

Lance's resignation urged in light of allegations

Washington—The leaders of a senate committee investigating Bert Lance's financial affairs told President Carter on Monday they have uncovered new allegations "on such a serious nature" that the budget director should resign.

It was learned after the leaders met with the President that Carter and Lance will not consider such a resignation at this point. The President, it became known, still feels Lance has done nothing wrong and will be vindicated by the investigation.

Sens. Abraham A. Ribicoff, D-Conn., and Charles H. Percy, R-Ill., chairman and ranking minority member respectively of the Governmental Affairs Committee, said it would be in Lance's own interest to resign. The senators did not disclose the new allegations.

There was no immediate response from Lance. His spokesman, Robert Dietsch, said he didn't think Lance would say anything about the matter. Dietsch added: "I'm 99 per cent sure nothing is going to happen... I don't think he's going to resign, period."

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Klan outnumbered

Columbus, Ohio—A group of Ku Klux Klan members rallied against busing for desegregation Monday, but they were outnumbered 20-to-1 by anti-Klan demonstrators, seven of whom were arrested after a skirmish with police.

Dale Reusch, imperial wizard of Ohio's KKK, spoke for about an hour to two dozen supporters, standing near him in a cordoned-off area on the steps of the state Capitol. All were dressed in white robes with red trimming, and all had been searched by highway patrolmen before the rally started.

About 500 anti-Klan demonstrators shouted as Reusch addressed the crowd through a portable public address system.

The rally began with Reusch leading the Pledge of Allegiance before launching into a rambling speech that condemned desegregation and communism.

"If we stand united, we can stop forced busing in the state of Ohio," Reusch, 38, said to a torrent of boos.

About midway through his speech, a hail of eggs splattered the Klansmen. They were unhurt.

As his colleagues walked into the statehouse at the end of the rally, police dispersed the crowd by walking among them. At the point, pushing and shoving erupted among police and anti-Klan demonstrators.

Babe weakens

New Orleans—Hurricane Babe sputtered out in Louisiana's interior Monday, but spawned at least one tornado and left the Gulf Coast awash in rain.

"Nothing much to it," said Fred Marshall of the Morgan City civil defense office as Babe's winds fell from the hurricane level—75 miles per hour—to between 15 and 25 m.p.h.

However, a hurricane-spawned tornado struck an empty elementary school in coastal Pass Christian, Miss., Monday afternoon. Officials said the twister tore into the roof and wrecked six classrooms, causing an estimated \$500,000 damage. No students were in the school because it was Labor Day.

Forecasters had warned of the danger of tornados as the storm spun itself out. Tornado watches were posted in Louisiana, Alabama and northwestern Florida in addition to Mississippi.

Babe swept inland from Gulf of Mexico at daybreak as a hurricane, but spent its force while heading toward Baton Rouge.

Canal treaty

Washington—Latin American leaders began arriving here Monday for the signing of the Panama Canal treaties

as the Carter administration raced for three days of ceremonies, receptions, public oratory and private diplomatic give-and-take.

President Carter returned from his weekend vacation retreat at Camp David, Md., prepared for a meeting Tuesday with the other protagonist in this week's activities, Panamanian head of government Gen. Omar Torrijos.

Torrijos led a Panamanian delegation of more than 100 for the Wednesday evening ceremony at which the Panama Canal treaties will be signed at the headquarters of the Organization of American States.

Nineteen other heads of government from Latin America also were expected, and Carter planned to meet with all of them between Tuesday and Thursday. All told, delegations from 27 countries were expected.

Hundreds of government officials have spent thousands of hours gearing up for the onslaught of presidents, prime ministers, foreign ministers and other members of the official parties.

Blast-off successful

Cape Canaveral, Fla.—Voyager 1 blasted off toward the outer planets Monday in a near-flawless launch, joining its twin space probe Voyager 2 on a 675-million-mile journey to Jupiter and beyond.

"We have a successful flight in every respect," project manager John Casani said after the Voyager's picture-perfect blastoff aboard a Titan-Centaur rocket in bright blue skies and sunny weather.

It was the second launch in a \$500 million program designed to provide valuable information about the creation of the universe, the origins of the solar system and the formation of planet earth.

Although it was sent up second, Voyager 1 is scheduled to reach Jupiter in March 1979—about four months before Voyager 2, which was fired Aug. 20. Voyager 1 will overtake its twin because it is flying a more direct route.



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