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## Sniper kills trucker; port blockade vowed

United Press International

A sniper's bullet killed a working truck driver Wednesday in a mounting wave of violence that preceded a threatened nationwide walkout of truckers at midnight. Shrimp boat operators vowed to blockade ports to oil tankers in sympathy with the independent truckers' protest of rising fuel prices.

William Hill, chairman of the Independent Truckers Group, said in Washington the shutdown would proceed as planned at 11:59 p.m. local time.

Teamsters Union leaders indicated their members would keep the bulk of the nation's trucks rolling, but individual drivers expressed concern for their safety.

"If I know I'm going to get shot at or harassed after midnight, I'm not going to bother going out," said a Teamsters driver in Chicago.

The two-week-old independents' slowdown already has crippled gasoline deliveries in many states and disrupted deliveries of food products, causing millions of dollars in economic losses.

Dade County, Fla., announced that a voluntary odd-even gasoline rationing system would take effect Thursday due to reduced gasoline supplies caused by truckers' blockades of fuel depots.

Shrimp boat operators said they would start blockading ports where huge oil tankers off-load shipments to refineries. Leo Uher, manager of a seafood operation in Sabine Pass, Texas, said captains were outraged at the price of diesel fuel at docks along the coast and would begin blocking the Sabine-Neches ship channel on the Texas-Louisiana border.

The tankers must travel up the channel to reach 12 refineries in the Sabine, Orange, Beaumont and Port Arthur area run by oil companies that include Gulf, Texaco, Sunoco and Fina.

"It's coming to the point where people think the only way of getting anything is through violence," Uher said.

The walkout was expected to halt the movement of large quantities of produce where the harvest is in full swing and of gasoline supplies. Crops were already rotting in Southern fields for lack of trucks to carry them to market.

The American Trucking Association called on President Carter to take action in the "worsening fuel crisis" and violence associated with the truckers' 14-day protest against high diesel fuel costs, the 55-mph (88-kph) speed limit and truck load limits.

"We are in a genuine crisis," ATA President Gennett C. Whitlock said at a news conference. He urged the president to "take action today to keep the highways open for commerce and (See TRUCKER, Page 12A)



What remains of the Market Place after the fire scattered yesterday as part of the west wall of the building collapsed.

## Jet commandeered; passengers released

CHICAGO (UPI) — An American Airlines flight hijacked by a Serbian nationalist seeking to free a jailed compatriot took off from O'Hare International Airport late Wednesday night, apparently for New York's Kennedy Airport.

American Airlines spokeswoman Mary Rose Noel said the plane with the hijacker and three crew members aboard took off at 11:53 p.m. EDT (10:53 p.m. CDT) for an undisclosed destination. She said it had enough fuel to fly for about three and a half hours.

The Federal Aviation Administration said the plane was headed for New York's Kennedy Airport. The only other person aboard the plane was the hijacker's attorney, authorities said.

The hijacker, who said he had a homemade bomb, hijacked the plane carrying 136 people about noon Wednesday. After five hours of negotiations at O'Hare, he released

all but three hostages. The plane had been parked on a runway on the southwest side of O'Hare most of the day.

The hijacker was identified by U.S. Attorney Thomas Sullivan as Nikola Kavaja, 45, Paterson, N.J.

Kavaja was one of four Serbian nationalists who were convicted in U.S. District Court May 24 of conspiring to kill Yugoslav diplomats in Chicago. Two others pleaded guilty. All six were scheduled to be sentenced Thursday.

One of those convicted, Father Stojilko Kajejic, could not make bond when the other five were released. The hijacker apparently was demanding the release of Kajejic.

The six men were arrested by the FBI on Nov. 21, 1978. Kajejic, Kavaja and another defendant, Bosko Radonjic, were arrested in New York while they were allegedly purchasing dynamite. Three other men — Rados

Stevlic, Wayne, Ill.; Nikola Zivovic, Chicago; and Zivotije Savic — were arrested the same day in Chicago.

The six men were convicted of charges they bombed the Morton Grove, Ill., home of Yugoslavian diplomat Sava Temer on Dec. 28, 1975, and conspired from June 1978 to Nov. 21 to bomb the Yugoslav Club in Chicago. Temer and his family were not injured in the bombing.

The six men had originally been indicted on charges of conspiring to kill Yugoslavian President Josip Broz Tito, but the U.S. attorney's office dropped the charges before the case went to trial.

The hijacked Boeing 727 was about 50 miles (80 kilometers) east of Flint, Mich., at 12:29 p.m. when the hijacking occurred.

The plane had taken off from LaGuardia at 11:16 a.m. EDT (10:16 a.m. CDT), FAA spokesman Irwin Goldstein said. The plane landed at Chicago at 1:03 p.m.

## Future use of fire site uncertain

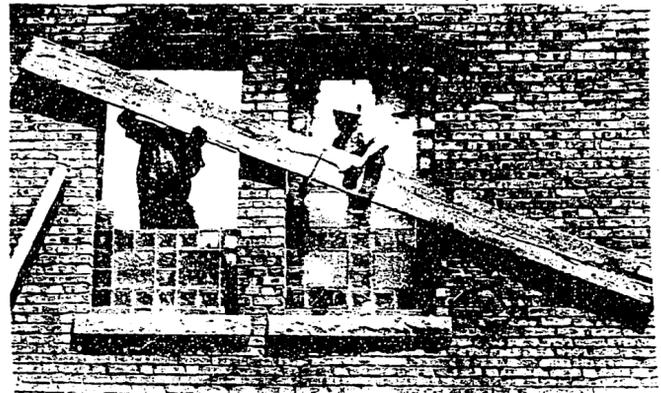
By Leslie Hurst  
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The future of the site of Sunday's downtown fire, which caused an estimated \$800,000 damage to six businesses, remains uncertain.

Officials at the First Christian Church, 101 N. Tenth St., which owns the site, said a decision about the site's future might not be made for a month. The Rev. Sam Langley said Tuesday that the decision would not be made until after an insurance settlement.

The site had been one of six locations recommended to the City Council as a possible location for additional downtown parking, according to Mark Landrum.

Landrum, chairman of the Downtown Special Tax District, said there is a "reasonable possibility" that the half-block fire site could be chosen for a parking facility, but that it should be studied along with the five other proposed sites. He said the city has taken under advisement the committee's recommendation that a fact-



To demolish the building, workmen secured boards through the windows which were then pulled inward. The procedure kept debris from falling into the street.

finder be hired to study the locations. The committee has had no contact with Christian Church officials, Landrum said.

The cause of the fire is still being investigated. Fire Marshall Don Christian said Wednesday that investigation of the fire is going "slow."

Christian confirmed that fire officials had questioned a 22-year-old man in connection with the fire. He said the

man had been in the Market Place building asking for matches prior to discovery of the blaze. "He said he wanted to light a cigarette," Christian said.

He said the man was not under suspicion in the incident.

Christian would not speculate on a possible cause of the blaze, although he said arson is not suspected.

## ABA reportedly opposes Krauskopf nomination

By Chuck Cantor  
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University Law Professor Joan M. Krauskopf's nomination as a federal appellate judge is being opposed by the American Bar Association, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported Wednesday.

The ABA, the nation's largest organization of lawyers, has rated Mrs. Krauskopf "not qualified" on the basis of her lack of trial experience, the Post-Dispatch reported reliable sources as saying. The ABA and the FBI are asked to investigate all nominees for federal judgeships. Their recommendations are presented to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Com-

mittee, which must give final approval to all nominations.

If Mrs. Krauskopf is confirmed by the Senate, she would be the first woman to serve on the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Kansas City. She would also be only the fourth woman ever to serve as a federal appellate judge.

Candidates for the federal bench are evaluated by the ABA's Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary. The group has five ratings, ranging from exceptionally well qualified to not qualified. The Post-Dispatch reported that Mrs. Krauskopf received a "not qualified" rating solely because of her lack of trial experience.

Robert D. Raven, a San Francisco lawyer who

heads the ABA's 14-member judicial rating committee, declined to say whether the group had investigated Mrs. Krauskopf and rated her unqualified because of lack of courtroom experience.

"If and when we're asked by the (U.S.) attorney general to report before the Senate, our evaluation will become a matter of public record," Raven said.

The ABA's rating has met strong opposition in the form of two ardent and influential supporters of Mrs. Krauskopf — Sen. Thomas Eagleton and Floyd Gibson of Kansas City, chief judge of the 8th Circuit.

The senator's press secretary said Wednesday that Eagleton "thinks Professor Krauskopf is

very well qualified. He has supported her vigorously in the past, does now and will continue to support her for the nomination." The secretary, Mark Abels, confirmed that the nomination "is pending at the (U.S.) Justice Department."

Gibson said Wednesday the ABA ruling is "unfortunate and unfair." He said the committee members "haven't filed a report that says she isn't qualified. To date, they've failed to file a report saying she is qualified. They're at least dragging their feet."

"Mrs. Krauskopf is well qualified," Gibson said. "She has a good law background and is a good professor."

He said he felt the committee was wrong to

withhold approval simply because of a lack of extensive trial experience. "I sent the attorney general (Griffin Bell) a letter, signed by seven of eight members of the Court of Appeals, saying that lack of trial experience itself should not be a disqualifying factor to an individual who is otherwise well qualified," he said.

Mrs. Krauskopf, who has been a member of the bar for 21 years, refused Wednesday night to comment on the case or her courtroom experience. Gibson, however, said Mrs. Krauskopf's "academic background and service as a law professor" qualify her for the position. He said while trial experience "is preferable, it's not an absolute necessity."

## South Africa linked to U.S. news media

By Wendell Rawls Jr.  
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NEW YORK — The government of South Africa invested more than \$11 million through a conservative Michigan newspaper publisher, John P. McGoff, in his unsuccessful attempt to buy The Washington Star, his purchase of The Sacramento Union and his purchase of controlling interest in United Press International Television News, according to the report of a South African investigating commission looking into that country's \$74 million public relations scandal.

According to the commission's report, the government did not require McGoff to repay much of the loan and it finally incurred a \$6.35 million loss while McGoff wound up as a major shareholder of the California newspaper and UPI Television News.

Repeated attempts to reach McGoff were unsuccessful. Neither James Whalen, McGoff's representative in Washington, nor others connected with Panax Newspapers would disclose his whereabouts, nor would they identify attorneys who were authorized to make a statement in his behalf.

## Insight

In the past, McGoff has often denied that he acted as an agent of the South African government in his attempts to acquire newspapers. He is publisher of Panax Newspapers, which operates a chain of about 40 newspapers, mostly small weeklies, primarily in the Middle West.

The Justice Department recently announced that it was opening an investigation of South African connections in the United States. The investigators are to pay particular attention to any unregistered foreign agents acting on behalf of the Pretoria government and to possible involvement of South African representatives in U.S. elections.

"Federal agents are asking a lot of questions of a lot of people," said Terry Adams, a spokesman for Attorney General Griffin B. Bell.

According to the report of the investigating commission, which is headed by Judge Rudolf Erasmus, the (See PRETORIA, Page 12A)

## In town today

9 a.m. Boone County Court, fifth floor, County-City Building, noon "Black Macho and the Myth of the Superwoman," discussion at Women's Center, free.

7:30 p.m. "Twelfth Night," Maplewood Barn Theater, Nifong Park, adults \$2, senior citizens and all students 6 and older \$1, children under 6 free.

8 p.m. "I Vitelloni," film, University Middlebush Auditorium, free.

8:15 p.m. MOSSPAC Chamber Orchestra, Henry Mazer, guest conductor, University Fine Arts Recital Hall, \$4.50 at the door.

8:15 p.m. "Seascape," Arrow Rock Lyceum Theater, \$4.50 for evening tickets, \$3.50 for student tickets.

## Inside

### Solar power

President Carter climbed to the roof of the White House yesterday to announce plans to boost development of solar power and

other renewable energy sources. Story on Page 2A.

### Nicaragua

An ABC newsman was killed by Nicaraguan National Guard troops yesterday, and bloody fighting continued between the guard and Sandinista guerrillas for control of Managua's eastern sector. Story on Page 3A.

### Skylab

Skylab changed position in space to enable engineers to try to keep it from falling on densely populated areas next month. Story on Page 8A.

### Thorpe trial

The jury began deliberation yesterday in the trial of former British Liberal Party leader Jeremy Thorpe. Thorpe is charged with plotting to kill an alleged homosexual lover. Story on Page 8A.

### Support

Columbia Firefighters Local 1055 has announced its support of Fire Chief Wren in his plan to ask the city council for a stricter fire code. Story on Page 10A.

## Commuter lot opened to promote carpool

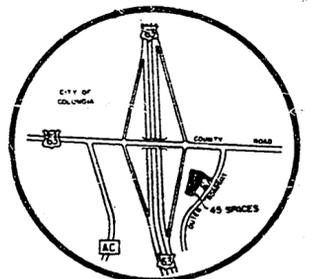
By Chuck Cantor  
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One way for commuters to avoid rising fuel prices is a carpool, and the State Highway Department is making carpooling easier for Columbia commuters.

A 45-space commuter parking lot was opened June 1 to facilitate carpooling for Columbians traveling to Jefferson City and surrounding areas, according to District 5 highway department engineer Ray Lahmeyer. The lot is located on the outer roadway east of U.S. Highway 63 near its intersection with Business 63 in southern Columbia.

Lahmeyer said the lot is being used, but that his office has not yet done studies to see how many cars are parking there. He said he believes there has been space for more vehicles each day. The lot, which is maintained by the highway department, will be completed when concrete wheel stops are added July 1.

The state has 37 other commuter lots, located in Kansas City, St. Louis, Hannibal and St. Joseph. Lahmeyer said more lots would be opened in the



future depending on the need and the availability of right-of-way.

The highway department began developing commuter parking lots in 1973 as a result of the nationwide fuel crisis. The key aspects of the parking lot program were to reduce fuel consumption and reduce the number of vehicles on the highways during peak traffic periods. "It's been a real successful program," Lahmeyer said.

According to Lahmeyer, although there is no formal security other than routine patrols, the lot is fenced, "so this deters vandalism and theft."