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OAS-sponsored talks in RP conclude

PANAMA CITY, Panama (UPI) -- Talks sponsored by the Organization of American States ended Monday without any breakthrough in resolving Panama's political crisis as opposition leaders blamed strongman Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega for impeding diplomatic efforts.

"The principal obstacle to reconciling these proposals is the same obstacle that keeps the Panamanian people from choosing between these proposals," said former opposition vice-presidential candidate Ricardo Arias Calderon. "That obstacle has been, is and will be the continuance of Gen. Noriega in power."

The OAS negotiating team, unable to break a stalemate on forging a new

government in Panama, was to return to Washington Tuesday and offer a final report Wednesday to representatives of the member countries of the OAS.

"I insist that our position and that of the government are completely irreconcilable," former opposition presidential candidate Guillermo Endara told reporters earlier.

An adviser to Noriega, whom the United States has been trying to overthrow since early 1988, said the Panamanian government will survive even if both sides fail to reach any accord.

"If no agreement is reached, the government will not fall apart," Renato Pereira told reporters outside the building where the OAS-sponsored talks were held.

The OAS team includes OAS Secretary General Joao Clemente Baena Soares of Brazil, Ecuadoran Foreign Minister Diego Cordovez, Trinidad-Tobago, Ambassador to Venezuela Christopher Thomas, and Guatemalan Deputy Foreign Minister Ariel Rivera.

Romulo Escobar, who represented Panamanian President Manuel Solis Palma at the OAS-sponsored talks, said he was not worried what the OAS delegates reported to Washington and reiterated his call for self-determination.

"As I told the OAS negotiators, we are not worried, and I hope we have made it clear that Panama has the right to resolve its problems without intervention," Escobar said.

Arias Calderon also said he hopes

that the OAS will respect the self-determination of the Panamanian people, but he determined that to mean the ouster of Noriega.

"We hope that the OAS report will speak the truth," he said. "We hope that the foreign ministers ratify the absolute need to respect the self-determination of the Panamanian people, and that they identify the principal obstacle to self-determination as General Noriega."

The opposition has called for recognition of its victory in the May 7 elections that were annulled three days later, a transfer of power to the opposition on Sept. 1, and the retirement of Noriega.

Under the Panamanian Constitution, a new president must be installed on Sept. 1.

RP leader fears puppet government, repression

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- An opponent of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega said Monday the Panamanian military ruler is brutally repressing his foes and will install a puppet government in September despite efforts by the Organization of American States to negotiate his removal from power.

Guillermo Quinjano, 50, a Panamanian senator and vice president of the opposition party, Molirena, said an OAS delegation now in Panama City has ignored Noriega's campaign of beatings, shootings, and imprisonment of his

political opponents.

"The opposition has tried to make the OAS focus on this situation," he said. "The OAS has pushed it aside."

"The OAS hasn't considered in a proper way the human rights of Panamanians. There has been a brutal repression. A large number of people are in prison."

By law, a new president is to be installed in Panama on Sept. 1. Quinjano, speaking at a forum organized by the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, said Noriega will remain the defacto ruler of Panama.

"It is likely Noriega will place a puppet government in Panama and the U.S. government will maintain all the sanctions of last year," Quinjano said. "The OAS has up to this moment failed."

Quinjano, whose newspaper, La Prensa, was closed by Noriega in 1987, said the military ruler has virtually barred foreign news reporters from Panama while he rounds up and jails his opponents. He called on the OAS to maintain a permanent office in Panama to report on what he called widespread human rights violations -- now and those he fears after Sept. 1.

"Panama is an occupied country -- by its own forces, not American forces," Quinjano said. "We ask the democratic countries of the world to send representatives to Panama, to help us find a peaceful solution to our struggle for democracy in Panama."

The violation of human rights has been constant."

Quinjano said it was speculative to comment on the effect of relations between Panama and the United States should there be an American military intervention to oust

Noriega. But he said Washington, through the Panama Canal Treaty, has the right to defend the waterway.

"We cannot suggest a military action. But the Panama Canal Treaty gives an umbrella for many things to be done in Panama," he said.

Housing rental, utilities costs to be increased

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) -- The cost of living in government quarters for Department of Defense civilians will increase Sept. 15, according to U.S. Southern Command officials.

USSOUTHCOM and component housing rental rates will increase by 3.6 percent and utility rates will increase by 10 percent.

The rate increase is tied to Consumer Price Index figures provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The utility increase is a step closer to bringing costs in line with current costs.



WHERE'S OUR MOM? -- Puppies born to Kelly, a golden retriever, are held by Sandra Johansen, town council president in Hopkinton, N.J. A caller told Johansen that Kelly, who was kidnapped last month, would be returned when Johansen left the council. (AP Laserphoto)

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Huey Newton killed

by United Press International
OAKLAND, Calif. -- Huey P. Newton, a co-founder of the Black Panther Party and a symbol of black militancy in the 1960s, was found dead on a street Tuesday morning with three bullet holes in his head, police said.

Estonians slam USSR

TALLINN, Estonia -- Estonians criticized Moscow Tuesday on the eve of a mass protest to mark the 50th anniversary of a Nazi-Soviet pact they say cost the three Baltic republics their sovereignty. In all, up to a half-million Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians are expected to

form a line Wednesday snaking 600 miles along a mail railway line.

Storm now hurricane

MIAMI -- Erin, the fifth tropical storm of the season, was upgraded to a hurricane Tuesday after a ship passing through the storm in the mid-Atlantic clocked its top winds at 75 mph, forecasters said.

'Mistake' sinks boat

LONDON -- Port investigators blamed "a navigational mistake" for the sinking of a crowded pleasure boat during a cruise on the River Thames and police considered criminal charges in the weekend accident that killed at least 25 people. As many as 150 people at a birthday

party were plunged into the water early Sunday when the barge split the pleasure boat, sinking it in minutes.

Jet's takeoff aborted

COLUMBUS, Ohio -- The pilot of an Eastern Airlines jet aborted takeoff Monday night at Port Columbus Airport because of a bomb threat telephoned to police. Airport operations manager Steven Baker said the DC-9 carried 61 passengers. No injuries were reported.

Bush to view oil spill

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine -- President Bush may go to Alaska next month to view ongoing efforts to clean up the Exxon oil spill, a

White House official said Tuesday.

Iowa cause located?

WASHINGTON -- The Navy's investigation into the explosion aboard the USS Iowa that killed 47 sailors has found that the crew failed to follow maintenance procedures for preventing breakdowns in the battleship gun turret that blew up, The Washington Post reported Tuesday.

Phone strike shrinks

A shrinking nationwide telephone strike limped into its 17th day Tuesday, with unionized employees returning to work in California and Nevada but staying away in 18 other states and the District of Columbia.

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U.S. news

Entertainment executive, wife slain in home

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (UPI) -- An entertainment industry executive and his wife were found

shot to death on a couch in the family room of their mansion, police said Monday.

Joseph E. Menendez, 45, and his wife, Mary Kitty Menendez, 44, were found dead shortly before midnight Sunday by their sons, Lyle, 21, and Eric, 18, police Lt. Bob Curtis said.

Curtis said a motive for the slaying had not been determined and no arrests were made. Police refused to disclose details of the slaying, including what type of weapon may have been used.

One of the Menendez's sons called police at 11:47 p.m. Sunday. When police arrived, they found the victims dead on the family room couch. Both had been shot repeatedly.

"Apparently there were no other persons in the home when the crime occurred," Curtis said, adding the Mediterranean-style home had not been ransacked. It was not immediately clear how the assailants entered the home.

Several people were questioned by police but were released.

The Cuban-born Menendez was chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Los Angeles-based LIVE Entertainment Inc., parent company of International Video Entertainment Inc., which

distributes children's programming and such films as "Rambo."

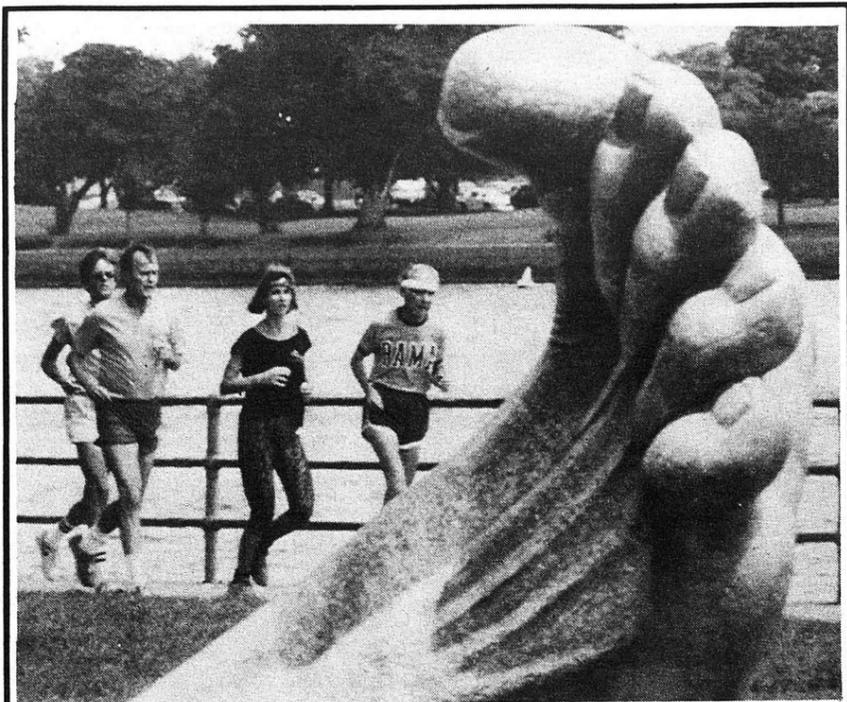
The company also owns Stawberries Records, Tapes & CDs, an 85-store chain on the East Coast, and Lieberman Enterprises, a Minneapolis video distribution and production company.

"We heard the shots last night," said Avril Krom, who lives next door to the Menendez family. "I thought it was firecrackers. My son said, 'Call the police,' and I said, 'Don't be silly, it's just firecrackers.'"

The victims' sons had been at the movies, she said. "My daughter heard the screams when they came home," she said.

She described the Menendez family as "vocal," but said none of the Menendezes had introduced themselves to neighbors after moving in.

The Menendezes, according to property records, moved in October 1988 from a \$950,000 house in Calabasas to their \$4 million mansion. The home had previously been rented by rock star Elton John, Prince, and members of the band U2.



BEST FOOT FORWARD - President Bush jogs in Washington park Tuesday with reporters and a personal friend. The huge foot in the foreground is part of the giant sculpture "The Awakening." (AP Laserphoto)

President to unveil drug war package

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine (AP) -- President Bush will propose that the United States spend \$7.5 billion to \$8 billion to fight drugs but is not prepared to send U.S. troops to aid Colombia's battle against drug lords, his chief of staff said Monday.

John Sununu, for the first time putting a price tag on the president's anti-drug blueprint, said it would include more financial aid for other nations in the international war on drugs.

Bush will unveil his proposal in a speech to the nation Sept. 5, the day

after he returns to Washington from a nearly-three week vacation at the family compound here, then will send implementing legislation to Congress.

As for the drug-fighting program, Sununu said the primary thrust of the president's plan will be education. Also included will be money for law enforcement efforts, interdiction and rehabilitation.

The chief of staff declined to say which federal programs the president would cut to help finance his anti-drug effort.

Sununu said Bush made most of the final decisions on the package Monday, sending orders back to Budget Director Richard Darman telling him where to siphon funds to partially pay for the effort.

Sununu appeared to temper Sunday's remark by Attorney General Dick Thornburgh that the United States should consider a request, if one were made, by Colombian President Virgilio Barco Vargas for U.S. troops to aid in the South American nation's battle against drug bosses.

Gas bomb discharges in NAACP headquarters

ATLANTA (UPI) -- A booby-trapped package spewed noxious gas at the Southeastern regional headquarters of the NAACP Monday, sending at least 12 people to hospitals.

Earl Shinhoster, executive director of the NAACP's regional headquarters, said the incident occurred about 12:30 p.m. when he and his secretary opened the package, a white hat box that had been part the day's mail delivered an hour earlier.

"My secretary and myself were both working on either side of the box," Shinhoster said. "We opened it. We flipped the last piece of tape off and we could see a sparkle come up through the bottom of the box."

"There was some cylinder type of device in the bottom where the sparkles were coming from and there was a rapid succession of pop, pop," he said. "Between those two pops, smoke began to emit some kind of

gaseous substance."

Shinhoster said the yellow-colored gas spread through the three-story red brick building within two minutes --irritating eyes, making breathing difficult and forcing the evacuation of everyone inside.

Although the gas had not been identified, firefighters believe it was tear gas, Adams said.

"I can't imagine why anyone would do this," said the visibly shaken Shinhoster. "I could not imagine the evil that would propel someone to take this kind of action."

Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., who arrived minutes after hearing reports of an accident at the NAACP offices, called for a federal investigation.

"This office is a strong symbol of the civil rights movement," Lewis said. "Without looking at any of the evidence, I would say it was racially motivated."

The package contained a return address as well as a name on it, he

said.

Al Adams, a U.S. Postal Service inspector, said firefighters were unsure whether the device was intended to cause an explosion or just to release smoke.

Investigators were examining the container, which was still inside the building.

Atlanta Police spokesman Kevin Iosty said 12 people were sent to various hospitals, including nearby Grady Memorial Hospital.

"There were no injuries as a result of fire or shrapnel," said Atlanta Public Safety Department spokesman Keith Williams. "We think it's a tear gas canister. We don't know the extent of the injuries."

Shinhoster and his secretary were not taken to the hospital.

Firefighters said the majority of injured apparently were patients, including children and elderly people, in doctor's offices also located in the building.

Movie stunt kills director

TONAWANDA, N.Y. (UPI) -- A spectacular movie stunt involving a falling water tower went awry Sunday, knocking over a utility pole that killed the film director.

Tonawanda police said Henry "Toby" Halicki, 48, of Gardena, Calif., was filming a stunt scene in "Gone in 60 Seconds II," a sequel to his 1974 film in this community north of Buffalo.

Halicki, a native of Dunkirk, N.Y., died when the empty, 100-foot water tower fell prematurely at 5:50 p.m., knocking over the utility pole, which landed on the director, crushing him and killing him instantly.

Police said the stunt was supposed to appear as if the truck smashed a string of cars into the water tower, toppling it. The tower actually was to be pulled over by cables attached to two bulldozers.

Workers had cut away one of the tower's three support legs with torches, and were weakening a second when the tower toppled without warning, police said.

The workers cutting the tower's legs were able to scramble to safety, but Halicki could not get out of the way of the utility pole.

Halicki was pronounced dead at Kenmore Mercy Hospital at 6:35 p.m.

It was not immediately known whether the film crew would continue with the movie.

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U.S. news

Carter back on world stage as peacemaker

ATLANTA (Reuter) -- Eight years after leaving the White House, Jimmy Carter is back on the world stage, this time as an unofficial diplomat and private peacemaker seeking to resolve Third World conflicts.

The former president's announcement last week that he will host peace talks in Atlanta next month between Ethiopia's Marxist government and the Eritrean secessionist movement was the boldest example yet of his success in a new mission he created for himself.

Earlier this month, Carter, 64, also



Jimmy Carter

agreed to head a panel monitoring the fairness of Nicaraguan elections next Feb. 25 after he was invited to do so by both President Daniel Ortega and the opposition.

His stature for such an undertaking was strengthened in May when he denounced as a fraud the elections in Panama while acting as an invited non-governmental observer who had the tacit approval of President Bush.

The Ethiopian talks, in which Carter will act as mediator after three Africa trips, are to clear the way for between the government of President Mengistu Haile Mariam and the People's Liberation Front.

Their 28-year-old civil war and famine have combined to cost more than half a million lives in the past 15 years.

"One reason both sides would see Carter as someone they can trust is that he the president who gave the most attention to Africa," said Anthony Lake, policy planning director in the State during the Carter presidency.

"He was also given high marks by Africans because he was the strongest of all the presidents in opposing apartheid in South Africa

and he was admired for appointing Andrew Young as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations," he told Reuters. Young was the first black U.S. ambassador to the world body.

Carter's known sympathy with the plight of Africa and other less-developed regions is a key factor in his ability to win or hold the trust of leaders in regional conflicts, University of Georgia political scientist Loch Johnson said.

Analysts also pointed to Carter's role in bringing together late President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Minister Menachem Begin in the Camp David peace accords.

From his base at the privately funded Carter Center of Emory University in Atlanta, the former peanut farmer "born-again" Baptist has found it possible to play a role in world affairs with neither the powers nor the restraints of a government.

By capitalizing on the residual prestige of his former high office and continuing Third World good will, Carter has found a new niche as private activist for causes dear to his heart, including programs for "conflict resolution" and fighting hunger, disease, political oppression and homelessness.

Failure to resolve the crisis of U.S. hostages held in Iran and to pressure Moscow to pull its troops out of Afghanistan combined with a distressed U.S. economy to help Ronald Reagan deny Carter a second term in the White House.

After this electoral defeat, Carter quietly pressed on to create a role for himself and raised the money to establish his policy center, which opened in late 1986.

As a former president, he receives an annual government pension of nearly \$70,000.

Carter's relations with the Bush administration are far warmer than they were with Reagan's and a Bush spokesman has said the administration hopes the new Ethiopian peace effort in Atlanta succeeds. But the spokesman was quick to add it was a strictly private affair in which Washington was not involved.

"It must be very difficult for a former president to go from that extraordinary attention and power to being a private citizen," Lake said.

"A part of what he's doing now is to look for action again. But the other part is that he still wants to make a difference."

Space probe's 'ears' will record Neptune fly-by

PASADENA, Calif. (UPI) -- Electronic ears aboard the Voyager 2 space probe, less than a week from its historic flyby of Neptune, have picked up intense, naturally occurring radio emissions from the bluish planet, indicating a magnetic field that could create spectacular auroras, scientists said last week.

The radio emissions are produced by electrically charged atomic particles as they spiral around magnetic field lines and smash into the cloudy planet's frigid atmosphere.

"The radio emissions are very intense, very impulsive, and occur in a limited range of frequencies," said James Warwick, principal investigator of Voyager 2's planetary radio astronomy experiment.

Voyager 2, launched 12 years ago Sunday on an unprecedented grand tour of the outer solar system, will sail 3,000 miles over Neptune's north pole at 9 p.m. PDT Thursday, whipping by the strange moon Triton five hours later before heading out of the solar system altogether.

As the 1-ton robot craft hurtles toward its fourth and final planetary encounter, its instruments have been beaming back a steady stream of priceless data about a planet so far from Earth -- 2.7 billion miles -- that it is little more than a featureless blob in the most powerful ground-based telescopes.

Voyager 2 already has discovered four new moons, pushing Neptune's total to six, and two partial ring arcs, broad swaths of debris possibly left over from the collision of two moons in the distant past.

Scientists said that Voyager 2 "has detected intense radio emissions from Neptune indicating that the planet has a magnetic field," according to a statement released by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

"The discovery ... greatly increases the likelihood the spacecraft will find a wide range of interesting

phenomena related to a magnetic field, such as aurora and possible radiation-darkened ring arcs and moons," the statement said.

While the radio emissions were confirmed last week, Warwick said a review of earlier data showed such emissions were first detected Aug. 14.

He said the emissions are polarized -- the crests and troughs of the radio waves are oriented in a specific way -- "so we know we're dealing with a magnetic field. The source is not lightning. It is related to energetic particles interacting in a magnetic field."

Couple survives whales, sharks for 66 days

MIAMI (UPI) -- A Miami couple said they fended off shark attacks and caught fish by hand as they drifted aimlessly in a life raft for 66 days after a group of whales sank their boat in the Pacific Ocean.

William Butler, 60, and his wife, Simone Butler, 52, were picked up Saturday by the Costa Rican coast guard and taken to a hospital in the coastal city of Golfito. The Butlers lost about 50 pounds each during the ordeal and were recovering from first-degree burns at Golfito Hospital, The Miami Herald reported Monday.

"I forced myself to eat almost two pounds of raw fish a day, and I forced my wife to eat it too," William Butler said in a telephone interview from his hospital bed.

Dr. Carlos Vargas in Golfito Hospital said the couple will remain hospitalized for at least four more days.

"They are very skinny, but their general condition is good," Vargas said.

The Butlers left Matheson Hammock Park Marina in Miami April 14 aboard their 38-foot boat Siboney. They planned to sail around the world.

Mercury, Earth, Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus have magnetic fields while Venus and Mars do not.

Just as a common bar magnet exhibits a force field between its north and south poles, a planetary magnetic field can be thought of as a girde of magnetic field lines that surround a planet, arcing from pole to pole.

Such magnetic fields are thought to be generated by fluid motion in a planet's core; in Earth's case, the motion of molten iron.

The spectacular aurora visible from extreme northern and southern latitudes on Earth are created by

electrically charged particles following magnetic field lines as they flash into the atmosphere where they interact with other particles. Such "northern lights" may be present on Neptune as Voyager races past late this week.

Warwick said that while the Neptunian radio emissions were confirmed last week, Voyager 2's radio instrument actually picked up the planetary noise as early as Aug. 14.

Preliminary analysis indicates Neptune's magnetic field is about as intense as the fields of Earth and Uranus.

pounds.

The Butlers survived shark attacks by sealing punctures in the raft with a repair kit.

Their son, Joe Butler of Miami, said William Butler learned to sail as a boy in Havana and had prepared for the round-the-world voyage for three years.

"It's something he had wanted to do all his life and was finally in a position to do it," Joe Butler said. "That boat was like a member of the family," he said.

William Butler said that, while floating aimlessly, they spotted nearly 40 ships but couldn't flag any down.

"No one saw us, and we fired our last flare the night before (the rescue), but the freighter we saw shined lights at us but never saw us."

On Saturday, a coast guard ship on a routine fisheries patrol about 30 miles off the coast spotted the raft and rescued the Butlers.

William Butler said they never gave up hope.

"We discovered once again the power of God and prayer. That's the only thing that really saved us," he said.

As the vessel was going down, the Butlers grabbed fishing hooks and a purifier to convert salt water to drinking water, and got into a rubber life boat, the couple said.

They had no bait, but caught fish with the hook, they said.

"When a turtle came by, I pulled him out of the water and cut his throat. That started our food chain," William Butler said.

He used the remains of a triggerfish he caught to attract other fish, but three to four weeks ago he lost the hook. From then on, he said, he dangled bait over the side of the raft with one hand and grabbed the fish that came by with the other.

"I don't even recognize myself," he said, having dropped to about 128

hemisphere

Medellin Cartel high-tech, multi-national

WASHINGTON (Reuter) — Colombia's Medellin Cartel has blended savage terror tactics with high-technology business expertise to build an illegal cocaine empire whose profits dwarf those of most multi-national corporations.

The organization's ruthless use of terror to intimidate its opponents has been thrown into sharp focus this week with the assassination in Colombia of a leading politician, a supreme court judge and the police chief of the city of Medellin.

All three killings were blamed on cocaine lords based in Medellin.

Judged the world's most dangerous criminal organization by many law enforcement officials, the cartel dominates a business which by one recent estimate directly employs some 600,000 people, from peasant farmers in South America to banking experts in the U.S and Europe.

According to this estimate, by the New York-based North American Congress on Latin America, the trade employs around 450,000 farmers who grow coca, the raw material for cocaine, 150,000 who turn coca leaves into paste, 15,000 who transport leaves or paste, 2,500 who refine paste into cocaine powder, and 1,000 involved in the export-import end.

Most of the world's coca is grown in Peru and Bolivia but Colombians dominate the most lucrative links in the cocaine chain: refining and export.

"Colombians are the driving force. They are in key positions. And there is no doubt that the traffickers from Medellin move more cocaine into the United States than anyone else," said a U.S. anti-drug official.

A rival organization based in the Colombian city of Cali ranks second. Law enforcement officials say it shuns the brutality that has become a hallmark of Medellin.

Its organizational chart, according to international narcotics experts, is topped by three men who rose from modest beginnings to become billionaires: Pablo Escobar, 39, Jorge Luis Ochoa, 39, and Jose Rodriguez Gacha, 41.

The original fourth man of the cartel, Carlos Lehder, is serving a life sentence in Florida after being arrested in Colombia in February 1987 and extradited to the United States.

In less than a decade, from the mid-1970s, the four transformed the cocaine traffic from a relatively haphazard business involving shipments of no more than a few dozen kilos at a time to an industry that exports cocaine by the ton.

By 1984, the Medellin cartel's leaders had grown so rich and so powerful that they handed the then attorney-general, Carlos Jimenez Gomez, a letter offering to repatriate annual profits of \$2 billion in exchange for a general amnesty.

Two months before the offer, the discovery of the world's biggest

complex of cocaine laboratories had provided evidence that billion-dollar incomes were no idle boast. The jungle laboratories employed some 1,000 people and produced more than three tons of cocaine a month.

Despite such seizures and the arrest of Lehder, production on an industrial scale has continued.

Earlier this year, Colombian police seized 25 laboratories with a capacity of turning out between five and eight tons a week. The complex used chemicals stored in ten 15,000-gallon tanks which were regularly re-supplied by tanker trucks.

Their vast wealth has allowed Escobar and associates to hire top talent in fields that include international banking, chemistry, genetical engineering, radar technology, high-speed communications, agriculture and computers.

"They are extremely sophisticated; they are using the best technical equipment, including voice privacy communication equipment, they are talking about purchasing commercial satellite time to do things," DEA operations chief David Westrate told a Senate committee recently.

In Medellin, sources familiar with the traffic say there is a computer program that is using input on U.S. police and customs movements and allows dispatchers to divert cocaine-laden aircraft in mid-flight to avoid landing on "hot" airstrips.

In mid-August, a convicted former

smuggler who worked for Escobar for five years told a Senate hearing that the cartel monitored the communications channels of the U.S. coast guard, customs and the DEA 24 hours a day.

The cartel owes much of its rise from small-time business to international conglomerate to Lehder, who pioneered the use of small cargo aircraft and boats which replaced the "mules" of the 1970s, according to experts.

Mules are couriers who carry cocaine on their bodies or in false-bottomed suitcases.

Escobar, who rose through the ranks and is familiar with every phase in cocaine production, is said to be the overall strategy planner and Rodriguez Gacha has a reputation as chief of the enforcement section.

The cartel's brutality against Colombians it could not bribe or intimidate has led to a gradual shift in public perceptions which, Latin American experts say, could prove more damaging to its criminal enterprise than police raids.

Escobar, who served as an alternate member of parliament for several years, long cultivated an image as a champion of the poor. He built a low-cost housing project in Medellin and a public zoo nearby.

But Colombians say his Robin Hood image — and that of others — has faded with each assassination of a judge or public official laid on the cartel.

Colombian police search for candidate's killer

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Police and military authorities rounded up nearly 4,000 people in a nationwide manhunt for drug traffickers blamed for killing presidential candidate Luis Carlos Galan, officials said Sunday.

The crackdown was part of a major anti-drug program announced Saturday by Colombian president Virgilio Barco. It included extradition of proven drug traffickers to the United States and the seizure of property owned by drug cartels in Colombia.

In Washington, Attorney General Dick Thornburgh expressed support Sunday for sending U.S. troops to Colombia to help fight drug lords.

"I think we have to look at any request that we get for either law enforcement or military assistance seriously," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press" program.

Colombian police and military personnel said they arrested 3,883 people during the weekend in connection with the killing of Galan by seven men with submachine guns as he prepared to address a campaign crowd outside Bogota on Friday night.

It was not known if the suspects in Galan's slaying were among those arrested.

Officials also said the weekend manhunt had netted 260 guns and 522 vehicles, apparently the property of drug traffickers or hired thugs. However, they said no cartel leaders had been located. Formal charges have not been made, police said.

Galan, 46, was a leading candidate to represent the country's Liberal Party in presidential elections next year. He had antagonized the powerful drug cartels by backing

extradition of traffickers to the United States.

He had survived previous attempts on his life. Police said drug traffickers had offered \$500,000 for his death.

According to press reports, Pablo Escobar Gaviria, the head of the Medellin drug cartel that reportedly supplies most of the United States and Europe with cocaine, traveled to Panama earlier this week after ordering a series of killings, including Galan's.

About 50,000 Colombians gathered for Galan's funeral procession, waving handkerchiefs and singing the national anthem as the flag-draped coffin was carried

Jamaica's Manley warns of drug cartel powers

NEW YORK (UPI) — Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley warned last week that drug cartels have formed "an international criminal conspiracy on a scale the world has never seen" and urged the United Nations to adopt his plan to battle the scourge.

Manley outlined the scope of the international threat presented by drug traffickers and detailed his program for the creation of a multi-lateral anti-drug strike force, which he said has been endorsed by Congress and a regional organization of Caribbean states.

"Our analysis of this situation is that we are dealing with an international criminal conspiracy on a scale that the world has never seen in its history," Manley said at the National Association of Black Journalists convention.

What were once separate drug operations around the world —

from the capital building to the national cathedral.

At the cemetery, as the coffin was lowered, thousands of Colombians chanted, "Galan is still here!"

In a message to the Colombian people published in the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano, Pope John Paul II expressed "pain" over the assassination and called for an end to the drug scourge.

He said he was praying that "the authors of this unjustifiable crime, as well as other similar actions, definitely cease these unexplainable abhorrent acts, which have caused and continue to cause so much blood and tears to many families of Colombia and all the world."

trafficking in heroin in Turkey and Southeast Asia, cocaine in Latin America and marijuana in places like Jamaica — are now integrated, Manley said.

"What has happened is the cartelization of that criminal structure," he said.

Manley told reporters that drug cartels have reached a level of sophistication comparable to multinational corporations and have adopted similar techniques.

He outlined his international program, under which the United Nations would be the focal point of a wide-ranging effort that would include an anti-drug strike force under U.N. auspices as well as an intelligence clearinghouse and training center for drug agents.

The program would also include a clearinghouse for information on drug education for countries that are interested in starting such programs

Earlier in the week, assassins killed a Supreme Court judge and the commander of a provincial police department.

The drug cartels announced Saturday they would step up violence in a bid to force the government to negotiate with them, although they have never publicly stated their demands in detail.

In a communique released to radio stations, the cartels said "now the fight is with blood" and vowed to oppose any government moves to bring them to justice.

The statement was signed "The Extraditables," a reference to those drug leaders wanted in the United States.

but do not have the know-how or resources, and funds for crop substitution in drug-producing nations, Manley said.

Manley said Jamaica would introduce a resolution on the program to the United Nations in November.



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RP question: What's going to happen?

PANAMA CITY, Panama (Reuter) -- Panama's political crisis reaches a crucial milestone Sept. 1, when the constitution calls for a change of government, and that could result in more U.S. sanctions and greater international isolation.

Since general elections were annulled in May, a question on everybody's mind is what will happen Sept. 1.

With only days to go, talks between the government, the armed forces and the opposition to find a solution remain deadlocked.

"We are aware that we are working against the clock," Carlos Duque, president of the ruling Democratic Revolutionary Party, said Friday.

U.S. officials say that if Panamanian military strongman Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega remains in power, it would be a signal for the United States to step up pressure.

"I would expect to see a hardening of our position and that we would encourage our friends to see things the way we do," one U.S. official said.

He indicated the pressure could take the form of tougher sanctions against Panama -- the target of U.S. economic sanctions since Noriega was indicted on drug-trafficking charges in February 1988.

U.S. forces in Panama have also

stepped up military exercises since May in what is widely seen as an attempt to increase pressure on Noriega.

The government and opposition remain far apart in the talks, mediated by a four-man Organization of American States mission headed by Secretary-General Joao Baena Soares.

The government is proposing a national unity government and new elections while the opposition demands the departure of Noriega and recognition of what it says was its victory in the May elections.

The opposition has proposed a referendum so that Panamanians can choose between the two proposals, but that has been rejected by the government.

The OAS's mediation attempt ends Wednesday, when the group's foreign ministers meet in Washington to consider the mission's report on the Panamanian crisis.

If the talks produce no accord by Sept. 1, the government has indicated it will impose its own solution although it is keeping everyone guessing what that will be.

Diplomats say it is likely to involve a change in the form of government with Noriega maintaining firm control of effective power.

Most political analysts expect acting President Manuel Solis Palma to step down.

Government and military officials have mentioned several options to take over the running of the country, including a military or civilian junta or a constituent assembly.

Opposition leaders say any government apart from an elected one would be unconstitutional.

The opposition has made it clear it hopes for strong action from the OAS this week and support for its call for Noriega's departure.

"If the OAS takes a firm and clear position, I believe we can hope for a democratic transfer of power," opposition leader Ricardo Arias

Calderon said.

But if the OAS did not take firm action, "it will help Noriega in his objective which is to remain in power and to impose a more repressive formula than he has imposed in the past," he said.

Juan Materno Vasquez, a former government and justice minister who is critical of the present government, said that any government set up without electoral backing would be "an imposed government, a government of a coup d'etat."

He said he doubted any other government would recognize it.

Nicaraguan plane wreck found here

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) -- A three-nation rescue team found the wreckage of a Nicaraguan cargo plane that disappeared more than a year ago, the Defense Ministry said Sunday.

The remains of the Costa Rican pilot, Argentine co-pilot and four Nicaraguan crew members were taken from the wreckage in Panama on Saturday, the ministry communique said.

The Aeronica DC-6, carrying a full load of cargo, crashed on Fabregas Mountain in Panama near the Costa Rican border on May 24, 1988, while on a flight

from Panama City to Managua. It was not immediately clear what cargo the plane was carrying.

The cause of the crash has not been determined.

Authorities organized a new search for the plane after a Panamanian pilot on a training flight last week reported sighting wreckage.

About 35 members of salvage crews from Panama, Costa Rica and Nicaragua, using two Nicaraguan helicopters and a Costa Rican light plane, searched for three days before finding the wreckage, the ministry said.

Canal could lose skilled Panamanian workers

PANAMA CITY, Panama (Reuter) -- The Panama Canal could suffer an exodus of skilled workers

unless the Panamanian government reassured them it could run the canal smoothly when it took control from

U.S. should give up canal early, undercut Noriega, Garcia advises

NEW YORK, Reuter -- Peruvian President Alan Garcia says Washington should relinquish control over the Panama Canal ahead of schedule if it wants to force strongman Manuel Antonio Noriega out of power and help create a democratic government in Panama.

"The U.S. has only one strategic weapon left. It is to deprive General Noriega of the argument that he is defending the canal," Garcia said in an opinion column in Sunday's editions of The New York Times.

Washington has sought, through economic sanctions and diplomatic pressures, to force Noriega's ouster as Panama's military chief and de facto ruler ever since his indictment on U.S. drug and racketeering charges in February 1988.

In recent weeks, U.S. troops have added to the war of nerves by stepping up maneuvers in Panama in an apparent attempt to intimidate Noriega and the 15,000-man military he commands.

Garcia said all the U.S. efforts have failed and called the U.S. maneuvers "a wrong-headed policy of military muscle-flexing which Latin America has considered an unnecessary threat."

Noriega, who denies any wrongdoing, has repeatedly depicted himself as a victim of U.S. aggression aimed at maintaining Washington's control over the Panama Canal beyond the year 2000, when the

waterway is to pass to Panama under terms of the 1977 canal treaties.

"Unfortunately," Garcia said of Noriega's public relations strategy, "it has become an argument for a dictator to stay in power."

To counter it, he says, the United States has only one sensible option left: move up the date for handover of the canal from Dec. 31, 1999, to sometime about five years earlier, but insist that the waterway can only be handed over "to a freely elected government of Panama."

"By reducing the term for returning the canal to five years, the U.S. would pull the rug out from under him (Noriega) while strengthening the democratic opposition," Garcia said.

"What is the importance for the U.S. of having the canal four or five years longer if it will be handed over to Panama anyway ... How important are a few years, when compared to ending a dictatorship on the continent," he said.

Garcia said "reliable sources in the Panamanian government" told him that "the vast majority voted for the opposition to General Noriega" in Panama's general elections last May.

There was an international outcry when Noriega annulled the elections. "Nevertheless," Garcia warned, "people are getting accustomed to the present situation" in which the deeply entrenched Noriega is outwitting all efforts to oust him.

"Once again, time is on his side," Garcia said.

the year 2000, a senior canal official said.

Deputy Canal Administrator Fernando Manfredo, a Panamanian, said he expected concern among canal employees to grow as the date approached for the waterway to be handed over from U.S. to Panamanian control on Dec. 31, 1999.

Panama and the United States signed a treaty in 1977 gradually transferring control of the canal.

"The great task is to try to keep Panamanian workers at their posts," Manfredo said in an interview.

"The employees will have to have assurances that the canal will continue to be managed with the same level of professionalism, the same high ethical norms, that the system of merit for workers will continue and that the canal will be depoliticized," he said.

"If the Panamanian government is not capable of projecting these assurances to the work force, the most likely thing is that we will see a great exodus of highly qualified Panamanian workers who can find well-paid work anywhere."

Manfredo, who is due to step down at the end of this year after 10 years as deputy administrator, said he was concerned that some Panamanian workers had already taken early retirement and moved to the United States.

Panamanians make up 87 percent of the canal's 7,500 workers.

The canal marked its 75th anniversary last week at a time of political crisis in Panama, financial austerity and growing competition from other forms of transport.

The canal has been caught up in the feud between the United States and Panamanian strongman Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, with

Washington refusing to hand over canal tolls to the Noriega-backed government.

Use of the canal has declined this year, with cargo transported falling by nearly five percent.

Manfredo said outside consultants had predicted canal volumes would recover next year and then grow by between 1.5 and two percent a year until 2010, lower than the projected growth in world trade.

He said the canal faced competition from very big coal ships too large to transit the canal and from the transport of containers by rail across the United States.

However, he said the biggest threat to the canal came from changes in world trading patterns.

Grain was the main product transported through the canal but Australian grain exports, which did not use the canal, were increasingly competing with the U.S. grain trade to the Far East.



financial news

Economy strong; inflation gains modest

WASHINGTON (Reuter) — With the U.S. economy showing surprising strength and only modest gains in the fight against inflation, the Federal Reserve is unlikely to respond quickly to Bush administration pleas for lower interest rates, economists say.

The Fed's policymaking Open Market Committee — consisting of Fed governors and the presidents of

five federal reserve banks — was to meet Tuesday to review the state of the economy and determine monetary policy over the next several weeks.

The policymakers may be inclined to hold interest rates steady for a while, but could go for a slight decrease, economists say.

"A good case can be made for a gentle, further move toward monetary ease over the next two weeks," said Lyle Gramley, Mortgage Bankers Association economist and former Fed governor.

But the administration has to "keep its mouth shut" so the Fed can ease rates without seeming to be giving in to White House demands, he added.

White House Budget Director Richard Darman criticized the Fed last week for holding interest rates too high at the risk of pushing the economy into a recession. President Bush backed Darman, saying he "can feel very comfortable with his sallying forth and saying that."

But many economists said the criticism will do little good in getting lower rates and could backfire if the

central bank feels compelled to assert its independence.

In addition, they said, the administration chose an odd time to criticize the Fed since it had already eased rates slightly and its policies appeared to be working.

"It's always dangerous for people like (Darman) to get involved," said economist David Hale of Kemper Financial Services Inc.

The White House, though, does not appear to be willing to back down in its battle for lower rates.

"We believe inflation is on a downward trend. The producer and consumer price indexes show that," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said. "Lower inflation should take the pressure off interest rates."

The government reported Friday that consumer prices rose a modest 0.2 percent in July. Excluding volatile food and energy, prices were up a less encouraging 0.4 percent that likely to reinforce a go-slow policy at the Fed, economists noted.

From March 1988 to March 1989, the Fed gradually pushed short-term interest rates higher in an effort to

cool inflationary pressures. In June the Fed became worried about an economic slowdown and eased slightly.

The Fed's next move was likely to be hotly debated Tuesday, economists say. The bank presidents on the policymaking committee have favored more credit restraint, while most of the board governors have favored an easier stance, with Chairman Alan Greenspan staying in the middle.

Fed governor Wayne Angell told a group in Kansas City last week he thought the Fed had been successful in its quest to cool inflation without bringing the current economic expansion, now in its seventh year, to a screeching halt.

"I believe we have followed a monetary policy that gives us some chance of bringing inflation down without causing a recession," he said.

Economists see the Fed holding steady on policy while it tries to get a clear picture of the economy. At best, the Fed could decide to move rates lower by about a quarter of a percentage point over the next few months, some suggest.



Producer prices, retail sales give markets big boost

NEW YORK (Reuter) — Reports on producer prices and retail sales for July gave financial markets a big boost Friday, but analysts said the data may give an exaggerated picture of tapering inflation and stronger consumption.

Producer prices fell 0.4 percent in July, after a 0.1 percent June decline. Retail sales rose 0.9 percent after a 0.1 percent drop in the prior month.

"Are the reports an aberration? We don't think inflation is that low, nor do we think consumer demand is that strong ... But the economy is doing better than expected, and the Federal Reserve looks on target with its goal of a soft landing," said David Wyss, an economist at Data Resources Inc.

The Federal Reserve is trying to engineer a soft landing for the economy, moderating growth yet avoiding the twin demons of inflation and recession.

Friday's reports came as something of a surprise to economists who had expected sales to rise 0.7 percent, but wholesale inflation to be unchanged from June.

The chief reasons for the fall in prices were declines in energy and auto prices, economists said.

Auto dealers cut prices in July due

to incentive programs. That held down the PPI while causing a big jump in auto sales.

"Auto sales ... account for over half the increase (in retail sales)," said Wyss. Excluding autos, sales rose 0.4 percent in July.

Stock and bond markets were cheered by the signs of lower inflation. The key 30-year Treasury bond rose 1-6/32 to 102-10/32, and the Dow Jones industrial average briefly surpassed its all-time closing high of 2,722.42 until profit-taking knocked it off its highs.

But some questioned whether the markets had over-reacted.

"The PPI numbers look fabulous, but on the other hand, the data is nowhere near as positive as the (bond) market has interpreted it," said Charles Lieberman, a managing director at Manufacturers Hanover Securities Corp.

Lieberman said that much of the PPI's decline was due to one-time car incentives and a dip in usually volatile crude oil prices, as well as a "negative contribution" from tobacco after a one-time price increase in June.

"Excluding the adjustments for all these, underlying inflation rose about 0.3 percent to 0.4 percent."

Lieberman said inflation is probably running at an annual rate of 4 percent, the same as last year.

Even if inflation did not actually increase in July, some worry that the strong demand seen in retail sales — when combined with strength in the labor force and higher wages reported in July — will cause inflation to speed up again later, prompting the Fed to tighten monetary policy.

"It could," agreed Mike Tindall, an economist with Discount Corp. of New York. "The Fed's focus has historically been more on the side of

inflation," he said.

More likely, however, is that the Fed will look at the PPI data and last week's unemployment data with an eye toward easing credit sometime in the future.

"If we get some additional signs of slow growth next week ... they might consider it," said Beth Reiners, a money market economist at Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. However, Reiners said she thought an easing is unlikely until after the meeting of the policy-making Federal Open Market Committee on Aug. 22.

Apple takes bruising in lawsuit

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Apple Computer Inc. was handed a blow in a high-stakes computer software lawsuit Friday when a federal judge substantially narrowed Apple's claims against Microsoft Corp. and Hewlett-Packard Co.

In a proposed ruling that could be changed later, U.S. District Judge William Schwarzer limited Apple's claim that Microsoft and Hewlett-Packard copied the "look and feel" of Apple's popular Macintosh computers.

Apple filed a lawsuit in March 1988 charging that Microsoft's

Windows 2.03 and Hewlett-Packard's New Wave programs violated copyrights on the way the Macintosh displays images on the screen.

Schwarzer tentatively ruled that certain features of Microsoft and Hewlett-Packard's programs were protected by a 1985 license agreement and were "out of the case."

But he left unresolved some of the more important computer features in dispute, including the use of overlapping windows and the arrangement of symbolic icons on the computer screen.

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

Name	Volume	Last	Chg.
BristMyer	2,144,400	48 3/4	+3/8
CitzSouCp	2,070,700	33 3/4	+1/8
BardCR s	1,811,800	19 3/4	-1/4
Amer TT	1,687,800	38 1/4	-1 1/4
Tex Util	1,603,400	32 1/4	-1/8
Exxon	1,537,300	43 1/4	-1/2
Maytag	1,451,300	23 1/4	
CptrAsc s	1,441,100	16 1/4	+1/8
MarionLab	1,386,700	35 5/8	-3/8
DowChem	1,369,100	100	+1/4
WarnrComm	1,283,300	66 7/8	-1/4
IBM	1,228,500	113	-2 1/8
GenElct	1,216,200	56 1/2	-1 1/2
PhilipPet	1,099,400	23 5/8	
USX Corp	1,070,500	33 5/8	-5/8

Monday's most active stocks

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

Name	Volume	Last	Chg.
BAT Ind	2,693,800	13 5/16	+3/16
WangLabB	864,500	5 3/4	+1/8
TexasAirCp	598,700	18 3/4	-3/4
Atari	279,300	8 7/8	-3/4
AlzaCp	258,500	36 1/2	+7/8
FruitLoom	255,100	14 1/8	-3/4
EngySvc	229,600	3 1/2	+1/8
Lionel	196,000	7 1/2	+1/8
Amdahl	188,700	14 3/4	-1/4
TotalPeti	177,000	22 1/4	-1/4

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

Name	Volume	Asked	Chg.
Lypho	4,201,500	30 1/4	+7 3/4
MCI	1,369,000	36 7/8	-1
AppleC	1,230,600	42 1/4	
Intel	1,216,900	28 3/4	-3/4
Summa	957,800	3 5/8	-7/8
SumitTc	869,900	9 5/16	+1 1/2
Whelbrt	664,900	9 5/8	
LveEnt s	659,600	18 1/2	-2 1/2
CamBS	584,900	10 3/4	+5/8
TelcMA	543,800	37 1/8	-5/8

military news

Second Trident 2 missile destroyed by Navy

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — An unarmed Trident 2 missile was destroyed shortly after launch from a submerged nuclear submarine in the second major setback for the Navy's most powerful weapon in three sea trials.

A frequent target of anti-military protesters, the three-stage \$26.5 million missile was fired from the

USS Tennessee at 5:10 p.m. EDT Tuesday as the giant submarine was cruising about 50 feet below the surface of the Atlantic Ocean some 200 miles east of Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Propelled from one of the Tennessee's 24 missile tubes by a powerful charge of compressed gas, the first stage of the 126,000-pound solid-fuel missile ignited as planned.

"Missile performance was normal during launch, ignition and powered flight until a failure caused the missile to destruct early in first stage flight," said Air Force Tech Sgt. Ivy Paige. "Cause of the malfunction cannot be determined until telemetry is studied."

Paige did not know how long the first stage fired before the failure happened or whether the missile blew up on its own or on radio command after straying off course.

It was the third sea launch of a Trident 2 missile in 22 test firings to date — 19 were launched from the Cape by Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. of Sunnyvale, Calif., ended in a spectacular failure March 21 when a nozzle system malfunctioned and sent the rocket cartwheeling out of control.

Test flights were suspended for a thorough failure in analysis of the failure and the second sea launch was successfully conducted Aug. 2, five days after environmentalists disrupted a planned launch try by sailing into the danger area 50 miles east of Cape Canaveral.

Before Tuesday's launch, the Trident 2 test record stood at four failures in 21 flights, although the Navy counts only three as failures, saying one missile launched from a ground pad was blown up on radio command from the ground by mistake.

Paige said that "there were no damages or injuries" as a result of Tuesday's malfunction.

The first stage of a Trident 2 is designed to burn about 65 seconds, falling away just before the second stage ignites for another 65-second "burn." The third stage of the Trident 2 missile is designed to burn for 40 seconds, boosting the warhead-carrying nose section to nearly 14,000 mph.

The 44-foot rockets are thought to have a maximum range of up to 6,900 miles, depending on how many warheads are carried, and they are believed to be so accurate they can

deliver a nuclear bomb to within about 400 feet of a target.

Critics claim that with such pinpoint accuracy the Trident 2 should be viewed as a "first-strike" offensive weapon and for that reason, the weapon system has been a frequent target for protesters at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station since test flights began in January 1987.

The \$1.3 billion USS Tennessee, launched Dec. 13, 1986, at Groton, Conn., and manned by a crew of 156, is the first Ohio-class nuclear submarine built to carry Trident 2 missiles.

The giant subs, which measure 560 feet long and 42 feet across, are driven by steam turbines powered by water-cooled nuclear reactors. With 24 missile tubes, Ohio-class subs carry 50 percent more missiles than 16-tube Poseidon boats.

The Navy hopes to build 20 Trident 2-equipped submarines although at present there are nine Trident subs in service, including the Tennessee, and five others are under construction or funded.



PRE FLIGHT CHECK — Col. Brewster H. Shaw Jr., USAF, commander of the Space Shuttle Columbia, checks his T-38 jet trainer, during a pre flight inspection before Columbia's recent launch. (AP Laserphoto)

Aquino, Bush to discuss 'bases issue'

MANILA, Philippines (UPI) — President Corazon Aquino will travel to the United States Nov. 9 for talks with President Bush on the future of vital U.S. military bases in the Philippines, officials announced last week.

A formal statement issued by the presidential palace gave no details of the visit but said Aquino and Bush also will discuss "important political, economic and financial issues," including debt relief and U.S. economic aid for the Philippines.

U.S. Ambassador Nicholas Platt said the talks in Washington will deal extensively with the future of the six military facilities in the Philippines, including Clark Air Base and Subic Bay Naval complex.

Aquino first visited Washington in September 1986.

The 1947 treaty covering the U.S. installations expires in 1991. Although Aquino has repeatedly said she is keeping her options open on renewing the treaty, she has agreed to informal talks in December on extending the pact.

Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., who heads a four-member U.S. congressional delegation making a

two-day visit to Manila, told reporters the group discussed the upcoming trip during a meeting with Aquino at the presidential palace.

"We're very excited that she's coming and we want to make her visit very successful," Schroeder said.

Philippine Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus said the subject of the U.S. bases came up during the meeting between Aquino and the congressional delegation, which also includes Reps. Solomon Ortiz, D-Texas, Andy Ireland, R-Fla., and Floyd Spence, R-S.C.

Koreans can defend selves in mid 90's

NEW YORK (Reuter) — The commander of U.S. forces in South Korea said there will be no military need for American troops there after the mid 1990s if current trends continue, The New York Times reported at the weekend.

It quoted the commander, Gen. Louis Menetrey, as saying in an interview that South Korea's plan to modernize its armed forces, including the acquisition of 120 fighter planes, would make it strong enough to stand alone against North

"The president explained to them the steps already being taken leading to possible talks toward the end of this year," Manglapus said.

In a radio interview earlier in the day, Vice President Salvador Laurel proposed that the bases be phased out over a 5- or 10-year period. He also urged Aquino to reveal where she stands on the bases issue.

"We should take the initiative because we are the landlords," said Laurel, who broke with Aquino two years ago and now heads the opposition.

Korea.

Menetrey told the newspaper his view was based on the premises that the modernization plan would be completed, that South Korean economic progress would continue and that Soviet and Chinese restraint of North Korea would continue.

"If those trends continue, there should be stability on the peninsula without the United States being part of the equation in the mid-1990s," he said.

'Sex for Secrets' Marine Sgt. says stop the presses

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Former Marine Sgt. Clayton Lonetree, who was court-martialed in the sex-for-secrets scandal at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, wants a federal court to pull copies of a book about his case from stores and halt further publication.

The former embassy guard said in a complaint filed Thursday in U.S. District Court that the book, "The Court-Martial of Clayton Lonetree," is based on confidential information obtained by his defense team and jeopardizes his appeal.

The book was written by Lake Headley, a private investigator who worked for Lonetree's defense at his 1987 court-martial. The book is already available in some bookstores.

The complaint also names publisher Henry Holt and Co., Inc., of New York, and asks \$100,000 in punitive damages.

Muriel Caplan, counsel for the publisher, said she couldn't comment because she had not seen a copy of the complaint.

Daniel E. Johnson, one of Lonetree's lawyers, said publishing company officials told defense lawyers Wednesday that it would not voluntarily withdraw copies of the book.

Lonetree, stationed in Moscow in 1985 and 1986, was identified in news accounts as having had an affair with a Soviet woman who allegedly introduced him to a spy. That spy allegedly used his relationship with Lonetree to obtain documents describing the layout of the embassy.

Lonetree, who says his defense team didn't fully inform him of plea-bargain offers, is appealing the case to the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Military Review.

He was convicted of espionage in August 1987.

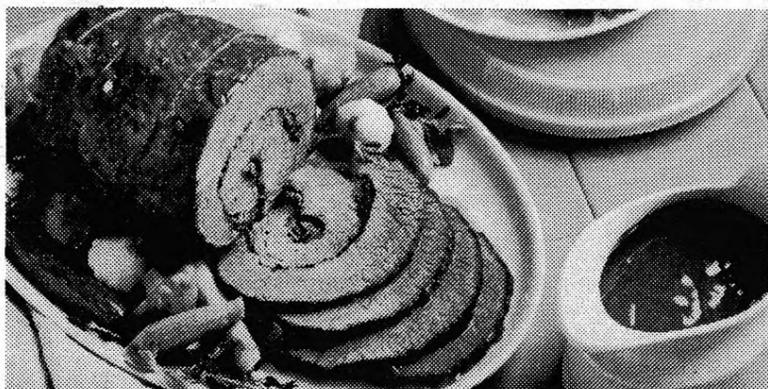
The Chopping Block

Time is more precious than ever these days, especially for the homemaker who holds an outside job. Yes, it's convenient and easy to pick up dinner at a "gourmet" deli or take-out restaurant. But it's an expensive luxury. Maybe in the time you wait in the customer line you could be cooking up a less expensive, more delicious meal in a pressure cooker.

In about 35 minutes, for example, you can cook a large brisket of beef with a tangy sauce. Use half for dinner one night and freeze the remainder for dinner a few nights later or the following week. It takes only a few minutes to reheat in a microwave oven or pressure cooker.

PRESTO ROLLED BRISKET AND SAUCE

- 1 four-pound beef brisket
- 1 tablespoon fresh oregano or 2 tablespoons dry oregano
- 1 tablespoon fresh marjoram or 2 tablespoons dry marjoram, salt, and pepper
- 1 small clove garlic, finely minced
- 4 green onions, trimmed
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
- 1 12-ounce can beer
- ½ cup water
- ½ cup chili sauce
- 2 tablespoons flour



Remove all fat from brisket. Sprinkle with herbs, salt, pepper and garlic. Place green onions across brisket. Roll as for a jelly roll, starting at the short end. Tie securely. (Trim if necessary to fit in a six-quart pressure cooker.) Heat cooking oil in a six-quart pressure cooker. Brown brisket on all sides; set aside. Place beer, water and cooking rack in pressure cooker. Put brisket on rack. Close pressure cooker cover securely. Place pressure regulator on vent pipe. Cook for 35 minutes at 15 pounds of pressure. Let pressure drop of its own accord. Do not attempt to remove cover until pressure is completely reduced. Remove brisket to a warm platter. Remove cooking rack. Blend together chili sauce and flour until smooth. Add to remaining broth and cook and stir until mixture simmers and thickens. Makes three cups gravy. Serve brisket immediately or freeze for future use. Makes eight to 10 generous servings.

Top of the Charts

Top 10 Singles

1. Paula Abdul "Cold Hearted," (Virgin) Last Week: No. 2
2. Gloria Estefan "Don't Wanna Lose You," (Epic) No. 5
3. New Kids On The Block "Hangin' Tough," (Columbia) No. 8
4. Karyn White "Secret Rendezvous," (Warner) No. 4
5. Debbie Gibson "No More Rhyme," (Atlantic) No. 5
6. L.L. Cool J "I'm That Type Of Guy," (Def Jam/Columbia) No. 7
7. Donny Osmond "Sacred Emotion," (Capitol) No. 9
8. Soul II Soul "Keep On Movin'," (Virgin) No. 11
9. Cher "If I Could Turn Back Time," (Geffen) No. 12
10. Warrant "Heaven," (Columbia) No. 20

Top R&B/Soul

1. Stephanie Mills "Something In The Way (You Make Me Feel)," (MCA) Last Week: No. 4
2. Teddy Riley Featuring Guy "My Fantasy," (Motown) No. 2
3. Alyson Williams Featuring Nikki D "My Love Is So Raw," (Def Jam/Columbia) No. 4
4. Aretha Franklin/Whitney Houston "Is Isn't, It Wasn't, It Ain't Never Gonna Be," (Arista) No. 6
5. Babyface "It's No Crime," (Solar) No. 7
6. The Isley Bros. "Spend The Night (Ce Soir)," (Warner Bros.) No. 9
7. Natalie Cole Duet With Freddie Jackson "I Do," (EMI) No. 10
8. Eric Gable "Remember (The First Time)," (Orpheus/EMI) No. 11
9. Patti LaBelle "If You Asked Me To," (MCA) No. 14



Patti LaBelle

10. Eddie Murphy "Put Your Mouth On Me," (Columbia) No. 22

Top C&W Singles

1. Randy Travis "Promises," (Warner Bros.) Last Week: No. 2
2. Willie Nelson "Nothing I Can Do About It Now," (Columbia/CBS) No. 3
3. The Forester Sisters "Don't You," (Warner) No. 4
4. Highway 101 "Honky Tonk Heart," (Warner) No. 5
5. The Judds "Let Me Tell You About Love," (Curb/RCA) No. 6
6. Clint Black "Killin' Time," (RCA) No. 7
7. Southern Pacific "Any Way The Wind Blows," (Warner Bros.) No. 8
8. Rodney Cromwell "Above And Beyond," (Columbia/CBS) No. 9
9. Ricky Van Shelton "Living Proof," (Columbia/CBS) No. 10
10. Steve Wariner "I Got Dreams," (MCA) No. 15

Home Hints

SLIP SLIDIN' AWAY — When I slide curtains on a flat curtain rod, I take an ordinary table knife and insert the flat blade into the curtain rod with the handle of the knife protruding. Then I slide the curtain over the rounded handle and onto the curtain rod very easily. Lois B., Lansing, N.Y.

HEAT WAVE — I live in a place which has a pretty warm climate all year round. Consequently, cars get very hot when they're parked in the sun. I was in a thrift shop one day and decided to buy a toilet lid cover for my steering wheel. It fit perfectly and was very inexpensive. I also got it in the same color as my car. This made quite a difference getting into my car on hot, sunny days. I no longer have to worry about burning my hands on the steering wheel. Judy R., Laredo, Texas

HAPPY BIRDIES — Before discarding an old stove or refrigerator, remove the shelves and use them for bird perches and feeders by attaching suet and containers of bird seed to them. Simply wire the racks to hang from a limb of a tree. Before long, you'll have all kinds of birds enjoying their meals. Janet O., Des Moines, Iowa

Trivia Test Answers

1. East Germany on W, Czechoslovakia on S, U.S.S.R. on E, 2. Little Rock, 3. Callifornia; 4. Neptune; 5. Art Carney; 6. Zloty; 7. Starland Vocal Band; 8. Mohammed, the Prophet; 9. Ruthford B. Hayes; 10. Aaron hit 755, Mays hit 660

Trivia Test

1. **Nations:** Name three countries that border Poland.
2. **Capitals:** What is the state capital of Arkansas?
3. **States:** What state has the nickname, "Golden State?"
4. **Space:** What is currently the most distant planet from the sun?
5. **Movies:** Name the actor who won an Oscar for "Best Actor" in the 1974 flick "Harry And Tonto."
6. **Finance:** What type of currency is used in Poland?
7. **Music:** What group recorded the July 1976 number one hit single, "Afternoon Delight"?
8. **Religion:** Who is the founder of the religion Islam?
9. **Presidents:** Who replaced Ulysses Grant as the 19th president of the United States?



10. **Baseball:** How many home-runs did Hank Aaron and Willie Mays hit during their illustrious careers?

Your Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This week you may make a visit to the same old haunt, but exciting happenings are in store for you. New creative endeavors come your way which will reap future financial gains. While you're serious-minded now, you are quite capable of innovative new ideas.

TAURUS (April 20 May 20) Make sure this week that you follow through on all commitments and everything will be fine with a close friend. Also, don't make promises that you can't keep. Now is a better time to work on ideas rather than presenting them. Forego being extravagant now.

GEMINI (May 21 June 20) This is an excellent week to get involved with a project, and you'll get much accomplished. Do-it-yourself projects around the house are favored. Local travel proves to be interesting now. What looks like a routine meeting of a group is anything but.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This week is probably not the best time to take the children shopping. Changes at the top on the job leave you in a good position. It's a good time for business meetings and the furthering of your ambitions. You're at a turning point with a close tie, yet things can be worked out to your satisfaction.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Listen to your intuition in business this week. You seem to know when to listen and when to speak out at this time. Now is also a good time to revise a plan. Financial developments are favorable, but they should be kept secret for now. Let others get to know the real you in romance.

VIRGO (August 22 to September 22) A minor argument on the homefront could be the cause for a major argument, unless you curb your sometimes quick temper. Also, you could throw money needlessly away, unless you exercise careful judgment with shopping and pleasure pursuits. A talk about money could put the other person on the defensive.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This week, handle co-workers carefully and be attentive to every work-related detail. A surprise element could effect your love life at this time. Though you may be a bit upset with a mate, a flirtation now seems unwise. Beware of mix-ups in travel plans.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your social life goes into a tailspin this week if you're touchy with others or insensitive to their needs. Hurt feelings are also a possibility in the romance department. On a happier note, though, a business meeting comes off beautifully with future financial gains.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Beware of a honcho who may drive a hard bargain on the workfront. Despite some last-minute hitches, travel is auspicious. A quick getaway could lead to long-lasting romance. Scrutinize new propositions carefully as future financial developments are favorable at this time.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) New chances to improve your income arrive in the later part of the week. Your thinking is right on target, but you tend to second-guess yourself too much at this time. Be confident, but not cocky when dealing with business partners and/or honchos. Be straight-forward in dealings about romance.

AQUARIUS (January 20 To February 18) You'll need advice in financial dealings this week. Not everything is straightforward. Although you normally have a good sense for facts and figures, your intuition is off right now. A romantic weekend is in the stars for you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A situation you've been wondering about needs closer scrutiny. There is more going on than just what's on the surface. Along those same lines, a flattering co-worker shouldn't be trusted, as this person has designs on your position.

lifestyle

Ford develops a computer diagnostic system

TRAVERSE CITY (Reuter) -- After years of research, Ford Motor Co. said last week it has developed a computer diagnostic system that hooks up to an automobile's on-board computer to analyze the car's problems and suggest possible repairs.

The Service Bay Diagnostic System (SBDS), announced by Ford at a University of Michigan automotive seminar, has been an advancement long studied in the U.S. auto industry ever since on-board computers were introduced in the late 1970s. These computers, some no larger than a cigarette package, run a car's engine, electrical, climate control and audio systems.

Ford said the system will be available to its dealers late in 1990. It is believed to be the first such diagnostic tool that will be in use by all dealers of a U.S. auto company.

SBDS could mean \$150 million worth of business for its developer, Hewlett-Packard Co. Lee Miskowski, general manager of the Ford Parts and Service division, said the new system will cost \$30,000 per unit.

Each of Ford's 5,000 U.S. dealers must purchase some form of the system, although Miskowski said a smaller version might be developed for dealers with lower volume business.

"We realize we have to have smaller versions for small dealers," he said. Miskowski added that the company is considering offering a similar system to its European auto dealers.

The SBDS hooks up to a vehicle's on-board computer through a direct data link. It provides service technicians with information about a car's problems and offers possible repair solutions and technical information.

"What we're after is to eliminate intermittent (mechanical) failures and take a large slice out of our industry's nemesis -- repeat repairs," said Miskowski.

Data for the SBDS will be updated regularly by compact disc. The automaker plans to keep track of repairs to its autos by reviewing a dealer's repair file on a daily basis.

Miskowski said the system will include a portable computer so the technician can identify problems during a test drive.

"When we launch the program nationally at the end of next year, all of our service technicians using SBDS will be as smart as our best electronics engineers," he said.

He said the system will also tell mechanics whether an owner has taken the car in for recalls. Such information can be particularly

useful to owners of used cars, who will be able to get a full record of their auto's repair history, Miskowski said.

The system will be compatible with dealers' other computer systems. Miskowski said Ford paid for the development costs, which he estimated in the millions of dollars, but he would not provide a specific figure.

The system can be used only with car models equipped with a special diagnostic link. Miskowski said the company has installed the link on its Lincoln-Continental luxury models and Taurus and Sable sedans, and will feature it on a new version of the Escort subcompact to be introduced next year.

He said it will be available on all Ford models by the mid-1990s.

Doctor suing prep school

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — A man has sued a prestigious prep school, saying his son's education extended to drugs and alcohol with the school's knowledge.

Dr. Manuel C. Palao alleges in a lawsuit filed in federal court in Trenton that his 13-year-old son Michael became addicted to drugs and alcohol at Lawrenceville School.

Palao charges that officials knew of and condoned drug and alcohol use by youths at the boarding school that was established in 1810 and has turned out such alumni as publisher Malcolm Forbes Sr. and rock 'n' roll star Huey Lewis.

At the end of each semester, housemasters responsible for the youth's dormitory would pass out containers to collect contraband "as a form of general amnesty," the lawsuit charges.

"The contraband collected would generally fill a large plastic trash bag," the lawsuit alleges.

Officials at the Lawrenceville School said they had not seen the lawsuit and were not prepared to comment on it, according to Dorothy Silvestri, secretary to Associate Headmaster Anthony Wilson.

Palao of Bethlehem, Pa., enrolled his son in September 1985 at the school, which is about 10 miles north of Trenton. He removed Michael from the school in 1988 after learning he had become addicted to drugs and alcohol, his lawyer, Michael J. Perrucci, said Thursday.

Perrucci said the boy began using marijuana and alcohol during his first year. Since leaving the school he

has undergone drug rehabilitation at a cost of \$32,304, the lawyer said.

Perrucci said his client wants to be reimbursed for the drug counseling and \$33,739 in tuition paid over three years.

The lawsuit also seeks personal damages for the boy's mental anguish, loss of reputation and damages for two lost years of income as a result of the interruption of his schooling, the lawyer said.

Court drops citations against 14 Amish

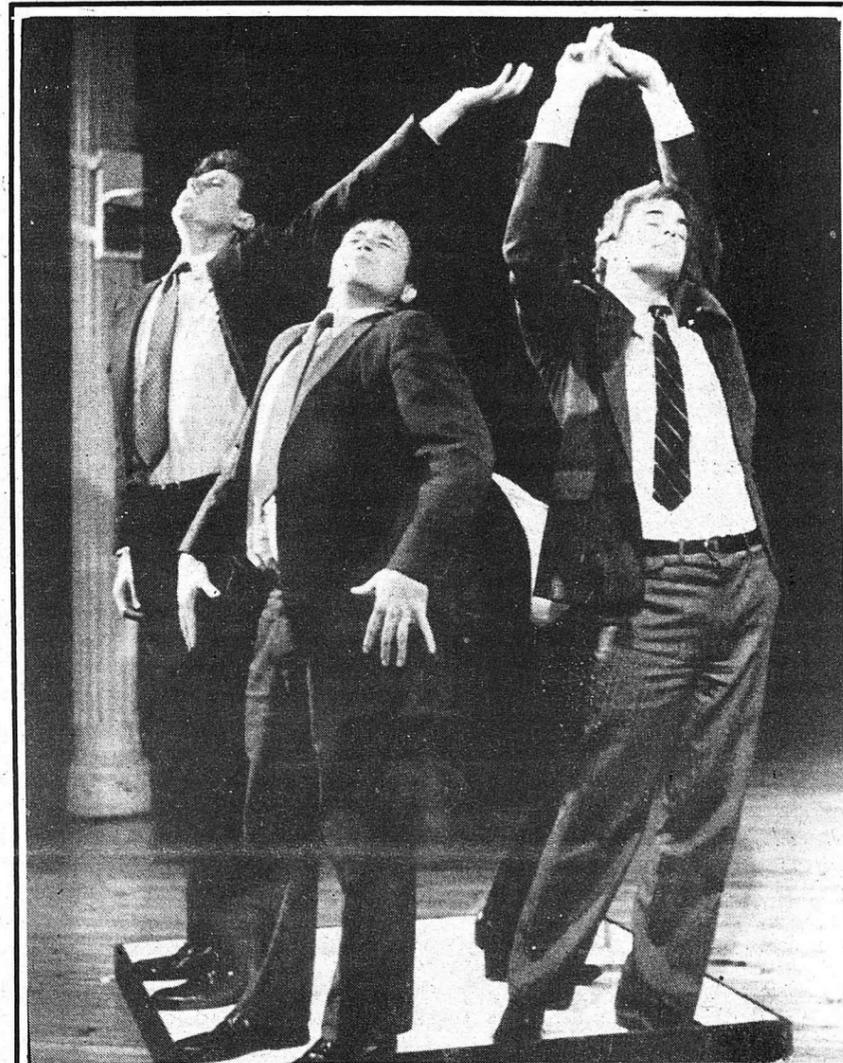
ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The Minnesota Supreme Court Friday dismissed traffic citations against 14 Amish who had refused to display safety emblems on their horse-drawn buggies as required by state law.

Members of Minnesota's Amish community have a constitutional right to refuse to affix the orange-red slow-moving vehicle emblems to their buggies, the court unanimously ruled.

"These appellants — are unwilling to compromise their belief that the 'loud' colors required and the 'worldly symbols' the triangular shape represents to them conflicts with the admonitions found in Apostle Paul's Epistles," Associate Justice Glenn Kelley wrote.

"To them to do so would be putting their faith in 'worldly symbols' rather than in God." Between February and September 1988, each of the defendants received a traffic citation for operating a horse-drawn buggy on a public highway without displaying the emblem required or an alternative black triangular emblem the law permits in cases such as theirs.

In December, Fillmore County District Judge Clement H. Snyder rejected the Amish contention that the requirement violated their



SERIOUS FUN - Real-life lawyers perform Ann Carlson's performance piece, "Sloss, Kerr, Rosenberg and Moore," as part of a program of works of 10 contemporary dance performance companies at New York's Lincoln Center Aug. 2. (AP Laserphoto)

constitutional right to freely exercise their religious beliefs, but he also asked that a higher state court review the matter.

Because some members of the Amish community do not object to complying with the law, Snyder held that the Amish did not have a collective, genuine, sincere religious belief on the issue.

He also ruled that though application of the statute did infringe upon the exercise of the religious belief of some of the Amish, the infringement was warranted by a compelling state interest: protecting the health, safety and welfare of all travelers on public highways.

In the decision released Friday, the Supreme Court agreed with the Amish defendants that the trial court improperly determined that to be "sincere" a belief must be shared by a religious community as a whole.

"The fact that at least one of the appellants has already actually suffered jail incarceration, and that the others have persistently expressed a willingness to do so rather than comply with the statute, must assuredly buttress that implicit finding that the appellants individually possessed a personal sincerity of belief," Kelley said.

The statute's provisions imposed a

substantial burden on the Amish objectors, Kelley said.

"They face a choice of either adhering to their religious beliefs by refusing to adopt 'worldly symbols' bearing 'loud colors' and suffering the consequent criminal sanctions — or rejecting those beliefs in order to comply" with the law, he said.

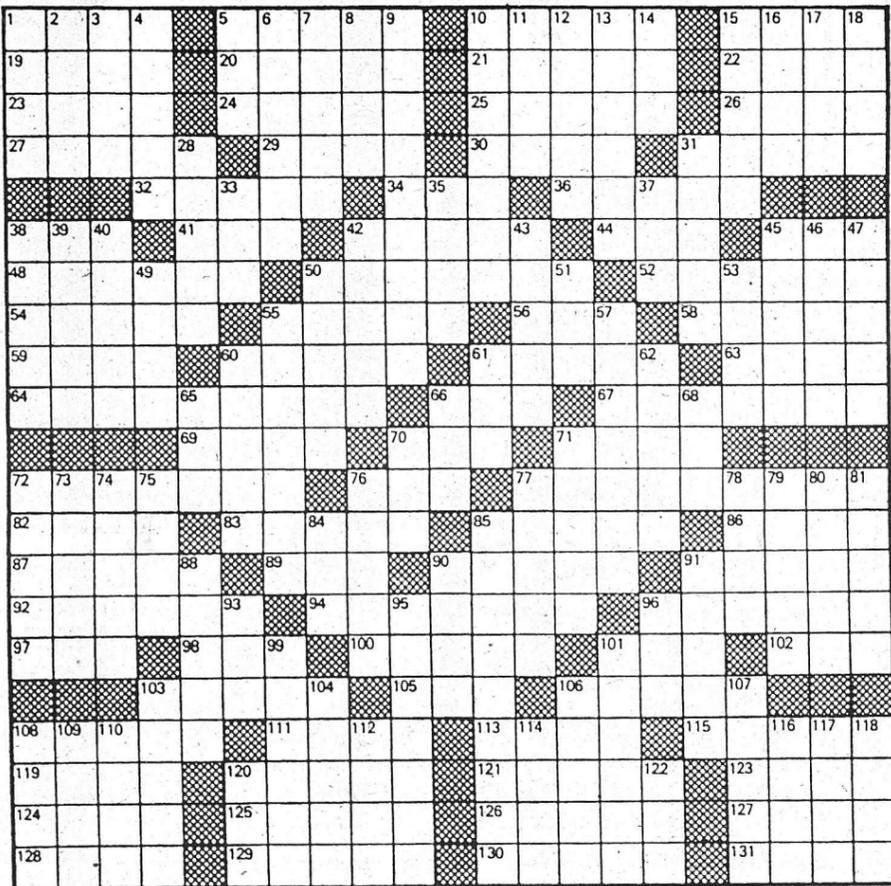
The Supreme Court held that the state has a legitimate interest in protecting the public, including the Amish, on its highways. But it ruled that even the option under the law for use of a black triangular sign was burdensome to the Amish religious beliefs.

The court dismissed all charges against the Amish.



Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | 56 Irrational | conditionally | parade. | ticket | 79 Purposive |
| 1 Maid of Orleans | 58 Mohawk, for one | 96 Ironic writing | 131 Old-time slave | 39 Treaty org. | 80 Bow or Barton |
| 5 Ill-fated city | 59 Ledger entry | 97 Slangy assent | DOWN | 40 West Coast capital city | 81 Engaged |
| 10 Scientist | 60 Mosquito genus | 98 Secreted | 1 Priscilla's love | 42 Hindu queen | 84 Baby's perch |
| 15 Ginger's partner | 61 Jewish festival | 100 Lounges idly | 2 Curved molding | 43 Star-crossed lover | 85 Large roadside ad |
| 19 Eye amorously | 63 Verdi heroine | 101 Favorite | 3 Wings | 45 TV actress | 88 One of the Barrymores |
| 20 Turgenyev heroine | 64 Alabama River joiner | 102 He gets slapped in old movies | 4 Last-minute prom dates? | 46 Italian actress Valli | 90 Choir plum |
| 21 Shelley's muse | 66 — Bravo | 103 George Sand heroine | 5 Capitol VIP | 47 Kind of race | 91 Destined |
| 22 Top-notch | 67 King Kong loved her | 105 It's before sister or story | 6 Mr. Bumble's apprentice | 49 Mary's follower | 93 Trouble |
| 23 Take notice of | 69 Greek war god | 106 Obnoxious person | 7 Restrain through fear | 50 Fashions | 95 Flowerlike ornament |
| 24 Salt peter | 70 Boston's nickname | 108 Channing | 8 Unique thing | 51 Small mass | 96 Understand |
| 25 Piquant | 71 Biblical word of reproach | 109 Bette Davis role | 9 Shoes for little girls | 53 Delineate | 99 Calorie counter |
| 26 Pro — | 72 Racing vehicle | 115 "The Three Musketeers" author | 10 Bette Davis role | 55 Father of James and John | 101 Overly proper people |
| 27 Requires | 76 Go to — (deteriorate) | 119 Baseball brother | 11 City on the Oka | 57 Disfigures | 103 Legendary Armstrong |
| 29 "It Was a — Good Year" | 77 Official hangman | 120 European weasel | 12 Pseudonym of David | 60 Shake hands on | 104 Bakery by-product |
| 30 Isle of exile | 82 Logan or Fitzgerald | 121 Ammonia compound | 13 Reach | 61 Brother or sister | 106 Reprove mildly |
| 31 TV role for Merlin Olsen | 83 Moray fisherman | 122 Buddhist priest | 14 Salty sauce | 62 Frames for billiard balls | 107 Throb |
| 32 Cavalry sword | 85 Diamond bags | 124 Needle case | 15 Unit of capacity | 65 It follows — part or mart | 108 French city |
| 34 Quick punch | 86 Food shop | 125 Pay the bill | 16 Bellow | 66 Dull routine | 109 "Der —" (Adenauer) |
| 36 Cede | 87 Loyal | 126 "Easy —" (movie) | 17 Inner: comb. form | 68 Wild ox | 110 Put to flight |
| 38 Ninny | 89 Lick the plate? | 127 Imaginative name for a Dalmatian? | 18 James of "Giant" | 70 Biblical mount | 112 Navigate |
| 41 "The — Country" | 90 Fools | 128 Court barriers | 28 More secure | 71 Coarse files | 114 Arab ruler |
| 42 Black snake | 91 Of a thread | 129 Papal veil | 31 Assign | 72 Hold fast | 116 Glove compartment items |
| 44 "Goose egg" | 92 Sacred writings of the ancient Persians | 130 Circle or | 33 Watering hole, in a way | 73 Popeye's girl | 117 Egyptian god |
| 45 Rhine feeder | 94 Releases | | 35 Galatea's beloved | 74 TV censor's sound | 118 Indulge to excess |
| 48 Casino employee | | | 37 One, in Bonn | 75 Droops | 120 Sign loved by producers |
| 50 Singer Barry | | | 38 Word on a | 76 Flower part | 122 Stammering sounds |
| 52 Head: humorous | | | | 77 Stewart or Mason | |
| 54 Of the cheek | | | | 78 Improve the copy | |
| 55 Distinct areas | | | | | |



"I'd say you've been the victim of a cat burglar."



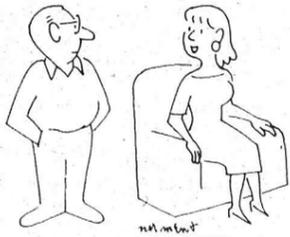
"See if I have this right; you were leading a charge on a band of Sioux."

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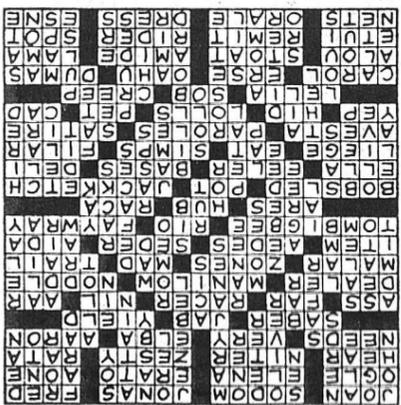
"Oh, Brewster! Can't you forget for just ONE night that you're a judge?"

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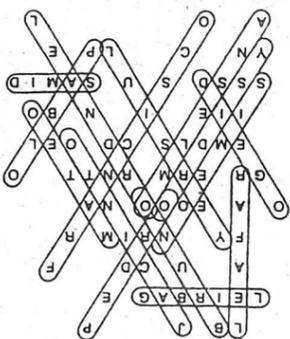


"Sure, I'll be happy to give you a night out with the boys, if you'll give me a night out with the boys."

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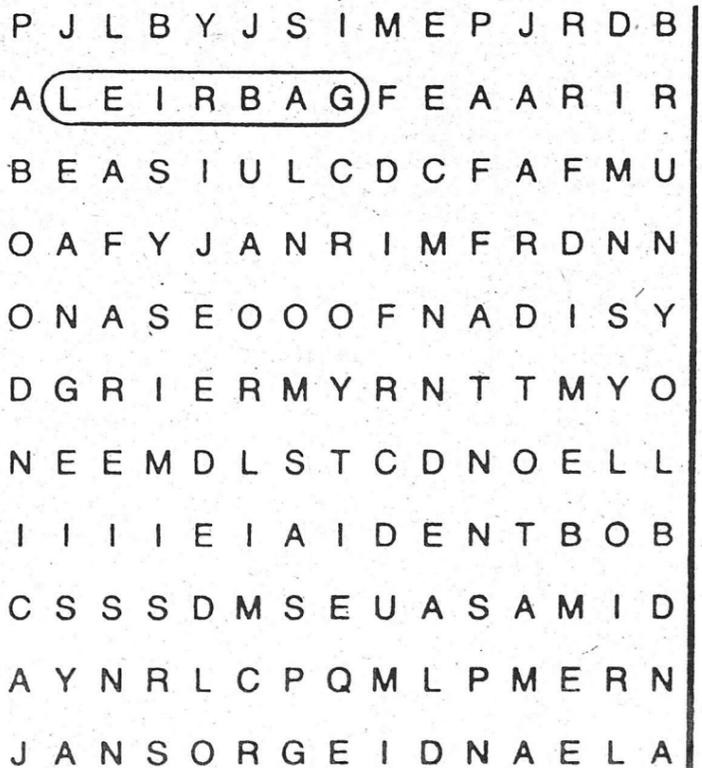


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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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| Ysidro | Jacinto | Luis Rey | Francisco |
| Simeon | Pedro | Anselmo | Rafael |
| Pablo | Diego | Leandro | Dimas |
| Gabriel | Mateo | Bruno | |

sports

Johnson salvages 'bad' start, comes up winner

NEW YORK (AP) — After Howard Johnson made several ugly throws in the first week of the season, some observers suggested that the New York Mets' third baseman was headed for another 30-30 season. Only this time, the combination would include errors.

His critics called it a career year when Johnson hit 36 homers, drove in 99 runs and stole 32 bases in 1987.

Managers Whitey Herzog of St. Louis and Jim Leyland of Pittsburgh thought Johnson was corking his bat.

After all, Johnson had been only 1-for-26 lifetime in postseason play, the second-lowest in major league history.

Johnson's numbers fell to 24 homers, 68 RBIs and 23 steals last season and the Mets spent most of last winter trying to trade him.

"I had a long difficult off-season seeing my name in so many trade rumors," Johnson said.

His surgically repaired right shoulder healed by the end of April, and since then, Johnson has been on a tear.

Sunday, he hit his 30th home run, joining Bobby Bonds and Willie Mays as the only major leaguers to hit 30 homers and steal 30 bases in a season more than once. Bonds did it five times and Mays twice.

"This wasn't automatic," Johnson said. "It took a lot of time to get there. To be remembered with Willie

Mays is really special."

After Johnson spent three seasons in Detroit, Manager Sparky Anderson didn't think the infielder would be remembered for very much and the Tigers traded him to the Mets for pitcher Walt Terrell on Dec. 7, 1984.

Anderson thought Johnson had a problem relaxing on the field and would never make it as an everyday player.

The Mets weren't sure, either.

In 1986, Johnson shared playing time with Kevin Mitchell and Ray Knight, who ended up as the World Series MVP.

Knight and Mitchell were gone in 1987, and the third base job was Johnson's until rookie Gregg Jefferies came along late last season.

The Mets pegged Jefferies as their third baseman of the future and weren't sure where Johnson fit in.

Before this season, Johnson almost ended up in Seattle, along with several other Mets for left-hander Mark Langston.

It was a deal Mets manager Davey Johnson didn't want to make and at the last moment the Mariners declined.

At the start of the season, Johnson was batting seventh and unhappy about it.

Jefferies wasn't hitting and Keith Hernandez was out with an injury, so Johnson was given a shot at batting

second and then third.

The result was a start in the All-Star Game and a new contract worth

\$6.1 million for three years. Including the option year for 1993, the deal is for \$8.1 million.



SPRINGING BACK -- Olympic diving champion Greg Louganis stars with Juliet Lambert in the Long Beach Civic Light Opera's production of 'Cinderella.' (AP Laserphoto)

Judge delays Polonia's sentencing until Oct. 2

MILWAUKEE (AP) — New York Yankees outfielder Luis Polonia was convicted Monday on a misdemeanor charge of sexual intercourse with a

child, but the judge delayed sentencing until after the baseball season.

Polonia, 24, pleaded no contest to the charge that he had sex with a 15-year-old girl at a downtown hotel last Wednesday and Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Thomas Doherty found him guilty.

The charge carries a maximum penalty of nine months in jail and \$10,000 in fines. Under Wisconsin law, an adult may not have intercourse with a child under the age of 16 even if the child consents.

Assistant District Attorney John DiMotto recommended that Polonia be sentenced immediately, citing the trauma the case has had on the girl's family.

DiMotto read a statement from the victim's family in which it was recommended that Polonia be sentenced immediately to 30 days in the Milwaukee County House of Correction and pay a fine of \$5,000.

The family's statement said Polonia should be sentenced to 90 days in jail and fined \$10,000 if the term was delayed until after the baseball season.

Doherty, however, said he was not familiar enough with the case to issue a sentence Monday and ordered a presentence report. He set sentencing for Oct. 2. The baseball season ends Oct. 1.

Doherty also continued Polonia's bail at \$5,000.

Polonia, who had been in Milwaukee for a series between the Yankees and Brewers, was arrested last Wednesday at the Pfister Hotel by police investigating a report of a missing 15-year-old girl.

He spent several hours in the City Jail before being released on \$5,000 bail. Although the Yankees left

Wednesday, Polonia remained in Milwaukee to discuss the case. He rejoined the team Thursday in Detroit.

Polonia came to the Yankees last month in a trade that sent Ricky Henderson to the Oakland Athletics.

Polonia's attorney, Dennis Coffey, issued a statement Thursday that the player accepted full responsibility for the incident and wanted to apologize to his team and professional baseball.

DiMotto said last week that a misdemeanor charge was issued because the girl's family indicated she did not want to testify in court. He said the girl will be 16 this month.

The criminal complaint said the girl told authorities she and Polonia had intercourse twice, once before the girl's mother called the hotel and talked to the player and once after the phone call.

The complaint said the girl told authorities that after Polonia answered the phone call he asked her "if she was a minor and she indicated she was and she believes she may have told him that she was 16 years old."

The complaint said Polonia told authorities he had been told before he took the girl to the hotel that she was 19.

Baseball Standings

As of August 22

AMERICAN

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	64	59	.520	-
Milwaukee	65	61	.516	1/2
Toronto	63	61	.508	1 1/2
Boston	58	64	.475	5 1/2
Cleveland	58	66	.468	6 1/2
New York	56	68	.452	8 1/2
Detroit	47	78	.376	18

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	76	49	.608	-
California	74	48	.607	1/2
Kansas City	70	53	.569	5
Texas	65	57	.533	9 1/2
Minnesota	60	63	.488	15
Seattle	57	66	.463	18
Chicago	52	72	.419	23 1/2

NATIONAL

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	71	53	.573	-
New York	68	55	.553	2 1/2
Montreal	68	56	.548	3
St. Louis	66	57	.537	4 1/2
Pittsburgh	52	71	.423	18 1/2
Philadelphia	50	73	.407	20 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	71	53	.573	-
Houston	69	55	.556	2
San Diego	61	63	.492	10
Cincinnati	58	66	.468	13
Los Angeles	58	66	.468	13
Atlanta	50	74	.403	21

Aouita breaks 3,000-meter record

NEW YORK (AP) — Said Aouita of Morocco, who won the Mobil Grand Prix men's overall title in 1986 and 1988, has moved closer to a third championship with a world record for 3,000 meters.

Aouita, timed in 7 minutes, 29.45 seconds, at Sunday's Weltklasse track and field meet in Cologne, West Germany, is tied for the men's lead at 51 points with Roger Kingdom of the United States, the world record-holder in the 110-meter high hurdles.

Javelin thrower Steve Backley of Britain, pole vault world record-holder Sergei Bubka of the Soviet Union and 200-meter runner Robson da Silva of Brazil are tied for third with 45 points apiece.

Aouita now holds world records in the 1,500, 2,000, 3,000 and 5,000 meters, and the world best in the rarely-run two miles.

World mile record-holder Paula

Ivan of Romania retained the women's overall lead with 49 points.

Galina Chistyakova of the Soviet Union, winner of the long jump at Cologne, moved into a tie for second place at 45 points with middle-distance runner Ana Quirot of Cuba, sprinter Merlene Ottey of Jamaica, hurdler Sandra Farmer-Patrick of the United States and high jumper Jan Wohlschlag of the United States.

Ottey won the 100 meters, Quirot won the 800 meters and Farmer-Patrick won the 400-meter hurdles at Cologne, as all three remained undefeated for the season.

The Mobil Grand Prix is a series of 17 meets in 14 nations. It culminates Sept. 1 with the Mobil Grand Prix final at Monte Carlo, Monaco.

Friday's Ivo van Damme Memorial at Brussels, Belgium, is the last meet prior to the final.

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U.S. may extradite 100 Colombians for drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The Bush administration is reviewing a list of up to 100 Colombians to

decide which might be targeted for extradition on drug charges now that Colombian President Virgilio Barco

Vargas has said such extraditions will resume, a U.S. official said Monday.

The exact number under review remains unclear, said Drug Enforcement Administration spokesman Frank Shults, who said only that there are 50 to 100 names on the list being scrutinized.

"There are lists of people for whom indictments have been processed in the United States, some of them going back a number of years," Shults said. "We, in conjunction with the Justice Department, are reviewing those lists and making an assessment about the currency of the evidence, ... the availability of information."

Attorney General Dick Thornburgh said Sunday that the United States wants about a dozen Colombian drug kingpins sent to the United States to face trial.

"All the biggies are on the list" of Colombians the United States would like to have extradited, Shults said, including the leaders of the Medellin Cartel: Jose Rodriguez Gacha, 41, Pablo Escobar, 39, and Jorge Luis Ochoa, 39.

The Colombian government announced that 10,000 people had been arrested in major sweeps including raids of properties of suspected drug traffickers, but there was no report if the leaders of the Medellin or Cali cocaine cartels had been among them.

One former cartel leader, Carlos Lehder, was extradited to the United States in 1987, before the Colombian

Supreme Court struck down the extradition treaty. Lehder is now in federal prison in Marion, Ill., serving a life sentence without parole plus 135 years.

The United States had been pressuring Colombia to resume extraditions, particularly of the cartel leadership, and Barco on Saturday decreed measures that would allow alleged drug traffickers to be extradited summarily to the United States for trial.

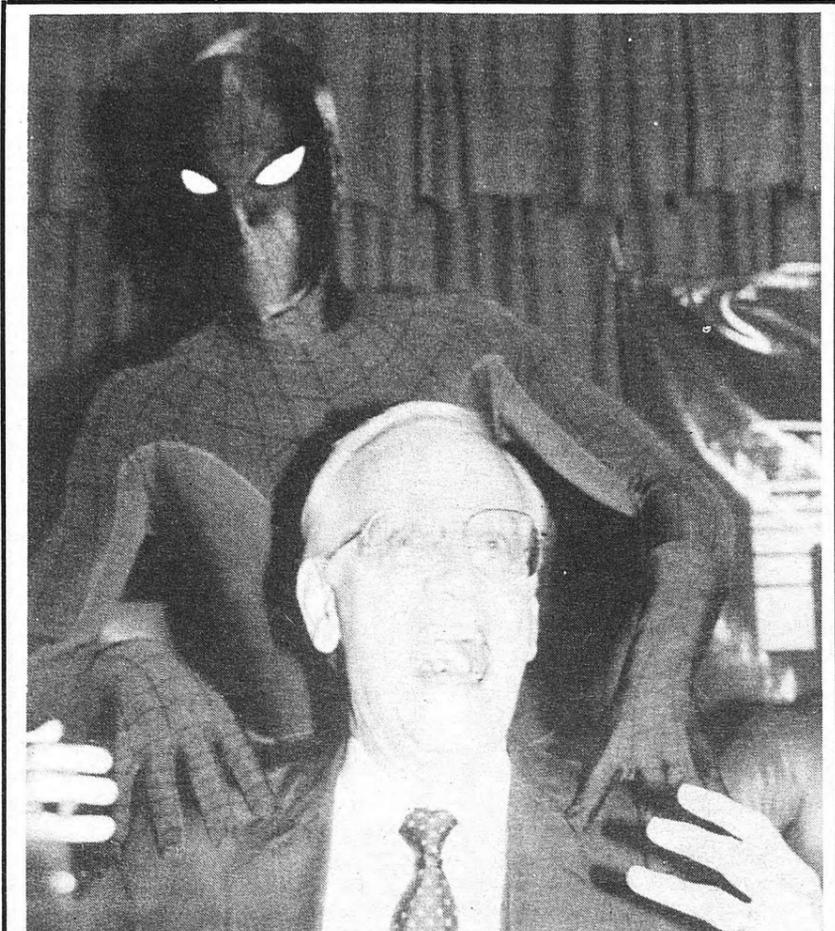
Barco's move was triggered by the Friday assassination of leading Colombian president candidate Luis Carlos Galan, an outspoken foe of the drug leaders.

Shults said it was "premature" to speculate on whether the DEA would send more agents to Colombia -- beefing up the force of two dozen agents there now -- to help locate alleged drug traffickers wanted on charges in the United States.

The DEA doesn't know where they all are and isn't sure exactly how Barco's announced willingness to extradite them to the United States to stand trial will work out.

"A lot remains to be seen," Shults said. "We know, basically, ... that President Barco has made this overture, but the specifics haven't come forth yet. We stand ready to help however we can."

Meanwhile, the DEA is concerned about the safety of its agents in Colombia but is not planning to pull anyone out, as it has done in other countries when violence threatens to overwhelm them.



FROM ONE CRIME FIGHTER TO ANOTHER — FBI Director William Sessions appears surprised by cartoon crime fighter Spiderman during a news conference at the FBI headquarters in Washington early this month kicking off this year's National Night Out Against Crime. (AP Laserphoto)

Soldiers, police raid Colombian drug barons estates

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) -- Soldiers and police raided the estates of cocaine barons Monday, seizing aircraft, cars and cattle and bringing the number of people arrested in three days to more than 11,000, authorities said.

One of those arrested Monday was believed to be a finance chief of the Medellin drug cartel.

The cartel bosses have eluded the emergency-rule crackdown, but new raids were being reported hourly across the country.

President Virgilio Barco authorized the raids after the killings Thursday and Friday of a judge, a national police colonel and Sen. Luis Carlos Galan of the Liberal Party, the leading presidential candidate and an outspoken opponent of the drug bosses.

"We haven't yet been able to capture the drug cartel chiefs, but we have struck hard against their immense fortunes," said army Gen. Manuel Bonnet Locarno.

In an interview broadcast by the national radio chain Caracol from the western city of Cali, a cocaine smuggling center, Bonnet said the strategy was "economic war" on the traffickers.

Defense Ministry communiques said more than 11,000 people have been detained in about 350 raids, but Bonnet said most were believed to be simple employees of the cartel members or low-level underlings.

However, military authorities in Sincelejo, capital of northern Sucre state, said they had captured an alleged finance chief of the drug cartel based in the industrial city of Medellin.

They identified him as Educardo Martinez Romero and said he was captured at a ranch two hours

outside Sincelejo, but gave no other details.

Statements from the Defense Ministry said 622 weapons, 1,023 vehicles, scores of planes and helicopters and four tons of cocaine paste were confiscated.

Early Monday on Bogota's northern fringes soldiers swarmed over an opulent compound said to be owned by Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, one of the biggest cocaine dealers.

The estate included tennis, soccer and basketball courts, a duck pond

with a water wheel, a gymnasium with weight-lifting equipment, an indoor swimming pool and billiard and table tennis tables. Soldiers guarding it said Rodriguez Gacha owned many other estates.

Among targets of the raids were scores of properties owned by Rodriguez Gacha and other drug lords, including Pablo Escobar and Jorge Ochoa. At one of Escobar's ranches, soldiers confiscated 2,000 head of cattle and 100 pigs, the Defense Ministry said.

Barco invoked the powers of a

state of siege that has been in effect since 1984. It gives the military and police special powers to detain suspects, stiffens penalties for those convicted of drug dealing and allows confiscation of property.

He also authorized the government to extradite drug suspects wanted in the United States, which the cartel has opposed with threats and murder.

Monday was a national holiday and no officials were available to comment about U.S. willingness to send troops to help in the drug war.

U.S., Soviet relations in state of flux

HONOLULU (UPI) — The outgoing chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said relations between America and the Soviet Union may be in flux for many years, and U.S. officials should not be tempted to rush changes in superpower relations.

"I am persuaded that we are entering a period of uneasy transition which will hopefully lead to a new era in the superpower relationship," Admiral William Crowe Jr., told the Japan-America Society of Honolulu on last week.

"But there are many uncertainties still on the horizon, and my assessment is that we may be in this unsettled state for a long time," he said.

Crowe, 64, said it is becoming clearer every day that the Soviet leadership wants to change, but it is still an open question whether they can change.

The Admiral said he believes Soviet leaders underestimated the difficulties and time required for "perestroika." He said he was not even sure it was possible to have a

"road map" for such an ambitious enterprise.

"The Soviets are sailing in uncharted waters. There is an awful lot of playing it by ear, a day at a time, patching and pasting as they go," he said.

The result of the Soviet Union's economic reform and political

changes is still up in the air, as is the outcome of the ethnic problems that have troubled the huge nation, Crowe said.

"It would be a great deal more rational to move gradually and deliberately taking reasonable steps as the horizon becomes clearer, not before," he said.

U.S. invasion of Panama is 'imminent,' Cuba charges

HAVANA (Reuter) — Cuba charged Monday that the United States is contemplating the use of force against Panama in a bid to oust military leader Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega and sabotage the Panama Canal treaties.

"The United States, in its drunken arrogance, feels tempted to carry out a military action," a sharply worded editorial in the official newspaper Granma said. "It would be a colossal error and a show of terrifying political near-sightedness."

The editorial said U.S. troops were carrying out exercises in and around the Canal Zone in a move it described as a "virtual intervention punctuated by extreme psychological tension."

It added that Washington's aim in forcing Noriega's resignation was "to hamper the fulfillment of the Torrijos-Carter agreements of 1977," under which the Canal Zone will be turned over to the Panamanian government at the end of the decade.