

## Filipino rebels threaten to halt truce

By ROBERT H. REID  
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MANILA, Philippines — Negotiators for Communist rebels insisted yesterday that U.S. bases here be closed. They also pressed their challenge of the military's right to patrol and seize arms, threatening to delay this week's scheduled truce.

The government-run Philippine News Agency said the military was concerned over "mounting rebel atrocities in various parts of the country" before the cease-fire, which is to begin tomorrow.

Armed forces spokesman Col. Honesto Isleta said two helicopter gunships were sent yesterday to Abra province of northern Luzon to help troops fight off about 200 Communist rebels besieging an army patrol there.

The Philippine News Agency said at least two soldiers were killed and seven wounded in "two major attacks" and three ambushes on Luzon Island Sunday.

Government peace negotiator Teofisto Guingona said he would seek a meeting with his rebel counterparts to resolve a dispute centering on conditions under which the army can keep up

patrols and weapons seizures during the cease-fire.

He said he and Defense Minister Rafael Nieto reached an understanding on the issue, but he refused to give details until he met the rebels.

At a breakfast meeting with reporters, three officials of the Communist-led National Democratic Front, which negotiated the Nov. 27 cease-fire pact on behalf of the rebels, said they stood fast in opposing the U.S. bases.

They also objected to statements by Chief of Staff Gen. Fidel V. Ramos that the military would continue patrols in rebel areas during the cease-fire in the 17-year-old Communist insurgency and would arrest anyone carrying unregistered weapons.

The status of the U.S. military installations at Clark Air Base north of Manila and Subic Naval Base northwest of the capital is among "substantive issues" to be taken up during a second stage of negotiations to begin once the truce takes effect.

About 40,000 troops, U.S. civilians and dependents are at the bases, the largest U.S. bases outside the United States.

National Democratic Front official Bobby Ma-

lay-Ocampo said the bases "will have to go" eventually because "they are the cornerstone of American control and domination of the Philippines."

Front spokesman Antonio Zamel called the bases "an affront to . . . (Philippine) independence and sovereignty."

The lease on the bases expires in 1991. President Corason Aquino has refused to say if she will support any extension.

Ocampo said the two sides will have to decide during second-stage negotiations how to achieve "a common objective of establishing our true independence from the military presence of American power."

He said in reference to Ramos' statement on patrols and arms seizures that "unless the political leadership clarifies or revokes this supposed policy statement . . . we are afraid the cease-fire might not go into effect by Dec. 10 . . . or that there would be violations very soon."

The truce accord bans "hostile acts" but lets the army continue "peace-keeping functions . . . to ensure the safety of the civilian populace."

## 6 killed during riots over news article

By EILEEN ALT POWELL  
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NEW DELHI, India — Moslems offended by a newspaper article they considered an insult to the Prophet Mohammed rioted in several southern cities yesterday. Six people were shot to death by police who tried to disperse the mobs.

The two-day death toll was 17 as rioting that began Sunday in Bangalore spread to several other cities in Karnataka state, state-run radio reported.

Scores of people were injured in the clashes, including more than 30 policemen, the radio and United News of India said.

The article which triggered the violence, published in the English-language *Deccan Herald*, was about a mentally handicapped youth named Mohammed and was printed below a headline that included the words "Idiot Mohammed." Islam's prophet Mohammed was mentioned in the story.

State radio said the newspaper's editor, M.P. Yeshwant Kumar, and its publisher were arrested yesterday and charged with promoting communal enmity, but they were freed on bail.

An apology from the newspaper was broadcast by radio and television Sunday.

The violence continued for a second day in Bangalore and spread to the

ancient temple city of Mysore, 80 miles to the southwest, and Kolar, 48 miles to the northeast.

Five people were killed and eight were injured, including two policemen, when police tried to disperse angry mobs that set fire to five shops and three rickshaws in Mysore, the United News of India reported.

The news agency said the shooting started after tear-gas canisters and charges by police with wooden batons failed to disperse the crowds.

A government bus and a newspaper delivery van were set on fire in Kolar, UNI reported. The van driver and his assistant were injured by stones thrown from the crowd, it said.

The disturbances in Bangalore included attacks on police by protesters throwing gas bombs, soda bottles and rocks. One person died when police fired after tear gas failed to disperse the crowds. Two other people were hospitalized in serious condition.

Eleven deaths were reported in Bangalore, the state capital, on Sunday, when more than 6,000 Moslems armed with iron rods, sticks, gasoline bombs and bottles took to the streets to protest the newspaper article.

The rioting in southern India came a week after clashes in New Delhi between Hindus and Sikhs.

Hindus rampaged for two days to protest the killing of 24 Hindu bus passengers by Sikh extremists in Punjab state Nov. 30.

## Managua denies air raids

By FILADELFO ALEMAN  
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MANAGUA, Nicaragua — The Sandinista government denied yesterday that its troops made a raid into Honduras and claimed seven Nicaraguan soldiers were killed and 12 people were wounded in air raids inside Nicaragua by enemy warplanes.

Foreign Minister Miguel d'Escoto and other officials of the left government denied claims by the Honduran government that Nicaraguan troops had penetrated Honduran territory over the weekend and burned three abandoned border villages.

Instead, d'Escoto told a news conference Sunday that American warplanes "coming from bases in Honduras bombed two Nicaraguan border villages, but when challenged to provide proof that they were U.S. warplanes he sidestepped the issue."

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Michael O'Brien, a spokesman at the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa, the Honduran capital, called d'Escoto's charge "completely false." He said the warplanes he sidestepped the issue.

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The Honduran military issued a statement saying about 20 of its planes bombed and strafed a Nicaraguan force of about 700 troops as they were withdrawing from Honduran territory and returning to their homeland.

Although d'Escoto had spoke of American planes, a statement from the Nicaraguan Defense Ministry early yesterday dropped all mention of U.S. aircraft and said five unidentified planes flying in from Honduran territory bombed two villages Sunday afternoon.

It said three planes attacked the village of Murra, 119 miles north of Managua, killing seven Sandinista soldiers and wounding nine. It said two more planes then attacked Wivili, another village nine miles south of Murra, wounding one soldier and two children.

Sunday's clash was the most serious in a series of incidents along the border between the two countries. U.S.-supported Nicaraguan rebels, known as Contras, have been fighting for more than four years to overthrow the Sandinistas. Many of the rebels operate from base camps on the Honduran side of the border.

Last week, President Daniel Ortega accused the Reagan administration of "heating up a conflict between Honduras and Nicaragua to detract the attention of American public opinion from the scandal caused by the secret sale of arms to Iran and diverting the proceeds to the Contras."

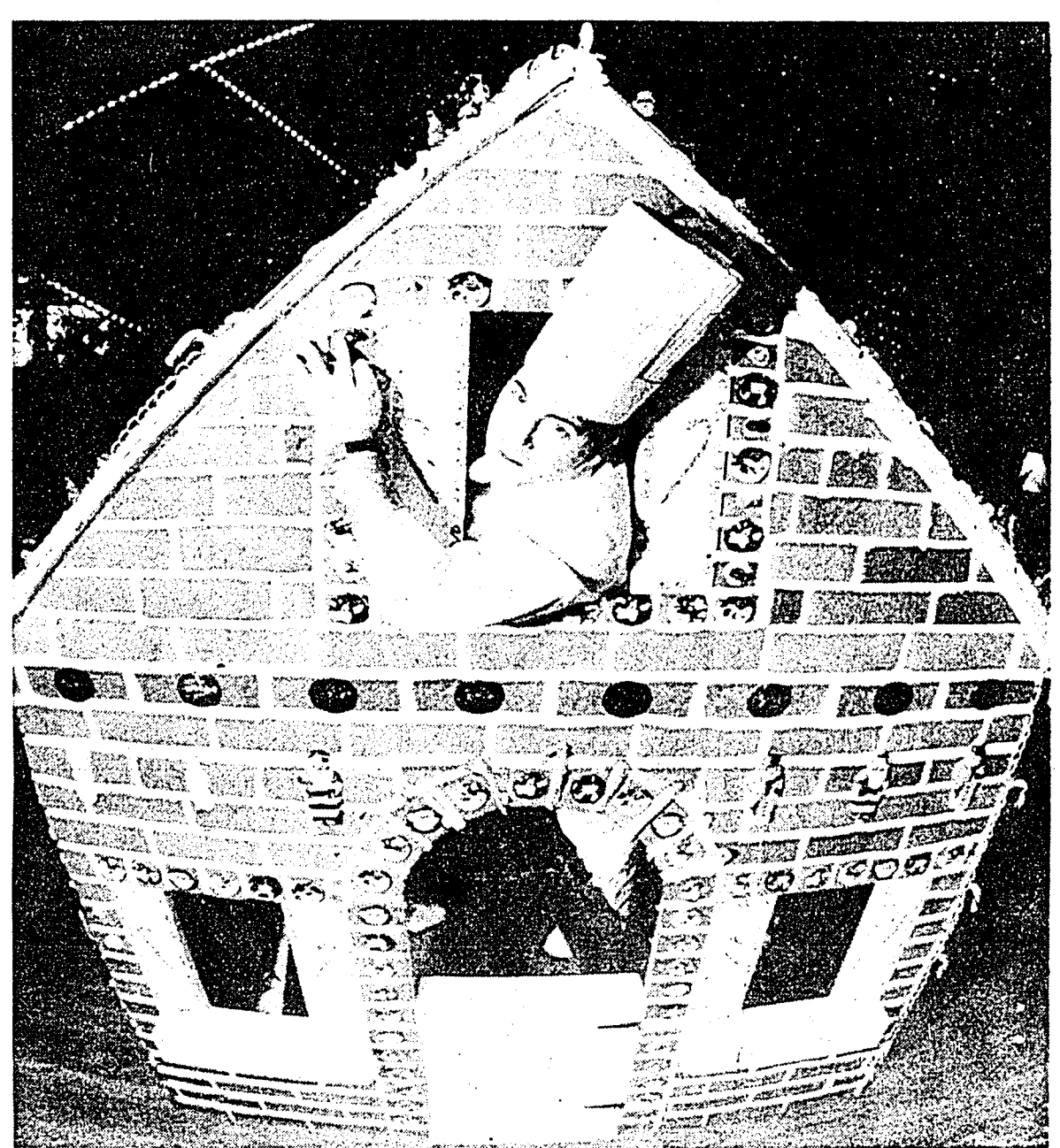
Ortega claimed last week that Sandinista military positions on the Nicaraguan side were shelled by 165mm artillery from Honduran troops airlifted to the frontier by the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa denied that accusation.

Ortega at that time demanded that Honduras force the Contras out of its territory and said U.S. troops in the area "could create a situation that could culminate in an intervention by American troops against Nicaragua."

Sunday night, the Sandinista government proposed that Honduras ask U.N. General Secretary Javier Perez de Cuellar to send immediately a special commission to inspect the border area.

Foreign Ministry officials said they had not received any response from the Honduran government.



**Candyman**  
Pastry chef Sal Pasquale at the Marriott hotel in Boston puts the finishing touches on an 8-foot gingerbread house in the hotel's lobby. The house consisted of over 300 pounds of gingerbread and 1,000 worth of chocolate.

## Capitol movement: Pennsylvania reps in raffle for desirable office-space

By JEFF BARKER  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Pennsylvania congressmen weigh the chance of a spectacular view and bigger space with the cost of moving their office as the House's room assignment lottery winds to a close this week.

The lottery has been compared to the NFL draft because of the advance scouting and gamesmanship that accompany it. Before the raffle is held, teams of aides are dispatched by lawmakers to size up available offices.

"People were trooping in here like you wouldn't believe," said Ted Picone, an aide to Rep. Bob Edgar, D-Delaware County.

"Sometimes, one or two would come in and then they would come back with four or five of them. We counted one day when 19 different parties came in."

Edgar, ending his sixth term, passed up seeking re-election to run for the U.S. Senate and was defeated by incumbent Arlen Specter.

Edgar's three-room Rayburn Building office was considered desirable because of its size. The office, No. 2352, was claimed by Rep. Toby Roth, a Wisconsin Republican.

"We got 600 extra square feet compared to what we have now," said Roth side Tom Springer.

The one drawback to the office, Springer said, was its location in an

out-of-the-way corridor on the third floor. The first time the congressman went to inspect his new digs, he got lost.

"We'll have to tell constituents to leave an hour earlier when they visit," Springer said.

Pennsylvania's 23 congressmen live in three buildings — Rayburn, Cannon and Longworth. All are connected to the Capitol by an underground subway system.

The office selection system, like so many other things in Congress, is based on seniority. The longest-serving members drawing the lowest lottery numbers get the first crack at the offices of defeated or retiring colleagues. In turn, the senior members' offices are tossed into the pool for the next class of representatives.

Lawmakers often choose offices near the hearing rooms or their committees for convenience. But to impress constituents, nothing beats a Capitol view.

"It's really spectacular, especially at night," said aide Ken Nakamura of the postcard-perfect view that his boss, Michigan Republican Rep. William Broomfield, has of the Capitol dome.

No congressman is forced to give up an existing office, and many find it easier to stay.

Democratic Rep. Austin Murphy of Washington County drew No. 1 in the lottery for lawmakers elected in 1976. The office of departing Louisiana Republican Henson Moore



**Jim Wright**  
possessed a lovely view of Capitol Hill, but Murphy decided to stay put.

Another factor in deciding not to move is the cost. It can amount to as much as \$5,000, including hooking up telephones. The money comes out of the office budget.

The prospect of the expenses, plus drawing a high lottery number, helped four-term Republican Rep. William Clinger of Warren County

## Jim Wright new speaker

By STEVEN KOMAROW  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — House Democrats on yesterday selected Jim Wright of Texas, their majority leader for the past decade, to become the chamber's 48th speaker.

Wright accepted the unanimous nomination of his party colleagues with a promise to quickly move a legislative agenda that will include — but not be dominated by — investigation of the Reagan administration's Iran arms sales.

Democrats "hope to demonstrate to the American people . . . that we Democrats have our act together, and that we can govern," Wright said.

The speaker of the House holds a constitutional position, in line of succession to the presidency after the vice president. Wright's nomination requires ratification by the full House on Jan. 6.

Democrats will hold a 258-177 majority, and party allegiance in such a vote is nearly absolute.

The Democrats, in their open party caucus, also unanimously chose Rep. Thomas Foley, D-Wash., currently the majority whip, to move up to become majority leader.

Wright said the House will move quickly to establish a special committee to investigate the facts of the Iranian arms misadventure on the table.

## state news briefs

### High-tech jobs grow in western Pa.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A small but fast-growing high-technology sector is creating new jobs four times faster than the overall economy in western Pennsylvania, according to a University of Pittsburgh study released yesterday.

The study, sponsored by the Pittsburgh High Technology Council, a trade group, identified 539 "high-technology" companies employing about 66,000 people in western Pennsylvania.

The study said nearly 30 percent of high-technology companies in western Pennsylvania were founded since 1980 and more than half were started in the past two years.

It also said 57 percent of high-technology firms employed fewer than 25 people and more than 45 percent had revenues of less than \$1 million in 1985.

Nearly half of the firms surveyed manufacture a product and the rest are service companies, research and development companies, consultants or distribution firms, according to the study.

Nearly 57 percent of the companies are located in downtown Pittsburgh or near the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh's Oakland section, the study said.

## nation news briefs

### Town supports suspended doctor

GRAND MEADOW, Minn. (AP) — Many of this town's 900 residents think the word of Dr. Hideo D. Mori, their only doctor for 26 years, and they want him back at work. But the state has suspended his license, saying he committed sexual improprieties with female patients.

"The whole town is in a state of shock," said Robert Lamp, administrator of the Meadow Manor nursing home. "He was accessible 24 hours a day and a fantastic doctor."

"It's been like a funeral around here. People are devastated," said Kitty Sween, a home health aide and longtime resident.

Mori, 56, has been a popular and respected leader in this southeastern Minnesota town of 900. In 1970 the father of four was named father of the year, and three years later he was honored with the Community Better Life Award.

He also served on the school and hospital boards, taught judo, and helped train ambulance crews. Sween said.

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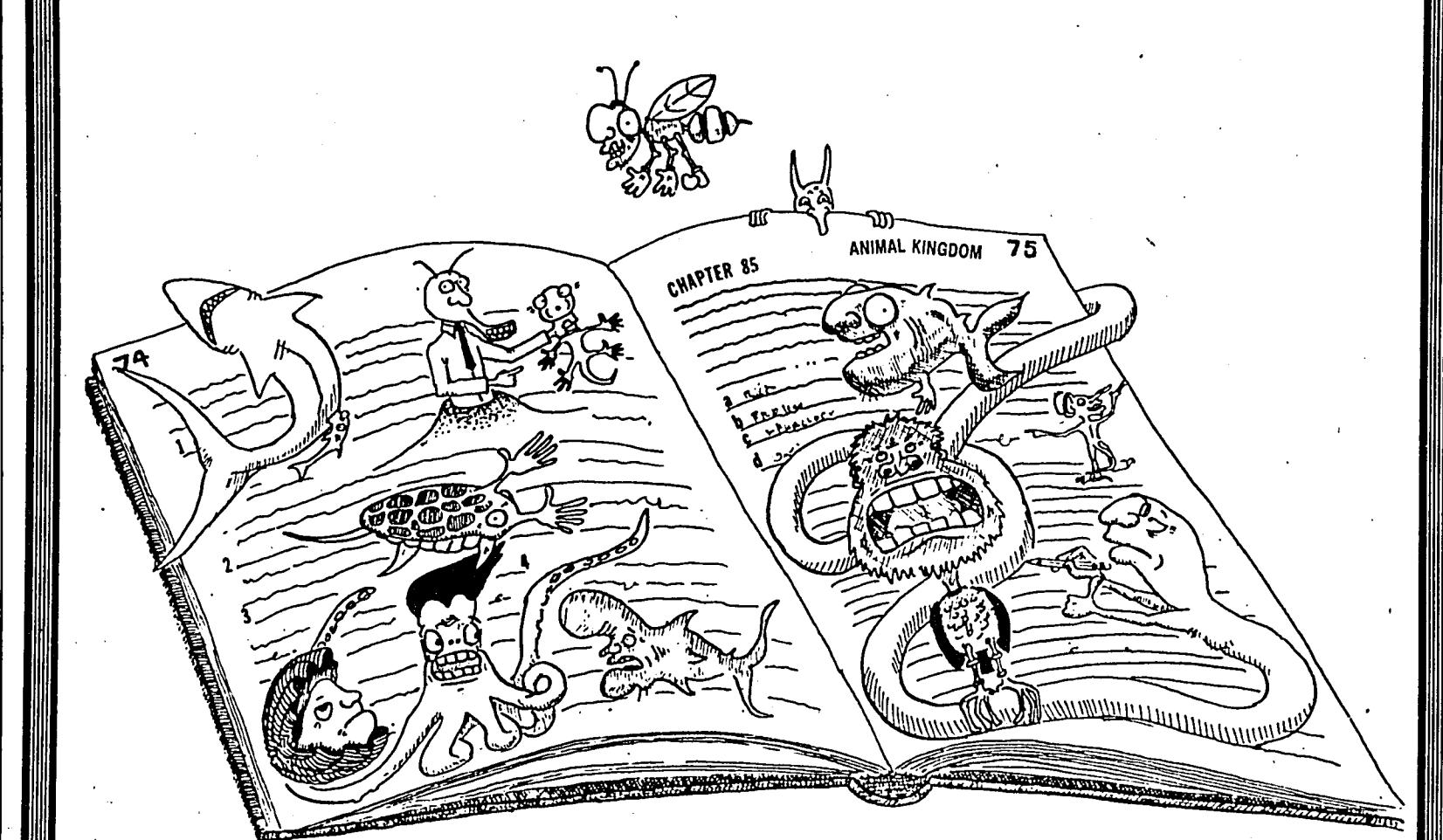
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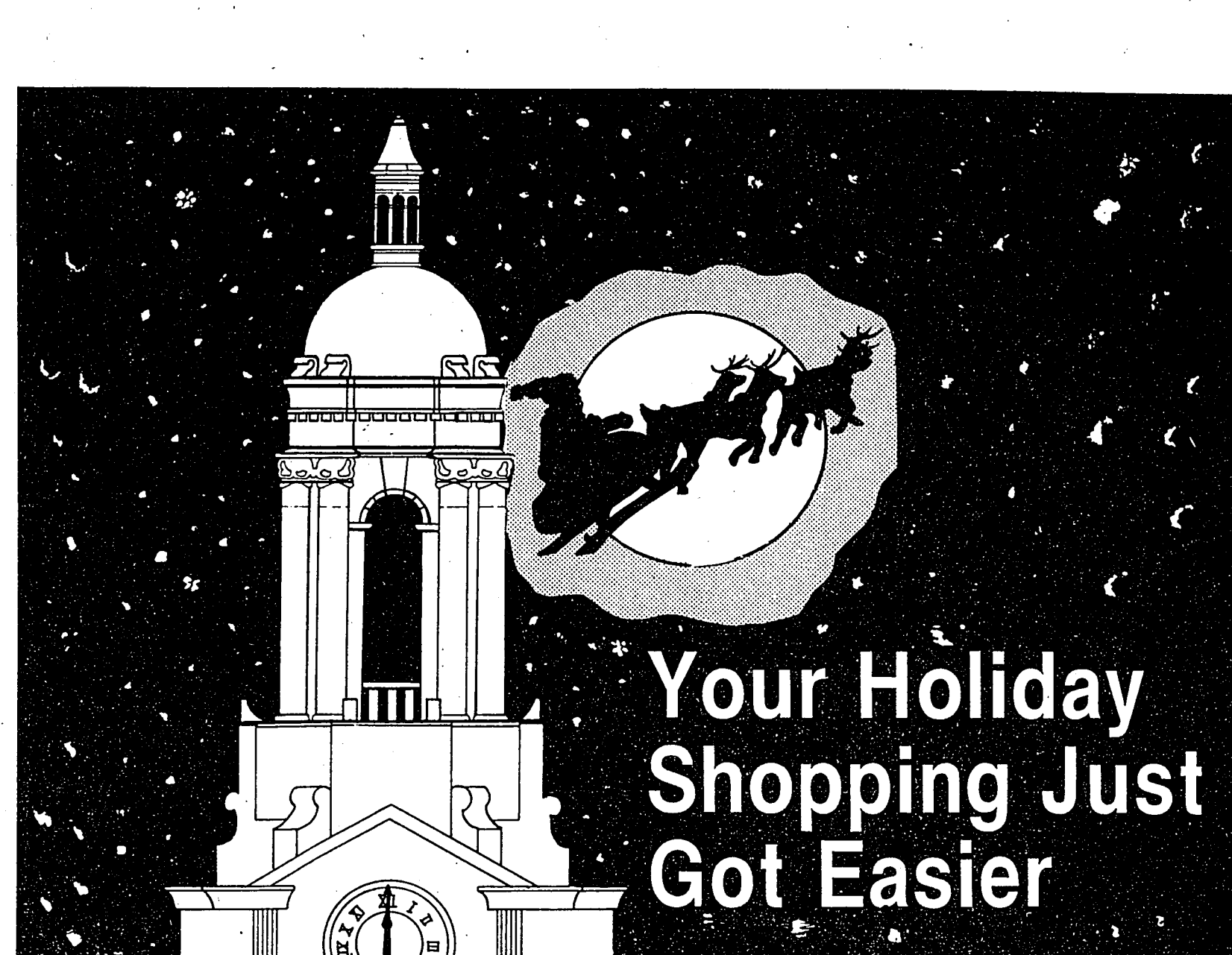
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