computers under study

WASHINGTON (UPI) -The government's 9,000 computers, which store such data as Social Security and Internal Revenue Service records, are vulnerable to terrorism, vandalism and disasters, natural congressional study said yesterday.

The General Accounting Office released its findings after a study of security precautions at 28 federal data processing facilities around the country.

"It is impossible to the effects on estimate millions of our elderly citizens whose livelihood depends on Social Security should the computers be destroyed," said Sen. destroyed," said Sen. Abraham Ribicoff, D-Conn., who requested the study. Ribicoff said the report

found that "not only are these thousands of computers tingency plans to insure that frequently allowed to function without proper controls, but

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Federal ... they are dangerously vulnerable to terrorist acthey are dangerously tivity.

"The potential threat is not limited to Social Security. In terms of federal revenues, for instance, imagine the havoc that would result from the destruction of federal tax

revenues. Ribicoff said the Government Operations Committee will begin a preliminary into security inquiry procedures at the facilities.

Ribicoff also released another GAO study which found that the government was losing millions of dollars through errors committed by incorrectly programmed computers.

In its report on security, the GAO found 14 facilities using combustible magnetic tape files that were stored in computer rooms, thus exposing the systems to losses from fire.

Other installations were vulnerable to flooding, theft, terrorism or vandalism, the agency said.

The study also said 14 installations lacked conoperations be continued in the event of an accident.

New Lebanon president attempts end to fighting

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — Elias Sarkis, meeting his first challenge as Lebanon's President-elect, helped calm a fierce mountain battle yesterday and started to forge an understanding with the leftist opposition.

Sarkis, elected amid leftist machine gun fire and mortar blasts Saturday to succeed President Suleiman Franjieh, hald telephone consultations with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and other faction chiefs to slow fighting in the Mount Lebanon region northeast of the capital.

Reports from the snow-patched combat zone said Moslem and Christian batteries were still trading mortar fire, but the weeklong tank and infantry battle which claimed more than 500 lives had died down by late afternoon.

"Look to the mountains and you will see the signs," one Palestinian official said. "If there is peace in the mountains, there is a chance for a political solution."

Right-wing troops had used Americanmade tanks and heavy field artillery in a massive drive to dislodge leftists from a strategic road, provoking an angry reaction from Arafat's El Fatah guerrillas. An El Fatah statement warned the

Palestinians would enter the battle on the

leftist side if the fighting continued.

The guerrillas directed the warning at both the rightists and Syria, which agreed under the April 16 Damascus peace plan to restrain right-wing Phalangist militias if the Palestinians would restrain the left.

Political sources said the 51-year-old Sarkis may soon hold a meeting with Jumblatt to try to patch up relations with the powerful Socialist chief.

Jumblatt's leftist alliance was bitterly opposed to Sarkis' candidacy, and leftist deputies boycotted the parliamentary meeting Saturday which elected the rightistbacked Central Bank governor president by a vote of 66-0.

The leftists issued an immediate call to reject the election as a "flagrant forgery" and the result of Syrian pressure.

But they restrained their troops from breaking the ceasefire, except for several sporadic gunbattles in the capital's suburbs and several sudden barrages of mortar fire against Christian-held eastern Beirut.

A leftist radio station claimed Moslem troops had "advanced 100 yards along every axis" in the suburbs and gained ground in the shattered port district, but local residents said there had been almost no fighting at all.

passes in Senate Drug bill

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HARRISBURG (AP) -The Senate has passed a bill that kept first marijuana convictions off the criminal records.

The bill was approved 45-0 and sent to Gov. Shapp. It would change the definition of who can qualify for the program, called probation without verdict.

A person would have to

Drug and Alcohol Abuse. prove that he is dependent on drugs, under the bill. Formerly, all drug abusers In a letter last week to all 50 senators, Horman said the bill hurts the people best served by the no conviction program.

The program is limited to first offenders, who plead guilty or no contest to a nonviolent charge. The Senate acted over

written to provide judicial alternatives to clients who are not drug dependent or who may be occasional the opposition of Dr. Horman, éxecutive director of the users or experimenters with marijuana. Governor's Council on

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Knight murder trial opens

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) -the first day yesterday of the state murder trial of Salvatore Soli, charged with the fatal stabbing of newspaper

'Soli, 37, was one of three men charged in the slaying of Knight, who was stabbed Dec. 7 in his fashionable downtown apartment on Rittenhouse Square during an apparent robbery attempt.

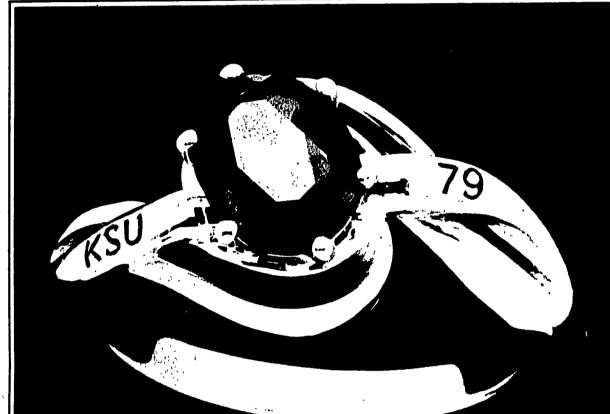
Williams told prospective jurors the jury would be sequestered during the trial, which he estimated would take about two weeks. Police contend that Soli, Maleno and Melendez went to the Knight apartment early

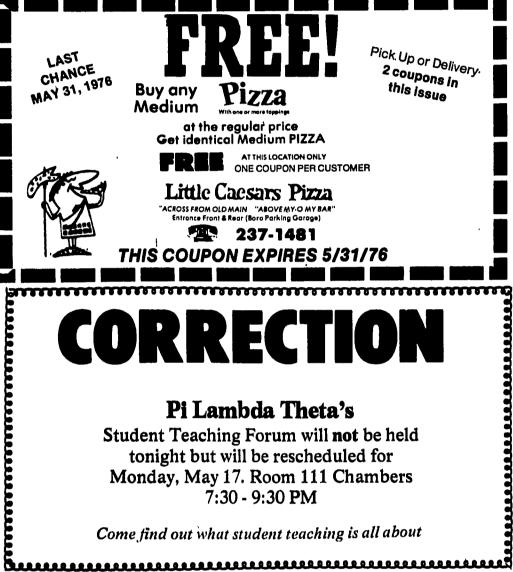
on the morning of Dec. 7 to rob him. They said Knight, special projects editor for the Philadelphia Daily News, was stabbed during the course of the robbery.

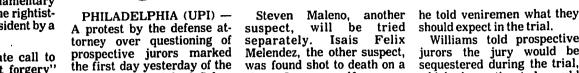
New Jersey golf course. After the trial opened before Judge Robert W. heir John S. Knight III. Williams Jr., defense at-

torney Nino Tinari objected to the manner in which District Attorney F. Emmett Fitzpatrick was questioning prospective jurors. Tinari said Fitzpatrick was "giving his opening arguments" when

A dramatic change is at hand:







The Daily Collegian Tuesday, May 11, 1976-5

THE FOLKLORE SOCIETY presents the 3rd Occasional Penn State FOCK FESTIVAL A week-long celebration with concerts, coffeehouses, and films in Kern and in the HUB		ArtCarved introduces the first fashion collection of women's college rings.		
Today's Schedule		The world's leading manu knows when it's time f	The world's leading manufacturer of diamond and wedding rings knows when it's time for a brand-new look in college rings.	
BLUESDAY HUB 12:00 - 1:00 PM Dizzy Sullivan and Rob Salmon North Lounge		You can see the new ArtCarved fashion collection on Ring Day. Every ring in it is designed for the woman who appreciates beautiful jewelry and the tradition of a college ring. If that means you, don't miss the new ArtCarved rings. You'll like their style.		
1:00 - 3:00 PM	Films: "Lightning Hopkins" and "Delta Blues Singer"	THE OFFICIAL PENN STATE CLASS RING IS AVAILABLE AT		
3:00 - 5:00 PM	Music with Stan Shepherd, Dave Morgan and Bob Bernstein	PENN STATE BOOKSTORE		
		ON CAMPUS GROUND FLOOR HUB		
An KERN	nerican Indian	RING DAY	That's when the ArtCarved representative will be here to help you select your custom-made college ring.	
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