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# Madisonville Native Is Charged With Arson; Wanted To Be Hero

## Trouble Brews In Middle East

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP)—The Israeli army announced today that it has taken "suitable steps" to counter the movement of Egyptian troops into the Sinai Desert on Israel's southern border.

An Israeli army spokesman announced: "Following the move of considerable Egyptian army forces into the Sinai Peninsula, which has increased tension in the area, the Israel army has taken suitable steps."

The spokesman did not elaborate, and no further information was immediately available. But it was assumed that Israeli forces had reinforced the southern frontier.

**ISRAELIS** in general remained calm as Syria and the United Arab Republic moved troops up to the borders in preparation for the Israeli attack they claim is coming.

"Why should we get excited?" asked one Israeli taxi driver. "It has happened dozens of times."

Israeli leaders were watching developments closely, but the Jewish nation generally believes the troop movements are merely for Arab propaganda. The Israelis doubt that Egyptian President Gamal Abdul Nasser, with 50,000 of his frontline troops tied down in Yemen, is ready for a second front.

**EXCEPT FOR** its western border on the Mediterranean, Israel is surrounded by Arab nations — Lebanon on the north, Syria on the northeast, Jordan on the east and the United Arab Republic on the southwest.

Jordan said Wednesday its armed forces have been put in a state of alert and Lebanon's foreign minister, George Hakim, said his country stood by Syria against any Israeli aggression. He said it was the United Nations' responsibility to stop such an attack.

Other Arab countries also have declared their support for Syria, and Iraq said it was prepared to extend every possible assistance.

**IN NO ARAB** capital, though, has there been official urging for an aggressive war against Israel. The implication has been that Israel would have to strike first.

Observers in Beirut, Lebanon, felt a stray shot fired somewhere along the armistice lines could touch off a war. They discounted reported Israeli belief that Egypt and Syria were making their military preparations to boost their Socialist regimes internally.

If this was the intention, they said, Sairo and Damascus would not have gone so far as to create conditions where a false step could lead to major warfare.

**IN A DISPUTE** over border

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## 3 Injured In Separate Accidents

A car-train collision near Steele Store and an auto-pedestrian mishap on State Highway 21 East sent a Bryan man and a Navasota woman to local hospitals this morning.

Mrs. Ida Robertson, 71, of Route 3, Box 129, Navasota, was in fair condition today at St. Joseph Hospital with a head laceration and possible internal injuries after being in a car struck at 8:03 a.m. by a southbound Southern Pacific train at the Fazzino Road crossing eight miles north of SH 21.

Milton Ivy of 2566 East SH 21 was in satisfactory condition at Bryan Hospital after being struck by an automobile driven by Robert D. Meadows Sr. of 300 North Avenue. The mishap occurred in front of Ivy's home about 7:29 a.m.

Mrs. Robertson was a passenger in the 1956 Chevrolet which stalled on the railroad tracks. The four other occupants were able to leave the car but could not return to help Mrs. Robertson before the train hit the vehicle.

Occupants included Willie B. Hoskin, the driver; Mae Frances Hoskin, 16; Linda Faye Hoskin, 6, and Lonnie B. Hoskin Jr., four months.

The auto was knocked about 100 feet into a deep ditch alongside the railroad track. Mrs. Robertson was pinned in the wreckage.

Police are withholding additional information on the Ivy accident pending further investigation.

A third accident, a two-car collision at Coulter Dryce and Texas Avenue about 11:30 a.m. slightly injured one person.

Patrick Stautzenberger, 28, of 1316B Antone St., driver of

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(Eagle Photo by Gene Dennis)

Accused Madison County Arsonist

Richard O. Bates, Left, And Ranger O. L. Luther Leave For Madisonville

## Yanks Hunting Cong Below DMZ Zone

By GEORGE McARTHUR

SAIGON (AP) — The U. S. Marines moved out in search of the North Vietnamese below the demilitarized zone again today after another night of deadly bombardment that killed 11 Americans and wounded 41.

For an hour before dawn Communist guns, mortars and rockets rained more than 300 rounds on Dong Ha, Gio Linh, Camp Carroll and Cam Lo, four of the Marine outposts just below the division between North and South Vietnam.

**AT DAWN** Marine companies struck out from the nearby post at Con Thien in a new attempt to hunt down the Red forces they have been battling in the northernmost part of South Vietnam for weeks. There was suspicion that the North Vietnamese were preparing for some dramatic show of force in honor of Ho Chi Minh's 77th birthday Friday and the Marines were determined to blunt any such attack.

Throughout the shelling, American artillery pieces and mortars continually buried counter fire at the Red guns

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respondent George Esper, who was injured when he dove for cover during the shelling, said the command post at the center of the camp was burning furiously after the shelling. One shell hit the quarters of Brig. Gen. Ike Ryan, the assistant division commander, but he was elsewhere.

## Hatred, Spite Not Motive

By ELTON R. JONES
Eagle City Editor

Richard O. Bates wanted to be the hero of Madisonville.

Instead, he was charged Wednesday for setting a Mother's Day fire which razed the 71-year-old Madison County Courthouse.

"I didn't think it would get carried away like it did. I was going to go back in and put it out and be the hero of Madisonville," the 22-year-old Bates said today in the Brazos County jail, where he was held overnight.

During an early morning interview which was arranged at Bates' own request, he was asked, "What did you do while the fire was burning Sunday night?"

His answer: "I covered it for the Dallas Morning News. I told them it was definitely arson involved in the case."

The accused arsonist explained that he once worked for the Dallas paper.

Bates admitted orally to Texas Ranger O. L. Luther of Bryan and Madison County acting Sheriff Ed Fannin that the fire started when he dropped a burning cigarette into a trash box filled with tissue in a rest room in the building.

**THE CHARGES** of arson were filed before a Madisonville justice of the peace at about 6 p.m. Wednesday. Ranger Luther said the man would be taken back to Madisonville today for an examining trial.

Bates, who said today that "it wasn't done intentionally," was raised since the age of five by adopted parents in Madisonville. He "went to the eleventh grade at Madisonville High School."

Presently unemployed, he has been working at a Houston hospital as an assistant X-ray technician.

**"I DO HAVE** quite a bit of hatred, spite and dislike for several people in the town, but this wasn't the basic motive for the incident," said Bates, who quoted the Bible and the works of Shakespeare several times during the interview.

"My main concern right now is not myself because I am young and with the strength God can give me, I can do time and recover," he said. "I'll never be able to return and make my residence in Madison County."

Dressed in a T-shirt and faded blue jeans, Bates said he has told his parents in the past that "something is going to happen in this town and I'm going to fall back on me."

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## Councilmen Name Boyett To JP Post

College Station city councilmen, by secret ballot, Wednesday elected to recommend A. P. Boyett Jr. of 302 Boyett in College Station to the Brazos County Commissioners Court as an appointee to a proposed justice of the peace position in College Station.

Boyett, a College Station businessman, applied for the position along with two others, Chalon Jones, an attorney, and James R. Kluth, a full-time employe with the Army National Guard.

After hearing brief presentations from each of the men, Mayor D. A. Anderson asked that the six councilmen vote secretly "because of the delicacy of this situation." He then announced that Boyett was the choice of the council.

**IN HIS** application for the position, Boyett said, "During the last general election, I was the only citizen interested enough in the City of College Station to put my name on the ballot in the Democratic Primary for the office of Justice of the Peace. I pulled over 700 votes from the people of College Station."

If appointed to the proposed justice post, Boyett indicated to the council that he would seek re-election to the post at the next general election.

Mayor Anderson recently asked the commissioners court to consider establishing a new justice position in College Station. The commissioners asked the council for a recommendation.

**IN OTHER** action, the council settled the question of breaking State Highway 6 medians in the city in front of businesses.

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