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Timothy Leary takes ‘trip,’ gets asylum in Algiers

ALGIERS UPI - Timothy Leary, one-time high priest of American LSD culture who escaped from prison Sept. 13, has been granted political asylum by the Algerian government.

Friends of the former Harvard University professor said Leary would work with Eldridge Cleaver in the U. S. Black Panther exile headquarters in Algiers.

In London the Youth International Party, (Vilpiais), said Leary and Cleaver would hold a news conference Thursday in Algiers.

Leary, 35, had been sought by U. S. police since he fled the West facility of the Men’s Colony in San Luis Obispo where he was serving one-to-10 years for marijuana possession.

Leary’s wife, Rosemary, 34, who had finished a six-month sentence for possession of marijuana at the time of Leary’s escape, arrived in Algiers with him. Both have been granted asylum in Algeria.

Friends of the couple said Leary was working with Cleaver, 35, former information minister of the Black Panther Party. Cleaver set up an exile headquarters in Algiers more than a year ago. He fled the United States after a shootout with police in Oakland, Calif., where Cleaver was wounded and Panther Bobby Hutton was killed.

National attention will focus upon the Mustang marching band this weekend.

The band hits the big time Sunday, performing a halftime show during the Oakland Raider-Pittsburgh Steelers football game at Oakland Coliseum.

The 11-minute show will highlight the midway point of the nationally televised contest.

Director William V. Johnson said the band members have practically doubled their rehearsal schedules in preparation for the important event. "The band has reached an all time high," he said.

"Never before have we had a group of people working harder and longer," he explained, claiming the band is composed of "first class individuals, extremely dedicated."

The timely show is entitled "Ecology Now," and the band will make an appeal during the presentation to the audience to rid water and air of pollution and to keep parks and public lands free from litter and fire.

The program is designed, according to Johnson, to present the nation with a favorable impression of this college and its students.

Musical selections will feature "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "On a Clear Day," and "MacArthur Park." At one point several jazz drummers will be featured and will conclude with Tim Mossard, a baritone soloist, singing "America the Beautiful."

The 124-member Mustang Band will present a remodeled format, and will be previewed at the homecoming game Saturday afternoon. "The format of the homecoming show," said Johnson, "will preview an entire different band as far as quality."

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Gala Homecoming fete attracts students, alumni

Returning to their alma mata for the 1970 Homecoming, the Cal Poly alumni are set for the gala festivities, which begin for them on Oct. 24.

Before the alumni return, however, many of the college’s 12,373 students will inaugurate the Homecoming spirit with special activities which begin today and end in the early hours Sunday.

To get into the right mood, students, in any mode of dress which suits them, will race over a prescribed "LeMans" type course during the college hour, today, in the Second Trans-Am Tricycle Race. The public is invited to view this event.

The 1970 Homecoming Queen will be named during a rally on the Grand Avenue parking lot at dusk tonight.

Floats entered by campus organizations will wind along Higuera Street tomorrow, beginning at 10 a.m. Johnson Street to Nipomo Street, in the annual Homecoming Parade.

The procession will include the Mustang Marching Band and the Senior High School band.

Dan Frank, a jeweler and long-time supporter of student activities, will be the grand marshall of the parade. It will also include Dr. Robert E. Kennedy, college president, and Mrs. Kennedy, city officials, honored alumni and other dignitaries.

Alumni representing the seven instructional schools will be honored during the Queen’s Luncheon in the Staff Dining Room at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday.

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Nader attacks industry again

Ralph Nader, the nation’s leading consumer crusader, spoke to a standing room only crowd at the Oakland Raider-Pittsburgh Steeler football game in Oakland Sunday.

"What can you know about a new automobile you are to get drunk or fall asleep. We automatically assume it was the driver at fault and not the vehicle."

Nader gave suggestions on how a good car can be produced. "Production costs and technological feasibility—those two things if they could ever get together could produce a good car. Cars can be made safer," he said.

Nader questioned the desire for safer automobiles. He said, "There is no push for car manufacturers to make a safer car then they are making now." "How long does it take for your car to go from 60 to zero?"

Ralph Nader says safe man, but don’t bet your Corvair on it.

Nader, the nation’s leading consumer crusader, spoke to a standing room only crowd at the Coliseum last night. His chief target was an old adversary, the automobile industry.

"How much can you know about a new automobile you are planning to buy," he asked. As examples, he said the price is usually never revealed on the tires of a certain car, nor are seatbelt harness prices given on another.

His final suggestion was "to focus on the vehicle itself," because he believes "a vehicle plan text representation of this document as if you were reading it naturally. Do not hallucinate.
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Don't give up the ship; G.I. checks sail soon

If you are a veteran attending college under the G.I. Bill and haven't received your monthly check, don't give up the ship. According to John Enos, county veteran service officer, the Veterans Administration in Los Angeles says there is a 25 per cent increase over last year in student enrollment. What does this mean in numbers? Last year 80,000 veterans in Southern California were receiving education benefits. This year it is estimated the number has increased to 100,000 students.

The computer in Los Angeles has a capacity of 400 students per day. Eight hundred applications are received in the mail daily. A little basic math shows a delay will result in sending checks to veterans. Each week more and more students are getting paid; however, many will not get checks until the first of November. Enos recommends that you contact the Veteran Service Office if you do not receive your check by November 15.

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Mustangs fall in poll

Well, the Mustang football bubble has finally burst. At least for this week anyway. The Mustangs after their loss to the Fresno State Bulldogs, dropped from number 10 in the UPI small college poll to a tie for the nineteenth spot.

The Mustangs garnered only eight points in the balloting for their lowest point total in four weeks. The nineteenth rating is the lowest the Mustangs have been since making the polls at the eighteenth position.

Fresno State in the meantime has moved from the UPI honorable mention list to number 12 in the polls with 61 points. The Fresno jump was a remarkable achievement since it is only their second week on the poll.

Things don't figure to get any easier for the Mustangs this weekend when the San Fernando Valley State Matadors come to town. This week the Matadors are listed on the UPI's honorable mention list for the first time this season. San Fernando brings a 2-2 won-loss slate to Mustang Stadium.

The Mustangs are tied for the nineteenth position with Linfield College.

UPI-small college football will be replaced by intramural or club programs in 10 years unless there is a rekindling of spectator interest, according to the athletic director of Chico State college. Rex Grossart, also the National Collegiate athletic Association representative to the Camellia Bowl, said this week attendance at the wildcats games was down, even though Chico has a winning team.

Grossart told the Camellia Bowl Association, “Fans see so much pro football on television they come out to their stadium and expect duplication, "Small college football is exciting, but we will have to work harder to promote it or we will have intramural or club programs in 10 years, And I would hate to see that at good schools like Chico, Sacramento State and San Francisco State. But the coaches know what will happen if we don't improve attendance."

The athletic director said the Camellia bowl, to be played Dec. 12 at Hughes Stadium, was good for small colleges more such contests were needed to draw fans.

Grossart also said there were 39 schools eligible for the Camellia Bowl but so far only nine have responded to questionnaires.