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# House loses job veto fight

## Thinking Out Loud

By BILL WOESTENDIEK

I'M NO GREAT advocate of the death penalty except in extreme instances but there are cases that demand it.

Such a one is the case of the Houston optician convicted of poisoning his eight-year-old son on Halloween and attempting to murder two of the children of one of his churchgoing friends.

Ronald Clark O'Bryan has been charged with killing his son and plotting the death of his five-year-old daughter for \$81,000 in life insurance he had taken out on his children two weeks before Halloween.

Can you picture anyone putting cyanide in candy for his son's Halloween "treat"? I can't. But I can see picture the death penalty for the man who does it. And that's too good for him.

"WHAT CONGRESS needs is not more staff but more courage."

Amen. Those were the words of Rep. William Armstrong, R-Colo., in proposing an amendment against increasing our Congressmen's staffs and the number of free trips home.

Armstrong is so right on this one and, in my opinion, Rep. Frank Evans, D-Colo., is wrong. Evans voted for the increase on the grounds that "the only way Congress can

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## State won't get bite of tax rebate

DENVER (UPI) — Colorado residents will be able to spend their federal income tax rebates, most of which will be in the \$100 to \$300 range, without worrying about the state getting a chunk of it.

The Senate Wednesday gave final approval and sent to Gov. Richard Lamm for signing a bill exempting the rebates from state income tax. The bill will cost the state \$4 million.

Lamm originally had opposed the bill making the rebates tax exempt, but changed his mind after several legislators criticized his stand. The federal government decided on the rebate in hopes of stimulating the nation's economy.

Lamm first said the state's economy was in dire need of such funds and said state government also needed the tax money that would be brought in. He said the state could not afford to miss such an opportunity during the present troubled financial times.

Lamm later reversed his stand and supported House Majority Leader Bob Leon Kirshch, D-Pueblo, who introduced the bill to exempt the rebates.

## House OKs extension of voting act

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Wednesday approved a 10-year extension of the landmark 1965 Voting Rights Act with new features to give other minorities the same protections blacks received under the original measure.

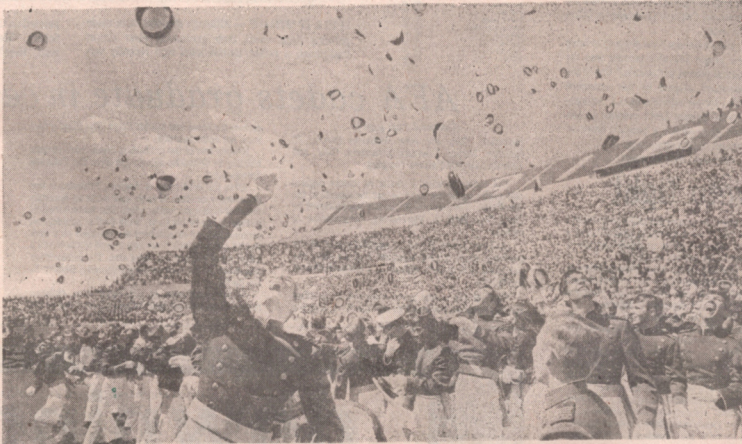
Final approval came on a roll call vote of 341 to 79 after the House killed a Republican effort to recommit the bill to Congress with instructions to delete the sections extending voting rights protections — including bilingual assistance at the polls — to Spanish-Americans and other minorities.

The bill went to the Senate, where it faces stiff opposition from southern Democrats.

Republicans, and some Democrats, made numerous unsuccessful efforts to strike out major sections of the bill, particularly elements of its extension to new groups of voters.

Considered by many the most effective civil rights legislation ever passed, Congress enacted the law in 1965 to deal with discriminatory voting practices against blacks in the South and elsewhere, and to ban the use of literacy tests or other devices.

Due to expire in Aug. 1, the act provides that federal registrars, examiners and voter watchers be sent into areas where poll discrimination has occurred. It further requires federal clearance of any changes in a delinquent state's voting procedures and laws.



CAPS DOT WILD BLUE YONDER — In a burst of enthusiasm following Wednesday's graduation ceremonies, Air Force Academy cadets from the class of 1975 gleefully toss their caps into the air (top) to celebrate the end of their four academic years. Children stampeode onto field at Falcon Stadium (center), hoping to snare one of the cadet caps and running over several

cadets and each other in the process, while one enterprising young man (bottom) walks away with a double prize — two of the cherished white caps. The academy's class of 1975 comprises 732 cadets, who, in addition to receiving bachelor of science degrees, also received commissions as second lieutenants in the U.S. Air Force.

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## Schlesinger addresses AFA graduation

# Air Force cadets asked to help restore nation's health

By Gene Birkhead  
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Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger called on the graduating cadets of the Air Force Academy to help restore a healthy body politic in this country by their dedication and their example.

Schlesinger spoke at the academy's 17th commencement Wednesday, in which the 732 cadets of the class of 1975 received their diplomas in ceremonies at Falcon Stadium.

He said that despite the corrosive effects of events of the last decade, the American society remains a

very resilient one. But he said that there have been changes in attitude, and an erosion of trust "in government, in the bonds that hold together the society and in the goodness of the social order," with a concurrent decline in discipline, order and dedication.

He said the military services, with their sense of calling and dedication, "provide an example of discipline and order to which the public can repair during a period of turbulence and of individualism gone awry."

Speaking of the role of the United States in world affairs, Schlesinger said Americans have believed that stability and justice should characterize the relations

between nations. He said they have been ambivalent in their view of power and equivoical about the country's preeminence among world powers.

But he said that until the nations of the world agree upon and accept common purposes and institutions, this nation must retain the instruments of military power to preserve the values it holds dear. And it must accept the responsibilities of preeminence because there is no "adequate substitute for the United States as the mainstay and the maintainer of the community of free states."

The academy's class of 1975 included 54 distinguished graduates, the equivalent of summa cum

laude honors in a civilian university. Top graduate was Cadet J. C. William R. Davis, of Downey, Calif., who also won the second highest honor in his class, the Academic Achievement Award.

Cadet J. C. John Bruce Dodds won a standing ovation from his fellow cadets after a spirited debate during which 34-year-old Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., vigorously challenged 73-year-old Sen. Stuart Symington, D-Mo., a former Air Force secretary, who had proposed the across-the-board cut.

Three of the graduating cadets are from allied (See AFA, page 2)

## Demos fail by five votes to enact bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House failed by five votes Wednesday to override President Ford's veto of a bill which Democrats claimed would have put 900,000 people to work.

The result was close, but it showed Ford need not fear having to take directions from a Congress top-heavy with Democratic majorities.

The vote to override the veto was 277 to 145, five votes short of the two-thirds majority required by the Constitution to enact a bill over a presidential veto.

The measure would have provided \$5.3 billion to enable 13 federal agencies to increase anti-recession spending, chiefly on construction jobs; to fund 840,000 summer jobs for young people; to increase public service employment, and to help Detroit by buying 2,000 new cars for the government's use.

The two representatives whose districts include portions of El Paso County took opposing sides.

U.S. Rep. William Armstrong, R-Colo., called the bill a "pork barrel bill, and another case of Congress trying to take the easy way out."

Rep. Frank Evans, D-Colo., said it didn't make sense to him "to veto a measure which would return lost tax revenues to offset the deficit by putting people back to work."

Armstrong described the voting as "a (See HOUSE, page 2)

## Senate kills spending lid on new arms

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Wednesday defeated efforts by liberals to put a \$2.8 billion ceiling on spending for new weapons and to reject a program to increase the accuracy of the nation's atomic missiles.

By a vote of 62 to 42, the senators rejected arguments that a bill authorizing \$110 million for research on improved accuracy and power of five weapons systems might bring a destructive war closer.

Earlier, it easily defeated an attempt to cut \$1.2 billion from the \$28 billion weapons and research procurement bill.

Sen. J. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., advocating the program for improved missile accuracy, summed up for its supporters in a simple analogy:

"If a man buys a rifle to go out there and shoot game, he wants the most accurate gun he can get. If the United States goes out and buys missiles, they ought to have the same thing."

Sen. Thomas J. McIntyre, D-N.H., opposing it, said "These programs run counter to our national security because they put a hair trigger on nuclear war and will draw Soviet fire by giving them an incentive to strike first in a period of crisis."

The debate, after a long closed-session discussion of top secret Pentagon strategies, indicated the new accuracy program was designed to perfect a guidance system to enable a missile to fly from the United States to within 300 feet of its target. Current accuracy apparently is within 900 feet.

"It doesn't make any difference," said Sen. John O. Pastore, D-R.I., an opponent of counterforce. "If you drop a two-megaton bomb on this Capitol plaza, you won't be able to find the White House."

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., said the United States could not afford to give Russia the opportunity to have greater accuracy.

The senators voted down opposition to the accuracy program after liberals attempted to push through the cut in funds for weapons procurement.

The Senate defeated the effort on a roll call vote of 59 to 36 after a spirited debate during which 34-year-old Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., vigorously challenged 73-year-old Sen. Stuart Symington, D-Mo., a former Air Force secretary, who had proposed the across-the-board cut.

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# AFA cadets graduate in ceremony

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countries. They are José Richards Castro, El Salvador; Hernán Francisco Echazurren, Chile; and Rodolfo Saevidra-Pereira, Uruguay.

The cadets received bachelor of science degrees and were commissioned as second lieutenants in the Air Force. The oath of office was administered by Brig. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, commandant of cadets.

14. Gen. James R. Allen, superintendent of the academy, made the introduction, and the class was presented by Brig. Gen. William T. Woodward, dean of the faculty.

Eight of the cadets chose commissions in other military services: Four will go into the Navy, and two

each to the Army and Marine Corps. The allied cadets were not commissioned.

Twenty-two of the graduating cadets have parents residing in Colorado. Eleven are from the Colorado Springs area.

After the conferring of degrees, Schlesinger was presented a ceremonial sabre and made an honorary member of the graduating class. The sabre, identical to those worn by the Cadet Wing Staff in parades and ceremonies, and its scabbard are mounted on a dark walnut pane, which bears two polaris symbols and a metal relief plate of the cadet area. The presentation was made by the cadet wing commander, Bentley B. Barkers.

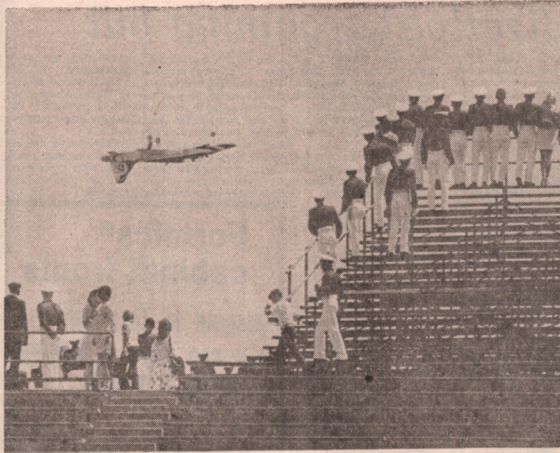
At the conclusion of the ceremony, children rushed down into the field, hoping to snare one of the

white cadet caps as the graduates flung them into the air.

Climaxing the ceremonies was an aerial demonstration by the Air Force Thunderbirds. Flying T38 Talon aircraft with red, white and blue markings, the five-man aerial team showed their skill and timing in precision flying of formations and maneuvers.

The graduation of the class of 1973 brings the ranks of Air Force Academy alumni to nearly 8,000. The initial class was commissioned in 1950.

Most of the cadets will go into pilot training, helicopter training, navigator school or other active duty assignments. But, 20 will attend graduate school next year, 23 will attend medical school, and 40 will attend various universities under the cooperative masters degree program. Six have won fellowships and scholarships.



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**SPECTACULAR PRECISION FLYING** — The Air Force Thunderbirds climaxed graduation ceremonies at the Air Force Academy Wednesday by demonstrating precise formations and maneuvers in their red, white and blue T38 Talon aircraft (above).

Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger (below) addressed the graduates at the 17th annual academy commencement and urged the cadets to help restore a healthy body politic in the United States.

