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From Associated Press reports

Body identified as Oswald's

DALLAS
Pathologists on Sunday identified the body buried in Lee Harvey Oswald's grave as that of the suspected assassin of Pres. John F. Kennedy, ending 18 years of speculation and court battles.

"We both individually and as a team have concluded beyond any doubt — and I mean beyond any doubt — that the individual buried under the name Lee Harvey Oswald in Rose Hill Cemetery is Lee Harvey Oswald," said Dr. Linda Norton, head of the pathology team.

The body was exhumed at Rose Hill Burial Park here after Oswald's brother, Robert, dropped his opposition to the procedure.

The pathologists took X-rays and made dental impressions to compare the teeth with Oswald's military dental records, and located a mastoidectomy scar referred to in the Marine Corps records but not in the autopsy.

John Collins, lawyer for British author and assassination theorist Michael Eddowes, said the casket contained "just skeletal remains. The casket was so terribly deteriorated it (the body) could not be removed in one piece."

Oswald, suspected of killing Kennedy in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, was shot to death two days later by Jack Ruby.

Fish hatchery programs cut

SEATTLE

The federal government plans to cut millions of dollars from salmon hatchery programs on the Columbia River and throughout the Pacific Northwest.

The federal ax fell Thursday when the Reagan administration announced plans to chop the federal hatchery budget by \$5 million. Six Columbia River hatcheries in Washington would lose \$1.6 million, Tony Floor, state Fisheries Department spokesman, said Saturday.

The federal government has funded hatcheries to mitigate the loss of millions of natural salmon due to its dams on the river.

The cuts will have drastic consequences on coastal and Columbia River fishermen, officials said. Ripple effects from the cuts will also affect United States-Canadian relations and Puget Sound fisheries, they said.

British pledge prison reforms

BELFAST, Northern Ireland

Britain's top official in Northern Ireland pledged Sunday to implement prison reforms for all inmates now that jailed Irish nationalists have ended their hunger strike.

"There are certain reforms which can be introduced. We will now try to see what we can do about them," Northern Ireland Secretary James Prior told reporters before departing for Belfast from Norwich in eastern England.

Prior, after arriving in Belfast, conferred with top prison officials at the British administra-

tion headquarters at Stormont Castle. Government sources said the officials were studying recommendations for changes in prison regulations proposed by an International Red Cross delegation that attempted to mediate an end to the hunger strike in July.

Ten Irish nationalists, most of them members of the outlawed Irish Republican Army, starved themselves to death at Belfast's Maze prison during the seven-month protest that ended Saturday when the six remaining strikers ended their fasts.

House decides on Voting Rights Act

WASHINGTON

The House will likely approve extension of the 1965 Voting Rights Act today, but not before a spirited fight over efforts to weaken one of its key provisions.

At issue is the so-called pre-clearance section that requires all or parts of 22 states to come to the Justice Department for advance approval of any changes in voting laws or procedures. Unless renewed, the provision would expire next Aug. 6.

The chief author of renewing the act for 10 years predicted a Democratic majority in the House will be able to easily defeat Republican amendments to sharply revise a version approved by the House Judiciary Committee.

"Our vote counts indicate that we can beat them all," Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., said in a weekend interview.

Democrats rally at conference

DAVIS, W. Va.

Democratic senators left a West Virginia mountain resort Sunday speaking of unity and a readiness to do battle with a powerful Republican president.

"We found much more unity than we anticipated," said Senate Minority Whip Alan Cranston of California. "The main consequence is we are committed to searching for issues where we can stand together."

But the senators acknowledged that their meeting had not led to a Democratic strategy.

"We didn't make an effort to get together a unified agenda," said New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley. He and others expect that to come from more Democratic retreats to be held before the 1982 elections.

Forty-one of the Senate's 46 Democrats attended the open-

ing of the three-day conference at Canaan Valley State Park in Davis. They listened to panel discussions on energy, the economy, defense, foreign policy and political demography.

Controller's strike affects military

DAYTON, Ohio

The use of Air Force controllers to fill the spaces left by striking civilian air traffic controllers is having an adverse impact on military installations across the country, according to a U.S. Air Force report.

The unclassified report, obtained by The Dayton Daily News through sources in the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization, said the use of military controllers "severely limit(s) this command's ability to provide essential services to the USAF flying mission."

Military controllers have been in the civilian towers almost since the start of the 2-month-old PATCO strike.

The document stated, for example, that Springfield Municipal Airport's tower could be closed and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base's tower operations could be reduced from 24 hours to 16 hours a day and from seven to six days a week as a result of the strike.

Currently, 425 Air Force, 150 Navy and 200 Army controllers are staffing civilian airport towers and radar operations throughout the country.

Israel blasts Saudi's intent

JERUSALEM

Israel said Sunday that Saudi Arabia's apparent refusal to accept American crews on the AWACS spy planes it hopes to buy from the United States proves the Saudis intend to deploy the aircraft against it.

The Cabinet of Prime Minister Menachem Begin said in a statement that Saudi opposition to any "partnership" with the United States was "additional proof, if any were needed," that the arms sale would be "a grave danger to the security of Israel."

Saudi Arabia said Saturday it would share information gathered by the AWACS with the United States but said it "does not accept any partnership as regards these planes."

Budget cuts decimate EPA

WASHINGTON

Conservationists, already in open warfare with Pres. Reagan over Interior Secretary James Watt's policies, say the administration is now turning its guns on the Environmental Protection Agency.

Budget cuts being considered for the next two years would slash the agency's purchasing power by 60 percent and so decimate the agency that it would be unable to carry out its legal responsibilities, environmentalists charge.

The proposed 1983 budget drawn up by EPA Administrator Anne Gorsuch would cut the agency's operating funds by another 18 percent to \$975 million and reduce its staff by 20 percent to 8,340.

EPA's 1982 budget, which took effect last Thursday, already is 12 percent below former Pres. Carter's proposed spending level, and Reagan is trying to get another 12 percent cut from it and other non-defense agencies.

Prisons continue to overflow

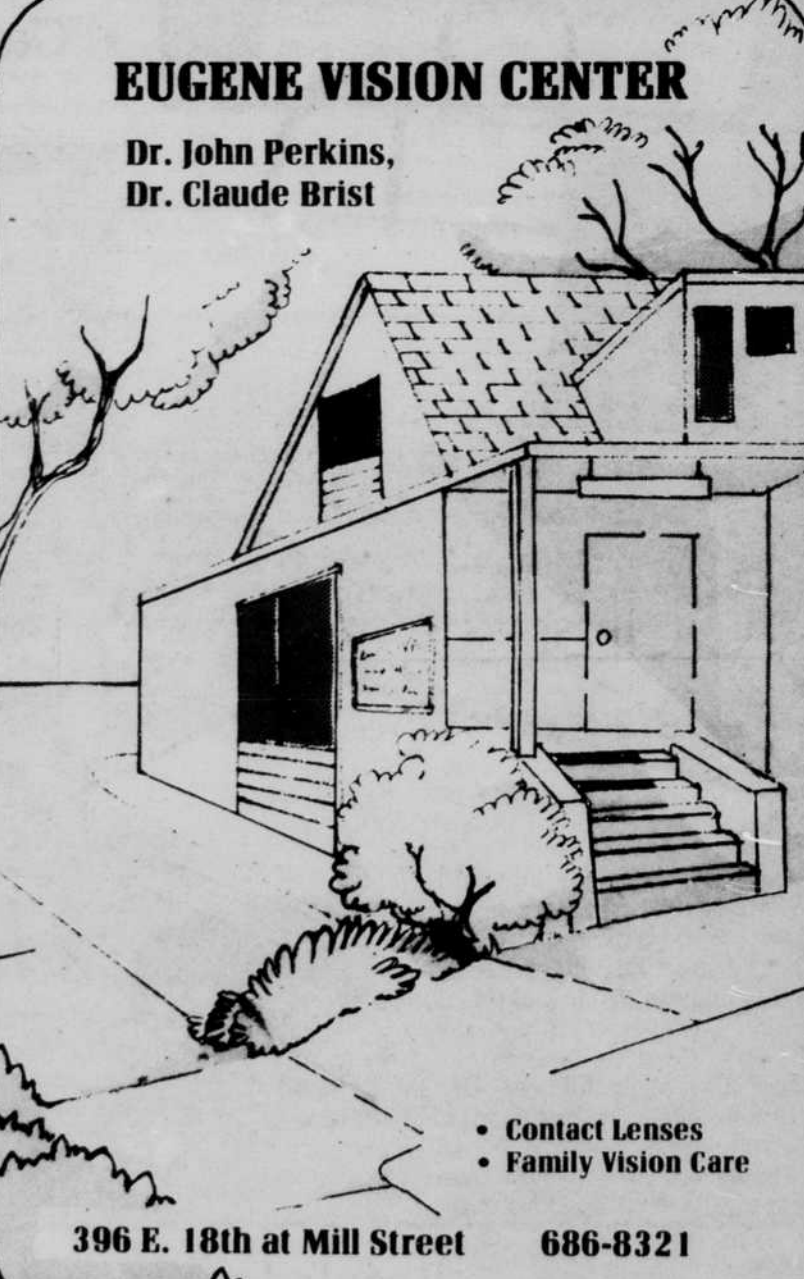
WASHINGTON

The number of inmates in U.S. prisons soared by more than 20,000 in the first half of 1981, growing at an annual rate which would be the highest in 56 years, the Bureau of Justice Statistics announced Sunday.

The bureau, a Justice Department agency, reported that the combined federal and state prison population on June 30 was 349,118, up from 328,695 last Dec. 31.

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