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Afghanistan Is Serious Int'l Crisis

(By Cong. J. J. Pickle)

The crisis in Afghanistan, now in addition to the Iranian situation, is the most serious international threat this country has faced in the last decade.

The Soviet Union invasion of Afghanistan in the days following Christmas was blatant, naked aggression. We must make it plain to the Soviets that we will tolerate no more encroachment by them in Asia or in any other part of the world.

These crises are forcing the nations of the world to show their true colors of allegiance to allies. In answer to the U.S. push for sanctions against Iran, the Iranians are cutting off oil shipments to

those allied with us. This threat will be a true test of the traditional allies of the U.S.

The U.S. has several moves it can make in response to Afghanistan invasion. First, the President is absolutely correct in using the strongest possible language to call the Soviets' hand on their move into Afghanistan. In addition to this, however, the U.S. must continue to enlist international condemnation of the Soviet invasion. And we must by all means establish a strong military presence in the Indian Ocean.

Also to be considered is our warming relationship with Mainland China.

My final point about the Afghan situation is that if Russia does not pull out of that country, then the U.S. along with other allies, including China, should be ready and willing to aid the patriotic Afghan troops who are fighting the Soviets in the non-urban areas of the

country. There is the prospect that the Soviet Union could be tied down in a no-win war with guerrillas armed and trained in covert activities.

I predict that unless the Soviets back off immediately, Afghanistan will become Russia's Vietnam.

A new brochure explaining the purpose of notarization and the functions of a Notary Public is now available—without charge—to the general public, the National Notary Association has announced.

State Domino Tourney in Hallettsville Jan. 27

The 27th Annual State Chess and Domino Tournament will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Hallettsville Sunday, January 27. Registration will start at 7:00 a.m. and play will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. All players are urged to register early.

The entrance fee per player will be \$8.00 or \$16.00 per team of two players. Plaques will be given to the new champions, and prize money will be awarded to the top five partners.

books, a magazine, newsletter, and public service brochures. The NNA is also the most respected clearing-house for notarial information in the United States.

The new brochure, entitled "What Is a Notary Public?" is intended to clear up misconceptions about Notaries and better prepare consumers for understanding notarization.

Single copies of the brochure are available free by calling (313) 347-0335, or by writing to: National Notary Association, 23012 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills, CA 91364.

Dist. Census Office Set Up in San Antonio

Ernesto Villalobos has been named Manager of a temporary 1980 census district office in San Antonio.

The announcement of Villalobos' appointment was made by Percy R. Millard, Director of the U.S. Bureau of the Census Regional Office in Dallas.

The San Antonio census office, to be located in Building 100, Kelly Air Force Base, will employ approximately 600 temporary workers at the peak of census operations next spring.

Hiring for most of these jobs will begin early in 1980. The temporary San Antonio office will remain open until census operations are completed, expected to be sometime during the summer of 1980.

Mail-Out Method Planned. The 1980 census will be taken largely by the mail-out, mail-back method. On Friday, March 28, 1980, the Postal Service will deliver a census questionnaire to each U.S. household. Residents will be asked to complete the questionnaire and return it four days later, on Tuesday, April 1. Census Day in a postage free envelope. The questionnaires will be returned to the temporary census office where they will be checked and processed by census workers. If questionnaires are not mailed back, census takers will make house-to-house visits to get the required information.

Villalobos is one of 21 census district office managers to be named in Texas and one of 400 to be selected throughout the nation.

The San Antonio census district office will be responsible for counting all persons and housing units in twenty counties including Austin, Colorado, Fayette, Lavaca and Wharton.

Sylvia Alvarado, Larry Contreras To Exchange Vows Feb. 2nd



Mrs. Trine Alvarado and Manuel Alvarado announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sylvia, to Larry Contreras, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Contreras, all of Eagle Lake.

The wedding is scheduled for Saturday, February 2 in the First Baptist Church at 7:00 in the evening.

Fayette Sheriff Jim Flournoy Not Running

T. J. (Jim) Flournoy last Thursday announced his intentions not to seek re-election as sheriff of Fayette County.

Chief Deputy Vastine Koopmann, a county peace officer for 24 years, has announced that he will become a candidate for sheriff at the next election.

Happy Hoofers Plan 4th Charity Ball Feb. 2nd

The Happy Hoofers Dance Club announces plans for the fourth annual Charity Ball which will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2nd in the Eagle Lake Community Center.

Tickets are now on sale at \$25 per person with proceeds earmarked for the benefit of the Cystic Fibrosis Fund, the Knights of Columbus Deaf Community Fund and the Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital.

Dancing will be from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight and will feature the music of Jurecka's Orchestra. Snacks and drinks will be provided during the event, concluding with a midnight breakfast.

Attendance at the event will be limited, as in the past, to the first 100 couples who purchase tickets to the event.

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Visit in Pasadena Mrs. Nida Boone of Alleton visited for two weeks with Mrs. Frances Alford in Pasadena.

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Essay Contest
The Colorado County Soil Conservation Service is sponsoring an essay contest for all students 18 years and under in Colorado County. The 1980 theme is "Forty Years of Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Texas." Deadline is 5:00 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18 at the Conservation Office in Columbus.

With The Patients
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Meisner and two grandchildren visited Mrs. J. A. Meisner and Norbert last Sunday. Friends will be glad to know that Mrs. Meisner is doing much better after being seriously ill.

Get well wishes to Alois Ristner—who had surgery in the El Campo Memorial Hospital last Thursday. Mrs. Rudy Till, Sr. had surgery in the Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton last Wednesday. Best wishes to her for a speedy recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Muri Lockard of Readlyn, Iowa visited Mrs. Mabel Heiman and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Styuska.

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Rice School Board Hears Report On ELMS Construction

Votes To Continue Tax On Vehicles In '80

By Jeff Franks

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees held a regular monthly meeting on Monday night and heard a report on construction and maintenance projects currently in progress on several district campuses. The board also approved a tentative agreement with the Columbus I.S.D. for the use of their tax assessor.

Supt. Harold King reported to the board that work on the building program had been under way by Drymala Construction Co. of Columbus. According to the contract, work should be completed sometime early in September, barring any major delays.

A meeting had been scheduled for Tuesday of this week to discuss any problems that may occur with the construction taking place as classes are being conducted and with the possibility of students wandering into the work site. It was the feeling of the board that the safety of the students be of utmost concern and that classes be interrupted as little as possible.

The superintendent also reported that \$4500 of maintenance work had been completed at Rice High School. He noted that most of the work was roof repairs and that he expected about \$1500 worth of more work.

He also pointed out the work being done by the City of Eagle Lake adjacent to the Eagle Lake Primary School campus. The work consists of the widening and concrete lining of a ditch along Fourth Street and E. Street. He noted that the construction had caused numerous problems with traffic flow but indicated that when completed it would be a considerable improvement to that area.

Approve Tax Service
The board gave its approval of a tentative agreement between the Rice School District and the Columbus I.S.D. for the use of their tax assessor.

To Tax Automobiles
The board approved a resolution continuing to assess personal automobiles and trucks for school tax purposes. The board must approve this resolution annually. Supt. King suggested that the move be made for at least another year or at least until the district is required to make other changes in its method of assessment.

We could not recover this loss of revenue, said King. "Unless we were to raise the rate of assessment above 40 percent since our tax rate for maintenance now stands at \$1.45 and the legal maximum is \$1.50."

Fayette Electric Co-op Gets Low Interest REA Loan

Congressman J. J. Pickle announced this week that the Rural Electrification Administration has awarded a \$1.4 million loan to the Fayette Electric Cooperative, Inc., based in La Grange.

The loan will help finance new service for 450 consumers, 94 miles of distribution lines, three miles of transmission lines and other system improvements.

This REA loan is a sure

County Invests \$195,000 In CD

Colorado County Commissioners' Court Monday approved re-investment of \$170,000 in county funds which had been placed in a certificate of deposit to earn 14.11 percent interest for the past 90 days and which matured Jan. 7th, plus an additional \$25,000 from additional ad valorem funds in Precinct 2.

Re-invested were: \$50,000 in additional ad valorem funds, precinct 1; \$100,000 in the salary fund; and \$20,000 in a right of way fund.

The county also had \$362,500 in funds in another CD which will mature Feb. 12, 1980, and also \$238,000 in another CD to mature Feb. 12, 1980. Including the new investment authorized Monday, the county has a total of \$793,500 in CDs earning the high rate of interest until expenditures are made as approved in the 1980 budget.

Sheridan Emerg. Aid Caters Meal Last Sat.

The Sheridan Emergency Aid, which like to take this opportunity to thank Verita Dopaul for letting the club cater the meal Saturday at her auction sale. Members would also like to thank those who donated money, cakes, sandwiches, and dry goods used during the meal.

More lists with the emergency numbers are being printed. If you did not receive one, please call 234-3921 or 234-3061 and leave your name and the Aid will get a list to you as soon as possible.

"We are in the planning stages of offering a CPR course in our community during the month of March. It will last two nights, three hours each night, and instruction will be on the basic life support. More information will follow at a later date."

"We want to thank every one again for the fantastic help the citizens of Sheridan have given us. The community's support has been outstanding and is deeply appreciated."

Emergency Aid volunteers.

sign of progress in rural development throughout central Texas," said Pickle.

The five percent loan will be supplemented with other monies from the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Cooperative.

Ewald Friedrich of Weimar is the president of the Fayette Electric Cooperative.

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