

making the news

From Associated Press Reports

WASHINGTON — Congressional investigators said Tuesday they could not rule out the possibility that a Peoples Temple death squad is stalking the nation's leaders, seeking to carry out the last wishes of the Rev. Jim Jones.

The investigators, reporting to the House Foreign Affairs Committee after a six-month probe into the murder of Rep. Leo Ryan in Guyana, said the possibility that cultists had a "death list" marking national leaders for assassination "should not be totally discounted."

Underscoring their concern, the staff investigators delivered their report under heavy security. Police guarded each door, and those entering the room passed through metal detectors.

Ryan, three journalists and a cult defector were shot to death at an airstrip near the Peoples Temple settlement in Guyana last Nov. 18 while attempting to investigate reports that Jones, the cult leader, was holding people against their will. While Ryan and his party were under attack, Jones led more than 900 cult members in a ritual murder-suicide by cyanide poisoning.

LOS ANGELES — Tempers flared and at least one fight broke out at California gas pumps Tuesday as lines grew to as long as four blocks in Los Angeles. Gov. Edmund Brown Jr. signed an order forcing the state's service stations to stay open weekends.

Brown said police will enforce the order, although he admitted penalizing violators will be difficult since it will be hard to tell if a station is closed or simply out of gas.

That was the plight of a station in Covina where six outraged drivers kicked and pummeled two attendants Tuesday, forcing them to seek refuge inside their office. They had no gas left to sell.

As Brown signed the stay-open order just before flying to Washington to discuss the gasoline shortage with Pres. Carter, he said:

"This will spread out the distribution of gasoline that is available. That should relieve the number of people who need gas during the week."

The California stations will be required to open either Saturday or Sunday, depending on whether their business license ends in an odd or even number.

LONDON — Queen Elizabeth II, resplendent in her flowing crimson robe and jeweled imperial crown, told Britain's new Parliament Tuesday that Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government planned to cut income taxes, boost defense spending and curb union power.

In the traditional opening address, the queen read a speech prepared by ministers in Thatcher's new Tory government. There were no surprises.

When the queen finished, former Prime Minister James Callaghan opened fire as head of the Labor Party, kicking off a six-day debate on the speech.

He accused the Tories of planning a selfish society, and sarcastically said their program meant "Utopia is going to have to be postponed for a day or two."

Then Thatcher arose to thunderous Conservative cheers and accused the Laborites of leaving "the biggest debt round the necks of our children."

Before concluding her speech, the queen said the Tories will make "every effort to end the conflict in Rhodesia and to bring about a lasting settlement based on the democratic wishes of the people of that country."

Connally hits Salem, Carter

By DANA TIMS
Of the Emerald

SALEM — John Connally stumped into the Capitol with a satchel-full of "howdies" and "y'alls," admitting that Oregon's sunshine is preferable to New Hampshire's snow drifts and its tendencies to knock weak U.S. presidential candidates out of the running.

But Connally's business is the same in either state — politics. He engaged in that business energetically Tuesday, conferring with factions that may prove important in his attempt at securing a foothold in Oregon to defeat Ronald Reagan and to unseat Jimmy Carter.

The 62-year-old, silver-haired Texan was bearing messages of urgency and danger along a route that would take 18 months to complete. If his reception before a group of Republican legislators and other conservative state backers is an indication, his path may indeed be the "right" one.

During a 30-minute speech to the 65-member group, Connally blasted every one of Carter's current policies except the one allowing Amy in the treehouse in the afternoon.

"This country suffers from a lack of adequate leadership," Connally drawled.

He characterized deficit spending, an unbalanced federal budget, a dependence on foreign energy supplies and declining productivity as the primary ills of American society.

He also suggested that John Connally is the answer.

Connally's experience includes stints as Secretary of the Navy, governor of Texas and Secretary of the Treasury under Richard Nixon. The latter association, he explained, is one of which he's proud.

"I won the support and accolades of the best and most objective people of the time for my conduct as treasury secretary," the former Democrat said.

He also gave a detailed account of his involvement in the infamous "milk scandal," concluding that his contention of innocence was upheld by the courts.

Connally appeared subdued but smiling at a press conference prior to the joint Republican caucus meeting. Dressed in dark blue pinstripes, he answered questions politely and traced his involvement in Oregon to the Portland shipyards in 1942 where he served as director of a training program for the Navy.

But for his Republican audience, described by Rep.

Dave Frohnmayer, R-Eugene, as "a grapevine gathering," Connally was all of the Southern fire and dynamism his reputation promised. He slapped the back of his hand against his palm to emphasize a point, referred to the opposition as "those Democrats" and warned that liberal policies are allowing the existence of "a silent robber in our midst."

"Nothing is more insidious or more dangerous to this nation's economy than inflation," Connally declared. "The annual rate is now around 13 percent and the federal government's answer to it is to print more money. That only increases it more."

Connally directed one particular 15-second lashing at Japan's high import tariffs, which he said fueled America's 1978 trade deficit of \$28 billion. Using a machine-gun delivery, he claimed he would leave the Japanese "sitting in their boats in Tokyo harbor without the American products they've been used to," as a form of economic retaliation.

Though an 18-month campaign is enough to take the wind out of even the toughest candidate, at this point Connally seems to have the backing and the determination to make the 1980 Republican primaries at least as interesting as an old Ronald Reagan movie.

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Moonie match hurts mom

NEW YORK (AP) — Silvia Vogel got the news on Mother's Day: the Moonies had picked her Jewish daughter and a black seminary student she hardly knows as one of 705 "perfect matches" for marriage.

It was "a hammer on the head and a knife in the heart," said Mrs. Vogel of the engagement, which Korea's evangelist businessman, Sun Myung Moon, arranged in a mass ceremony.

Ellen Vogel, 24, and George Whitfield, 28, were "matched by the inspiration" of Moon in the ceremony Sunday at the Unification Church's world

headquarters. They are to wed in a mass marriage sometime in 1981.

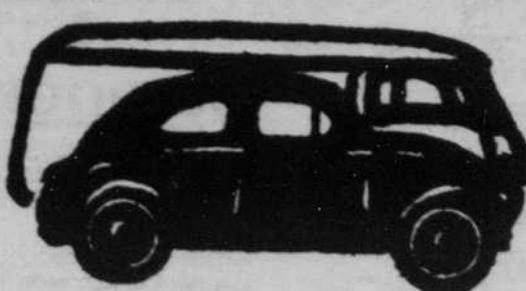
"I've known for about a year now that I would marry a black man," Ellen told reporters Monday. She said she was following Moon's call to make the world's population a "love race" through intermarriage.

At her home in suburban Yonkers, Mrs. Vogel wept over the daughter she feels she has lost, a daughter she said "was emotionally bankrupt when the Moonies found her."

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