

Rick Saccoccio, 21, whose night club act is impersonating Elvis Presley, said at Chicago that he would continue his act following the singer's death, but added, "it could go either way. For all I know, my career could be over."

Senator Robert H. Humphrey (D-Min.), 68, who had a cancerous bladder removed last fall, will undergo surgery to relieve partial blockage of his bowels, it was announced by doctors at the University of Minnesota Hospital at Minneapolis.

Senator Robert Dole (Rep., Kan.) charged at Washington that the Carter administration's decision to resume reviews of the status of the missing Vietnam servicemen "means that the administration has essentially given up all intention of actively seeking information" about them.

Andrew Young, ambassador to the United Nations, said at Bridgetown, Barbados, that he had success dealing with blacks around the world because they were looking for heroes other than athletes and President Bill Clinton of Uganda.

Joseph Callano, the Health, Education and Welfare Secretary, said at Washington that he thought the administration could work out differences over welfare reform with the Finance Committee Chairman Russell B. Long of Louisiana, adding, "There's always some preparation before people go and dance together. The music is just beginning to play on this."

Thor Heyerdahl, who crossed the Pacific on a balsa raft and the Atlantic in a papyrus boat, announced at Laigoglia, Italy, that he planned to sail the Indian Ocean on interrelated rafts.

Cecil Andrus, the Interior Secretary, said at Park City, Utah, that the Carter administration had reversed the traditional approach toward natural resources and elevated environmental concerns above development.

Mae West, the movie sex symbol of the 1930s, will celebrate her 84th birthday at Los Angeles where she recently released her latest movie, "Sexist."

Gen. Alexander Haig, supreme commander of North American Treaty Organization forces, said at Kansas City that the countries in NATO must pool their resources to take the "relentless growth of Soviet power."

Shah Muhammad Reza Pahlavi of Iran ordered at Tehran the release of 572 prisoners to mark a national holiday.

President Hugo Baner of Bolivia ended at Brasilia a three-day official visit to Brazil by signing a packet of agreements for increased trade and economic development.

Malcolm Treen, the American ambassador to Russia, opened at Moscow an exhibition entitled "Photography - U.S.A. for a one-month run."

Governor George Busbee of Georgia praised at Atlanta the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for "deepening the conscience level of America and making our society aware of the difficult realities facing the poor."

Governor Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts said at Tel Aviv that he arrived at Tel Aviv for a two-week vacation as guests of the Israeli government.

Leonard Bernstein and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra were acclaimed with long ovations for the first of three concerts at the Carlsplatz Festival at Villach, Austria, the Austrian press agency reported.

Simon P. Barnes, 98, oldest of 60,000 Shriners attending their annual convention at Miami Beach, said that despite his age, "I'm living the best life now. Right now I'm on top of the mountain. I enjoy my life now more than when I was a boy, running after rabbits in the woods. I ain't going to die. I'm just going to fade away."

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Crowds of mourners gather outside Presley's mansion.

75,000 Fans Scream, Sob As They Mourn Presley

By ROBERT CARLEY

MEMPHIS — More than 75,000 mourners, screaming, sobbing and fainting, crowded outside Graceland Mansion Wednesday to get closer to Elvis Presley in death than they ever did in life.

Only 20,000 of them got to view the body of the king of rock and roll, dressed in a white suit with a pale blue shirt and a white cravat, who lay in an open casket in the music room inside the front door of his 18-room mansion.

Four at a time, adoring fans filed by the stone lions guarding the door, passed the coffin and back out the door into the 90-degree heat. Several mourners fainted to the marble floor and had to be carried out.

A quarter mile away, down a driveway with a sheriff's deputy every few yards, an enormous crowd, stretching a mile on either side, pushed and shoved to be next through the gates that were barred to them when Presley was alive.

Emotionally, fainting from the heat and their anguish. Many, revived with rubber gloves, fainted from the crowd and fainted again. Radios blared his greatest hits — "Hound Dog," "Blue Suede Shoes," "Heartbreak Hotel," "Love Me Tender" and others.

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Airport at N.Y. Told to Permit Landing of SST

17-month Delay Was 'Excessive,' Ruling Declares

From Gazette Press Service

NEW YORK — Federal Judge Milton J. Pollack ruled Wednesday that Kennedy International Airport must allow the supersonic Concorde jet to land there. He branded the 17-month delay in setting noise rules for the plane "excessive and unjustified."

In the continuing legal snafu over the Concorde, Judge Pollack said that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's ban on the SST was "discriminatory, arbitrary and unenforceable."

Pollack said the Port Authority "has abdicated" its authority as an airport proprietor by its delay and the Concorde could operate under the same noise standards applied to other jets. He delayed the effect of his ruling 10 days to allow for appeal.

The operators of the Anglo-French plane said they welcomed the decision and were prepared to start Concorde service between New York and London as early as possible. The only airport in the United States where the Concorde now lands is Dulles Airport outside Washington.

The Port Authority was expected to appeal the decision, and homeowners in the airport vicinity, who oppose the plane, said they expected Judge Pollack to be overruled.

Judge Pollack had ruled in May that the 1,350-mile-an-hour Concorde could land at Kennedy for a test authorized by the Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman in February 1976.

But he was overruled in June by the federal Court of Appeals. The appellate panel sent the case back to Judge Pollack to determine whether the airport was being unreasonable in failing to decide whether the Concorde would meet its regulations.

Repeating Ground Judge Pollack held a hearing on that question July 12 and in his ruling Wednesday concluded the authority "repeating old ground" since it imposed a temporary ban on SST landings at Kennedy in March 1976, a month after the Ford administration granted a 16-month test authorization for the plane.

After postponing final decision on the SST several times, the Authority last month extended the ban indefinitely, citing the need for further study of the plane's noise and vibration characteristics.

Judge Pollack said the scope of the new studies is "nebulous and undefined" and it is clear the agency has no intention of taking responsibility for setting noise criteria for the Concorde.

The Concorde ran \$44 million in the red last year. British Airways, the only airline to fly the New York routes are critical to the commercial success of the craft.

Concorde has been flying between Washington and London and Paris since Coleman decided to lift the test. Initial tests by the Federal Aviation Administration found the plane was noisier than conventional jets but no louder than was forecast. It said it found no adverse health effects among Dulles neighbors after a year of landings.

Company, Inc. and Gordon Lumbar Company, Inc. from the Cable family, longtime residents of the Garden area.

Barack and Louis Cabot, still locally interested in the community, were at the luncheon Wednesday.

Stephens said the complex represents a commitment to industrial development in the area.

By WILLIAM GREEN

At the Gazette Staff

A report presented to the Little Rock School Board Wednesday said there has been "considerable" loss from the cable duct on school buses that the public has been led to believe.

and urged the Board to adopt and enforce "a policy of strict discipline" to insure the safety of students.

Mrs. Fay Southern, the chairman of the 12-member committee, said the Board should consider the recommendations at its regular meeting Thursday, August 25.

Mrs. Lucy Abraham, Board president, appointed Mrs. Southern to organize the com-

mittee and directed her to include in the report a list of 25 companies attendance since the committee called citizen's Committee Concerned About Busing.

The Little Rock Police statistics that last year on school buses there were 781 assaults and 1,182 other disorders. The statistics also showed that 37 were attributed to the bus driver, and 781 assaults and 1,182 other disorders.

Negotiators Defend Panama Canal Pact Before House Panel

Refuse to Give Treaty Details At Hearing

From Gazette Press Service

WASHINGTON — President Carter's team of negotiators defended the proposed new Panama Canal treaty under questioning from House members Wednesday, but refused to give specific details on what the document will contain.

United States negotiator Sol Linowitz told the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee it would be "inappropriate" to discuss the treaty's precise terms now. He complained that questions about the motives and political attitudes of Panamanian officials were not helpful.

A State Department legal expert, meanwhile, rejected members' arguments that United States property in Panama cannot be relinquished without the approval of Congress.

Linowitz (left) and Bunker confer on treaty.

Nothing Improper In Banking Deals, Lance Declares

From Gazette Press Service

WASHINGTON — Budget Director Thomas B. Lance said Wednesday he had "not done anything improper" in his banking transactions before joining the Carter administration.

Lance expressed confidence that an inquiry by the comptroller of currency's office will vindicate him. The 100-page report, compiled by more than 30 investigators, will be sent Thursday to President Carter at his Camp David, Md. retreat.

"I have not done anything improper and I'm sure that's what the findings will be," he said in an interview with "ABC News."

Lance also said he believed the inquiry had not damaged his ability to function in the administration.

"If allegations can cripple you, then we are in pretty bad shape in this country," Lance said.

Report on Overdrafts It was learned the comptroller's report would summarize facts dealing primarily with Lance's overdraft at the Calhoun Ga. First National Bank and loans he negotiated with Chicago and New York banks when he headed the National Bank of Georgia.

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Some close to the comptroller's investigation said Lance's loans would be compared with loans to buses, saying the estimate had been based on the cost of companies from which the District leased buses last year. R. W. Harmon and Sons of North Little Rock and Houston-Bigelow Bus Lines of Little Rock said that "hasn't been substantiated."

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Little Rock Forecast
Partly cloudy and a chance of showers. A high in the upper 80s is forecast today and a low in the upper 60s tonight. Wednesday's high was 85 and the low 73.
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