

# Sandinistas charge American captive

From Associated Press reports

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — The leftist Sandinista government brought Eugene Hasenfus before a People's Tribunal Monday and formally charged him with violating public order and security. Hasenfus was brought into the small courtroom and moments later written charges were presented by Justice Minister Rodrigo Reyes. The court's president, Reynaldo Monterrey, then read them aloud and they were translated to English by an interpreter.

If convicted, the 45-year-old American faces up to 30 years in prison. He was captured Oct. 6 by

government troops after surviving the shooting down of a plane ferrying supplies to U.S.-backed Contra rebels.

Hasenfus' wife Sally arrived at the courtroom, which was packed with journalists, just before the court session began. She was accompanied by U.S. Consul Donald Tyson.

Hasenfus' Nicaraguan lawyer, Enrique Sotelo Borgen, also attended the session. Portions of it were broadcast on the government's Voice of Nicaragua radio.

Earlier, Hasenfus' lawyer had criticized the government for denying him access to his client before

court proceedings began.

"Hasenfus is in a legally indefensible position because he has been unable to see his attorney or his family before the trial," Sotelo Borgen said Monday.

Hasenfus, of Marienette, Wis., was captured a day after a C-123 cargo plane was shot down by Sandinista troops. Three others aboard, two Americans and a third still not identified, were killed.

The People's Tribunal is a judicial body created in 1983 to prosecute people accused of counter-revolutionary activity. Each panel consists of a lawyer and two lay people, all generally active in San-

dinista organizations.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Charles Redman said the tribunals were set up for the purpose of circumventing due process in order to persecute political opponents.

Redman also said the only visit to Hasenfus by a U.S. consular office took place on Oct. 10.

"We don't consider that visit to be a proper one," Redman said. "We've demanded that the Nicaraguan government accede to our repeated requests for a consular visit consistent with its treaty obligations."

# Sanford, Broyhill camps exchange barbs

From Associated Press reports

RALEIGH — The Senate campaigns of Democrat Terry Sanford and Republican Sen. Jim Broyhill blame each other for a growing harshness that they say shows the opposition is falling behind and getting desperate.

But neutral observers say a more realistic explanation is the virtual deadlock of the Nov. 4 race and the nearness of the election make tension and some bitterness virtually inevitable.

"When Election Day gets near and you don't have a clear lead, you attack. It's that simple," a Republican leader said last week.

"We can still keep it positive . . .

But I'll sit around here and lose the election if I don't repel the troops coming up the hill," Sanford said in a weekend interview.

Broyhill and Sanford appear to have abandoned the unwritten rule that even the appearance of "negative" campaigning could produce voter backlash and must be avoided.

Some examples:

■ Broyhill is using stronger language in an intensified effort to convince North Carolinians that Sanford, governor from 1961-65, is a liberal.

In the Oct. 12 debate, Broyhill said his Democratic opponent favored "the old, tired policies" of the 1960s

and, if elected, would join with Democratic leaders in dismantling Reagan programs that "brought this country back from the brink of disaster."

■ Sanford is charging that Broyhill has not been as effective a congressman as he and his supporters say. Broyhill argues that his experience on Capitol Hill and his reputation as a legislative insider with friends in high places are a major reason why he should be elected.

■ Broyhill's campaign aired TV ads for two weeks that included reminders that Sanford had persuaded the 1961 legislature to impose

the 3 percent sales tax on food and non-prescription drugs.

By coincidence, the debate was on the same day that the Reagan-Gorbachev summit collapsed in Reykjavik, Iceland. Broyhill and Republican candidates across the nation have tried since then to parlay the president's refusal to abandon his Strategic Defense Initiative into a winning issue.

Broyhill has implied that Sanford, if elected, would not be supportive of President Reagan's defense and foreign policies. The state president of Veterans of Foreign Wars joined Broyhill on a campaign swing last week.

# 'Red tide' poisons waters, kills fish in Gulf of Mexico

From Associated Press reports

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — A toxic "red tide" that has killed millions of fish along Texas' Gulf Coast has moved into Mexican waters and could linger until the end of the year if temperatures do not drop, officials said Monday.

Since the explosion of microscopic organisms appeared in late August near Galveston, officials in this city of 250,000 have closed beaches to swimmers, and the oyster harvest, which was scheduled to open Nov. 1, has been suspended from south of Galveston to the Mexican border.

Merchants complain that publicity about the red tide has hurt business and scared off tourists.

## Israel leader takes office

JERUSALEM — Yitzhak Shamir, leader of Israel's right-wing Likud bloc, was sworn in Monday to replace Shimon Peres as prime minister and vowed to increase Jewish settlement of occupied Arab territories.

Shamir and his 24-member Cabinet took their oaths after the Knesset, or Parliament, debated for four hours and then gave Shamir an overwhelming 82-17 vote of confidence. There were

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three abstentions in the 120-member Parliament.

Under an unprecedented 1984 coalition agreement between Peres' left-leaning Labor Party and Shamir's Likud, Peres takes Shamir's previous job as foreign minister.

The 71-year-old Shamir said a "supreme priority" of his government would be to funnel funds into increased Jewish settlement of occupied Arab territories.

## Mozambique's president dies

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — President Samora Machel's death is the latest of several reverses Mozambique has suffered since gaining independence from Portugal 11 years ago.

For the black-ruled states of southern Africa, it could delay efforts toward new alliances and tactics in a renewed confrontation with their powerful white-ruled neighbor, South Africa.

It takes from Africa another soldier-president who was one of the few remaining leaders linked to the anti-colonial struggle that spread across the continent in the 1960s.

# Fathers organize for changes in child custody, support laws

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A recently formed group, Fathers for Equal Rights, is seeking sweeping changes in North Carolina's child-custody laws, according to group president Arthur Hemmerlein.

"(We want) to get society to look at divorce differently than in the past," he said.

Tom Vass, chairman of the group's political action committee, said the group was formed to preserve the emotional and financial support of children from both parents after marriages end in divorce. He said many judges are sympathetic to mothers and often award custody to them.

Hemmerlein said awarding custody to one parent has damaging effects on the children of divorce. He cited a California study on divorced families which showed that five years after a divorce where custody was awarded to a single parent, one-third of the children studied were depressed and dissatisfied. He also cited findings that 35 percent of children in their mother's custody claimed deprivation of a father to be the single biggest problem of divorce.

The group hopes to find sponsors for three pieces of legislation when the state legislature convenes in 1987:

■ Presumptive joint custody, in which both parents would exercise authority over their children's welfare after divorce.

Hemmerlein said this rarely occurs now in North Carolina because single custody favors the mother and joint custody can only occur if both parents agree on it. Thirteen states now have presumptive joint custody.

Vass said the custody would allow both parents to maintain authority in the child's life and guarantee

access to all areas of a child's life.

■ Mandatory mediation, which would force parents to work out a custody agreement with a third party.

Hemmerlein said this law would require parents to meet with a mediator who had expertise in both family law and behavioral sciences. The mediator would then arrange a custody agreement with the parents that considered the children's needs. This would take the negotiation of custody agreements out of the province of divorce lawyers.

■ Child support accountability, in which both parents would provide for the financial support of the child and a tracking system would be installed for support payments.

Under current law, Hemmerlein said, there is nothing that requires the parent having custody to contribute child support. Furthermore, there is no way of determining if child support is actually used for children and not the single parent, he said.

"The tracking system would allow the mediators, officials of the court, and parents to know the money is being used for the benefit of the child," he said.

Under the tracking system, both parents would contribute money to a bank account. Funds would be drawn from the account to pay the children's expenses. The system would provide records of canceled checks to ensure the money was being used for the children.

"We're not a bunch of redneck dads," said Hemmerlein, citing support for the group by women's and senior citizens' groups. "We're concerned about children's rights."

The group, headquartered in Raleigh, has four chapters and about 400 members.

# TV station offers air time; Sanford refuses

By MICHAEL A. KOLB

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Democratic Senate nominee Terry Sanford has turned down an offer of almost 30 minutes of free air time from a Raleigh television station.

The station, WPTF-TV, offered the time in an effort to give the Sanford campaign equal time following its coverage of President Reagan's visit to Republican Sen. Jim Broyhill's rally in Raleigh last Wednesday.

The station stipulated that Sanford could not appear in the broadcast, said Robert Wolfe, WPTF-TV programming director. "We offered the same set-up as that of Broyhill," he said.

WPTF-TV's offer, which is still under negotiation between the station and representatives of the Sanford campaign, was for a representative of Sanford to be given 29 minutes and 15 seconds of free air time. The time slot would be the same as Reagan's

visit received, 11:30 a.m. Normally, WPTF-TV carries the game show "Scrabble" in the slot.

Sanford turned down the initial offer because he wanted to be able to appear in the broadcast, said Ed Bristol, Sanford spokesman. The former governor had asked for an hour of free time, but Bristol said, "The time is adequate as long as Sanford can appear."

Wolfe said WPTF-TV wants a firm answer by Friday as to whether or not Sanford will be

using the time. If the question regarding whether Sanford can appear is resolved, the station will offer free air time on a weekday next week or possibly this week.

Sanford also cited the equal time provision of the Federal Communications Act to ask for an hour of free time on WTVD-TV, a Durham television station. The station has not offered Sanford any free air time. "The next step is to petition the FCC," Bristol said.

# Student Congress sponsors survey on University policy

By MARY PARADESES

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More than 260 UNC students are being asked what they like and don't like about the University's policies and its administration as part of a survey sponsored by Student Congress and the Grievance Task Force.

The 261-student survey will help Student Government represent UNC students better in the future, said Brian Sipe, a Student Congress representative in charge of the survey.

"We aren't taking a survey just to take a survey," Sipe said. "We intend to form a committee to work on the problem areas that students are concerned with."

Although planned since last semester, the survey was only recently compiled. The department of sociology helped write the survey, and the University had to approve it before any phone calls could be made. Names were taken from a list of all UNC students, and every 90th student will be called.

"We have had some good responses on the survey," Sipe said. "I'm sure it will be effective and help Student Government in making changes that need to be made."

Student Body President Bryan Hassel, who is also working on the survey, agreed that it would help Student Government tremendously. "The more we know (about students' needs), the better we can represent them," Hassel said. "I hope some changes can be made in order to benefit the students."

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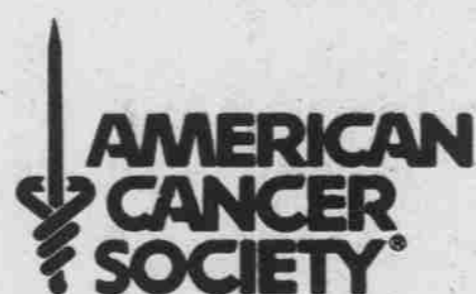
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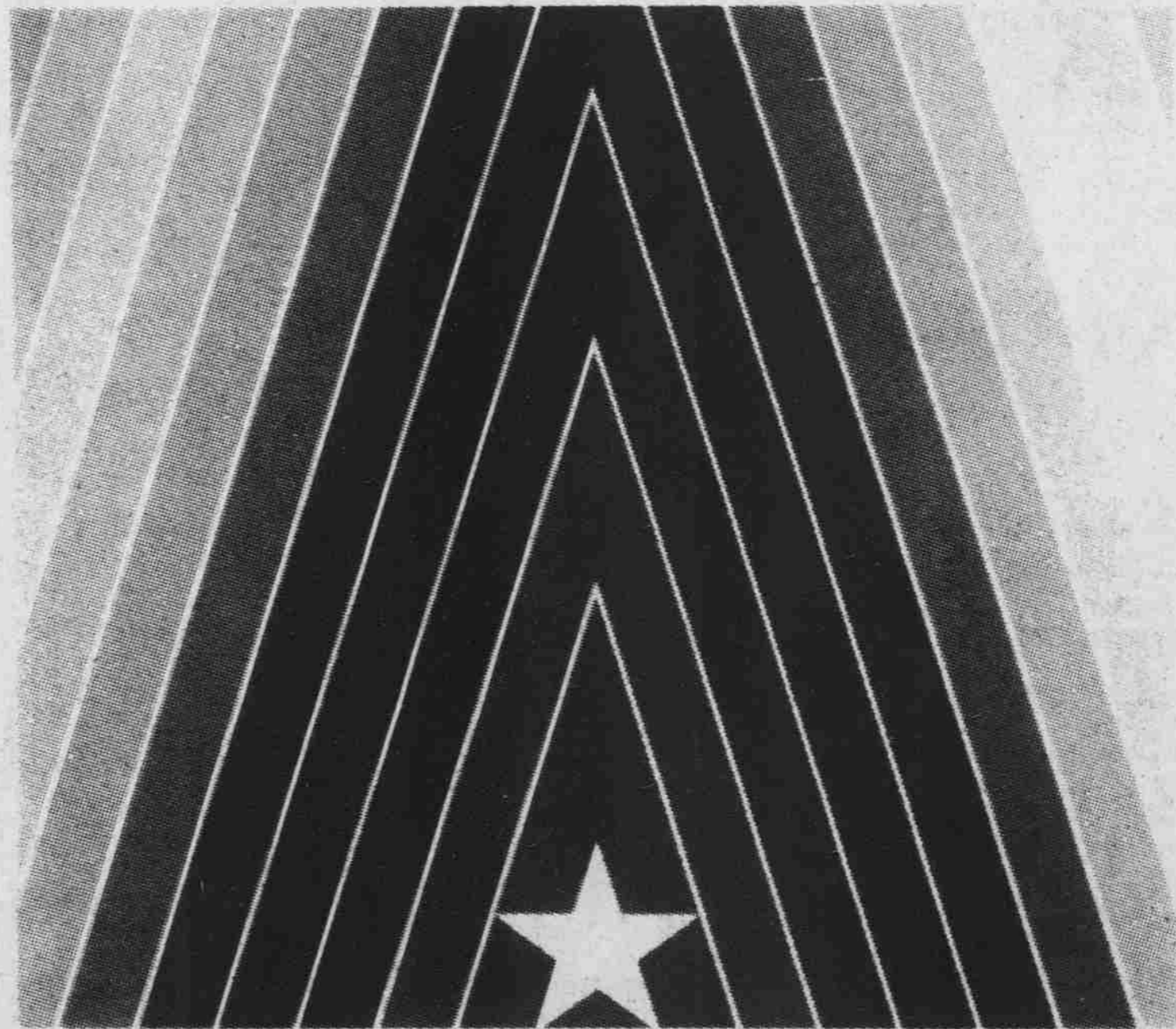
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