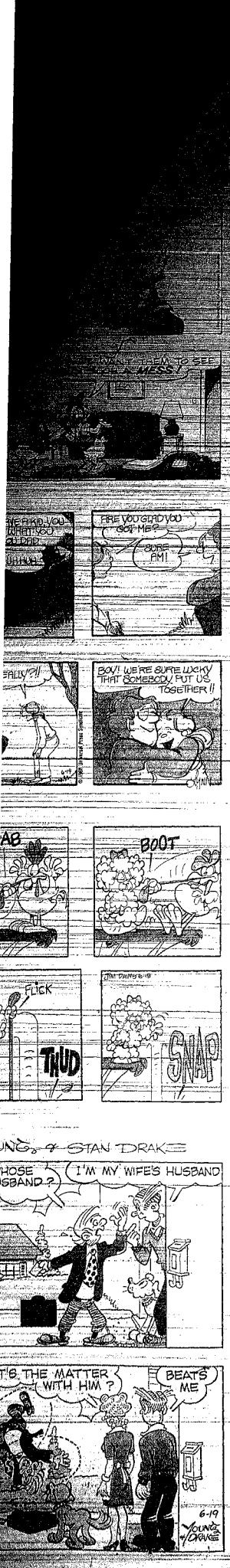

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Haitian coup puts military back on top

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Troops loyal to Lt. Gen. Henri Namphy stormed the national palace and deposed President Leslie Manigat in a gun and grenade battle that raged into early today.

The coup ended four months of civilian government and put Namphy back in command of the nation he led for two years as head of a three-man junta. It came less than a week after a Manigat fired Namphy and tried to reorganize the military.

An armored personnel carrier sat on the lawn outside the national palace today. There were more troops than normal on patrol inside the high, wrought iron gates, but otherwise things appeared normal from the outside.

NAMPHY MANIGAT

A HELMETED AND fatigue-clad Namphy appeared on state-run television at about 1:30 a.m. in a broadcast from the palace.

"The army will lead the country this way," he declared, waving an Uzi submachine gun and flanked by helmeted soldiers.

The fate of Manigat, who was seized at his residence five miles north, and of his chief military ally, Lt. Col. Jean-Claude Paul, was not known. There was no official word on casualties.

Haitian journalists close to the military and troops loyal to Manigat were killed when soldiers backed by three tanks freed Namphy from house arrest and then stormed the palace. Namphy had been held at his residence in Bon Repos, 15 miles north of the capital.

The front of the palace did not appear damaged and showed no sign of the battle that began Sunday night and raged into the early morning hours.

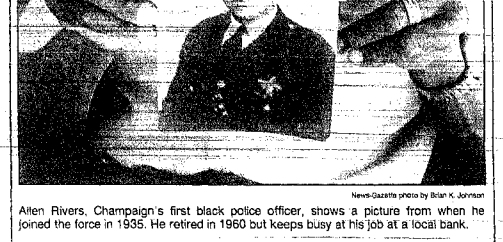
AT 6:30 A.M., the number of soldiers patrolling streets was not unusually high. There were fewer cars and people than normal.

Radio stations were not broadcasting news, only music, and international operators refused to accept calls.

People on the streets were aware of what had happened, despite the lack of radio reports.

"It's not good for democracy, what happened, but it may be good for Haiti," said one 22-year-old unemployed laborer. "Maybe we cannot talk, but maybe we can work."

Government sources said Manigat, 57, was taken by ambulance from his home to a military hospital. A Haitian journalist close to the military said Manigat would be expelled from the country.



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Allen Rivers, Champaign's first black police officer, shows a picture from when he joined the force in 1935. He retired in 1960 but keeps busy at his job at a local bank.

Senator: Investigation overdue

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican senator is releasing evidence to back up his contention that the Reagan Justice Department stifled allegations three years ago that defense contractors and private consultants were illegally obtaining Pentagon weapons secrets.

Sen. Charles Grassley says the massive Pentagon bribery investigation now under way could have started much earlier during the Reagan administration.

The Iowa Republican said he planned today to read into the Congressional Record testimony that was blocked by the Justice Department in 1985 from being delivered to a subcommittee he chaired.

Jackson takes aim at growing Pentagon scandal, A-5.

The October 1985 testimony alleged that private consultants were regularly receiving classified details about U.S. weapons systems, Grassley said in an interview Sunday with The Associated Press.

"The Justice Department could have pursued this aggressively more than three years ago but they didn't," he said.

The 2-year-old probe has focused chiefly on Navy weapons-buying. It became public last week when FBI and Naval Investigative Service agents conducted coast-to-coast raids on the offices of past and present Pentagon officials, private consultants and contractors.

U.S. Attorney Henry Hudson has said privately that as many as 200 indictments could be expected out of the investigation, a government source said Sunday.

In October 1985 Grassley was chairman of the Senate Judiciary administrative practices subcommittee, a panel which he used to examine defense procurement practices. Grassley is a frequent critic of what he calls widespread waste and abuse in Pentagon spending.

Grassley said Justice Department officials blocked the testimony of Robert Segal, a Defense Department investigator who was the Pentagon's liaison with the Justice Department's Defense Procurement Fraud Unit. The DPFU was a special Justice Department office set up to investigate waste in the military budget.

It was well known in the Justice Department that some elements of the Pentagon and the Justice Department held DPFU in low esteem, and there is speculation that when the current allegations first came to light the matter was steered away from the agency and into Hudson's office.

Segal, who worked for the Pentagon's Defense

(See INVESTIGATION, A-12)

Pot scheme nets fine, probation for ex-cops

By JULIE WURTH
News-Gazette Staff Writer

WATSEKA — A former Champaign police officer convicted of marijuana charges won't be spending any time in jail.

Former patrolman Jeffrey Alsip and former Gifman police officer Michael Balding were sentenced today to four years probation and fined $1,000 each for their roles in a marijuana growing operation near Onarga. Neither man received any jail time as a condition of probation.

Circuit Judge James Blunk also ordered the two men to perform 320 hours of community service work during the next four years.

Alsip, Balding and Onarga farmer Curt Ahlden, who was sentenced earlier in the case, also will be responsible for paying a $500,000 judgment based on the street value of about 1,000 pounds of marijuana police seized.

Last week Ahlden was sentenced to four years probation and a $10,000 fine. A fourth man, George DuBach, a tavern owner in Onarga, faces an August trial in the case.

Iroquois County State's Attorney Tony Brasel, who recommended 5-year prison terms for Alsip and Balding, was critical of the probation sentences ordered today by Judge Blunk as were several police officers involved in the investigation.

Watseka Police Chief Michael Van Hoveln said the probation sentences "certainly leave you with a hollow feeling." Van Hoveln testified last week that he was a former friend of both Balding and Alsip and recommended they be sentenced to prison.

In handing down the probation sentences, the judge said the two police officers had committed their crimes as private citizens, not police officers.

"I cannot find any evidence that they used their office to further their offenses," Blunk said. He said they were unlikely to become in

(See PROBATION, A-12)

Jobs in 'Germantown' led to segregated 'Negro' area

By CHERYL THOMPSON
News-Gazette Staff Writer

In the 1930s, Champaign police called it the "jungle."

Now it's called the North End.

The name has changed, but Champaign's northeast side is still known as the black community — more than 50 years later.

But it wasn't always the black neighborhood, said Allen Rivers, who moved to Champaign-Urbana in 1919 at the age of 17 and became Champaign's first black police officer in 1935.

In the first quarter of the century, the northeast side was heavily populated with German residents. Few blacks lived there, Rivers said. Most lived in north Urbana or just west of the University of Illinois.

"When we first moved here, only two black families lived from First Street to Wright Street," Rivers recalled. "Champaign-Urbana sure has come a long way."

Sarah Scott, 95, agreed.

"When I came here in 1911, there was a lot of segregation in housing," said Scott, who moved to Champaign-Urbana from Shawneetown, in far southeastern Illinois.

DURING THE EARLY 1930s, though, the Illinois Central Railroad offered employment to blacks, attracting people hoping for opportunities from Arkansas and Mississippi.

Wanting to live near their jobs, blacks slowly migrated to "Germantown," Rivers said. Eventually, the German residents scattered around Champaign-Urbana. They sold their property to real estate agencies. The houses in the North End were then sold to blacks.

"The majority of the Negroes lived in the northern part . . ." wrote Janet Andrews Cromwell, a UI student who authored a thesis on "The History and Organization of the Negro Community in Champaign-Urbana, Ill." in 1934.

Cromwell, now deceased, described what it was like for blacks in northeast Champaign more than half a century ago. A survey she conducted revealed that out of 50 black men, eight had professional jobs. Professional jobs were defined as doctors, ministers, teachers, musicians and funeral directors.

Sixteen of those surveyed worked in "unskilled" jobs — as ditch diggers and farm hands; six were employed in skilled jobs, which included barbers, carpenters, mechanics and hairdressers; three worked in semi-professional jobs as merchants, salesmen and junk dealers; one was a student; five worked as servants; and 11 were unemployed.

Of 50 black women surveyed, none had a professional job, three worked in skilled jobs, 15 worked unskilled jobs, and 32 did not work outside the home.

Cromwell also examined housing conditions and found the area to be "run-down" and "lacking the physical beauty of other parts of Champaign."

"IN THE SO-CALLED Negro community, these residences . . . are frame dwellings and in most instances, they are placed on small lots and are thus crowded on the block," Cromwell wrote. "The observer . . . would at once notice the drab and unkempt appearances of the structures.

"Occasionally, he might notice a house that has been painted or repaired, but that is quite rare," she continued. "In this northern section, one sees a number of small, weather-beaten, shack-like structures . . . one sees many houses with glass missing from doors and windows."

She recalled that there was no "defined" black business area, except "several" grocery stores and barbershops on First, Fifth and Poplar streets.

There were two black hotels and several insurance companies on the North End, Cromwell wrote. There was one black doctor. A black dentist from Danville commuted to Champaign every Sunday.

"Before 1929, blacks supported a dentist, but when the railroad shops reduced their forces, the peoples' wages were reduced or stopped and they were unable to pay their bills," Cromwell said.

There were even a couple of black businesses that were profitable, Cromwell said. The "red-light" district of First and Poplar streets offered gambling, after-hours drinking and prostitution. The houses and businesses along Poplar Street have since been torn down, and many of the once-popular drinking establishments on First Street have closed.

(See NORTH END HISTORY, A-2)

Champaign's northeast side, also called the North End, is an area of poverty, unemployment, substandard housing and a growing drug trade. It has little business.

But the North End also is a neighborhood with promise — with a substantial commitment of government money and a growing number of leaders concerned about its future.

Sunday: Problems facing the North End.
Monday: A look at the neighborhood's history.
Tuesday: What the future holds for the North End.

Warrant seeks papers about rival's jet bids

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investigators in the Pentagon bribery probe are seeking documents concerning Pratt & Whitney's use of a pair of defense consultants to help win contracts for two major jet engine programs.

A search warrant seeking documents from Pratt & Whitney says the company may have written its bids on the contracts with secret knowledge about what its chief competitor was proposing to the government.

The warrant, obtained by the trade paper Defense Week and made available to The Associated Press, was signed last week by U.S. District Judge John H. Pratt.

The four-page warrant permitted the FBI to search the office of Eugene Tallia, vice president of Pratt & Whitney and head of the company's Washington office. Pratt & Whitney is a subsidiary of United Technologies, the nation's eighth-largest defense contractor. The parent company has declined to comment other than to say it is cooperating with the investigation.

P&W hired Melvyn Paisley within a week after Paisley resigned in April 1987 as assistant Navy secretary for research, engineering and systems. The company also hired William Galvin, another consultant closely associated with Paisley.

The search warrant seeks documents, notes, reports and other materials that Paisley and Galvin provided to Tallia.

Specifically, the warrant targets P&W's effort to develop engines for the JVX, an experimental plane under development by the Pentagon, and the F/A-18, the twin-engine jet that will be the Navy's top fighter for the rest of the century.

General Electric and Pratt & Whitney are the nation's two major builders of aircraft jet engines, and the Air Force and Navy are two of their prime customers.

General Electric originally had a monopoly contract to provide an engine, known as the 404, for the F/A-18, but the Navy, seeking to drive down costs through competition, asked Pratt & Whitney to build a prototype so it could compete.

Pratt & Whitney has since been picked as the second supplier of 404 engines. In the past two years, P&W has won $316 million worth of 404 contracts from the Navy.

Weather

Sunny, hot Tuesday with a high of 95

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Despite science, technology, farmers can't control weather

Jim Dey

Dennis Riggs can't remember the last time the water level in the well at his farm was so low.

But his well won't get the water it needs until his crops get the water they need. And neither Riggs nor the rest of the farmers in Illinois have much to say about when that will happen.

"The one thing we still have no control over is Mother Nature," said Riggs, who also serves as the information director for the Champaign County Farm Bureau. "There's a lot of science and technology, but it still comes down to sunlight and rain to make a crop. And we've only got half of that."

The story by now is a familiar one. Farmers need rain for the corn, soybeans and alfalfa they've planted. So far, Illinois has received less than half its normal rainfall for the year and if it doesn't rain soon the crops will be badly damaged.

"I don't think there's actually panic out there," said Riggs. "But we're very concerned. You give me another two weeks of no rain and we'll have panic."

THERE MAY NOT be panic so far — but farmers are literally praying for rain. Twice last week, once at the St. Joseph Church of Christ and later at a farm near Penfield, area farmers gathered to call on the Lord for relief for their crops.

St. Joseph farmer Roger Denhart said he helped organize a prayer service because of concern about the stress the drought is placing on farmers and the food supply. He said he discussed his concern with farm friends and they agreed a prayer meeting would be helpful.

"We said if we're feeling this way, a lot of other people may be feeling this way," he said.

While they prayed for relief from the weather and sang hymns, they also listened to the recollections of farmers who've lived through droughts before.

The message delivered by Ernie Barcus, 73, who lives on a farm north of St. Joseph, was that he'd been through hard times before and survived. And they would survive too.

"I simply said I'd seen dry weather before and we got through it," said Barcus. "We had small crops and we did without . . . In the Depression, we sold hogs for 3 cents a pound and corn for 13 cents a bushel and you worked for 50 cents a day. And you were tickled to death to get the work."

Glen Dillman attended the St.

[illegible] Illinois [illegible] have 40% of Illinois' [illegible] home. Lincoln, Springfield, Decatur and Danville all say April 1988 were the driest they've seen, there rank [illegible]

DESPITE THE LACK of rain recently, the crops still look to be in decent shape. They are in the early stages of development and each day without rain diminishes the chances of producing the big yields farmers expect.

"The problem is the crop is under stress," said Riggs. "In this stage of the corn plant's life, it is determining the size of ear and the number of ears it is going to produce. We're rationing yield right now."

There is, of course, nothing wrong with the crops that a good healthy rain couldn't help fix. And although the rain prayers haven't been answered yet, farmers haven't given up faith.

"We haven't gotten any rain yet (in Champaign County). But I imagine there are some people who got rain," said Leland Collins Jr., who farms southwest of St. Joseph. "It's not here. But we're not hurting that bad yet. There are other places hurting worse."

Jim Dey is the assistant city editor at The News-Gazette. His column appears on Saturday and Monday.

Police and courts

Collision injures bicyclist

A 13-year-old Urbana girl was injured when her bike collided with a car at Park and Race streets in Urbana.

According to the police accident report, McKenzie Satterthwaite-Phillips of 1106 W. Hill St., U, was riding her bicycle east on Park when her brakes failed. The bike collided with a car stopped at the intersection of Race and Park. The girl hit the right side back door and flew over the trunk, chipping two teeth, the report said.

The car was driven by Ora H. Brown, 17, of 120° N. Market St., C.

Satterthwaite-Phillips was taken to the Carle Foundation Hospital emergency room, where she was treated and released, the report said.

No citations were issued.

Film taken from DI photographer

Film was taken from a Daily Illini news photographer over the weekend after he took pictures of a group of teens involved in a fight.

According to Champaign police reports, the incident happened shortly before midnight Saturday. Two DI employees were driving around the University of Illinois campus taking pictures.

One of the photographers got out of the car and took a picture of four teen-agers using a traffic barricade to heat up a man. When the teens saw the photographer, they threatened to beat him up if he didn't turn over the film. He gave them the film and the teens fled.

The teens were described as black males, 16 to 18 years old.

Truck company burglarized

Urbana police are investigating a burglary at a University Avenue business.

According to police reports, the burglary occurred sometime between 6 p.m. Thursday and 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Pacific Eastern Co., 120° E. University Ave. The national truck company, which also has an office in Monticello, began leasing the property in the last month.

The burglars apparently broke into a semi-tractor trailer parked in a lot. Trailer tarps, a chain and a spare tire were taken.

Arrest made for sexual assault

A Champaign man was being held in the county jail this morning awaiting a court appearance after he was arrested for sexually assaulting a woman.

Jimmy Ross Jr., 30, of 18 Blue Spruce Drive, C, was arrested at 1105 N. Fifth St., C, shortly after 4:15 a.m. Sunday for aggravated criminal sexual assault.

The victim — a 35-year-old Champaign resident — told police she was walking in the 700 block of North Walnut around 11:30 a.m. Saturday when she was assaulted by Ross.

Packets suspected to be cocaine

Two Chicago men remained in custody in the Champaign County jail following an arrest early Monday morning for suspected drug dealing.

Stewart Holden Jr., 30, and James E. Stennis, 29, faced a Monday afternoon court appearance on preliminary charges of possession of drugs with intent to deliver.

The arrest took place about 1:30 a.m. in a parking lot at Kirby and Mattis avenues in Champaign after an officer spotted the suspects' car missing a front license plate according to a police report.

A routine check showed Holden lacked a valid driver's license and Stennis had an outstanding warrant for failure to appear in court, the report stated.

Police confiscated from the car a knife and several packets of a white powder substance suspected to be cocaine.

Information sought on home invasion

By The News-Gazette

Information on a recent Urbana home invasion is being sought by Crimestoppers.

The incident occurred at 1:45 a.m. June 11 in the 400 block of South Webber Street.

The intruder knocked at the front door, identified himself as Robert and asked to speak to one of the residents.

The intruder then pulled out a semi-automatic handgun and forced his way into the house, police said.

A scuffle ensued and the victim was pistol whipped by the suspect, who then fled the home.

The victim was taken to the hospital.

The suspect was described as a black man in his 20s, about 6 feet 2 inches tall with a slender build and short hair.

He was wearing a navy blue jogging suit with stripes on the sides.

Any person with information on this incident is asked to contact Crimestoppers at 373-TIPS.

Callers do not have to give their names and are eligible to receive a cash reward of up to $1,000 for a tip leading to an arrest.

Rewards also are paid for information on other crimes and fugitives in the area.

Chicago man faces charges in high-speed chase

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A 24-year-old Chicago man faced 19 charges including six felony counts of wanton endangerment after a police chase that reached speeds of more than 100 mph ended with his arrest in Louisville, officers said.

Francis P. Shea, who was lodged in the Jefferson County Jail, was to be arraigned Monday in Jefferson District Court.

No injuries were reported.

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