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Sgt. Jerry Austin . . . with "pepper fogger" and trusty shotgun.

Amarillo's Police Arsenal Holds Variety of Crowd Control Aids

By STEVE LaPRADE
Staff Writer

Police in most of the nation's big cities are adopting the riot shotgun as standard equipment on squad cars, according to a recent poll by Guns Magazine.

Amarillo city police, however, have used shotguns as standard equipment since 1962. And Chief Wiley Alexander said, "we've never had to fire one in eight years. Its mere presence can have an effect on unruly crowds."

"Shotguns and revolvers are the major weapons of Amarillo policemen," Alexander said.

Police cars are equipped with shotguns and firearms, and all officers receive training twice.

Each shotgun has four loads in its buckshot, a slug, buckshot, and another slug.

Alexander said this is enable officers to handle any kind of situation where a shotgun might be used. He explained that if an officer had to shoot out a tire, he would just have to fire one load of buckshot to get at the slug he needed. But if the officer just wanted to fire buckshot to quiet a mob, he could fire the buckshot, quickly eject the first slug, and then have another load of buckshot available.

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Although the shotgun is a major weapon in the arsenal of the city police department, other more deadly and sophisticated weapons — lethal and nonlethal — are available if needed.

Every office has been equipped with Mace since 1968, and submachine guns may be obtained from the station arsenal if a major crisis occurs.

The arsenal also has high-powered rifles with scopes for long-range shooting. Alexander said these weapons were purchased a few years ago after a University of Texas student took a rifle, climbed to the top of a tower on campus and began firing indiscriminately at people on the street.

If crowd control is needed, tear gas guns and grenades may be taken from the arsenal. But the department now has a device that's even more effective. Three years ago, the department bought what is known as a "pepper fogger." This device releases a steady flow of tear gas for 15 minutes and can clear an entire city block, whereas older tear gas grenades burn out quickly and may be thrown back at police.

Chief Alexander said the "pepper fogger" has never been used and he he couldn't remember the last time his department had needed to use tear gas.

He said, "I think the Amarillo police force is very well-equipped, but I hope we never have to use any of these weapons."

INNOCENT PLEA

Trial Slated For Banker

Floyd Teutsch, 48, of Plainview, president of the First State Bank of Dodson, which closed in May, 1969, will go on trial June 1 on charges of making two false entries in bank records.

He pleaded innocent Monday in U.S. District Court here. An Odessa businessman, M a x Everett Sachse, 46, is scheduled to be arraigned March 30 for aiding and abetting Teutsch.

Bond for the men was set at $1,000 each. Sachse surrendered Monday to a U.S. deputy marshal in Amarillo.

The men were indicted last week by a federal grand jury in Lubbock.

The government charged Teutsch with making a $3,000 false entry on Oct. 7, 1968, and a $9,431 entry on March 17, 1969 — four days before he resigned as bank president.

The federal offense carries a maximum penalty of $5,000 fine and five years in prison on each count.

The Dodson bank went into receivership on May 12, 1969, after it loaned out three times as much money as it had on deposit.

Teutsch began his association with the Dodson bank in 1955 while a Freshman at Dodson High School. He was assistant cashier when he resigned in 1962 to enter military service.

He returned to the bank after the war and was cashier and vice president when he was named president.

Dodson is a farming community of about 300 population, located 15 miles southeast of Wellington in Collingsworth County.

Loans at the bank totaled almost 11 million with $386,000 in losses at the time it closed.

At the close of business on Dec. 31, 1968, the bank showed a capital stock of $50,000, a surplus of $50,000 and reserves of $22,000.

The Dodson bank was chartered in 1910.

In other court business Monday, five persons were arraigned on criminal charges.

Johnny Stair, 23, of Kingsport, Tenn., pleaded innocent to charges of passing a forged postal money order.

Hector A. Davis, 48, who was employed as a custodian at the Amarillo Post Office Central Distribution Unit on Dec. 9, 1969, pleaded guilty to obstructing letters addressed to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. Federal officials said Davis placed the letters in his boot tops.

He will be sentenced at 1 p.m. March 31.

Billy Fred McIntire, 29, of Borger, pleaded guilty to charges of possession of stolen mail. Federal Judge Halbert O. Woodward set sentencing for 1 p.m. today.

Dale and Guadalupe Malonado, ages 26 and 17, both of Boswell, N.M., pleaded guilty to illegally transporting aliens into the United States. They were arrested in December 1969 with 16 aliens in a U-Haul trailer.

Alex McGlinchy of Fort Worth, assistant U.S. attorney, said the aliens told federal officials they were approached and asked if they would like to come to the United States "where they could make a lot of money."

They were en route to Chicago, he said.

Goldberg Endorsed For New York Post

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for governor of New York, has received the endorsements of Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. and former Gov. W. Averell Harriman.

Both announced Monday they were confident Goldberg would be nominated and would defeat Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller in November.

Sihanouk Vows Fight, Claims Backing of 'Brotherly Nations'

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

From his exile in Peking, Cambodia's deposed chief of state, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, pledged today to fight his way back to power with a "liberation army" supported by "brotherly nations."

Presumably Sihanouk was referring to North Vietnam and the Viet Cong, and Japan's biggest newspaper, Asahi, speculated that his army's spearhead would be the 40,000 or more North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops now operating along Cambodia's border with South Vietnam.

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Asahi said if these Communist forces joined the fight, the conservatives who ousted Sihanouk last week could not hold out. The paper speculated that the United States might intervene on behalf of the rightists, but sentiment in the United States and particularly in Congress made this appear unlikely.

Meanwhile little action was reported on the battlefields of the Indochinese peninsula.

The U.S. Command reported a Marine helicopter was shot down Saturday over Laos since the U.S. Command started reporting aircraft losses there March 10. Ten planes have been reported lost there during that period.

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No new ground fighting involving American troops was reported, but American helicopter gunships flying in support of South Vietnamese forces in a battle in the Mekong Delta 120 miles southwest of Saigon were credited with killing 34 enemy troops. The South Vietnamese reported killing another 36, but 11 of the government troops were killed and 39 were wounded.

In Laos, government troops were reported to have driven North Vietnamese from a radio station beacon site the enemy had seized on a hill just north of the army base at Long Cheng, in eastern north of Vientiane.

In Vientiane a government spokesman said Premier Prince Souvanna Phouma will call in his Cabinet on Wednesday to discuss a peace plan he received from the pro-Communist Pathet Lao.

In Phnom Penh, no reaction was reported to Sihanouk's pledge to fight his way back to power. But newspapers, apparently inspired by the new government, called for the creation of a republic and an end to the monarchy of the Sihanouk family.

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Diplomats expected a republic to be proclaimed shortly. Queen Kossomak, Sihanouk's mother, now represents the monarchy, but her duties are strictly nonpolitical.

Mailmen at Work But Nothing To Do

NEW CANAAN, Conn. (AP) — The mailmen ended their strike here Monday but they might as well have stayed home.

Postal authorities embargoed all out-of-state mail, incoming and outgoing, soon after the mail carriers walked out last Friday.

Nixon Congratulates Basketball Champs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — President Nixon, who made a point of congratulating the top football teams and their coaches personally at the end of the past season, has made it very clear that he keeps abreast of basketball too.

Coach John Wooden of the UCLA team, which won the national college championship last Saturday, was about to go out for dinner when the telephone rang with a long distance call. It was from the President at the White House.

"You know, getting a personal call from the President of the United States is quite a thrill," Wooden said afterward. "He commended all the players on our team. We talked for some time."

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