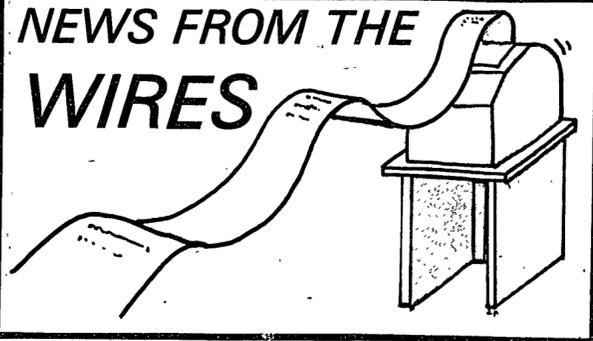


NEWS FROM THE WIRES



Women's movement split over ideologies

WASHINGTON (UPI) — An estimated 100,000 American women are expected to attend the current nationwide round of state women's meetings — some of which have been torn apart by bitter battles over abortion and the Equal Rights Amendment.

Financed by \$5 million in taxpayer's money, the sessions have provided a new battleground for feminists and conservative women. Feminists are accused of rigging the meetings; conservatives allegedly are trying to disrupt them.

Nearly 82,500 women already have attended the controversial sessions in 41 states, the District of Columbia and three territories. Five more meetings were held this weekend, and the last three are scheduled next weekend.

Women elected in state-level meetings will go to a national meeting in Houston in November. The convention, sponsored by the International Women's Year Commission, will draft legislative goals for women's equality.

"By the time these things are over, it's obvious the attendance will be well over 100,000," said Judy Frie, a spokeswoman for the commission. "For over half of them, it is the first women's meeting they have ever attended."

Although feminists have prevailed in most of the state sessions, meetings in Missouri, Oklahoma, Ohio and Utah were dominated by conservatives. Lesbian caucuses also reportedly have been well organized in many states.

At least a dozen meetings have been disrupted by angry battles over ERA, abortion, gay rights or minority representation. The prospect of violence was raised in some states, and in Minnesota an abortion clinic was firebombed.

Critics — including an ad hoc group known as the "IWC Citizens Review Commission" — claim the meetings are structured to support feminist goals. They are particularly critical of the commission's 19 "suggested" resolutions endorsing ERA and-or abortion.

Officials say conservatives have disrupted some meetings, even using whistles and bullhorns. ERA opponent Phyllis Schafly allegedly advised her California followers on ways to disrupt the meeting there.

Elsewhere:

- In Mrs. Schafly's homestate of Illinois, some 500 women walked out of the meeting singing "God Bless America" when feminist resolutions were passed. The feminists joined in, insisting "it's our song too."
- In Virginia, which has not ratified ERA, the meeting adopted a resolution promoting an economic boycott of all Virginia products.

Hijackings:

Syrian hijackers' leader foiled

DAMASCUS, Syria (UPI) — The leader of a band of renegade Fatah guerrillas was overpowered by two of his men and three hostages as the plane flew over Syria yesterday, safely ending the bizarre hijacking of a Kuwait Airways jetliner.

"Traitors!" shouted Abu Saed, the stocky, fair-haired leader of the hijackers, as two of his companions and the three Arab hostages wrestled with him near the open cockpit door of the Boeing 707, Syrian sources said.

"We're not traitors," retorted one of

the gunmen, according to the sources. "The demands you're making have nothing to do with what the hijack was originally about."

After Saed was overpowered, the jet returned to Damascus where the exhausted hostages — three Arab officials and three British crewmen — were freed unharmed.

All six hijackers were hustled off by car under heavy guard to an undisclosed destination.

The confused episode began Friday night when the gunmen, wearing Syrian

army uniforms, boarded the flight in Beirut and forced it to its original destination, Kuwait.

Kuwaiti officials described Saed as "unbalanced," and he was reportedly wanted by the Palestine Liberation Organization for "looting, embezzlement and forgery."

Negotiations dragged on through Saturday as the plane basked in temperatures up to 118 degrees on the runway of Kuwait Airport. Late Saturday the hijackers agreed to exchange the remaining 27 hostages

(passengers) for the three Arabs and a guarantee of safe passage to South Yemen.

But when the plane took off yesterday morning, it flew instead to Damascus, where the hijackers radioed the control tower that their action was "not an operation against Syria but an internal problem of the Palestinian revolution."

Saed's demands included reinstatement for all the gunmen into Fatah and called for a battery of guerrilla committees to investigate his individual dispute with the group's leadership.

Soviet craft seized by two men

The report said the plane was surrounded by police when it landed, then towed to a remote section of the airport.

Air traffic was halted after the plane landed, then allowed to resume. Police sealed off the area where the plane was parked.

The agency said that while airborne, the pilot had asked permission to land at

Arlanda airport in Stockholm, Sweden, but diverted to Helsinki instead.

The plane was identified as a TU134 twin-engine jet, but there was no immediate word on its origin or intended destination. The agency said seven of the passengers were children.

The Swedish national news agency said about 100 Stockholm police were

called to Arlanda airport in case the plane continued on to Sweden.

There was no immediate word from the Soviet government on the hijacking, the second of a Soviet airliner in six weeks. On May 26, a Soviet mechanic, Vasily Sosnovsky, 37, seized a twin-engine AN24 aircraft on a flight from Riga to Daugavpils in the Soviet Union and ordered the pilot to fly to Stockholm.

College prexy in trouble

SLIPPERY ROCK (AP) — Liberally dispensed faculty promotions have aggravated a bitter dispute over the acting president of Slippery Rock State College and his ambition for a permanent job.

In the 13 months since James Roberts was given an interim appointment, he has promoted 66 persons, including 31 that a faculty committee said should be denied advancement.

One of them was Mark Selman, the Democratic party chairman in Butler County. Another was a man who had not asked for a promotion as college rules require.

As a result, Roberts has been accused of using promotions, which carry a 5 per cent raise, to build support for his candidacy as permanent successor to former president Albert Watrel.

"The puzzling thing to me is why they would be upset with their peers being promoted," Roberts said. "Usually, people are glad for what others get as long as it doesn't take anything from them."

Roberts defended the promotions, noting that department heads or other parties in the review process had recommended advancement.

Selman was promoted without the recommendation of his department head, dean or the faculty committee. However, Roberts endorsed his advancement before assuming the presidency.

After his latest round of promotions, an ad hoc faculty committee circulated a petition asking Gov. Shapp to remove Roberts. The petition was sent by telegram on Friday.

Blast alters pipeline plan

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Trans-Alaska pipeline officials say they could resume pumping oil within days, but the plan to deliver 1.2 million barrels a day by year's end may have been dashed by an explosion that destroyed Pump Station No. 8.

Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. engineers and federal investigators probed the twisted remains of the pump station yesterday in an effort to pinpoint the cause of the deadly blast and determine when the oil can safely begin to flow again.

One worker died and five others were injured Friday when a stream of North Slope crude suddenly spurled out of a valve that apparently was left

open by mistake in the pump station 41 miles southeast of Fairbanks. The oil ignited upon contact with one of the jet turbines which power the pipeline pumps.

Edward L. Patton, Alyeska's chief executive officer, said an exact start-up time would depend on the reports of company engineers and federal agencies, including the National Transportation Safety Board and the Department of Interior.

Patton said, however, that resumption of the flow could be "measured in days" if Alyeska engineers can direct the oil around the multimillion-dollar pump station until it can be rebuilt.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Monday, July 11

- Drop deadline (8 week summer term).
- Pass-fail deadline (8 week summer term).
- Course repeat deadline (8 week summer term).
- Pre-registration deadline (for fall term).
- Registration for second session of HUB craft classes, 12-5 and 7-10 p.m., through July 18, Room 312 HUB. Classes start July 18.

Tuesday, July 12

- College of Education PDK Summer Lecture. Lawrence Iannaccone on "The Next Battleground in the Politics of Education," 11:10 a.m., Room 112 Kern.
- Intergenerational Summer Community Lecture. Luis Summers, Thomas Douglas, Stephanie Hoffman on "Planned Age (planned alternatives for gerontological environments): A Simulation Workshop," 7:30 p.m., Room 101 Kern.
- Festival Theatre, A Little Night Music, 8 p.m., Playhouse Theatre.
- Nittany Mountain Summer Spectrum, The Eastern Opera Theatre of New York in John Philip Sousa's operetta, El Capitan, 8 p.m., Eisenhower Auditorium.

EXHIBITS

- Hammond Gallery: posters based on CPFA logo; winning entries in poetry competition. HUB Gallery: American coverlets; CPFA children's art exhibit.
- Kern Commons Gallery: "f64", photographs by Imogen Cunningham, Edward Weston, Ansel Adams and Willard Van Dyke; CPFA invitational photo exhibit.
- Museum of Art: American paintings from the collection of Daniel J. Terra; the realistic tradition in American art from the permanent collection; CPFA juried craft exhibit.
- Zoller Gallery: Antonio Frasconi, graphics, opens July 12.

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