."

Cuba to pardon American prisoners

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Cuban government announced Monday it would pardon all U.S. citizens serving prison terms on the island, including those held for airline hijackings. The State Department welcomed the move as a positive step and said 33 Americans were involved.

The announcement, through the Czechoslovakian embassy here, said Cuba was responding to requests from the prisoners' families and from social organizations and members of Congress.

The pardoned prisoners may not all return to the United States since some have time still to serve in American jails or would face trial in U.S. courts.

U.S. officials said before making the choice of returning to the United States the American citizens would be informed if they faced jail at home.

Acting chancellor for A&T named

GREENSBORO (AP)—University of North Carolina President William C. Friday Monday named Cleon F. Thompson Jr. acting chancellor of North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro.

Thompson, 48, is vice president for the 16-campus UNC system. He succeeds Lewis C. Dowdy, who asked last week to retire as chancellor effective June 30, 1981.

Friday has asked the school's board of trustees to select a new chancellor by July 1, 1981.

At a news conference Monday in Greensboro, Friday praised Thompson as "a very competent person and one who has worked at A&T before." He said that with Thompson serving as interim chancellor, there should be no break in the "forward motion of that institution."

Thompson said he was looking forward to working at the school. "I consider this indeed an honor and a pleasure to serve during this interim period."

Israel outlines peace talk strategy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Israel has presented an outline of its stand on Palestinian autonomy to U.S. officials in preparation for a new round of negotiations scheduled to begin today.

The document, brought from Jerusalem by Chaim Kuberky of the Interior Ministry, was kept secret but diplomatic sources said it indicated Israel was taking a constructive attitude. U.S. officials were described as encouraged.

Meanwhile, American mediators held informal separate meetings with Egyptian and Israeli negotiators.

The formal talks, suspended in May, are scheduled to resume at Blair House this afternoon under the supervision of Sol M. Linowitz, President Jimmy Carter's special Mideast mediator.

There seems little chance that over the two days allotted for negotiations an agreement can be reached on how to elect a Palestinian council and on a definition of its powers.

The administration is planning on a postelection summit meeting—with the date to be set later—at which Carter will confer with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

The two sides have informally agreed to defer consideration of the status of Jerusalem as a means of aiding the current round of talks. The city was reunited by Israel after the 1969 war with the annexation of a mostly Arab sector that Jordan had held for 19 years.

Nobel Peace Prize given to Argentine

OSLO, Norway (AP)—The 1980 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded Monday to Adolfo Perez Esquivel, an Argentine human rights activist who boldly challenged his country's military government and paid for it with more than a year in prison.

The 48-year-old sculptor and architect was honored for having "shone a light in the darkness" of Argentina during a period of leftist terrorism and right-wing government repression, the Norwegian Nobel Committee said.

Perez Esquivel, who heads an organization called Peace and Justice Service, was chosen over 70 other nominees, including President Jimmy Carter, Pope John Paul II and two of the negotiators of the Rhodesian peace, British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington and Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe.

The prize carries a stipend of 80,000 Swedish kronor, equivalent to \$212,000.

The winner told reporters in Buenos Aires, Argentina, that the prize does not belong to one person but to all in his Latin American rights movement. He said it would stimulate him to continue working in search of a "change in society that will allow

man to live with more dignity."

It was the third time in six years that an individual or group devoted to human rights work won the peace prize, one of five annual awards established by the will of the Swedish inventor of dynamite, Alfred Nobel. The others were Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov in 1975 and the prisoners-rights organization Amnesty International in 1977.

Last year's peace prize went to Roman Catholic missionary Mother Teresa of Calcutta, India.

The Argentine was nominated by the 1976 peace prize winners, Mairead Corrigan and Betty Williams of the Peace People movement in Northern Ireland.

Another Peace People leader, Ciaran McKeown, described him Monday as "a contemporary Gandhi or Martin Luther King—extremely uncompromising and non-violent."

Perez Esquivel's activism was born in Argentina's mounting political violence of the late 1960s and early 1970s and was based on his own Roman Catholicism and on Indian leader Mohandas K. Gandhi's philosophy of non-violence.

In 1973, he founded the Ecumenical Movement of Peace and Justice, made up of Catholics, Protestants and others opposed to the violent confrontation between left- and right-wing political forces in Argentina. A year later, he became secretary-general of the Peace and Justice Service, a Buenos Aires-based network of human rights activists throughout Latin America.

The right-wing military seized power in Argentina in 1976, sharply curtailed political activity and launched a campaign that eventually crushed the militant leftist opposition.

Human rights groups estimate that between 5,000 and 15,000 Argentines vanished during the 1970s and believe many of the missing were abducted and killed by military or police forces. Hundreds of political prisoners remain in Argentine prisons.

Perez Esquivel in particular took up the cause of the "desaparecidos," the disappeared, and their families. His organization also supported non-violent demonstrations in Brazil, Paraguay, Ecuador and other military-ruled Latin American nations.

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students, Lane said the number of women faculty members was not increasing at the same rate and blamed individual departments for the lack of women faculty.

"All recruiting is actually done at the department level," she said. "Some may be actively recruiting women and others may not be."

"It is very easy for departments to say that there are no qualified women in their field," Lane said. "I believe there are women available, but it takes some searching."

According to the 1979-80 Statistical Abstract of Higher Education in North Carolina, there are 1,736 full-time faculty at UNC-CH. Of those, 1,390 are men and 346 are women. In the 16-campus UNC system there are 6,601 faculty members, 1,674 of whom are women.

Lehman said the University was recruiting women faculty but has run into barriers in its attempts. "(The University) is trying to hire more women faculty," she said. "But if you have a good female professor, everyone is trying to get her."

Lane said in the sciences and in the School of Business Administration there were few women faculty and many women students. She said there was only one female professor in the School of Law.

"I'm sure that all the Affirmative Action papers are being signed. But there isn't a groundswell of hiring women," Lane said.

"In some schools, there have been active programs to recruit minorities," she said. "There are Affirmative Action programs in some universities where the officer sees it as his responsibility to get lists of women who can be hired."

Lane said no women at UNC-CH were hired at the full professor level. They are brought in at the lowest level, while many men are hired as full professors, she added.

"There will be more women professors in the future, but men have more experience now," Balfour said. "There didn't used to be more women students. It takes a while for them to get into the workforce," she said.

"There are so many women with degrees floating around as secretaries," Balfour said. "You do not need a degree in philosophy to be a secretary. It's kind of a waste."

Lane said the Association for Women Faculty was organized last year "to create and maintain a hospitable environment for women."

Communication among women is essential, Lane said. "Men faculty simply communicate with each other in a lot of informal ways and women are not always included."

Five die in blast at day-care center

ATLANTA (AP)—An explosion that authorities said may have stemmed from a faulty boiler tore through a one-story brick day-care center where 90 preschoolers were playing Monday. Four children and an adult were killed and six children and an adult were injured, hospital officials said.

"It was so quick," said Melinda Cole, a teacher at the center. "All I could think was, 'Get to the door. Get out, children, get out.' I got all 12 of mine out—safe and accounted for."

"It was terrible, really terrible," said Tinnie Baugh, a teacher at another day-care center across the street. "Some of the kids were badly hurt. I saw one little boy whose fingers were missing," she said.

Mayor Maynard Jackson, hurrying to the Gate City Day Care Center in the predominantly black Bowen Homes housing project on the city's northwest side, tried to assure skeptics in a crowd of about 1,500 people who gathered that there were no indications of foul play.

Speaking through a bullhorn amid a scene of mangled pieces of concrete, brick and wood, Jackson said: "The only evidence we have at this time is that this was an accident. We are not certain what caused this, but it looks like it could have been an explosion in the furnace."

One man in the crowd shouted back: "It was the Ku Klux Klan."

Witness testifies CWP brought guns to march

GREENSBORO (AP)—A friend of slain Communist Workers Party member James Waller testified Monday that Waller told him the CWP members had guns and were prepared for violence at a Nov. 3 "Death to the Klan" rally that erupted in gunfire and left Waller and four other communists dead.

Following the testimony by Rex W. Stephenson of Greensboro, attorneys for six Ku Klux Klansmen and Nazis charged in the deaths rested their case.

Under cross-examination, Stephenson said Waller never discussed plans for the CWP's Nov. 3 rally. Stephenson also told Assistant District Attorney Jim Coman that he didn't consider Waller to

be a violent person.

But Stephenson speculated that if Waller had a gun, he might have used violence to carry out his political objectives. Waller, he said was "trying to pattern himself after Lenin by organizing labor parties to take over the country."

Stephenson, who said he worked for about six months with Waller at a Greensboro sewage treatment plant, said Waller told him the CWP needed a martyr. He said the CWP had been trying to organize labor parties at area Cone Mills textile plants, but Waller told him the group "was not getting enough attention" and it needed "national TV coverage so they could organize the party for more members."

In other afternoon testimony, Scott Sims of Greensboro testified that at the time of the shootings he was in a cab traveling toward Everitt Street, the scene of the shootings. Sims, a resident of the area, said he heard two gunshots and looked to the left of the intersection of Everitt Street and Carver Drive.

Sims said he saw two people in front of the Morningside Homes apartment complex with pistols. Although he could not identify the two, Sims said one of them wore a yellow raincoat. In earlier testimony, a CWP member wearing a yellow raincoat was linked to pistol fire.

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The hooks pass over the top of the concrete block and the imbedded steel band that serves as a handle. Finally, the hooks catch.

"It's crazy, but I like the feeling I have up here," Brashear says.

"I feel powerful up here. Not better than anyone, just powerful. I like knowing that I can see things that no one else can see."

Initially he was hired to work the smaller crane on the site, but the operator of that rig, although much more experienced, didn't want to switch.

"It was fine with me," Brashear adds quickly. "I like being taller than him."

As the crane continues to rock, Brashear has the block nearly to his "office" window, demonstrating ways that he can control the swing of a suspended object.

"I do it like I raise the outhouse to the third floor," he says, increasing the swing of the block. "People always scatter when they hear that thing come sloshing overhead."

Brashear laughs as he lowers the block slowly. He thinks of setting it on his boss's pickup truck momentarily but laughs the idea off and sets the block back where it had originally been. The counterweights clap loudly once again.

"I'm not in a union here," Brashear says a little later, as we step from his office, "I make \$6.25 an hour, but if there'd been a union I wouldn't have gotten the job in the first place. After this job—with one of the biggest cranes on the East Coast—I could find something in a union up North for \$20 to \$30 an hour. I feel like I'm learning something every day here and making a right good living at the same time."

He locks the door—in fear of weekend daredevils that scale his crane—and turns for the greasy ladder amid a scurry of wasps. Once again he nimbly makes his descent down the ladder while his "office" sits awkwardly facing Durham, awaiting another Monday.



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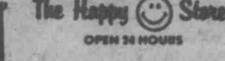
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