



Bush asks amendment on flag burning

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- President Bush said Tuesday he will seek a constitutional amendment to counter a Supreme Court decision that went "too far" in allowing political protesters to burn the American flag.

"Flag burning is wrong. Protection of the flag, a unique national symbol, will in no way limit the opportunity nor the breadth of protest available in the exercise of free speech rights," Bush asserted in a hastily called news conference at the White House.

"As president I will uphold our precious right to protest," he said, "but burning the flag goes too far. ... I believe that the flag of the United States should never be the object of desecration."

The president emphasized he has "the greatest respect for the Supreme Court" but declared, "I believe the importance of this issue compels me to call for a constitutional amendment. We are beginning consultations with members of the United States Congress who hold similar views."

Heated debate began immediately in Congress and around the nation after the high court split along unconventional lines last week in ruling 5-4 that the Constitution's First Amendment protects protesters who burn the flag.

Asked why he saw it necessary to call for an amendment rather than simple legislation already pending in

Congress to counter the effect of the ruling, Bush said he had been advised "that legislation cannot correct the, in my view, egregious offense of burning the American flag."

The president took a far less alarmist view of recent Supreme Court decisions viewed by civil rights leaders as setbacks for affirmative action and other programs, characterizing the issues addressed by those rulings as "technical."

Saying he is confident that "nothing in these decisions jeopardizes" the principle of equal opportunity, Bush nevertheless told a questioner, "If the decisions actually turn out to hamper civil rights enforcement ... obviously I would want to take steps to remedy the situation."

He sidestepped questions about a pivotal court decision on abortion expected Thursday, reiterating his opposition to abortion but avoiding further comment.

On other domestic issues, Bush refused to point a finger of blame for the unfolding multimillion-dollar scandal involving influence-peddling at the Housing and Urban Development Department during the Reagan administration.

Despite public admissions that fees involving hundreds of thousands of dollars were paid to help secure lucrative public housing contracts, Bush said his intent was not "to find winners and losers" but to take steps to guarantee that "we don't have any

recurrence" of the scandal.

Bush expressed confidence in the ability of his "very able, dedicated" HUD secretary, Jack Kemp, to correct any problems in the department and said he hopes the affair sends a signal to other federal agencies to keep the highest ethical standards.

On international issues, Bush:

-- Again spurned calls for a tougher U.S. response to the violent government crackdown on dissent in China that would serve to further ostracize Beijing, insisting that openings to the West encouraged Chinese economic and political liberalization.

-- Said the administration is preparing a package of economic assistance to Poland in advance of his trip to the East European nation next month. At the same time, he reaffirmed a longstanding policy that additional help from the United States be conditioned on further economic reforms.

-- Forecast an eventual summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev but again stressed that he wants the meeting "to be seen as productive." He set no criteria to measure the success of such a meeting and volunteered that he feels "comfortable about the wavelength we're on with the Soviet Union now" and senses the Soviets "feel comfortable" that his administration wants to move forward with cuts in strategic weapons and conventional

forces.

Editor's Note: For more reaction to the Supreme Court's flag ruling, see page 3.

Explosion blasts Shanghai train

BEIJING (UPI) -- A dynamite explosion ripped through the third-class car of a passenger train approaching Shanghai, killing 24 people and injuring 11, China's state-run media reported Tuesday.

Beijing Radio said in its evening newscast the death toll in the blast rose to 24 in the incident. The original report from Xinhua, the official news agency, listed 20 fatalities.

"An on-the-spot investigation showed the explosion was caused by dynamite," the Xinhua news agency reported.

It did not specify if the blast was believed caused by sabotage.

Xinhua said the train was traveling from Hanzhou to Shanghai when the explosion occurred late Monday in the toilet of a third-class car. The blast occurred as the train approached the Huayang bridge in Songjiang County just outside Shanghai.

Xinhua gave no further details on the explosion but said normal rail service resumed on the line about six hours after the blast.

CentAm bishops urge strong OAS action on RP

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA (USIS) — The leaders of the Roman Catholic Church in Central America want the Organization of American States to take strong action to end Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega's dictatorship in Panama.

In a statement issued after the June meeting here of the Episcopal Secretariat of Central America and Panama (SEDAC), which included more than 60 bishops in the region's six countries, the bishops asked the OAS "not to abandon the Panamanian people during these difficult times."

"We urge the OAS to adopt a firmer and more determined attitude in the case of Panama by demanding an end to the dictatorship, the

consolidation of democracy, and the free exercise of public freedoms — especially the freedom to vote. There is less and less time to find a solution, therefore rapid OAS action is necessary."

An OAS special mission to Panama is to report back to hemispheric foreign minister July 19 on the results of its second trip in search of a transfer of power.

The bishop's statement said Panama's anguish was due to the annulment of the May 7 elections by Noriega-controlled electoral authorities and the "continuation of a political situation with all the characteristics of an iron dictatorship."

The "most disturbing consequen-

ces" of that situation, they added, were the uncertainty regarding the transfer of power due to take place in September, government control of the media, and the grave economic situation.

The bishops said the Panamanian government and electoral authorities should "fully respect" the results of the May 7 elections, which opposition candidates won, according to most observers. The winners of the elections are due to take office Sept. 1.

They also demanded that the

Central American presidents "comply with the letter and spirit" of their August 1987, regional peace agreement and follow-up accords.

The statement was signed by Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo and archbishops Prospero Penados Del Barrio of Guatemala City, Roman Arrieta Villalobos of San Jose, Marcos G. McGrath of Panama City, and Hector W. Santos of Tegucigalpa, and bishops Romeo Tourar Astorga of El Salvador, Jose Dimas Cedeno of Panama, and Jose Mario Avila del Aguila.

Bush praises men, women of U.S. Southern Command

Editor's Note: The following message to the U.S. Southern Command has been sent by President George Bush:

To the men and women of the U.S. Southern Command:

All Americans are well aware of the important missions you are performing. Those of you who have been serving in Panama, and those who were sent there on May 11, are on the front lines of preserving American interests and the cause of freedom.

America's strong presence in Panama makes clear that we intend to continue asserting our rights under the canal treaties, in the interest of American security and world commerce. And our steady resolve in support of democracy has

established a firm foundation of hope for those Panamanians who push their country everyday in the direction of freedom.

Your service in Panama carries an additional hardship for you and your families because of the challenges of family separation, relocations on short notice, and travel restrictions. We are especially proud of the professionalism demonstrated by our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines — and American civilians — in the face of these difficulties.

Barbara and I join a grateful nation in sending you our thanks, our best wishes, and our congratulations for the job you do on behalf of your country.

To borrow a line from my good friend Lee Greenwood, God bless you, and God bless the U.S.A.



LEE GREENWOOD CONCERT — Country singer Lee Greenwood greets members of the audience at the Howard AFB theater. His last two concerts here will be at the Fort Clayton theater tonight, starting at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. (U.S. Air Force photo by MSgt. Jose Lopez Jr.)

U.S. news

Governors call for tougher laws on shipping

by United Press International

The worst of three oil spills in the nation's waterways prompted three angry governors Monday to call for tougher legislation on shipping as globs of thick oil from a tanker accident in the Delaware River reached New Jersey.

In Texas, authorities braved high winds and heavy rains from Tropical Storm Allison to clean the remainder of a spill near Houston.

Off Rhode Island, nearly all the beaches fouled by a third spill were cleaned but the Coast Guard feared a southeast wind might blow remaining patches of the light oil back into Narragansett Bay.

As the tide spread the oil along the Delaware River and into New Jersey, Delaware Gov. Michael Castle, New Jersey Gov. Thomas Kean and Pennsylvania Gov. Robert Casey called for tougher liability laws governing shipping operations and training of tanker crews.

"The federal government has really got to step in and get tough," Casey said.

"We are playing Russian roulette with the shores of the United States," Kean said. "We have been given more than adequate warnings that this can happen and happen again."

Legislation is moving through Congress to set industry liability for spill damages and create a comprehensive federal system for financing cleanups and paying damage claims by spill victims. Other bills would tighten safety and pilot requirements for oil tankers and improve spill contingency planning.

Castle said he was told by officials that the accident was caused when the ship pivoted on its anchor after the anchor was dropped accidentally. Coast Guard officials declined comment on the cause of the accident and said a formal board will begin an investigation Wednesday.

The tanker's pilot and crew members have undergone drug and

alcohol tests, and the results were turned over to Coast Guard investigators.

The industrial heating oil spilled from a Uruguayan tanker, the Presidente Rivera, when it ran aground early Saturday.

To help collect globs of the thick oil from the 20-mile-long spill along the Delaware River, the Coast Guard brought in additional equipment Monday, including a second 600-foot boom, as authorities downgraded the spill estimate from 840,000 gallons to 800,000 gallons.

About 35 oil-covered Canada geese were discovered in a lagoon near Claymont, Del., and wildlife officials worried that more waterfowl would be threatened as the tide swept oil toward Pea Patch Island, an important Heron rookery near New Castle, Del.

Booms were deployed to deflect more globs from coming ashore on the island, home to nine major species of birds protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, officials said.

Coast Guard officials said the globs washing ashore on the New Jersey side of the river threatened to foul beaches across the state and in Delaware.

Dick Nugent of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Philadelphia said he feared that the globs, which melt in the sun after washing ashore, would be picked up by birds and carried back to their nesting areas.

"It's like molasses or fly paper once it hits you," he said.

In Houston, workers intensified their efforts to clean the remainder of a 252,000-gallon spill from a barge-tanker collision before worsening weather from the storm hit. Heavy downpours began in Houston early Monday and increased through the

day.

But workers continued to scoop up the oil, collecting 3,490 of the 6,000 barrels originally spilled in the collision, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Bob Morehead.

"They're going to keep working until they decide they can't work anymore," he said. "The weather is causing some problems handling the equipment and making the turning basin choppy, but not bad enough to warrant stopping the operation."

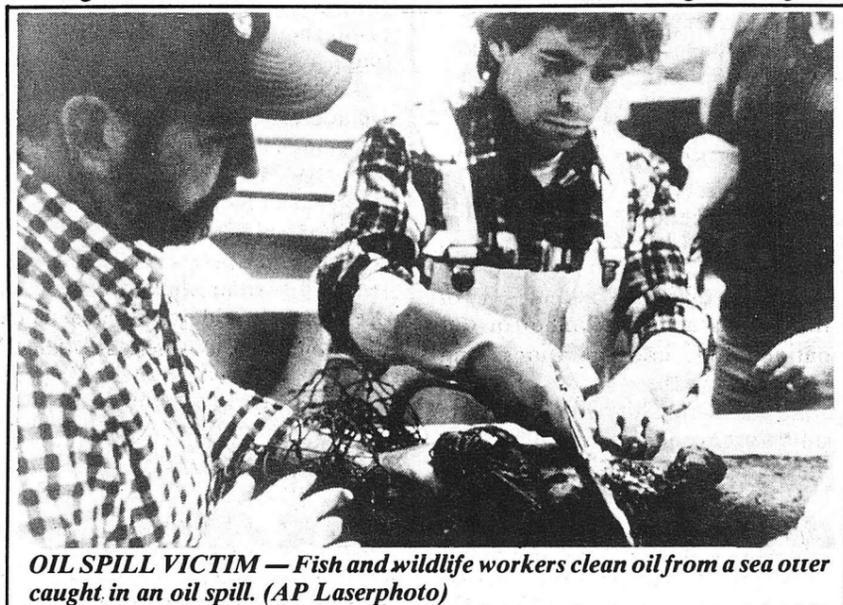
In Newport, R.I., nearly all beaches fouled by oil spilled from the tanker World Prodigy have been cleaned, but the Coast Guard feared Monday a southeast wind might blow the lightweight fuel back into Narragansett Bay.

A state environmental department spokeswoman said a decision might be made later whether to reopen on Tuesday beaches closed by the spill.

The remaining patches of home heating oil, which was rapidly evaporating, came within 5 miles of Block Island about 12 miles off the coast before changing direction with the wind and the tide, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Elizabeth Brannan.

The Coast Guard and the National Transportation Safety Board will conduct a joint Board of Inquiry in Providence Tuesday into the accident, in which the Greek tanker rammied a reef off Newport Friday, ripping a 200-foot gash in its hull and spilling an estimated 420,000 gallons of oil into the water.

Rhode Island Attorney General James E. O'Neil said he will convene a grand jury Wednesday to consider indictments against the ship's captain and others involved in the spill. The ship entered coastal waters without a local pilot aboard.



OIL SPILL VICTIM — Fish and wildlife workers clean oil from a sea otter caught in an oil spill. (AP Laserphoto)

Quake shakes Hawaii Island coast, causes damage

KALAPANA, Hawaii (UPI) -- A strong earthquake shook the southeast coast of Hawaii Island Sunday evening, destroying at least two homes and triggering landslides and power outages. Some minor injuries were reported.

The National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo., said the quake measured 6.1 on the Richter scale. It struck at 5:27 p.m. HST (11:27 EDT), officials said.

The Hawaiian Volcano Observatory said the temblor was centered along the south flank of Kilauea Volcano on the southeast coast of the island, about 6 miles beneath the surface.

The quake was the strongest in Hawaii since Nov. 16, 1983, when a temblor measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale struck between the summits of Mauna Loa and Kilauea volcanoes, causing extensive damage in Hilo and to homes and roads in the Volcano area, but only minor injuries.

Hawaii County Civil Defense Director Harry Kim said at least two homes in the Puna area on the southeast coast of the island were destroyed. Police said one of the homes collapsed in Kalapana but the owner was believed to be in Hilo.

The quake opened up some cracks in the ground in the Kalapana area of Puna, Kim said. Some were substantial, as much as 2 feet wide and 5 feet deep.

Only a few minor injuries were reported from people hurt by falling debris, Kim said. There were widespread reports of power outages or partial outages.

At least four landslides were reported along the Hamakua Belt Highway between Hilo on the east coast and Honokaa on the northeast coast. The slides blocked lanes on the highway in Honomu and Laupahoehoe, police said.

"We are still responding to emergency calls," Kim said.

A volcano observatory spokeswoman said people reported feeling

the temblor for up to a minute. She declined to speculate about whether the quake might be related to volcanic activity in the area.

Power outages were reported in Puna, Ka'u, and Hilo, and a half-hour outage in the Waiakea-Uka area. The street lights in downtown Hilo also went out as a result.

Telephone problems or complete outages were also reported on the southeast coast, officials said.

The quake was felt as far away as the island of Oahu 200 miles to the northwest, where police received reports from people in the Honolulu area who felt the shaking.

Trooper nabs drunk driver in record low-speed chase

HOUSTON (UPI) --State Trooper Kevin Kennedy will probably always remember the day he pulled over Alfonso Ovalle Rodriguez for drunk driving after a low-speed chase.

Rodriguez was weaving all over Interstate 10 at about 2 mph when Kennedy chased him down on foot, perhaps the slowest pursuit in the history of the Texas Highway Patrol.

Rather than chase Rodriguez in the patrol unit, the trooper simply ran him down and began pounding on the errant driver's car window, saying: "Police! Pull it over!"

When Rodriguez stopped, in the middle of the interstate, he admitted being intoxicated, the trooper said.

"Hell, yes!" Rodriguez replied when asked if he had been drinking. "Moonshine and tequila."

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U.S. news

Flag ruling stirs anger across U.S.

WASHINGTON (Reuter) -- A Supreme Court ruling that political protesters cannot be barred from burning the American flag has stirred a controversy that could end with an amendment to the Constitution.

President Bush, members of Congress and patriotic groups have expressed outrage at a decision many feel strikes at America's most revered symbol of nationhood.

But some hailed the court's ruling and others were reluctant to protect the flag at the expense of weakening the First Amendment shielding free speech.

The Stars and Stripes "has in large measure become a kind of a

touchstone for loyalty in a country of such diverse origins" where there is "the need to find something around which you can rally," said James Shenton, professor of American history at Columbia University.

It is celebrated in the "Star Spangled Banner," America's official national anthem since 1931. Visitors to Congress flock to buy flags that have been flown over the Capitol -- if only for a few seconds.

Bush's presidential campaign used emotions surrounding the flag with effect against Democrat Michael Dukakis last year.

Dukakis, as governor of Massachusetts, had vetoed

legislation requiring children in the state's schools to recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag, a traditional ceremony performed in many schools.

It became a campaign issue that helped to sink Dukakis's White House bid.

The issue had ramifications in Congress where Democrats, fearful of political retribution, hastily instituted the pledge of allegiance as a daily ceremony in the House.

This week Democrats and Republicans angrily reacted to the Supreme Court's 5-4 decision involving a flag burning by a protester at 1984 Republican national convention in Dallas. The decision had the effect of declaring unconstitutional the flag desecration laws of 48 states.

A Newsweek poll released Saturday showed that 65 percent of Americans disagreed with the Court decision while 28 percent supported it. Seventy-one percent also expressed support for a constitutional amendment to make flag burning illegal.

The Senate, in a resolution introduced by Democratic leader George Mitchell and Republican leader Robert Dole, voted 97-3 expressed "profound disappointment" and pledged to seek ways to restore sanctions against its desecration.

It also expressed the Senate's "continued commitment to preserving the honor and integrity of the flag as a living symbol of our nation and its aspirations and ideals."

In the House about 10 members introduced proposals to overturn the decision by a constitutional amendment, a long process requiring approval by two-thirds of the House and Senate and 38 of the 50 states.

Mitchell, a former federal judge, separated the flag burning from the issue of free speech.

"Nobody interfered with this group's right to speak freely," he said. "They were not prevented from speaking. But they did not merely speak. They also acted. It was this action that was punished, not the speech."

But House Speaker Tom Foley told reporters that he personally would be "extraordinarily slow" to amend the Constitution.

He said it was possible the issue could be dealt with under state or federal law "perhaps linked to incitement to violence."

"I hope that the response to this ... should be the reaffirmation by the country and by our citizens of their respect for the flag as a central identity of our national life," Foley said.

Earlier, members of both parties in the House trooped to the rostrum to denounce the decision.

One said the six men who raised the U.S. flag at Iwo Jima in World War II -- a dramatic act depicted in a Marine memorial in nearby Arlington, Va. -- had been "symbolically shot in the back by five men in black robes."

Another suggested that flags should be flown at half-staff to mourn the decision -- a suggestion opposed by the American Legion as contrary to the code that spells out in detail the proper way to handle the flag.

And, describing himself as a liberal Democrat, Les AuCoin of Oregon expressed amazement that the decision came from a court containing three justices appointed by President Reagan.

"My constituents told me they thought electing Republican presidents would result in a court that honors basic American values," he said. "Imagine their surprise today. The Reagan court has given us now constitutional protection for the burning of Old Glory."

But Arthur Kropp, president of People for the American Way, a liberal lobbying group, called the decision a victory for freedom of speech and said efforts to amend the First Amendment are sure to be strongly opposed by libertarian organizations.

The Washington Post called the court's decision one that defended free speech and the New York Times said it was "a victory for ordered liberty."



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Court rules dial-a-porn services constitutional

by Henry J. Reske
UPI Supreme Court Reporter

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- A unanimous Supreme Court ruled that the federal government cannot ban telephone services known as "dial-a-porn."

In a two-part decision, the justices also ruled 6-3 the government could ban such services if they are deemed to be "obscene."

Expressing concern children were being exposed to explicit sexual messages, Congress acted last year to outlaw such telephone services.

But the court, in a unanimous decision written by Justice Byron White, said lawmakers went too far in banning "indecent" messages.

But, White also said, "There is no constitutional barrier to the ban on obscene dial-a-porn recordings."

The court has wrestled with the issue of what constitutes obscenity for many years and has never drawn a fine line between "indecent" and "obscene." Generally, court rulings

have said obscene materials must appeal to "prurient interests," but specific cases are settled based on local community standards.

White rejected the general ban on telephone sex services because "denial of adult access to telephone messages which are indecent but not obscene far exceeds that which is necessary to limit the access of minors to such messages, we hold that the ban does not survive constitutional scrutiny."

Justice William Brennan, joined by Justices Thurgood Marshall and John Paul Stevens, said, "I have long been convinced that the exaction of criminal penalties for the distribution of obscene materials to consenting adults is constitutionally intolerable."

The court's decision upholds a ruling by a California federal court concerning a 1988 amendment to the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit indecent and obscene interstate telephone messages. The law included criminal sanctions of a

\$50,000 for each violation and six months in jail.

The messages, provided by a variety of companies independent of the phone company, are commonly called "dial-a-porn" services.

The services have been attacked for allowing anyone to call the number and hear the messages. Horror stories abound of \$1,000 phone bills run up by youngsters calling the numbers and claims the messages prompt children to molest one another.

Typically, the messages contain suggestive language designed to convince the caller the person speaking is engaged in a sexual act.

In other action Friday, the court: -In a case from Virginia, ruled that the Constitution does not require states to appoint attorneys for death row inmates seeking to extend their legal battles beyond direct appeals of their convictions.

-Ruled that the Justice Department has an obligation to make available to the public copies of

opinions it receives from federal courts around the country.

The case settled Friday began with a legal challenge by Sable Communications of California, which provides dial-a-porn services, before the law took effect in July 1988.

A federal district court ruled the portion of the law dealing with indecent speech was unconstitutional and barred it from taking effect.

The court said the section was "overbroad and unconstitutional" and that a "flat-out ban of indecent speech is contrary to the First Amendment."

However, the court did allow the prohibition of obscene telephone messages, noting "obscene speech is unprotected by the First Amendment."

The government sought to have the court's decision striking down the section of the law dealing with indecent speech overturned, while the company asked the justices to reverse the ruling on obscene speech.

world roundup

Soviet parliament loses TV coverage

MOSCOW (Reuter) -- The new Soviet parliament resumed work Monday but without the live television and radio coverage that captivated the country during its first three weeks of stormy debate.

The decision not to broadcast the proceedings live was announced at the last minute by Tass news agency. Several deputies attending the morning session of the Council of Nationalities said they thought it was being televised.

The ruling contradicted an announcement on the front page of the weekly central television program guide, which said that proceedings would continue to be shown live on the second television channel.

Millions of people across the Soviet Union clustered around radios and televisions for the live broadcasts of the parliamentary debate in May and early June.

"The work of the parliament has entered a long routine phase," Tass quoted an official of the Supreme Soviet Presidium as saying. "The Presidium agreed that live broadcasts of all sessions under these conditions would not be worthwhile."

It said "everything of greater interest" would be shown, suggesting that coverage would be limited to the summaries put out by the television news program Vremya, which some of the more radical deputies have said are distorted.

Communist Party ideology chief Vadim Medvedev told the weekly Argumenty Fakty last week that he thought full coverage of proceedings was pointless and impractical.

He also said the television cameras had encouraged some deputies to try to dominate the podium and develop their oratory skills at the expense of parliamentary protocol.

"And if it is correct to say that the Congress proved to be a good school of democracy, it would be as true and self-aware to say that we have only gone through the first stage of this

school," the weekly quoted him as saying.

Live broadcasts of the inaugural session of the full parliament, the Congress of People's Deputies, captivated Soviet citizens from the first day.

They saw and heard their previously inviolable leaders quizzed on their competence, their personal life and their responsibility for the violent dispersal of a demonstration in Soviet Georgia which killed 20 people.

In the third week of the Congress,

newly elected President Mikhail Gorbachev suddenly announced a closed session, despite his earlier pledge that all proceedings would be public.

Television cameras were switched off and foreign journalists asked to leave while deputies discussed an outbreak of ethnic rioting in the Central Asian republic of Uzbekistan.

About 100 people were killed in the violence.

Otherwise the entire three weeks -- a total of 95 hours of debate -- were carried live on television.

Speaking to journalists during a break in Monday's proceedings at the Council of Nationalities, one of the two chambers of the Congress' legislative body, the Supreme Soviet, Latvian deputy Nicolay Neiland said he favored live coverage.

"The Congress was a school of democracy for millions of Soviet people. It was more popular than a football match. I am certainly not against live TV broadcasts," he said.

During the morning session, the Council of Nationalities elected Ukrainian writer Boris Aleinik as its deputy chairman.

The will serve under former Uzbek Communist Party chief Rafik Nishanov, who was elected chairman of the chamber earlier.

The other chamber, the Council of the Union, was meeting later in the day. Deputies said they expected the full session of the Supreme Soviet to begin Tuesday.



BOMB BLAST — A body lies partially covered and possessions litter the floor at the New Delhi railroad station earlier this month after a powerful bomb exploded, killing at least seven people and injuring 52 others. Between six and seven hundred people were in the main passenger hall at the time. (AP Laserphoto)

Communist rebels kill 37 Filipino churchgoers

MANILA, Philippines (UPI) -- Scores of suspected communist guerrillas ambushed a chapel in the southern Philippines and killed 37 worshipers, including the minister who was beheaded, police said Monday.

In Manila Monday, suspected communist rebels, hiding behind a statue of the Virgin Mary, killed a suburban police chief, and a police corporal was slain in another suburb in separate attacks, police said.

The 37 slayings by a band of 100 communist New People's Army guerrillas occurred Sunday at the

remote United Church of Christ in the Philippines chapel at Rano in Davao del Sur province, 620 miles south of Manila, police said.

The guerrillas, armed with rifles and machetes, attacked the worshipers, including women and children, because the rebels suspected them of being members of an anti-communist vigilante force.

Among those killed was the minister, identified by police as Abadi Ayap, and his brother, Clemente. Both were beheaded.

Bishop Emer Camba, head of the UCCP in Manila, said he was

verifying the report and could not give an immediate comment.

In the capital, gunmen hiding behind a life-size statue of the Virgin Mary at an entrance to a suburban subdivision sprayed .45-caliber and automatic-rifle fire Monday as Paranaque station commander Lt. Col. Jose Balbas drove alone in his car on his way to work. Balbas was killed instantly and his assailants escaped.

Balbas was the second senior police official to be assassinated in less than a week by suspected "Sparrow" hit squads of the 23,000-

member NPA, which has been battling the government for 20 years.

Friday, assassins shot and killed Lt. Col. Cesar de la Paz, deputy police chief of suburban Cainta town. De la Paz's driver and one of the assailants also were killed in the ambush.

Elsewhere in the capital Monday, three guerrillas killed police Cpl. Wilfredo Lusande while he was seated in his jeep in front of a billiard hall, police said. A civilian who ran after he was ordered to halt also was killed and another bystander was wounded in the attack, police said.

Hong Kong tourism reeling from China turmoil

HONG KONG (Reuter) -- Hong Kong's tourism industry, which just two months ago looked set for another boom year, is reeling from the effects of political turmoil in China.

Frightened tourists are canceling trips to China with Hong Kong travel agents, and occupancy rates are plunging in local hotels that used to prosper by selling rooms to tourists on their way to and from China.

"Tourists have seen the bloodshed in Beijing on television and they're scared of going to China now," said Stella So, assistant sales director at a Hong Kong hotel. "This has a direct effect on Hong Kong."

More than a quarter of the 5.6 million visits to Hong Kong last year involved a trip to China.

A slowdown in tourism could affect Hong Kong's retailers as well. Of the HK\$33 billion (\$4.2 billion U.S.) in tourism receipts last year, 54 percent was spent in the colony's

shops.

"I had about 1,000 people booked for China tours in June. All of them have canceled," said Louis Kung, assistant operations manager at a local travel agent.

So said she expected her 431-room hotel to have an occupancy rate of about 70 percent in July compared to the 90 percent it would normally have at this time of year.

Analysts do not see the industry

declining disastrously. They say Hong Kong's own tourist attractions and its expanding convention business will attract increasing numbers of people who are not interested in China.

"Tourism growth will probably be slower this year and activity will probably fall next year," said an analyst at brokerage S.G. Warburg Securities. "But the industry should be able to maintain a reasonable performance."

The analyst said the industry had been heading for slower growth anyway, and the China crisis had merely exaggerated the trend.

While the number of China-related visits to Hong Kong last year rose 39 percent from 1987, the number of visits unrelated to China rose 20 percent, according to figures from the Hong Kong Tourist Association.

But foreign tourists may take years to regain their former enthusiasm.

Be sure to flush in Singapore

SINGAPORE (UPI) -- Forgetting to flush the toilet in Singapore's public restrooms in restaurants, theaters and department stores will be an expensive mistake soon, the Environment Ministry said.

Starting July 1, first-time offenders will be fined up to the U.S. equivalent of \$75, said officials of this Asian island nation, with repeat offenders drawing \$500 fines.

The penalties are the latest steps in a crackdown against non-hygienic bathroom practices and

inconsiderate behavior.

During its "Clean Public Toilet" campaign last year, the ministry even deployed a team of health inspectors in various public restrooms to catch violators. Those caught merely received warning letters.

Under the new ruling, health inspectors will be empowered to issue summonses to offenders.

The ministry said the fines applied to all toilets to which the public has access, including those in hotels, department stores, movies and restaurants.

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Cuba: Fighting drugs or quelling army?

WASHINGTON (Reuter) -- Cuba's reported crackdown on high-level military drug-traffickers may signal a willingness to become an ally in the U.S. war on drugs, politicians and foreign policy analysts said.

Other Cuban experts find the crackdown unconvincing, believing its goal was to quell unrest in the military.

Either way, analysts said the Bush administration has shown little willingness to accept any overture from Cuban President Fidel Castro.

The administration has been sharply critical of Cuba's alleged role as an exporter of revolution, but some political leaders say politics should not stand in the way of fighting drugs.

"The Castro regime's arrest of officials in the government on drug related charges must be seen as a positive step showing a desire to stop drug trafficking," said Rep. Charles Rangel, chairman of the Select Committee on Narcotics.

Until the arrest last week of top army general Arnaldo Ochoa Sanchez and six accomplices, the Cuban government had denied any links with the multi-million-dollar drug trade.

The official newspaper Granma dropped that stance.

It not only accused Ochoa of drug deals but also charged that other senior military officers helped



CUBA'S FIDEL CASTRO
...joining drug war or cracking down on military?

Colombia's Medellin drug cartel use Cuba as a transit point for more than six tons of U.S.-bound cocaine.

Taking a tough new line, Granma warned in an editorial that those flying across Cuba in the future would be subject to "drastic measures, even if it means shooting down a plane that refuses the order to land."

The State Department greeted the reports of Ochoa's detention with caution, urging that the charges against the general be investigated and prosecuted to the fullest extent, if found true.

In recent years, Washington has questioned the sincerity of Cuba's efforts to fight drug traffickers and even accused Cuba of helping them.

"Cuba and Nicaragua blatantly aid traffickers smuggling drugs from Colombia to the United States," the President's Commission on Organized Crime said in 1986.

Drug experts have been more cautious in their assessment. They have focused on the overwhelming evidence against other Caribbean islands, and say that more than 60 percent of drugs entering the United States pass through the Bahamas.

Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics Matters Ann Wroblewski told Congress in March that Cuba sits in the middle of some of the primary drug routes into the United States.

Aircraft and boats are reportedly eluding U.S. agents by entering Cuban territorial waters and airspace, she said.

Wroblewski said Cuban authorities, while having publicly expressed an interest in anti-drug cooperation, never elaborated on what kind of cooperation they envisioned.

Some Cuban watchers said they thought the detention of Ochoa, a high-profile general who had handled Cuba's major foreign adventures, was an attempt to crush discontent in the armed forces with Castro's government.

Jaqueline Tillman of the Cuban American National Foundation said the drug charges were a smokescreen

to hide the true issue. "Ochoa was either going to defect or do something against the regime," she said.

Others, however, said it was more likely related to a two-year-old campaign against corruption and a firm stand by Castro against drugs.

Donna Rich, a Cuba expert at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, said Castro was probably using the Ochoa case to make it clear how he stood on the drug issue.

"It's easier to make a point by going after somebody high-up," she said.

Rangel, who led a 12-member narcotics committee delegation that

Ochoa pleads guilty to trafficking

MEXICO CITY (UPI) -- Gen. Arnaldo Ochoa Sanchez, a decorated national hero, pleaded guilty to drug trafficking and other charges before a Cuban military jury, the official news agency Prensa Latina reported.

Ochoa, arrested June 12, presented his statement Sunday to a military "court of honor," acknowledging his involvement in drug trafficking, embezzlement and corruption, said Prensa Latina, monitored in Mexico City.

The report did not say what sentence awaited Ochoa, a decorated national hero for leading Cuban troops during their mission in Angola and once considered a staunch supporter of President Fidel Castro.

Castro's brother, Revolutionary Armed Forces Minister Raul Castro, blasted Ochoa before the military jury for his alleged involvement in drug trafficking and connections to the notorious "Medellin Cartel," believed responsible for much of the cocaine smuggled into the United States, Prensa Latina reported.

Raul Castro's testimony to the military "court of honor," comprised of three generals and 44 "high-ranking Armed Forces officials," said Ochoa betrayed "friendly governments" in his quest for riches.

met Castro last December, said the Cuban leader told the committee that he wanted to work with Washington and Latin America on narcotics control.

A Rangel aide said due to Cuba's strategic location, it could obviously play a pivotal role in the fight against drug traffickers. But the Bush administration could only test Cuban sincerity by engaging the country on the drug issue.

As a result, the administration had to decide what its priorities were, weighing together "perceived foreign policy interests," ideological standpoints and the urgency of waging an effective war on drug traffickers.

"This infamous accumulation of crimes and acts of disloyalty ... is an outrage, a stab in the back," Prensa Latina quoted Raul Castro as saying.

Cable News Network, citing diplomatic sources, last week said "profound" political implications were behind the arrests of Ochoa and other officials. The source said that Ochoa and the others apparently were pressing for political reforms.

Unconfirmed reports last week said Cuba also arrested Luis Barreiros, chief of the General Intelligence Directorate.

Other intelligence agency officials also were being interrogated for alleged links to drug trafficking in Panama, CNN reported.

The Revolutionary Armed Forces Ministry decided to investigate Ochoa's business deals and personal life "when fears were raised that (Ochoa) might desert (the military)," Prensa Latina reported.

Raul Castro said Ochoa became obsessed with his international business transactions while in Angola, and associated with foreigners "of dubious political integrity," the report said.

The government also said Ochoa was involved in ivory and diamond smuggling, in addition to drug trafficking.

U.S. denies asylum to anti-Castro terrorist

MIAMI (UPI) -- The asylum request of anti-Castro militant Orlando Bosch was denied Friday by the U.S. Justice Department based on his record of international terrorist acts and classified FBI reports, officials said.

Bosch, 62, returned to the United States Feb. 16, 1988, after spending 11 years in a Venezuelan prison in the 1976 bombing of a Cuban jetliner that killed 73 people. The pediatrician also was convicted 20 years ago of attacking a Polish freighter with a bazooka in the Port of Miami and plotting to bomb other ships trading with Cuba.

"Appeasement of those who would use force will only breed more terrorists," said acting Associate Attorney General Joe Whitley in Washington. "We must look on terrorism as a universal evil, even if it is directed toward those with whom we have no political empathy."

Bosch had been promised at least 72 hours to make arrangements for his deportation, officials said.

Bosch's chances for asylum

appeared good May 19, when the Immigration and Naturalization Service ruled that confidential evidence about his terrorist activities was insufficient to block him from seeking political asylum in the United States.

But on May 25, the Justice Department took jurisdiction. After a monthlong review it ruled against Bosch, who will remain imprisoned at the Metropolitan Correctional Center, where he has been detained since his arrival in the United States.

"The conclusion is inescapable that it would be prejudicial to the public interest for the United States to provide a safe haven for Bosch," Whitley said. "The United States cannot tolerate the inherent inhumanity of terrorism as a way of settling disputes."

Hank Adorno, one of Bosch's attorneys, said he could not believe the Justice Department felt a 62-year-old man was a threat to society. He said the decision appeared to be political.

"I think it's incredible the INS commissioner decides Bosch does not present a security risk to the United States and because of some political reason the Justice Department - which it has never done before - takes the case back up to Washington and decides the whole case all over again."

Bosch's daughter, Myriam, said she thought the Justice Department was bowing to pressure from Cuba because the United States was trying

to establish ties with the communist island.

"I think it was pressure from Cuba, just like they did in Venezuela," she said. "I thought this country had the guts to stand up to (Cuban president Fidel) Castro, but obviously they didn't."

Bosch was convicted of the armed attack on the Polish ship in 1968. He spent four years in prison then violated his parole by leaving the country.

2 Sandinistas flee to Costa Rica

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Reuter - Nicaragua confirmed on Saturday that two Sandinista army officers had fled to Costa Rica and said it was investigating the incident.

Costa Rica's Security Ministry said Friday that Maj. Douglas Zuniga Salazar and his brother, Lt. Walter Zuniga Salazar, had asked for political asylum after crashing through a border chain in their car.

The two arrived at the Penas Blancas border post early Friday and asked for permission to go up to the border to wait for some relatives they said were coming from Costa Rica, a Defense Ministry spokeswoman said. They then drove across the border, she said.

She said Zuniga had just been made counter-intelligence chief of Nicaragua's southwestern border region.

financial news

Americans need help to balance jobs, families

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- Americans are looking for assistance and want both business and government to help in the struggle to meet the sometimes conflicting demands of work and family, a new study said Monday.

The study by the Roosevelt Center for American Policy Studies was based on forums involving 813 people at 12 different regional sites who discussed and debated work and family issues.

In a 30-page summary report, "Balancing Work and Family: A Citizens' Agenda for the '90s," the center said, "Participants unequivocally called for outside help for families caught in the squeeze between work and home obligations."

The report said, "While most apparently see the employer as the key source of this help, they are prepared to involve government at all levels to encourage, and in some cases require, more generous or more flexible work and family policies."

An overwhelming 82 percent of the

participants said business should develop new personnel policies to aid workers and their family needs and only 12 percent said workers should be the ones to adapt.

And, reaching beyond current policy debates, those participating in the forums endorsed a proposal to require large employers to provide paid family and medical leave to employees. Current proposals only offer unpaid leave.

At the same time, however, the survey revealed some surprises in relation to the current policy debates in the administration and on Capitol Hill over work and family issues.

"Many of the proposals being hotly debated and widely vaunted in Washington -- including the minimum wage hike, the Act for Better Child Care, President Bush's child care tax credit and others -- won less than a majority of votes" when presented as options to those participating in the forums.

Most popular among the child care options, for example, was a

proposal for a \$500 million per year tax incentive program to encourage businesses to either subsidize day care or set up day care centers at the place of employment.

Also garnering a majority of support -- 56 percent -- was a \$2.5 billion annual package of federal subsidies for early education programs, including the highly popular Head Start program.

A majority of participants -- 51 percent -- ranked education as an "urgent" concern, outstripping health care, housing, child care and personal security.

In the emerging concern of elder care, 59 percent of the participants supported one of two options -- one to require all large private employers to offer comprehensive health coverage to their workers while other Americans, working or not, would be covered by a federal national health insurance plan -- that would provide universal coverage of long-term health care.

The proposals would require

about \$20 billion in additional federal spending and participants favored supporting the plans by increasing Social Security taxes on those earning more than \$45,000 per year.

Underscoring what a growing number of social and welfare reform advocates have been saying in recent years, participants also -- "almost across the board" -- voiced support for "universal" proposals that would include the middle class rather than just targeting the poor.

To pay for the programs they supported, more than 70 percent called for lower defense spending and just over 50 percent urged increased taxes on beer, wine, alcohol and tobacco.

Center officials said the "work and family" options supported by the participants would total \$36 billion in new federal spending but were offset by \$32 billion in specific taxes, for a net increase in the budget deficit of \$4 billion.

Busch drinkers like new light version of brew

ST. LOUIS (UPI) -- Drinkers of Busch beer asked for a light version of their favorite brew, and Anheuser-Busch Inc. has obliged with Busch Light, which is being test marketed this summer in Missouri, Illinois and Texas.

Busch Light was introduced to most parts of Missouri and Illinois and in Longview, Texas, in May after several years of product development, said Jack McDonough, Anheuser-Busch vice president for brand management.

"Consumers asked us for Busch Light," McDonough said. "It was the only major brand in the country without a light partner. We've had it under development for a long time."

Busch Light became the third beer to be introduced by the brewing giant this spring, and the fourth since the introduction last fall of the popular Michelob Dry. The brewery also unveiled O'Doul's, a non-alcoholic beer, and Bud Dry.

The moves are aimed at gaining a larger share of the United States beer market. According to Beer Institute figures, Anheuser-Busch brands, which include Budweiser and Michelob and their light beer counterparts, already account for more than half the beer sold in the United States.

With Busch Light, Anheuser-Busch is aiming at big-selling competitor Miller Lite.

"We see it as a way of grabbing more of the market we don't have," McDonough said. "I think Miller Lite is very vulnerable to a Busch Light because it is the biggest (selling light brand), but it is no longer growing. It may be the biggest, but it might be weaker."

McDonough said the giant brewery is not worried that Busch Light will woo beer drinkers away from Bud Light or Michelob Light.

"We see it as a way of grabbing more of the market we don't have," he said. "But we have a new product, and we expect that some of our current customers are going to try the product. You have to expect that."

The beer was introduced into Missouri and Illinois, where Busch is the No. 1-selling brand.

"Busch is extraordinarily strong in that territory. It would be the easiest place to expect success," McDonough said.

Missouri and Illinois also were chosen because beer drinkers in those two states are showing signs of greater consumption. Light beer accounted for just 29 percent of sales in the two states in 1988, but that was a 9 percent increase over the previous year.

There is a lot of product switching in Missouri and Illinois because light beer is "in," he said. He said that represents the best opportunity for the introduction of a new product.

However, in Texas, almost 50 percent of the beer sold is that of a light brand. McDonough said Texas also is a strong market for Busch, with a 35 percent increase in sales in that state in 1988.

Busch, which is tied for Coors Light as the fourth-best-selling brand in the nation, is sold in 41 states.

Busch Light will be priced at parity with Busch, which in St. Louis is a "near premium" price of about \$3.49 for a six pack.

McDonough also said it is too early to tell if Busch Light will be expanded to all markets in which Busch is now sold.

"There are some areas of the country where we may not want to do that," he said.

Busch Light is being advertised as having fewer calories than Busch (110 for a 12-ounce serving), but also is being touted as a "draft" beer.

Draft beer is not pasteurized, but instead goes through a cold-filtration process. By making Busch Light a draft product, McDonough said the brewery hopes to lure more curious consumers.

"Light beers at this point are very broad in their age appeal. I think age acceptance of this will be very broad," McDonough said.

However, Busch Light is not the first beer to advertise cold-filtration.

Brewers tried marketing such products in the 1960s and 1970s.

Miller Brewing Co. entered the category recently with its successful Miller Genuine Draft and has led Adolph Coors Co. to advertise some of its products as draft beers.

McDonough also predicted that Busch Light may not be the end of the line for new Anheuser-Busch products.

"We are always developing new products," McDonough said. "In the last six months or so we have taken one of those products (Michelob Dry) nationally with great success, and that's focused a lot on the other new products we have. I would expect you will see more new beers in the future."



NEW YORK (AP) - Sales, price and net change of the 15 most active New York Stock Exchange issues, trading nationally at more than one dollar:

Name	Volume	Last Chg.
ParamtCom	2,428,200	60 3/4 +2 3/4
PrimeCm	2,366,100	18 7/8 -1/8
USX Corp	2,021,700	34 3/4 -2 1/4
WarnrComm	1,905,900	58 7/8 +1/4
TimeInc	1,835,600	163 7/8 -2
Exxon	1,793,700	45 1/4 +5/8
IBM	1,709,100	112 +1 1/8
RJR Hld pf	1,691,300	23 -1/8
EstKodak	1,688,100	49 +5/8
NovaCp g	1,643,000	8 3/8 -1/2
FPL Grp	1,505,500	30 7/8
ColumbPict	1,450,300	23 1/8 +1 3/4
SearsRoeb	1,122,800	44 1/4 -5/8
Cullinet	1,092,600	9 -1/8
SmithBeck	1,028,600	62 3/8

Sales, price and net change of the 10 most active American Stock Exchange issues, trading nationally at more than one dollar:

Name	Volume	Last Chg.
BAT Ind	1,663,600	10 3/16 -1/8
Hasbro	1,195,900	22 1/4 +1/4
TexasAirCp	632,500	15 5/8 -1/2
Atari	534,100	9 +3/8
Amdahl s	350,400	20 1/4 -1/4
NY Times	201,100	30 3/4 -1/4
WangLabB	190,500	7 7/8
EchoBay	169,400	14 5/8 -3/8
ICH Cp	168,800	3 3/4
AmTribm sc	159,100	10 5/8 +3/8

Monday's most active stocks

Most active over-the-counter stocks supplied by NASD.

Name	Volume	Asked	Chg.
BostTc	2,403,000	1 1/4	+3-32
Intel	2,092,200	31 1/4	+1/2
SunMc s	1,677,800	17 7/8	
MCI	1,645,100	39 5/8	-3/4
AppleC	1,641,400	43 1/2	-3/8
MblTel	1,021,500	8 1/2	-3/8
EascoT	834,900	9 5/8	+1/8
CVN	594,900	18 1/2	+1 1/8
Tyson	594,800	18 1/8	-1/8
3Com	590,500	18 3/8	-1/8

military news

AF sweeps cloak off 'Stealth' budget

by Charles Aldinger

WASHINGTON (Reuter) -- The Air Force swept the classified cloak

off the year-by-year budget for its B-2 "Stealth" bomber and powerful Rep. Les Aspin quickly announced the \$70.2 billion price tag for 132

planes would not fly in Congress.

"The Department of Defense has produced a B-2 program that won't fly financially," the Wisconsin Democrat and chairman of the House Armed Services Committee said.

"We will not spend \$7 billion to \$8 billion a year for B-2 in its three peak funding years."

The total cost of the program, an average of more than \$530 million for each of the radar-evading aircraft, had been unveiled earlier by Defense Secretary Dick Cheney.

But the Air Force year-by-year plan showed that while the Bush administration had slowed costs in the next three years, it plans to sharply escalate the program in fiscal 1993 and beyond.

The Pentagon has already spent \$20 billion for Northrop Corp. to develop the aircraft, which is scheduled to make its first flight in the coming weeks over the California desert.

Former President Ronald Reagan had asked Congress to spend \$5.8 billion on the bomber in fiscal 1990, but Bush has cut that proposal to \$4.7 billion, according to the Air Force figures.

In fiscal 1991 and 1992, Reagan sought \$8.2 billion and \$8.9 billion respectively, the Air Force said. But Bush has proposed scaling that back to \$5.3 billion and \$7.8 billion.

But Aspin noted that the Bush plan then begins to go even higher than the Reagan proposal with \$29.8 billion spent between fiscal 1993 and eventual completion of the program. That includes \$8.4 billion in 1993 and \$7.7 billion in 1994.

Reagan had called for \$22.6 billion to complete the program.

Aspin noted that members of Congress are faced with tight budgets in the years ahead and are already balking at spending Bush's request for \$4.1 billion on "Star Wars" anti-missile defense research in fiscal 1990.

"It is not realistic to think we can spend twice as much per year on a plane," he added of the Bush call for Stealth spending in the years ahead.

"Now that the final dimension of the Stealth bomber -- its cost -- is publicly visible, we can begin to address the problem," Aspin said.

Army prime power program offers courses

FORT BELVOIR, Va. (ARNEWS)-- Soldiers seeking unusual challenges and assignments need look no further than the Army's prime power program.

According to officials at the U.S. Army Engineering and Housing Support Center, applications are now being accepted for the class of 1990-91, which begins next January.

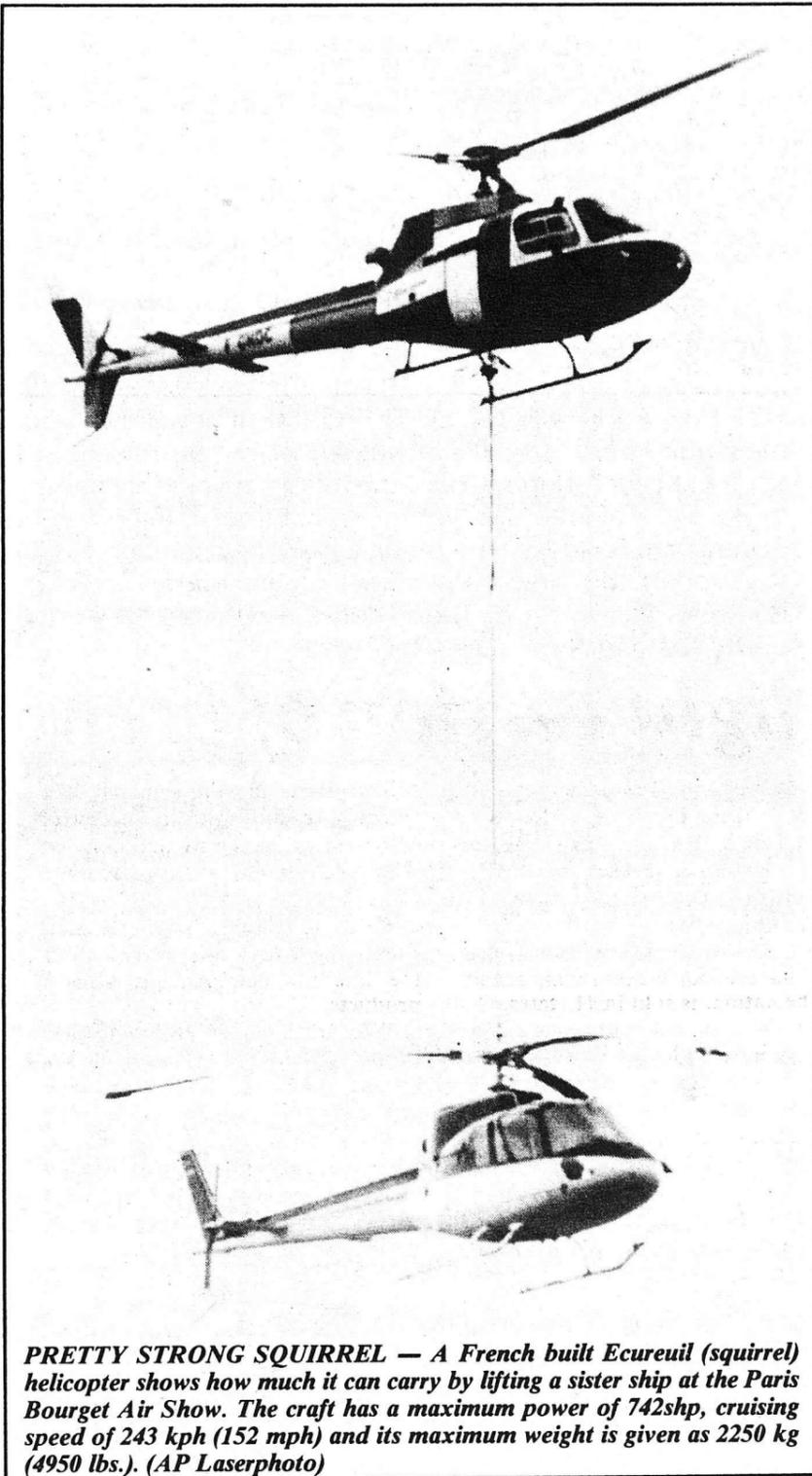
Soldiers accepted into the program undergo a year of intensive training at Fort Belvoir. Graduates of the course are awarded the military occupational specialty 52E, with an additional skill identifier in mechanical, S2; electrical S3, or instrumentation, E5.

Prime power production specialists serve around the world operating diesel and gas-turbine generators to provide prime power for major exercises, emergency and disaster relief efforts and other high priority requirements. They may also work with power distribution systems, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and boiler operations.

Applicants for the course must:

- Be grade E-5 or lower
- Agree to serve at least three years after graduation
- Have GT/ST and EL scores of 115 or higher
- Pass a basic math and science proficiency test administered at local education centers.

Soldiers may obtain course information and application instructions by calling AUTOVON 345-3544/2033, commercial 703-355-3544/2023, or by writing the U.S. Army Engineering and Housing Support Center, ATTN: CEHSC-TM, Fort Belvoir, VA, 22060-5516.



PRETTY STRONG SQUIRREL — A French built Ecureuil (squirrel) helicopter shows how much it can carry by lifting a sister ship at the Paris Bourget Air Show. The craft has a maximum power of 742shp, cruising speed of 243 kph (152 mph) and its maximum weight is given as 2250 kg (4950 lbs.). (AP Laserphoto)

Aid cutback to El Salvador would be setback?

WASHINGTON (AP) -- A top State Department official, responding to skeptical senators, said that a sharp cutback in U.S. military aid to El Salvador would play into the hands of extremist elements and increase the level of violence.

Assistant Secretary of State Bernard Aronson expressed fear that an aid cutoff would produce the same result in El Salvador that it did in Guatemala 12 years ago when that country's military "killed everybody in sight."

Aronson testified before the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations, making his congressional debut as President Bush's top aide for hemispheric affairs.

Most of the senators at the hearing expressed impatience with administration policy, asserting that \$5 billion in U.S. aid to El Salvador in less than a decade had produced minimal progress.

They noted that the civil war in El Salvador continues to rage and

argued that the activities of rightist death squads are on the increase.

Sens. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., and Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, said they would seek legislation requiring that 50 percent of the \$85 million military aid planned for El Salvador be withheld for six months.

The funds would be released only if the administration could certify that the Salvadoran government is making progress toward a negotiated settlement with leftist guerrillas.

Harkin said that a number of Salvadorans identified with death squad activities were forced to lower their profile for a time but are now back in the "good graces" of the ARENA party, which took over the government three weeks ago after their electoral triumph in March.

Subcommittee chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., described U.S. policy toward Central America as a "costly, bloody failure" and said a new policy for El Salvador in particular was needed.

Aronson, a Democrat with a conservative foreign policy outlook,

was treated more respectfully by the subcommittee than his predecessor, Elliott Abrams, who alienated many lawmakers with his combative approach.

But Aronson took strong exception to a statement by Harkin that the administration "closes its eyes and ears to the threat from the right" in El Salvador.

Aronson said admonitions to Salvadoran leaders for improvement in the protection of human rights are carried frequently by administration officials.

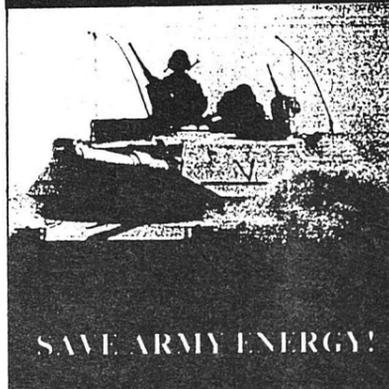
He also challenged assertions by Democrats on the panel that administration policy has produced no gains in El Salvador. He noted that despite the lack of a democratic tradition in El Salvador, five national elections have been held since 1982 and that politically motivated killings have dropped sharply over the years.

Aronson returned earlier this week from a visit to the Soviet Union, where he had an exchange of views on the situation in Central America.

Although he declined to provide specifics, Aronson said the Soviets made some encouraging statements. The administration has been critical of continuing Soviet bloc aid both to the Sandinista government in Nicaragua and to the Salvadoran rebels.

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lifestyle

Today's Jeep Wrangler different but still sells

by Jan A. Zverina
UPI auto writer

DETROIT (UPI) — The descendant of the General Purpose vehicle that helped this country win World War II seems to be attracting the same type of drivers nearly half a century later.

Its fans still tend to be young, single and adventurous, say Chrysler, which acquired Jeep as part of American Motors in 1987. Only these days, one does not have to wear an Army helmet or carry an M-1 rifle to drive the latest permutation of the world's best known sport utility vehicle, the Jeep Wrangler Islander.

The Islander is yet another version of the Wrangler, introduced three years ago as the next evolutionary step in Jeep's lineage and a successor to the CJ-7. It follows models like the Sahara, a khaki-colored version for those bent on pretending to be big game hunters.

The Islander is, in short, one of the most placid peacetime versions of the original Jeep.

Gone is the Olive Drab paint poured over the military versions for years. In its place are colors with decidedly non-military names — Malibu Yellow, Bright Red, Pearl White, and Pacific Blue. Also gone are the stenciled military markings, replaced by tape stripes and graphics

of an orange sun on the hood and doors.

But the unmistakable Jeep body is still there. So are the detachable doors and removable canvas top. But like most sport utility vehicles, one can rough it in comfort, since air conditioning, AM-FM stereo, automatic transmission and power steering are now offered.

The Islander begins at \$11,721 — midway between the Wrangler S, which starts at \$8,995, and the Wrangler Laredo, which costs nearly \$18,000 fully equipped.

The Islander evaluated for this review cost \$15,369 and was pretty indicative of how these vehicles are being ordered.

Air conditioning (\$731), automatic transmission (\$422), larger P225/75R Goodyear radials (\$313), power steering (\$294) and AM-FM stereo (\$167) were just some of the options, while the destination fee added another \$435.

In place of a 2.5 liter four was the larger engine (\$354), a carbureted 4.2 liter inline six that musters 112 horsepower at 3,000 rpm. A hard top with glass windows is \$748 more.

The Wrangler has comfortable, high-back bucket seats and a removable folding rear seat, all covered in a durable-looking fabric. The large storage bin between the front seats is lockable — a good thing

because the Islander's side doors do not lock unless the optional hardtop is ordered.

Although Chrysler maintains door locks are futile on a vehicle with plastic side windows and a convertible top, it will soon offer them through dealers on 1989 versions and make them standard equipment on 1990 models.

Full carpeting and a padded roll bar also are standard on the Islander, as is a complete array of instrumentation arranged across its no-frills dashboard.

On the highway, the 3,036-pound Wrangler Islander feels crude when measured against the rides of more modern utility vehicle designs. Its short 93.4-inch wheelbase and leaf spring suspension give a jouncy ride, while its canvas top drums loudly — making it feel like one is driving a tent at 60 mph.

The Islander's optional inline six-cylinder engine feels anemic when even mild acceleration is called for and is loud enough to compete with the stereo and wind noise. Fuel economy with the automatic also is dismal, with a highway rating of only 16 mpg.

But everybody knows the freeway is not the Wrangler's forte. Much like the original, it still is the ideal vehicle for beach duty or off-road maneuvers because of its four-wheel-drive

capability — provided one heeds the warnings against making abrupt turns and depending on the soft top to protect against anything more than inclement weather.

A brief excursion on sand and through a muddy construction site containing some steep grades proved no problem for the Islander, once its transfer case was shifted into low gear. This was done without the driver having to get out to manually lock the front wheel hubs, which is required on some other four-wheel-drive vehicles.

The Islander also negotiated some rocky terrain without missing a beat, its vital driveline parts and oil pan protected by skid plates.

But it had to be rescued with tow chains after an impulsive attempt to traverse a muddy swamp failed.

Fortunately for the driver, it was peacetime.

Access to service points like the oil filter, drive belts and spark plugs on the Islander's optional engine is excellent. Fit and finish on the test model was very good, although lowering and raising the top was a lengthy exercise.

Each Wrangler is covered by a one year/12,000 mile basic warranty and Chrysler's seven year/70,000 mile powertrain warranty.

Developing countries now seek protection for ozone

SINGAPORE (UPI) — Consumers in developing countries who never fretted about the ozone level or toxic wastes before are turning into environmental crusaders with each purchase of soap, cosmetics or shampoo.

Lured into the newest Body Shops by the colorful displays and tantalizing scents of the skin and hair products, shoppers soon learn each time the cash tills are rung that some of the money is used to save whales from extinction, protect tropical rain forests or fight the pollution of the atmosphere.

"People told me I was crazy to launch such an enterprise" outside the West, said Anne L. Downer, Asia-Pacific director and franchisee for the British-based chain that is soaring in popularity among ecologically conscious shoppers in Europe, Canada and the United States.

But Downer wouldn't take no for an answer. By combining a specially trained sales staff with visually enticing stores packed with intriguing posters, informative brochures and no pressure to buy, residents who knew nothing about ecological threats are emerging as Second and Third World zealots.

"What an eye-opener!" said Agnes Tan, a clerk attracted by the display who emerged 30 minutes later enlightened about the frightening effects of ozone depletion from chemicals known as chlorofluorocarbons or CFCs, used primarily as propellants in aerosol cans.

To help save tropical trees, paper is recycled in Nepal and to reduce waste there's a thriving refill service. Biodegradable plastic is used whenever possible.

"And we never use aerosol packaging," Downer said.

The 31-year-old former British nurse puts every member of the sales staff through intensive training to make sure they can speak authoritatively on wide-ranging issues from preserving the habitats of threatened species to AIDS prevention.

In June she launched a six-month ozone campaign to bring the grim

realities of the sun's damaging ultraviolet rays to people oblivious to the danger.

"I'm trying to raise awareness," Downer said. "It's a harder process here than in New York or London where the public is already alarmed about such a grave situation.

"In this area of the world, where there are no groups acting as strong

environmental advocates, we're sparking the interest, giving the initial kick," she said.

Huge posters depicting a child clothed from head to toe wearing sun glasses and standing under an

umbrella for additional protection beckon the curious along with staff members' T-shirts proclaiming "Ozone or No Zone."



CLIBURN WINNER — Aleksei Sultanov of the USSR raises his trophy above his head after he won the Eighth Van Cliburn International Piano Contest. (AP Laserphoto)

Entertainment Extra

Q. I am a very big fan of Jean LeClerc who portrays Jeremy Hunter on "All My Children," and I have two questions regarding the actor. First, could you please give me some background on Mr. LeClerc? And, secondly, how does he feel about playing such an emotional character on the soap? D.F., Baltimore, Md.

A. Jean began his acting career on a part-time basis in his native Canada while he was attending the University of Quebec as a pre-med student. However, soon after Jean came to terms with being an actor over continuing in the medical field. He became a very well-known actor in Canada doing several projects on television and stage. His first two major breaks involved a movie and stage role. Jean starred with Zoe Caldwell in a television drama about legendary actress Sarah Bernhardt. With this achievement, he eventually landed a role in the Broadway play "Dracula," replacing actor Frank Langella. Even though he has been offered several roles in television and on the big screen, Jean is content with his role on "AMC" as long as his melodramatic character of Jeremy continues to grow and is richly defined.

Jean is also very heavily involved with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, organizing many charity softball games between rival soap stars.

Q. I hear that Michael Jackson is a very fussy and difficult person to get along with when he is on tour with a long list of demands for his promoters. Is this true? M.W., Sanford, Fla.



A. Actually, nothing could be further from the truth. When Michael has been on tour, he actually surprises his promoters by being very cordial, and unlike many other rock stars, with few if any demands. All I have heard is that Michael requests mineral water, a basket of fruit, and a portable toilet in his dressing room. Certainly not a lot to ask for such a famous celebrity.

Q. When it comes to controlling his children, whom does Prince Rainier have more control over — Prince Albert or Princess Stephanie? R.E., Durham, N.C.

A. Apparently, Prince Rainier has more of a hold over Prince Albert. Last year, Albert was offered a cameo role in a Warren Beatty movie and Prince Rainier said "no go" and that was that.

Soap Updates by Seli Groves

ALL MY CHILDREN: Melanie fought off Trask's attempt to kiss her. She was later shocked to learn Palmer had hired Trask for the summer and insisted she continue to tutor him. Jeremy let a troubled Marissa sleep in his arms. Natalie arrived, assumed the worst and stormed out, and later filed for divorce. Dixie fell while Adam and Tad fought. Joe feared the worst for her and her unborn baby. Travis asked Barbara to move in with him. Erica and Jack became closer. Cecily was jealous of Skye's obvious interest in Nico. Remy told Cliff and Angie he was rehired by the Bureau and was leaving Pine Valley. **Wait To See:** Palmer's glee turns to gloom, but he has another plan in the wings.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Lily was charmed by Niles' son, Derek. Craig told Lucinda he's given up searching for Sierra, but Tonio hinted James may be alive and is keeping Sierra a prisoner in Montega. Tom and Hal agreed the question of Adam's guardianship should be put in writing. Iva agreed to marry Kirk. Duncan asked Mark not to tell Shannon about Lilith until he could locate her. Emily dumped

the flowers Brock sent her. **Wait To See:** Lily makes an interesting discovery about Derek.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Mike was delighted to learn Robin had given birth to their son, while April, unaware that Mike still wanted to marry her, believed she had lost him for good to Robin. Gail forced herself to lie to Marcus about her feelings for him. Roman received a special delivery letter from Diana telling him not to search for her. Patch (disguised as Daniel) learned about the wilderness camp Saul planned to set up in the mountains. Kiriakis invited Yvette to move into the mansion. **Wait To See:** Marcus unwittingly puts Gail into danger.

GENERATIONS: Jessica admitted she was having money troubles. Laura suggested this would be the right time to get in touch with her son. Chantal thought Sam was jealous of Adam's new girlfriend. Rebecca realized Martin may have influenced Philip's change of mind. When Philip offered her the partnership he'd withheld earlier, Rebecca quit the firm. Sam got Rebecca's tacit approval to snoop into Jason's background. **Wait To See:** Jessica gets a strange message.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Non-marital pursuits are clearly favored over business ventures this week. Be extra careful regarding the use of credit. While you might be interested in adding a few credit cards to your collection, this is not the time to do so. Be sure to read all fine print regarding offers that intrigue you before signing on the dotted line.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Be wary of co-workers this week as everything you hear on the job might not just be the exact truth. This week you need to be especially shrewd and wary of rumor mongers who might not have your best interests at heart. This weekend socializing is clearly favored as are club or hobby-oriented activities.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It is very important this week that you have your privacy. Be wary of a friend who continually intrudes on your time. If you allow yourself some peace of mind and needed rest at this time, you will be able to sort out any pressing problems on your mind. This weekend, stay close to the homefront with the accent on rest and relaxation.

MOON CHILDREN (June 21 to July 22) If you are in a new budding romance this week, you could have a slight disappointment. Be on the lookout for a manipulative family member. Collaborative efforts aren't especially favored this week, so work alone. Now is the time to catch up on those chores you have ignored.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This week will feature some of your very best business ideas, so be prepared to be at your best as bigwigs will be watching with heightened interest. Even though you are feeling anxious and restless, home activities are more favored now than outside interests.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Though your judgment is very good this week regarding activities on the job, you may be a bit blinded in your personal life. A friend now is extra sensitive and easily offended, so think before you speak. It is not, though, necessary to be overly accommodating this week.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Some relaxation is necessary this week as you may be too hard on yourself or those around you. Perhaps a quick and inexpensive weekend getaway is in order. Financial problems could be in the picture now, so worry could keep you from being your best self.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Now is not the time for a lot of talking. You still need to keep a plan under wraps for now. You can, however, expect a marked increase in social activities this weekend. Unexpected developments on the job are favorable this week. Try not to spend too much money this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your originality and politeness will lead to great gains this week on the job. In fact, your stars are working for you now in many ways. A new budding romance is in the stars for singles, and married couples will experience renewed love and harmony. Enjoy.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Discussions with higher-ups at work are very favorable this week. However, be sure not to take on more than you can handle regarding your job responsibilities. Someone close to you has some good advice regarding a project. Romance is also in the air this week, especially for the unattached.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A surprise visit from someone in your past could be in the works, but do not allow this shocker to get you in an uproar. Instead, enjoy renewing this tie and sharing news. You will be tempted to overspend this week; so keep a tight rein on your purse strings.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You've been sitting on the sidelines for quite some time now without expressing an opinion to a loved one. Now is the time to speak your mind. If you jump in and share your thoughts, others will be surprisingly welcome to your ideas and suggestions. In addition, you may be surprised how a meeting of the minds sparks romance or financial gains.

Top of the Charts

Top 10 Singles

1. Richard Marx "Satisfied," (EMI) Last Week: No. 4
2. Neneh Cherry "Buffalo Stance," (Virgin) No. 3
3. Milli Vanilli "Baby Don't Forget My Number," (Arista) No. 5
4. Fine Young Cannibals "Good Things," (MCA) No. 7
5. Donna Summer "This Time I Know It's For Real," (Atlantic) No. 6
6. Waterfront "Cry," (Polydor/Polygram) No. 11
7. Cyndi Lauper "I Drove All



8. Madonna "Express Yourself," (Sire/Warner) No. 8
9. Simply Red "If You Don't Know Me By Now," (Elektra) No. 12
10. Prince "Batdance (from Batman)," (Warner Bros.) No. 34

Top R&B/Soul

1. Luther Vandross "For You To Love," (Epic) Last Week: No. 5
2. Peabo Bryson "Show & Tell," (Capitol) No. 6

3. Anita Baker "Lead Me Into Love," (Elektra) No. 10
4. Diana Ross "Workin' Overtime," (Motown) No. 8
5. Soul II Soul "Keep On Movin'," (Virgin) No. 11
6. Miles Jaye "Objective," (Island/Atlantic) No. 12
7. Levert "Gotta Get The Money," (Atlantic) No. 9
8. Kool Moe Dee "They Want Money," (Jive) No. 13
9. Bobby Brown "On Our Own (From Ghostbusters)," (MCA) No. 23
10. Donna Allen "Can We Talk," (Oceana/Atlantic) No. 24

Top C&W Singles

1. Ricky Skaggs "Lovin' Only Me," (Epic/CBS) Last Week: No. 4
2. George Strait "What's Going On In Your World," (MCA) No. 5
3. Eddy Raven "In A Letter To You," (Universal) No. 9
4. Ricky Van Shelton "Hole In My Pocket," (CBS/Columbia) No. 8
5. Reba McEntire "Cathy's Clown," (MCA) No. 7
6. Ronnie Milsap "Houston Solution," (RCA) No. 11
7. Patty Loveless "Timber I'm Falling In Love," (MCA) No. 12
8. Dolly Parton "Why'd You Come In Here Lookin' Like That," (Columbia/CBS) No. 13
9. Conway Twitty "She's Got A Single Thing In Mind," (MCA) No. 14
10. Shenandoah "Sunday In The South," (Columbia/CBS) No. 15

sports

Lendl struggles, but wins at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Top-seeded Ivan Lendl barely avoided another case of Wimbledon woes, while teen-age sensation Michael Chang mowed down his first grass-court opponent Monday at the Grand Slam tournament.

Lendl, who has won every Grand Slam title except Wimbledon, struggled for three hours before beating hard-serving Nicolas Pereira of Venezuela 7-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-7, 6-1.

"I always have a hard time getting my rhythm, but today was especially difficult," Lendl said. "I didn't break a sweat until the fifth set because there were no rallies."

Chang, the 17-year-old Californian who scored a shocking victory in the French Open two weeks ago, beat fellow American Bill Scanlon 6-4, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 in his opening match at the All England Club.

"He's a polite young man, but when he gets on the tennis court he's going to do everything he can to beat you," Scanlon said.

Earlier on Centre Court, defending champion Stefan Edberg used his smooth serve-and-volley game to down Canadian Chris Pridham 6-3, 6-4, 6-1 before a sun-splashed crowd that included Britain's Duchess of York.

"I was a little nervous walking out on the court, but I got off to a good start and that helped," the Swede said. "It's a nice feeling being defending champion. You can hear the crowd and you have nice memories. But once you get on court, that disappears very quickly."

Also disappearing quickly were sixth-seeded Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland and No. 14 Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union. Hlasek was upset by Thomas Hogstedt of Sweden 6-3, 7-6, 6-1 and Chesnokov lost to Brad Drewett of Australia 6-4, 7-6, 6-0.

A pair of two-time champions, Boris Becker and Jimmy Connors, easily won their opening matches. Becker beat American Bryan Shelton 6-1, 6-4, 7-6 and Connors started his 18th consecutive Wimbledon with a 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 Centre Court victory over Andrei Cherkasov of the Soviet Union.

"I feel comfortable walking out on about five courts in the world, and this is one of them," Connors said.

Also advancing were fourth-seeded Mats Wilander of Sweden, No. 7 Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia, No. 13 Aaron Krickstein of the United States, No. 15 Mikael Pernfors of Sweden and

No. 16 Amos Mansdorf of Israel.

In women's play, Monica Seles, 15, of Yugoslavia won her grass-court debut over Brenda Schultz of The Netherlands 7-6, 1-6, 6-3. Sixth-

seeded Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia, No. 9 Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union and No. 15 Lori McNeil of the United States also won their opening matches.

Atlantic plans July 4 sports activities

by SFC Marshall B. Wilkins

FORT DAVIS (USARSO PAO)—Sports and recreational activities will be a major part of the July 4th celebration in the Atlantic

community. The games will actually start the Saturday before July 4 on July 1. Atlantic CRD has coed volleyball action planned for Fronius Gym that morning at 10 a.m.

A basketball single elimination tournament will start at 10 a.m. July 2 in the gym. Competition in racquetball and tennis will keep everyone busy beginning at noon July 3.

July 4 starts off early with a bang when the Firecracker Fun Run (10K and one mile) begins at 7 a.m. Liberty Bowl Soccer Championship and Firecracker Soccer Jamboree action starts at 9 a.m. Things continue to

jump with a balloon stomp and egg toss at 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Sack racing will start at 2 p.m. Thirty minutes later martial arts enthusiasts can view a tae kwon do demonstration.

Starting at 3 p.m.; racquetball, tennis and co-ed volleyball finals will be played concurrently. We'll find who is the strongest at 3:30 p.m. when tug of war gets underway.

Some people will be holding on to a pole while others will be gripping a ball beginning at 4 p.m. The excitement of the greased pole climb and basketball finals will hold everyone's attention.

But don't think the games are over after July 4. A powerlifting competition is scheduled for July 8 at 9 a.m. in Fronius Gym. It's not too late for individuals and organizations to register for any of these events; call Mr. Ford at 289-3496.

Ronald Reagan to call All-Star game

NEW YORK (AP) — Ronald Reagan will return to his former job on July 11 — describing baseball games.

The former president will do one inning of color commentary during NBC's telecast of the All-Star Game on July 11, the network said Monday. Reagan will join regular announcers Vin Scully and Tom Seaver in the broadcast booth at Anaheim Stadium.

Reagan, known at the time as "Dutch," broadcast Iowa football in 1932 for WOC radio in Davenport, Iowa. One year later he shifted to WHO, an NBC affiliate in Des Moines, Iowa, and for five seasons did recreations of Chicago Cubs games based on written descriptions provided over Western Union wires.

"You would think from hearing those ballgames you were sitting in Wrigley Field," said H.R. Gross, who at the time was a WHO newscaster and went on to become a Republican congressman from Iowa, serving 26 years.

Reagan did 1 1/2 innings of color commentry last Sept. 30 during a surprise visit to Wrigley Field. He joined Harry Caray and Steve Stone in the broadcast booth.

"American presidents have long been associated with baseball," NBC Sports president Dick Ebersol said in a statement. "President Reagan's background in baseball broadcasting creates a special opportunity to keep that relationship alive."

NBC will be broadcasting its last All-Star game for a while. Beginning in 1990, CBS begins a four-year contract with baseball.

Evidence indicates Rose bet on Reds

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's investigator concludes in his 225-page report released Monday there is evidence that Pete Rose bet on Cincinnati Reds games over a three-year span beginning in 1985.

The report by investigator John M. Dowd was publicly released Monday by a state judge who had kept it private until after he ruled on Rose's request for a temporary restraining order.

"Between May and July 1987, Rose bet ... \$2,000 per game on baseball, including Reds games," the report said.

Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge Norbert A. Nadel released the report Monday under pressure from the Ohio Supreme Court, which said he had no reason to keep it sealed.

Nadel on Sunday granted Rose's request to block a hearing that was scheduled for today in New York with baseball Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti.

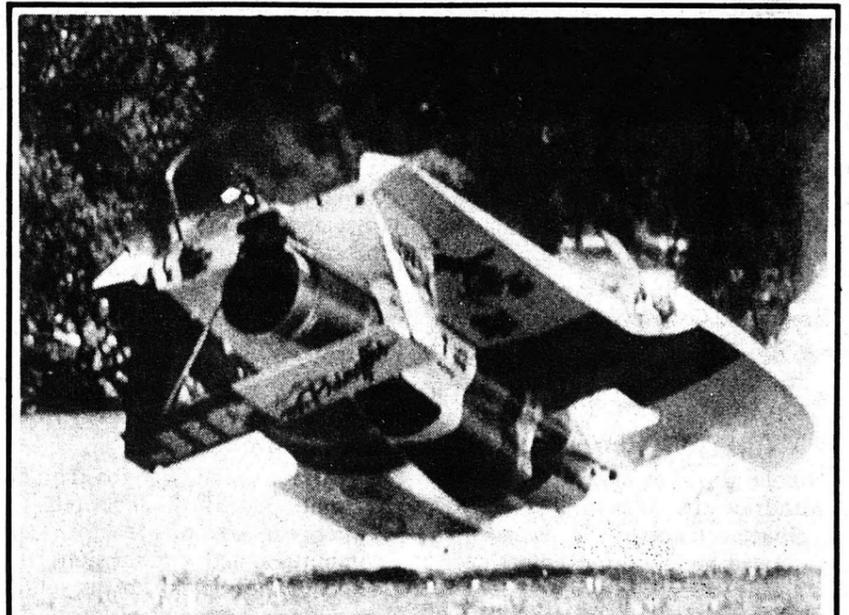
Rose could be banned from the game for life if he bet on the Reds, and Dowd's report said there was much evidence that he did.

"The accumulated testimony of witnesses, together with documentary evidence and telephone records, reveal extensive betting activity by Pete Rose with professional baseball

and, in particular, Cincinnati Reds games, during the 1985, 1986 and 1987 seasons," Dowd said in the report.

Dowd cited telephone records and betting slips supplied by Paul Janszen, who claims to have run bets

for Rose, as supporting evidence. He also said that evidence supports the testimony of bookmaker Ronald Peters, who claims he took perhaps more than \$1 million in bets on behalf of Rose over a two-year period.



MAKING WAVES — The Mr. Pringle's hydroplane piloted by Scott Pierce flips over after Pierce lost control during the Thunder In The Sun hydroplane races on the Detroit River Sunday. Pierce was uninjured. (AP Laserphoto)

Larry Bird plays first game in 7 months

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — As first steps go, this one looked more like a leap for Larry Bird.

In his first game appearance in seven months, Bird scored 33 points in 29 minutes as his White team outscored the Red 182/168 in the Larry Bird Pro All-Star Scholarship Classic.

As the score indicated, there was little defense played Sunday night in Market Square Arena. But for Bird, the mere act of stepping on the floor marked a significant point in his comeback from surgery on both

heels.

"Well, it's been a while, but overall I was pleased with this little test," Bird said. "I really wasn't thinking about the injury going out there. I was just worried about getting in the flow and up and down the court. These are games that are great for seeing what kind of shape you're in. I obviously need to be in better shape for the season. I've got three months yet to prepare for next year."

Bird, who made his first six shots in the second half, was 13-for-23, including four of seven 3-pointers,

and had seven assists and five rebounds. He ran the floor well but was cautious with his cuts from side-to-side.

"I don't think his lateral movement was there," said the Indiana Pacers' Chuck Person, who scored 15 points.

The next step for Bird, after a closer inspection by the medical corps, is the Celtics rookie camp in late July.

"I'll have to talk to the doctors and trainer," Bird said, "and see what they have in store for me."

Floods widespread in southeast Texas

HOUSTON (UPI) -- Tropical storm Allison was downgraded to a tropical depression early Tuesday as it drifted through East Texas towards Louisiana, but the torrential rain it dumped in Southeast Texas left widespread flooding.

Up to 11 inches of rain fell in Montgomery and Harris counties Monday and early Tuesday, with 6 to 8 inches east of Houston in Liberty and Hardin counties, the National Weather Service said.

Houston police said slick roads and poor visibility caused by Allison were factors in a car accident that killed one man and caused minor injuries to two other people.

Several area rivers and lakes had crested or were near flood stage early Tuesday, including Lake Houston northeast of Houston, said weather forecasters and local authorities.

Officials said Flood Control District gauging crews at one point were unable to get to some streams and bayous because of the high water.

Flood waters in the Houston area made several major roads impassible, including southbound lanes of Interstate 10, southbound Interstate 45 between Edgebrook and Clear Lake, State Highway 59 at U.S. Highway 610 and feeder roads for all the major highways, Debbie

Schmidt of the Harris County Emergency Management Office said early Tuesday.

Several homes in communities east and north of Houston were evacuated as many areas streams and creeks crested, Schmidt said. She said many cars on Houston streets were swept away by flood waters but no one was injured.

By 6 a.m. EDT Tuesday, the National Weather Service reported Allison -- the first tropical storm of the Atlantic season -- was about 50 miles north northwest of Houston, moving north at about 6 mph, with maximum sustained winds still at 35 to 40 mph.

A flash flood watch was issued until 7 p.m. Tuesday for several East Texas counties, south of a line extending from Centerville to Rusk to the state line east of Center in Nacogdoches County.

At one point Monday night, as Allison tore past Houston, flood waters reached the top of one 14-foot-3-inch high Interstate 45 overpass at Main Road, close to the downtown area,

New USARSO commander greets troops

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) -- The new commander of U.S.



CHANGE OF COMMAND -- The Commander in Chief, U.S. Southern Command, Gen. Fred F. Woerner (left), passes the colors to the new commander of U.S. Army South, Brig. Gen. Marc Cisneros, during Friday's change of command ceremony. (U.S. Army photo by Brenda R. Crowley)

Army South, Brig. Gen. Marc Cisneros, made the following remarks during the change of command ceremony Friday.

"A little over two years after I was promoted and was frocked to brigadier general, I was dragged screaming and kicking out of USARSO, having spent about six months here as Deputy Commander during that time. Serving at SOUTHCOM as Director of Operations, I agonized with you over the events that have occurred here during the past two years -- the abuse to our soldiers, the abuse to our families.

"It took a lot of moral courage to stand fast in the tasks that we were given in view of the Panama elections that were coming up. I want to tell you I agonized as to what comments I was going to make this morning as a reflection on that. However, there are a lot of things that are probably best not said. I would like to say that General Woerner put it all in perspective in his comments earlier.

"There are some things, however, that cannot be left unsaid, and I would like to express this to you as I start a new chapter in my life. First, my sincere appreciation to General Woerner for his trust and confidence in selecting me to command USARSO. The magnitude of that trust and confidence is reflected by the statement made by one of our great presidents, who said:

"Our strength, as well as our

convictions, have imposed upon us the role of leader in freedom's call. No role in history could be more difficult or more important. We stand for freedom. The great battleground for the defense and expansion of freedom today is, among others, Latin America, the land of the rising people. Their revolution is the greatest in human history. They seek an end to injustice, tyranny and exploitation. And more than an end, they seek a beginning.'

"So said President Kennedy. And here we are in the midst of a role that is the most difficult and important that our country and the Army faces. I'm honored by the trust and confidence that places me in that role. And any time that any dime store dictator regime or its press criticizes General Woerner or myself, I take heart that we do indeed stand for freedom's call.

"To General Loeffke and Francesca, we wish you well in your next assignment. General Loeffke, you have left us an honored legacy by your feeling for freedom and God bless the U.S.A. We are indeed proud to be Americans.

"Finally, to you soldiers, who carry the burden of ensuring freedom, I dedicate myself, body and soul, to your safety and well-being. I will be tough, but I will be fair. If called upon, we will be ready, swift and decisive. *'Dales duro.'* God bless the U.S.A. and democracy."

Soviet parliament rejects 6 cabinet choices

MOSCOW (UPI) -- Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov agreed Tuesday to withdraw the names of six of his Cabinet choices who were not endorsed by legislative committees, marking the first time in Soviet history that a parliament has rejected high government candidates.

Ryzhkov, acknowledging that the revamped Supreme Soviet had turned down nearly half of his proposed 13-member Cabinet, told the newly emboldened lawmakers that he would nominate other people for the senior posts, the official Tass news agency said.

The rejected candidates included two present Cabinet members Ryzhkov had wanted to remain on the job, Culture Minister Vasily Zakharov and Marat Gramov, chairman of the State Committee for Physical Culture and Sports.

Ryzhkov's announcement came one day after the parliament approved a legislative agenda that would overhaul the legal system and give Soviet citizens more power in virtually every sphere of life from courts and churches to trade unions

and grass-roots government.

"Soviet head of government Nikolai Ryzhkov accepted the decision of parliamentary committees and commissions that denied endorsement to six of his candidates for ministerial posts," Tass said. "This is the first time in Soviet history that Parliament rejected candidates for government positions." At least five of the Cabinet choices were not recommended last week during four days of raucous legislative committee hearings.

In addition to Zakharov and Gramov, Ryzhkov withdrew the names of Gennady Bogomyakov for minister of oil and gas, Lira Rozenova for head of the State Committee on Prices, Vladimir Gribov for chairman of the State Bank, and Polad Polad-Zade for minister of land improvement and water management.

The two houses of the Supreme Soviet, beginning its inaugural full session Monday, approved a 21-point legislative program in which deputies will spend the next five

weeks considering laws affecting every aspect of society.

The legislature -- the first to wield independent power in 70 years -- put in place several pillars of Western parliamentary procedure, including multiple readings of pending bills.

One deputy even distributed a book on how the U.S. Congress drafts laws.

"The very look of that large volume stirred the audience," the official Tass news agency said.

Yevgeny Primakov, chairman of the Council of the Union, told lawmakers that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev will brief a joint session of Parliament on his trips to West Germany and France when he returns from his French summit in two weeks.

Previous legislatures were rubber-stamp bodies that met for a day or two and complacently "approved" nominees for the highest government posts, supplied by the ruling cliques of the Communist Party.

The political system was overhauled last year at a special party conference called by Gorbachev. A

significant result of the landmark conference, multi-candidate parliamentary balloting held earlier this year, was preceded by boisterous election campaigns that captivated the nation.

Draft laws placed on the agenda significantly extend such basic rights as the freedom of assembly, conscience and self-government.

Some of the laws would give more rights to workers, consumers, inventors, jurists, lawyers and plaintives, journalists and young people.

Others prescribe massive overhauls of the Soviet criminal and tax codes.

Legislators Monday did not limit their focus to lawmaking as one deputy after another displayed the political spirit that has flourished under Gorbachev's policy of "glasnost," or openness.

Some deputies even challenged the makeup of a proposed military and intelligence oversight committee, saying most of its members were tied to the defense industry.

Space A travel still available for local hires

QUARRY HEIGHTS (US-SOUTHCOM PAO) -- Space required travel to Charleston AFB, S.C., is available through Friday for dependents of U.S. citizen local hire employees of the Department of Defense. This benefit is offered at no cost to the employees. However, it is one way travel only and is only intended to support those employees who are permanently relocating dependents out of Panama as a result of the president's recent directive. Procedures for taking advantage of this opportunity will vary by service of employment. Departing dependents must turn in their Bilingual ID card prior to departure.

—For Army employees: Report to USARSO Civilian Personnel Office, Technical Service Division, or call 285-5112/5044 for further details regarding this program.

—For Air Force employees: Call Special Orders section at base administration 284-3010.

—For Navy employees: Orders will be issued through the member's chain of command. Travel arrangements will be handled by the travel section, Personnel Support Detachment for members in receipt of written orders.

Any employees having further questions should contact their servicing CPO.

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