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Polish arming to oppose martial law

By United Press International

Thousands of Solidarity members bearing tools and iron rods to confront troops occupied factories, shipyards and steel mills across Poland Tuesday in a swelling protest against the imposition of martial law. A union official said guns were stockpiled in some factories.

Army troops broke up a number of the protests, arresting workers who faced martial law penalties ranging from imprisonment to death, according to reports from Poland.

In an evening newscast monitored in London, Warsaw Radio claimed "the third day of martial law passed under the sign of work." But the radio confirmed union action disrupted production in some Warsaw plants and at factories in Lodz in central Poland and Krakow in the south.

Solidarity activists also had "sought refuge" in the Gdansk shipyard — where the union was born 16 months ago — and were "trying to talk people into activities which are as pointless as they are harmful," the radio broadcast said.

EVEN THE SOVIET news agency Tass reported several confrontations between workers and troops and said that in one instance, some 250 Solidarity members armed with steel rods had "entrenched" themselves in Warsaw's biggest steel mill.

In Moscow, a Soviet official said the Kremlin stood ready to give "military help" to the Polish Communist regime of Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski.

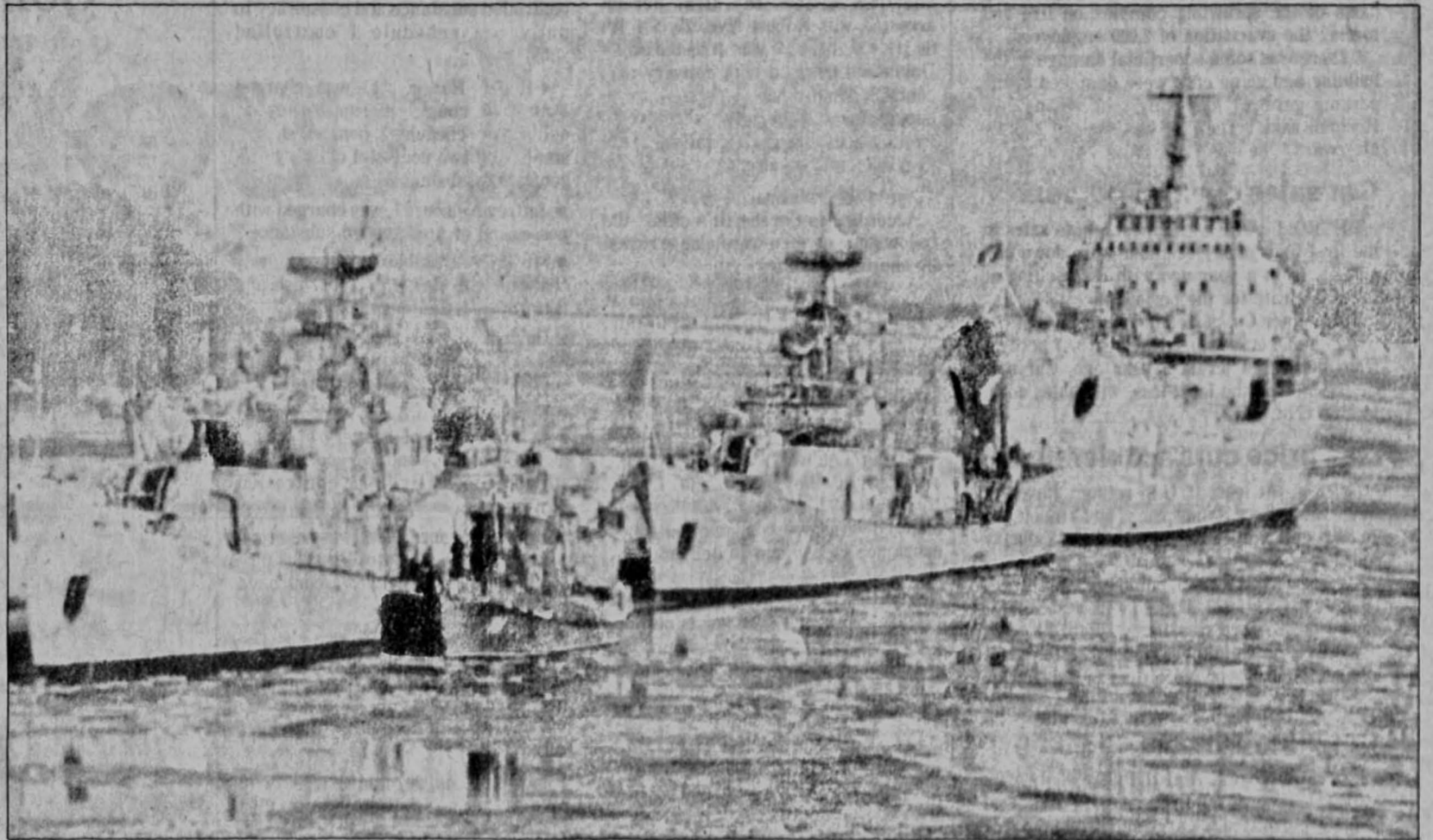
"In a few days, in a week, if Jaruzelski was to ask us for military help, we would give it. We would give the Polish authorities everything they think is necessary to restore order in the country," said the Soviet official who has access to Kremlin policy decisions before they are made public.

The source, who requested anonymity, said no request for military aid had been made yet, but added the Kremlin was watching the situation closely.

In Washington, the United States warned the Soviet Union to stay out of Poland and told the Communist government in Warsaw that any violent move against Polish citizens would have "extremely grave consequences."

OLOF TANDBERG, a member of Sweden's Royal Academy of Sciences, said in Stockholm he had reports from two East Bloc capitals of shooting in central Warsaw between troops and Solidarity members and students. There was no independent confirmation of the reports.

A communications blackout more complete than those imposed during the Soviet invasions of Hungary and Czechoslovakia made news from Poland, on the third day of martial law, sketchy and incomplete.



Four Soviet naval vessels are anchored in the Polish port of Svinosce in the Baltic Sea. The picture was taken from a Polish ferry entering the port.

Board: Children taught at home considered truant

By Elizabeth Flansburg
Staff Writer

Marie Landes, 11, had a few problems with dividing fractions last Thursday night so her parents discussed the mathematical equations with her during their evening dinner.

Although the situation may seem quite normal for many parents with children participating in the Iowa City school system, Marie Landes and her 9-year-old brother Eric receive all of their formal education at home.

But the Iowa City School Board voted 4-3 Tuesday night that Marie and Eric, who have been educated in a home-study program for the past three years, will be considered truant today for the first part of the 1981-82 school year because they did not attend a public school.

Their parents, John and Cindy Daggett, will be served with a truancy citation tomorrow and must have a hearing in the magistrate court over educating their children at home. They face a possible 30-day jail sentence for the violation.

But John Daggett, who attended the meeting, said he still would not send his children to a public school, but he added that finances preclude taking the matter to court.

THE DAGGETTS sent a letter requesting information on guidelines for home-study instruction to Superintendent David Cronin after moving to the Iowa City school district at the beginning of the school year.

Cronin recommended that the Daggetts not be allowed to teach their children at home. Iowa's compulsory education law requires that the Daggetts show that their children's home education is equivalent to that provided in a private or public school.

The Daggetts, who both have backgrounds in education, previously

lived in the Clear Creek Community School district where they taught their children at home. Daggett said that he and his wife requested permission from the Clear Creek School Board for a home-study program, but received neither an answer from the board nor a truancy citation. He said that because the board did not serve him with a truancy citation, he and his wife decided to teach their children at home.

"I'm still not sure what was decided here this evening," Daggett said after Tuesday's meeting. "What I really need to know from them (board members), is what do I need to do to not be truant?"

AFTER MUCH confusion and four motions on the request, the board voted to deny the request because at least four members were unsure of the legality of the home study.

Board member Patricia Hayek, who voted against the request, said, "I'm not opposed to a home-study program philosophically, but when we are elected to this board, we take an oath of office to uphold federal and state laws."

But board member Michael Hart, who voted to grant the request, said the program meets the federal and state guidelines in his opinion.

Members who voted against the request said the program set up by the Daggetts appeared educationally sound, but they said they were still unsure as to whether state law mandates that a certified teacher should be instructing the children face-to-face for a certain number of hours or whether the Daggetts' children would be receiving an "equivalent" education at home.

Daggett said that the difference between the home-study program and public school education is like night and day and added, "I'm not anti-public school, I'm just interested in the quality of their education."

As Bobbjerg teaches on living, students learn a lot about life

By Cecily Tobin
Staff Writer

With the wit of a stand-up comic, the skill of a seasoned orator and the enthusiasm of a 10-year-old, Richard Bobbjerg tells his Human Biology class all about the nervous system.

The white-haired, broad-bellied professor sits on the edge of a table and becomes the child who is having his knee-jerk reflex checked in the doctor's office.

He balances on one foot with his arms gracefully extended and mimics ballet dancer Rudolph Nureyev.

"Nureyev I'm not. But how different his motions are from the knee-jerk reflex," he explains.

Although the 62-year-old Bobbjerg is an ecologist, he enjoys the challenge of teaching general biology to non-science majors. He and Richard Sjolund, associate professor in the UI Botany Department, have team-taught the Human Biology class since 1968.

"IT'S EXHAUSTING work. How can I tell them this without snoring them, but also without kidding them? How can I be conceptually rigorous without turning them off? That's the tight rope we walk when we teach science to non-majors."

To succeed, Bobbjerg does much more than teach. He knows he must

use tasty bait to hook his audience; so while he enlightens, he also entertains.

In his lecture on the nervous system he makes a crude sketch of the brain and spinal cord with bright pink chalk. He uses a cascading row of dominoes to demonstrate the all-or-none threshold of a neural impulse — a message, produced by a stimulus, that is carried through the nervous system.

He tells his students of the three stresses that activate the autonomic nervous system — "fighting, fleeing and mating... sometimes called the three F's."

THE STUDENTS take the bait. They laugh with him, they copy his diagrams, they listen to him, they stay until his performance is finished.

Bobbjerg uses many memorable examples. "When you smelled chipped beef in the cafeteria line today, you drooled. Do you call it the same thing we did when I was in the service — S.O.S. — something on a shingle? That's my point. I wouldn't have drooled. Even glands, therefore, can be governed by experience."

Chris Wendling, a UI junior taking Human Biology, said: "He always uses examples like that. He relates it to things in everyday life. It's easier to learn that way."

Although Bobbjerg simplifies the material, he tries to avoid creating

false impressions. "These are generalizations, glossy generalizations," he reminds his students.

MATT McANDREW, a former student of Bobbjerg's and a senior in science education, said, "He puts biology on a level you can understand, yet he challenges you well."

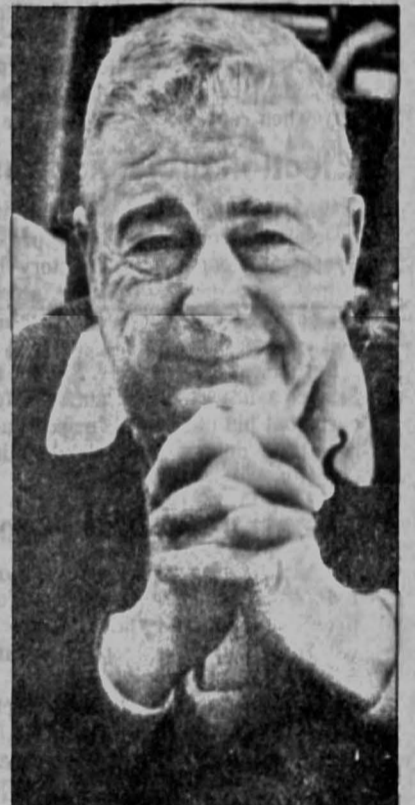
Bobbjerg announces to his Human Biology class: "That's all there is to living; nerves fire, muscles react, glands secrete. I challenge you to think of an exception. I didn't say that's all there is to life. But that's all there is to living."

He ends the lecture with some inspiration. "There's one very outstanding question left. We know a little about how things outside the body start a neural impulse. But we know even less about what starts an impulse in our brain, a thought."

"YOU'RE LYING flat on your back, in a darkened room, and you're thinking like crazy. We don't understand this. That's where the Nobel Prize is for someone in this room."

Bobbjerg said lecturing takes a lot out of him. "When I'm through giving a lecture for that group, I'm through for the day. I can barely stand."

But students who remain after class are not disappointed. "He's always willing to spend time with you to ex-



Richard Bobbjerg

plain things after hours. He's a very sensitive and feeling person," McAndrew said.

Bobbjerg spends his summers at the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory, a 140-acre field station on the shores of Lake West Okoboji, that he has directed since 1963.

ABOUT 50 STUDENTS attend each of the two, five-week sessions that are
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Weather

Cloudy with a chance of snow today. Highs in the teens to low 20s. Variable cloudiness tonight with a possibility of snow flurries. Lows 5 to 10. Partly cloudy Thursday. Highs in the middle to upper teens.

Law keeps ADC recipients dependent

This is the final story in a three-part series on poverty in Johnson County.

By Jennifer Shafer
Staff Writer

Margaret Ma wants to get a job, but she won't because she can't afford to work.

Ma, an Iowa City resident who is a recipient of Aid to Families with Dependent Children, food stamps and Medicaid, said she could have a job that would pay her \$560 a month. But that would put her \$20 over the amount of money she is allowed to earn and still receive federal assistance.

If Ma lost her ADC eligibility, she said she would also lose her eligibility

for the Medicaid that pays the doctor bills for her two-year-old daughter and four-month-old son. The two children had regular medical care during the past several months for persistent ear infections, Ma said.

And that is what stops her from taking the job. If she worked, she would not need the ADC and food stamps for groceries and rent. But the money earned from the job alone would not be enough to cover her children's medical expenses.

"I'd be in the hole by the time I paid for childcare and doctor," she said.

MA SAID she is angry with a

program that forces her to be totally dependent on the government for living expenses when all she really needs is partial assistance. "It seems so senseless. If I could just get some childcare and (Medicaid), I could afford to go back to work."

Ma is one of some 30,000 ADC recipients in Iowa affected by a new federal rule that began Oct. 1. The rule dictates that persons whose income is above 150 percent of the "state need level" are automatically ineligible for Medicaid. The need level is determined by a formula based on family size and expenses.

For a two-person household, 150 per-

cent of the state need level is a monthly income of \$438. A four-member family can earn up to \$629 a month.

However, persons must have incomes below these levels to be eligible for ADC. ADC applicants must have enough deductible expenses — such as childcare costs and other working expenses — to place their adjusted income below \$292 for two-member households and \$419 for four-member families.

According to Pat McClintock, deputy director of Legal Services Corp. in Des Moines, the Oct. 1 federal regulation is "probably the single most significant problem" for low-income families who

receive ADC.

"Many families are making the choice to discontinue employment because it's in their interest to go back on assistance and get the medical aid, especially if they have children who are in need of medical assistance," McClintock said.

ADC benefits have not increased since July 1979, while other government benefits for unemployment, food stamps, social security, and veterans benefits have increased, he said.

The Oct. 1 rule for ADC recipients is not the only fall change in welfare programs that is taking money away

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two to three years down the line. We're not gonna over recruit in any one spot, but you never can get too many quality big men."

According to Olson, Lohaus will fit right into the Iowa program because he has a willingness to work. Olson also said Lohaus has great hands and gets up and down the floor quickly.

"He's gonna get playing time next season," Payne said of Lohaus. "It's better for him to go to a place where there's not as much pressure."

"For us to get him says something about our program. It's a reflection on our program and how good a coaching staff we have."

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Reagan administration won't give up their futile notion that they can take so much away from the poor that they will never have to touch entitlement programs that benefit the middle class, or Social Security, whose constituency of aged Americans is increasingly powerful.

Kemp argues that the way to cure the recession is not more taxes, but an acceleration of tax cuts already enacted. And he says that the current tight-money policy of the Federal Reserve is "clearly out of tune with the president's economic program which seeks growth, not recession. It is time to recognize that attempts to fix the quantity of money have been a failure."

I can conclude only that the architects of Reaganomics aren't sure of anything except their willingness to stick it to the poor — and their unwillingness to concede that they are leading America to what the Republican, Reaganite governor of Vermont, Richard Snelling, predicts will be an "economic Bay of Pigs."

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Poverty

from low-income families.

Kay Duncan, director of the Iowa City Crisis Center, said the center's food bank, which provides emergency food assistance to the poor, is frequently used by people who need food because their monthly allotment of food stamps ran out.

McCLINTOCK SAID the food stamps don't last because the allotment is not determined on the basis of a person's actual expenses. As of Oct. 1, deductions were restricted for working expenses such as childcare. Other expenses — such as transportation — are not deductible, he said.

"It's a flat formula that the Senate made up. It's not based on reasoning and there's a lid on the maximum deductions," McClintock said.

McClintock said another problem with the food stamp program is that the stamp allotments are based on a "thrifty food plan" that was not intended

to supply long-term nutritional needs.

"Most food stamp recipients don't eat nutritious foods," he said. "And when they run out of stamps in the last days of the month, they have to either go get assistance from someone else or eat very poorly."

However, federal government assistance is not the only outlet for income assistance, and many welfare recipients have learned to supplement their ADC and food stamp allotments by depending on local and state programs that provide extra aid.

SUSAN HULTMAN, a local resident, is an ADC and food stamp recipient, who is on the Woman, Infant and Children program that is sponsored by the state Board of Health. The program is administered locally by the Johnson County Board of Health. The program provides coupons for

nutritious foods — milk, cheeses and fruit juices — to new mothers and children under age five who are considered a "nutrient risk" because they do not have a nutritious diet.

The federally funded Leased Housing program also provides Hultman with income assistance. Administered by Iowa City, the program pays a portion of the rent for people in government-certified housing.

In the past, Hultman has also used the energy assistance program sponsored by the Hawkeye Area Community Action Program. The energy program pays a portion of utility costs for persons who earn less than 150 percent of the state's need level.

"I've tried to take advantage of every program I can to get through school," said Hultman, a young mother and UI student. "I hope someday I won't have to be on any of them."

Bovbjerg

offered. They study one topic "all day, every day," Bovbjerg said.

"It's total immersion. It's a very different learning environment than the rest of the university. All the professors and students are up there because they want to be. Like me, when they're outside and they see the flower, they want to count how many times the bee visits it."

He teaches a course in aquatic biology, but as director, he contends with "paper work, talking to various people, and worrying about the plumbing and the budget."

But he thinks of this work as administering rather than administering. "If you think that every year the place is better for what you've done for it, that's pretty neat."

BOVBJERG, who grew up near the south side of Chicago, said he decided to become an ecologist when he was 16.

"I became very excited about ecology in my biology class in high school. When the teacher first explained the carbon cycle, I went nuts. I thought that was the most beautiful thing I'd ever heard of. I was just ecstatic," Bovbjerg said.

"At that time, the public was not familiar with ecology and few people were in the profession, but Bovbjerg said he knew he wanted to follow in the natural history tradition of scientists like Charles Darwin.

Bovbjerg received his bachelor's and doctorate degrees from the University of Chicago. There he met Jerry Kollros, who later became chairman of the UI Zoology Department and asked Bovbjerg to come to the UI.

BOVBJERG HAS become involved in many environmental issues, but he does not consider himself an environ-

mental. The environmental movement tends to be cause-oriented and emotional rather than scientific, he said.

The faddish nature of the 1970s movement was a disappointment because of the emotional, single-issue tactics involved, Bovbjerg said.

He said he has always avoided the "lunatic fringe" of the movement. "I've never spoken to the groups that want to save the baby seals. I'm not saying they're wrong, but this is the type of group I stay away from."

"I know it's more complicated than that. There are no single issues in politics, economics or ecology," he said.

But despite its failings, the environmental movement accomplished a great deal and made the public more aware of environmental problems, Bovbjerg added.

"THE LESSONS that ecology has to offer — of regulate and be regulated, the balance of nature — these are undeniable truths. We can't ignore them. We do so only at our peril and we are doing so now in Washington," Bovbjerg said.

He said the United States is now feeling the backlash against "the Jane Fondas and the Ralph Naders."

Although he considers the Environmental Protection Agency an "incredible accomplishment," he said the agency has frequently gone overboard in regulating and interfering with personal freedom. As a result, he said, the agency is "going down the tubes."

Bovbjerg said U.S. Secretary of the Interior James Watt's plans to allow private developers access to national land resources are short-sighted and are based on the false notion that when

resources become scarce we will be able to find more by looking harder.

BUT BOVBJERG said he thinks many people will suffer before serious planning and conservation is undertaken. He predicts "catastrophe all over the world in this generation, in underdeveloped nations and severe crises in developed nations as to what to do about it. As a man from India once told me, 'our dead will wash up on your shores.'"

Bovbjerg has described himself as an "optimistic doomsday type," saying the world must contend with pollution, depletion of natural resources and particularly, unchecked population growth.

"Can you imagine what the world will be like if everything doubles in your lifetime as it has in mine?" Bovbjerg said he does not know how people would react to such a situation, but he has found that crayfish and other crustaceans behave "abnormally amicably" under severely crowded conditions.

"There's a threshold. As you begin to increase the number of crayfish they fight more and more, but after a certain number is reached, they just accept anything; but you can't make the jump from there to humans," he said.

Bovbjerg remains optimistic because he has learned from history and nature that the world is resilient.

"So often in the course of history people must have said it was doomsday. Imagine what the people in Europe must have said when the Mongolian hordes came in, or when Napoleon was sweeping through everything, or when the Black Plague hit. But we survived. The human spirit and will is so incredible."

Utensils

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whose daughter at Iowa State University wanted to cancel the contract she signed with the company.

UI freshman Margaret Shellander was one of six women in Slater Residence Hall who signed a contract to finance the purchase of more than \$800 worth of cookware and china by making monthly \$13 payments.

SHELLANDER SAID the company salesman, who claimed to have permission to be on campus, convinced her and five other women to buy the products at a September display party in a Slater dormitory room.

"He sat there for two hours before he even started to talk about a price range and how we were going to go about buying it. He buttered it all up first, showed us all the pictures and stuff," she said.

Rienow Head Resident Assistant Rosanne Proite said unauthorized solicitation in residence halls is not uncommon.

"Usually they call us and we'll explain the procedure, then they go around us," Proite said. She said companies usually contact a woman in residence halls and offer a prize in exchange for sponsoring a display party.

An 18-year-old freshman in Slater, who asked not to be identified because her mother does not know she signed a contract for \$833.65 with the company, said she was offered a free vacation if she would sponsor a show.

PROITE SAID she is familiar with the company and is "sure they are a reputable firm, but the problem is most of these kids can't afford to keep up with the payments."

The payments, required by the contract, seem "real reasonable until you've got your U-bill to pay and Christmas gifts and Rose Bowl tickets," Proite said.

"Then all the sudden you find you can't keep up with it, and then they start breathing down your neck pretty hard. You signed a contract, and if you're 18, you just bought the farm."

Julie Ryan, a UI sophomore, has received much of the merchandise she ordered but is having second thoughts about her purchase.

"I'm afraid I'm not going to be able to pay it ... I'm looking at this stuff and saying, 'I don't know, \$800.'"

Record-high military spending bill passes

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate sent a record-high military spending bill to the White House Tuesday and approved legislation saving Social Security minimum benefits, clearing the decks for congressional adjournment today.

While awaiting a flurry of Senate action on the major bills left on its calendar, the House, without debate or a rollcall, voted itself a Christmas present — doubling the amount of money members can earn in outside income, from \$9,099 a year to \$18,198. The action was made retroactive to the start of this year. A member's salary is \$60,662.50.

The two-year \$11.4 billion foreign aid program, which gave President Reagan most of what he wanted for his foreign policy toward the developing nations, passed the Senate 55-42. The largest recipients are Israel and Egypt and the measure would lift prohibitions on military aid to Chile, Argentina and Pakistan.

ing tactics in the Senate, although it was scheduled for at least cursory debate today.

The House passed the conference report on the \$200 billion defense appropriations bill and the Senate did likewise, sending it to the White House for Reagan's signature several hours later.

The compromise version is about \$1.2 billion below Reagan's September request, but is the biggest military spending bill in the nation's history.

It contains funds for the MX missile system, the controversial B-1 supersonic bomber and the radar-avoiding "Stealth" bomber, plus a major push to modernize the Navy.

On a 96-0 vote, the Senate passed and sent to the House the Social Security bill continuing the \$122-a-month minimum benefits for those who now have them, but it would deny them to those who reach retirement age after the first of the year.

The minimum was knocked out in the original budget reductions, but Reagan has agreed to its reinstatement for current recipients.

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A BILL to make it illegal to disclose the names of CIA agents was threatened by the possibility of delay.

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bags. Aside from improving auto safety, Danforth contends, his proposal would save the federal government \$1.2 billion per year.

Despite the intent of President Reagan's Economic Recovery Act, few companies plan to provide stock ownership plans or child-care benefits to their employees. That's the conclusion of a study of 951 companies by the New York consulting firm of Towers, Perrin, Forster and Crosby.

TWO ITEMS sticking in the Reagan bootstrap:

If blacks are to narrow the black-white differential in the unemployment statistics they must obtain one of every five new jobs offered during the 1980s.

And the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that each year, almost 300,000 college graduates won't be able to find jobs "which traditionally have been held by college graduates ..."

Q: What other story could so effectively steal the headlines from the grim national economic picture?

A: The Reagan administration's well-broadcast, but undisclosed claims, that two teams of Libyan hit-men are stalking the president and other high officials.

Whether true or not, the alleged assassination plot is serving as a smokescreen for reports of high unemployment and increasing federal deficits.

We're especially dismayed to hear that the first family, which has not attended church in months, may miss Christmas services because of the terrorists.

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2) Entries must be submitted by 5:00 pm January 29, 1982 at the Student Activities Center, IMU because the results will be announced February 5, 1982 in the Daily Iowan.

Taking time seriously is this state board's job

DES MOINES (UPI) — For about 36 years now, the state Watchmaker's Board has successfully separated the amateurs from the professionals, ensuring that only topnotch firms handle Iowans' watches, clocks and special time pieces.
"People are more confident in getting their watches fixed," said Watchmaker's Board Chairman Howard Wilshire Jr. of New Hampton, Iowa. "Lots of families have heirlooms, and people don't appreciate getting them butchered up."
The Watchmaker's Board is one of a dozen obscure regulatory panels which oversee the operations of a wide variety of crafts and trades in Iowa.
There are state boards of examiners for architects, engineers, barbers, chiropractors, cosmetologists, dentists, hearing-aid dealers, mortuary scientists, nursing-home administrators, optometrists, physical therapists, podiatrists, psychologists, speech pathologists and audiologists.
PRIDE LACES Wilshire's voice when he discusses the Watchmaker's Board and his own business in New Hampton. "It's not a profession that is overrun by people," he conceded. "It's demanding work. It's not an easy profession by any means and it takes a lot of patience and dexterity."
The seven-member board, created by the 51st General Assembly, ensures that only the best in the business operate in the state. It registers all persons or firms engaged in watchmaking or repair, requiring them to take special examinations and periodic educational courses.
To become a watchmaker, Wilshire said an applicant must be at least 19 years old, complete at least a three-year apprenticeship or attend a recognized watchmaker's school for at least one year, with one year of on-the-job training.
THE BOARD meets only twice a year, spending two days each time, to conduct business and give the watchmaker's examination. The \$40 examination tests a person's knowledge, practical ability and skill in the proper repairing of watches and time-recording instruments. Knowledge about all types of watches is required.
A person who fails the examination can pay the fee again and take the test a second time.

Christmas tune exceptions are fun, un-Muzak-al

By Jim Musser
Staff Writer
With the holidays fast approaching, it becomes more and more difficult to avoid the onslaught of cheesy Christmas Muzak that oozes from the tinny, remote speakers in supermarkets, department stores, malls, elevators and doctors' offices. And after hearing hundreds of freeze-dried versions of "The Little Drummer Boy," it might even occur to you that it's just not that good of a song.
Not every "artist" gets to make a Christmas record. In the first place, an artist has to sell lots and lots of records before a major record company will even consider a Christmas release. Secondly, the performer should be bland, rapid, smooth, boring and, preferably, over the hill.
The proof of this theory is that AC/DC, for example, is all of these things except "smooth," and they don't have a Christmas album — yet. But Bob Goulet, Wayne Newton, Andy Williams, Kenny Rogers, Lou Rawls, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin (sounds like a swell party in Vegas, eh?), the Carpenters, John Denver and the Lettermen do. The Mormon Tabernacle Choir, the Harry Simeone Chorale and the Ray Coniff Singers are, of course, above reproach — Christmas records are what they do.
THE VERY BEST thing about Christmas records (to the performers and business at least) are that they can be very lucrative. Royalty checks from "White Christmas" (the biggest selling single record in history) and "The Christmas Song" ("Chestnuts roasting on an open fire") have been, and will continue to be, great stocking stuffers for the Bing Crosby and Mel Torme families, respectively.
In spite of all this, Christmas records can be loads of fun. Over the years (and more than now) there have been some innovative, silly, wacky and even genuinely heartfelt attempts at capturing the Christmas spirit on vinyl. Today and Thursday, we will list some of the more successful of these.
For all you kooks, leftfielders and alien protoplasmic masses, there is a new LP entitled "A Christmas Record on Ze Records (British import only)." Pressed on snowy white vinyl, A Christmas Record presents a cross-section of musical styles and unique outlooks on the holiday season.
THE LP OPENS with Nona Hendryx and Material offering up some pulsating hard-rock disco called "It's A Holiday." Kid Creole's August Darnell sings "Christmas On Riverside Drive," a polished bit of sophisti-funk, and Christina half-talks, half-sings the Was Brothers-produced "Things Fall Apart." The Waitresses check in with a lightweight, slightly flatted girl-group pop song, "Christmas Wrapping."
One of the best tunes on A Christmas Record is "Christmas Time In The Motor City" by Was! (Not Was!). A busy, rapid-fire piece of power funk, "Motor City" features the many voices, metallic guitar scrapings and other elements that made their debut LP this year such a delight.
For those of you who are contemplating a holiday suicide, there are Suicide's "Hey Lord" and Alan Vega's "No More Christmas Blues" — two moody, oozing, electronic dirges with half-strangled vocals bleating out pathetic, apologetic drivel. Scary.
"IT'S A BIG COUNTRY" by one Davitt Sigerson is an unexpected treat, particularly since it is tacked on at the end of this bizarre collection. A bright, shimmering country-rock ditty, "It's A Big Country" is highlighted by a crystalline, Leo Kottke-ish acoustic guitar line and a well-conceived lyric that wishes a Merry Christmas to the singer's relatives who are scattered across this big ol' country of ours. A nice song that manages to tiptoe around the many cliched pitfalls that are included in Christmas songwriting.
The Ventures' Christmas Album, re-issued in a slightly abridged form this year, is a great party record. It may also be the best LP of any type that this instrumental combo ever made. Recurring themes from "Walk Don't Run," "Slaughter On Tenth Avenue" and "Pipeline" turn up in the darndest places. "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town" opens with a "Woolly Bully" riff and beat. "Jingle Bell Rock" is wrapped around "Memphis," and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" is teamed with "I Feel Fine." Especially effective is the juxtaposition of Dylan's "Like A Rolling Stone" with "Silver Bells." A fun record.
That's all for today. Thursday we'll look at some Christmas jazz, Christmas soul, Christmas punk and a few other novelty items.

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Arts and entertainment

Displays spread season spirits

By Eric Grevstad
Special to The Daily Iowan

It's hard to get the Christmas spirit in a college town. People are preoccupied with papers and finals, hearing the holiday message only from TV commercials — Andre champagne runs the same ad every year, but I miss the Norelco Santa — or carols played over Muzak.

Still, though I won't get to shopping for a while, I spend a lot of time downtown, getting the spirit by strolling through the city. There's a big "Downtown is Back" promotion. Wreaths on streetlights put me in a good mood, but merchants also catch my eye through individual effort. I'm a sucker for store window displays.

It's easy to overlook store windows in Iowa City because many don't change very often and most of them have the same topic; I'm usually bored with Herky by September, but Rose Bowl fever has made all previous Hawkeye hoopla seem like a quiet "Well played" from Oxford. Other windows are more appealing — the well-dressed but unfortunately headless women at Four Seasons and St. Clair's, or the new paperbacks at Iowa Book & Supply Co. There's the Airliner, where pedestrians and patrons stare at each other, or the Brown Bottle, which hides its diners behind gobs of paint.

STILL, CHRISTMAS has lived things up. The best displays are often found at Things and Every Bloomin' Thing Toys in the Basement on South Clinton; the former has pushed its simpering mannequins aside and staged a cluttered but charming antique Christmas scene, while the latter has a doll house, a lovely tree and a merry bunch of teddy bears.

By contrast, the windows at Old Capitol Center have never been the success envisioned in architects' drawings. Too often, they're blank white boxes, underfilled by Record Bar

posters or Sueppel's Flowers knickknacks. In months past Younkers' designers have shown a taste for the bizarre — a family standing in the prairie, the little girl reaching to touch the brick wall that bisected it; an incredibly messy scene of bleached football fans. This month, Younkers has tried a simpler, high-tech approach, putting mannequins with black dresses and strings of lights against a bold geometric background. Up close, it's all glitter and extension cords; seen at night from across the street, though, the display is striking.

INSIDE OLD Capitol Center, someone has run amuck with wreaths and banners. But there's a handsome tree in center court, and some nice ones in Michael J's window and inside Younkers.

Elsewhere around town, Bremers combines attractive clothes and stained glass panels with more Rose Bowl schlock than anyone can stand. Iowa State Bank & Trust Company is simple and dignified, with lighted wreaths in the windows.

Santa does the boogie at Jackson's Gifts & China and Frohwein Office Supply, lifting one hand, half-turning and lifting the other as if in some sort of Richard Simmons exercise. Comer's Pipe & Gift Shop shows two sleigh riders passing a pipe back and forth. Next door, The Bicycle Peddlers has a little of everything — a Rose Bowl ad, some Christmas packages and a prominently displayed Racer-Mate Wind Load Simulator.

Now, that's the present for the friend who has everything.

The holiday season has lived up downtown store window displays, as shown by this array of teddy bears eyeing shoppers passing by Every Bloomin' Thing/Toys in the Basement.



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Playwright Benchley dies

After Navy service during World War II, he became a drama and movie editor for Newsweek magazine, but gave up the job in 1947 to begin writing what became a steady stream of magazine articles, short stories, plays, movie scripts and novels. Though best seller status eluded him, his works ranged from biographies of his father and actor Humphrey Bogart to the play *The Frogs of Spring* and the movie *The Great American Pastime*. He also wrote numerous articles and short stories for such magazines as *Good Housekeeping*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Collier's* and *The New Yorker*. Born in Newtown, Mass., on Nov. 13, 1915, Benchley grew up in Scarsdale, N.Y., and lived in New York City for 30 years before moving to Nantucket in the early 1970s.



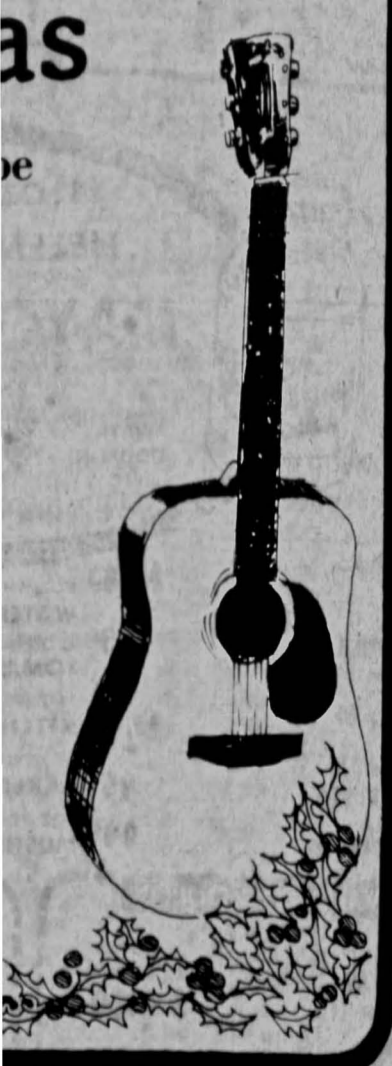
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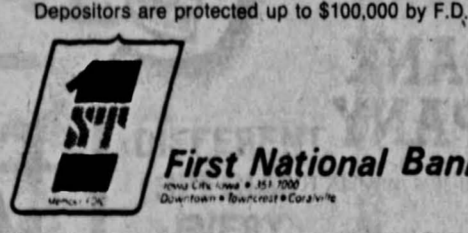
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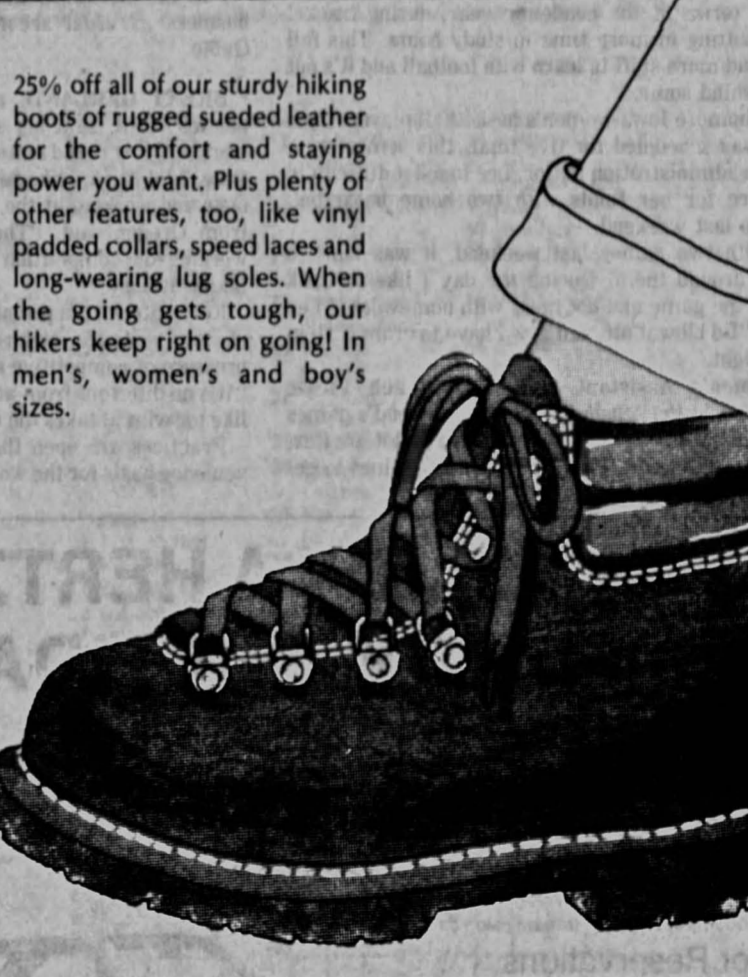
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

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Sports

Iowa's focus Lohaus, not Tigers

By H. Forrest Woolard Assistant Sports Editor

Iowa's basketball battle Friday night against Clemson turned into a secondary focus Tuesday during Coach Lute Olson's press conference. The reason was the excitement caused by the verbal commitment of Brad Lohaus, the 7-foot Arizona prep, to the Hawkeyes' cage program.

Although the Hawks' first game in the Kettle Classic in Houston, Texas, will be their toughest of the season, anyone can understand why the acquisition of a player such as Lohaus is big news.

"BRAD HAS A chance to contribute right away," Iowa Coach Lute Olson said Tuesday. "Lohaus is a 7-foot kid who could play forward. He has potential to be as good as any big man in the country."

Comparing Lohaus to other big men in college ball, Olson said the Iowa

recruit is much more mobile than Wichita State's 7-2 Greg Dreiling, who at one time considered playing with the Hawks.

What is Olson planning now that he has two 6-11 freshmen, Greg Stokes and Michael Payne, who are capable centers and a recruit considered one of the top four prep big men in the country? The answer may just be the tallest Hawkeye line-up in the history of the program.

Olson made it known the Iowa coaching staff doesn't "give playing time in people's living rooms." And while the coach is impressed with Lohaus, he added he wouldn't be able to tell just how much playing time the prep from Glendale, Ariz., would get until he stepped on the court next season.

LOOKING TO THE future, however, Olson hinted at the possibility of utilizing both Payne and Stokes as forwards. Payne definitely prefers to play at the

power forward spot, and has seen some action for the Hawks there this season when Stokes is in at center.

Stokes and Payne are two of the Hawks' quickest players, according to Olson. Banking on his "very good touch" offensively and his "solid development" this season, Olson seemed confident Stokes could switch to forward.

Not to burst the Hawks' bubble with commitments from recruits and Rose Bowl talk, but it shouldn't be forgotten Iowa faces its stiffest challenge this season when it meets the Tigers. Clemson is a 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference team.

"OUR BIGGEST CONCERN is that they're an outstanding basketball team," Olson said. "They have good personnel, are well coached and have played better competition than we have."

Although the Tigers have won five games, all of their victories have been at home. Iowa, on the other hand, has proved it can win on the road with defeats over Marquette and Iowa State.

Olson said Houston, the host team for the tournament, is the classic favorite. The Cougars, with their run and gun type game, have averaged 105 points a contest this season. Predicting a Houston win over Mississippi State, Olson said either Iowa or Clemson would be able to hold the Cougars under 100 points in the classic final.

The Hawkeye-Tiger game will begin at 9 p.m. and will be televised by the Iowa TV Network. An Iowa win would give the Hawks a spot in the classic final to be played Saturday at 9 p.m. The championship game will not only be televised by Iowa stations, but will also be broadcast by ESPN.

Iowa's No. 5 rating illusory despite wins

Iowa's basketball team is rated fifth in the nation, but it has been a tough road for the Hawks this season. Some wonder if the Hawks are really as good as their 5-0 record merits.

Teams like Northern Illinois, Nebraska-Omaha, and Northern Iowa are not the most powerful teams in the nation, but the Hawks had troubles in subduing these opponents. All three teams jumped out to early leads over Iowa, only to have the Hawks come from behind to post what appears to be convincing wins.

The fact is the Hawkeyes, outside of an occasional three to four minute spurt when things are going right, have looked sloppy in their ball-handling and passing. This could be attributed to the fact that Iowa Head Coach Lute Olson is playing with a basically young team. But what about veterans Kenny Arnold and Kevin Boyle?

BOYLE HAS TO become more of a threat offensively. In past seasons he had people like Ronnie Lester, Vince Brookins and the twin towers, Steve Waite and Steve Kraficisin, to help provide points. Boyle has always taken the available shot, but he needs to look more for the shot this season to take the pressure of Michael Payne on the inside. Boyle is hitting nearly 70 percent of his shots from the floor, and must make more use of his shooting eye for the Hawks to be a contender for

Sportsview Mike Condon

The real mystery is Arnold. He came into fall practice in better condition than in seasons past and looked impressive in fall drills. But as the season has progressed, his shooting has been ice cold. When Arnold is not hitting the perimeter jump shot, the opposing defenses can sag back into the middle and make it difficult to get the ball to Payne.

If the track record holds true for form, Arnold's shooting will come around for the rugged Big Ten schedule, and Boyle will come up with the clutch plays as he has done in the past. These factors along with the anticipated return of Jerry Dendard to the line-up, should help to make the Hawks a strong contender for the title. But if Arnold's shooting continues to suffer, and Dendard is unable to come back, not even a great season from Boyle can keep the Hawks ahead of the likes of Minnesota and Indiana.

Gopher cager Hall fights for eligibility

MINNEAPOLIS (UPI) — Mark Hall, one of the University of Minnesota's leading basketball players, has filed suit in federal court asking that the school let him enroll in a baccalaureate degree program so he can rejoin the team.

The complaint, which Hall's attorney filed Monday, asked the court for an injunction to allow him to enroll for the winter quarter immediately in a program leading to a baccalaureate (four-year) degree so he can gain eligibility.

Hall, 21, a senior, said he was not told when he signed a letter of intent

and enrolled at Minnesota that his basketball and scholastic career at the school would end after three years if he were not accepted for transfer into a baccalaureate program.

HALL SAID HE applied three times for admission to degree-granting programs, but was turned down — once by the General College and twice by the University Without Walls. Hall's attorney, Albert Faulconer III, claimed he was rejected partly because he is black.

The heads of the General College and UWW said Hall did not meet the academic requirements for admission.

Stones rock Fiesta Bowl turf

TEMPE, Ariz. (UPI) — The turf at Arizona State University's Sun Devil stadium will be in ideal condition Jan. 1 for the Fiesta Bowl, despite having been trod by at least 10,000 Rolling Stones fans after their concert Sunday.

Don Dickerman, ASU's head groundskeeper, and Herman Frazier, assistant athletic director, both said Monday a protective tarpaulin laid over the field before the rock concert saved the field from damage.

"I think the field is basically in good shape, considering the extent of the foot traffic," Dickerman said. "The tarpaulin was really a beneficial factor."

Frazier added, "Overall, I can truly say the field is in excellent shape." Bruce Skinner, executive director of the Fiesta Bowl, stressed he has no concern about the field. "We think (ASU) did a great job," Skinner said.

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