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THURSDAY

Hawkeyes hang on

Marble scored 22 points and J. Armstrong and Ed Horton each finished with 21 points Wednesday night to lead 14th-ranked Iowa past Northwestern, 89-84. See Sports, page 14

Duke sworn in after challenges

Former Ku Klux Klan grand wizard David Duke was sworn in Wednesday as a member of the Louisiana legislature. Two black legislators walked out of the chambers after the brief ceremony. See Nation/World, page 6.

Lasers should boost economy

Bill Stwalley, director of the UI Center for Laser Science, spoke Wednesday on the impact lasers could have on the Iowa economy. See Metro/Iowa, page 2.

WEATHER

Mostly sunny today with a high of 15 to 20 and winds from the southeast at 5 to 15 mph. Increasing cloudiness tonight with a low around 10. Friday, mostly cloudy and warmer with a high in the low 30s.
Extended forecast: Little or no precipitation Sunday through Monday with highs in the 30s and lows in the teens.

UI registration waiting, hassle may disappear

Computers to replace lines

By Deborah Gluba
The Daily Iowan

Long lines outside Calvin Hall may be a thing of the past for UI students. Plans are underway to decentralize UI academic course registration through the SYTEK computer network within the next two years.

Details are still being worked out by UI Registrar Jerald Dallam, but the proposal would enable students to register via computer terminals at advising centers, advisers' offices or any computer terminal on the SYTEK network.

Acting UI Vice President of Student Services David Vernon said he supports decentralizing course registration from the Registration Center at Calvin Hall and is awaiting the registrar's specific recommendations.

"Plans are now being made to see if we can implement it for the fall semester (during registration for spring classes)," Vernon said. "The idea would be that the students could register at their advising center or at any terminal around campus."

There have been questions raised concerning the viability of the service and if students would continue to see advisers prior to registration.

Also, some advisers have questioned how dropping and adding classes will be incorporated into the new system and if advisers' schedules would be overburdened with the extra registration responsibilities.

Vernon said Dallam is working out the specific details of the system, but Vernon was confident the suspect areas would be addressed.

Dallam will be out of town until next week, but the associate registrar said the plan is in its initial stages.

"I really don't think anything should be said about it until a decision has been made. It's still in the preliminary committee stages and has been for years," said Marion Hansen, UI associate registrar.

The registration project would use the 21 instructional technology centers around campus that are on-line through Gandalf modems. Personal computer users are able to access SYTEK through a modem.

Maintaining the hardware for the project would be a joint effort between Weeg Computing Center and Automated Data Processing. Weeg is responsible for SYTEK, and ADP currently supervises on-line registration.

It is unlikely the SYTEK system would require additional hardware to process the increased demand made by registration. The Administrative Data Processing center is now studying the hardware to determine if it will require additional resources to accommodate the registration.

ADP has been charged by the administration to start an investigation regarding the viability of the computerization project, said Stan Podhajsky, ADP associate director.

"We are studying what the impact will be and are designing a system," he said. "We already have on-line registration but it must be modified"

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U.S. writers protest ban, stores will sell 'Verses'

NEW YORK (AP) — Writers nationwide protested Wednesday against the Islamic death warrant for author Salman Rushdie, and the controversy led a book company to reverse its decision to pull "The Satanic Verses" from store shelves.

The B. Dalton bookstore chain and its subsidiary, Barnes & Noble, said Wednesday afternoon that they would resume selling the book because of "the urging of an overwhelming majority of its store managers and employees."

Meanwhile in Iran, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini said the mounting Western condemnation of his order to kill novelist Salman Rushdie has proven the futility of

normalizing relations with the rest of the world.

Iran's revolutionary patriarch also declared the publication of Rushdie's book was a Western plot against Islam.

B. Dalton's announcement came after a day of protest — including a march on a B. Dalton and a Barnes & Noble store — and a reading of excerpts from the book.

"I write controversial books. What publisher is now going to take chances with a controversial book?" asked activist Abbie Hoffman, one of about 300 members of the National Writers Union who

marched in driving rain outside the Iranian Mission to the United States.

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Bush aims to augment Asian ties

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — President George Bush, heading to Asia on his first overseas trip as chief executive, voiced American determination Wednesday "to stay a Pacific power" and strengthen "key relationships with our friends and partners" in the region.

Calling Alaska "the American gateway to Asia," Bush spoke briefly to a group of U.S. servicemen and their families during a refueling stop at Elmendorf Air Force Base, a traditional departure point for presidential trips to the Far East.

Bush, speaking inside a hangar as snow fell outside, said the aim of his five-day, 18,095-mile trip is to "strengthen key relationships with our friends and partners in the Pacific region."

Bush spoke before several thousand airmen in blue, Army infantrymen in camouflage uniforms and schoolchildren in parkas in the huge hangar at the airbase.

The president was introduced to the friendly crowd by Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, who said he wanted to welcome "Mr. President and Mrs. President."

Bush's 90-minute refueling stop came at roughly the midway point in his 16-hour flight on Air Force One.

In Tokyo, Bush was to meet with various foreign leaders and attend the funeral of Emperor Hirohito on Friday.

He was also to visit China on Saturday and Sunday and make a five-hour stopover in Seoul, South Korea, on the way home Monday.

Bush's marathon day began at 5 a.m. EST Wednesday in Washington and was to last until after 7:30 a.m. EST Thursday.

Although his arrival in Tokyo was to be near midnight East Coast time, it came at early afternoon in Japan.

Bush planned a full day's work, including a luncheon with French President Francois Mitterrand, a "courtesy call" on Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita and separate meetings with leaders of Jordan, Israel, Egypt, Portugal and Thailand.

Fitzwater said Bush did paperwork in his cabin en route to Alaska and spent some time going over briefing books with Secretary of State James Baker III.

Also traveling with Bush were his wife, Barbara; National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft, and White House staff chief John Sununu.

Bush was to join 10,000 other foreign and Japanese officials in attending the funeral. Hirohito died in January at the age 87.

Of other stops on his journey, Bush said, "In China — a nation whose path I have long found fascinating — I hope to build on the friendly, stable and enduring relationship that now exists."

Bush was envoy to China in 1974-75.

"In Korea," he continued, "I'll meet with leaders of a nation that is rapidly joining the ranks of the world's first-tier economies, and one where democratic institutions

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Fed notes recession indicators

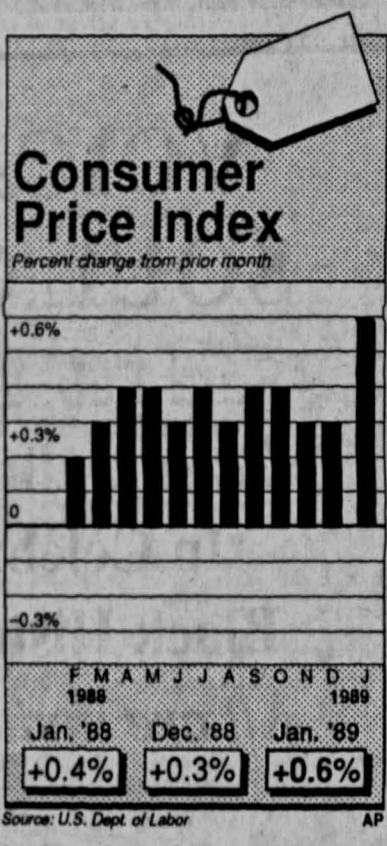
WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan on Wednesday stepped up his warnings about higher inflation, pointing to a disturbing increase in consumer prices and saying if price pressures are not brought under control it will intensify the next recession.

Appearing for the second consecutive day before a congressional committee to explain the Fed's conduct of monetary policy, Greenspan inserted comments into his prepared testimony to take note of a report showing that consumer prices took the biggest jump in two years in January.

The 0.6 percent increase, which translated into an annual rate of 7.6 percent, reflected widespread increases in a variety of goods and services.

Greenspan noted that wholesale prices also jumped sharply in January and blamed both increases in part on higher wage pressures in the economy.

Since March of last year, the Fed has been trying to keep the economy from overheating by a series of credit-tightening moves which



have pushed short-term interest rates up by about 3 percentage points.

Greenspan indicated, as he had on Tuesday before the Senate Banking Committee, that this credit tightening would continue until the Fed was satisfied that the economy had slowed enough to lessen inflation.

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Trial continues for Montagna

By Belinda Bloor
The Daily Iowan

The last witnesses for the prosecution and the first witnesses for the defense were heard Wednesday in the trial of West Liberty Police Chief Marcus Montagna Jr. in Johnson County District Court.

Montagna, 32, was charged in October with assault with intent to commit sexual abuse for allegedly accosting a woman and trying to force her into the back of a U-Haul truck, according to court records.

Testimonies were given Wednesday morning by witnesses who heard the victim scream in the incident, which allegedly occurred in a U-Haul parking lot in the 400 block of East Burlington Street.

Two witnesses testified that they heard the victim scream for help early on the morning of Oct. 5, 1988. One of the witnesses, Katy Zelinkas, said she was "at least 85 percent sure" of her identification

of Montagna's photo as the man she saw near the scene of the alleged incident.

The second witness, Thomas Digham, a UI student, testified that he had been walking in the area that morning and heard a scream and then heard voices as he neared the scene.

He said he heard a woman's voice say: "What do you want?" and then heard a man answer: "I just want to talk to you."

Digham said he saw a struggle and yelled to find out what was going on; shortly after, the woman walked toward him from the area where he had heard the scream. Digham said they left the scene and called the police.

Former detective of the Iowa City Police Department, currently a patrol supervisor, Tom Widmer, also testified about the investigation into the incident and his interview with Montagna after he became a suspect in October.

Widmer said Montagna became a suspect after a witness at the scene saw him leaving and took down the license plate number of his vehicle.

Widmer said Montagna told him in the taped interview that he had been at the scene in Iowa City but that he had heard "a blood-curdling scream" and meant to help the woman himself. Widmer testified that Montagna said he could not find the person who had screamed and left the area.

Widmer also said Montagna had told him he had been drinking and was worried he might lose his job if he were found at the scene by Iowa City police officers since he had purchased alcohol and had it in his vehicle.

Widmer testified that Montagna rated his state of drunkenness at the time of the incident to have been a seven on a scale of one to 10 — 10 being extremely drunk.

Widmer also said that the victim

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Post-doc returns to Iowa City as DNA expert in rape trial

By Peter Bierma
The Daily Iowan

When Robin Cotton finished her post-doctoral work in biochemistry at the UI in 1983, she never dreamed she'd be returning to Iowa City for business.

But Cotton, now director of research and development for the Cellmark Diagnostics company in Maryland, flew into town to serve as an expert witness in a Johnson County District Court sexual abuse trial Wednesday.

Cotton, who said her company is on the cutting edge of the newest development in forensics — DNA identification, was hired by Johnson County to examine evidence in the trial of Clinton R. Vargason, accused of raping a woman in his car on a gravel road east of Iowa

City June 25, 1988.

The DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) testing — which is used to determine if a suspect's cells match those found at the scene of a crime or on the victim — has never been used as evidence in Johnson County before.

After preliminary results from Cellmark Diagnostics arrived in Iowa City in January, Vargason changed his defense from never having met the woman to engaging in consensual sex with her, assistant county attorney Tammy Roush stated in Tuesday's trial.

After explaining how the DNA identification process works, Cotton told the jury Wednesday that DNA from semen found on the woman's underwear matched the DNA obtained from a sample of

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Midway

Education graduate student Li-chou Huang spends Wednesday afternoon studying in the Main Library. Huang is studying for a

midterm exam in Early Childhood Education. Next week marks the spring semester's midpoint for UI students.

Metro/Iowa

Colorful wave transforms laundry task

By Sharon Hernandez-Dorow
The Daily Iowan

It's a place where you can watch movies on a big-screen TV, work out, play a game of pool, appreciate art, eat at the snack bar, have a glass of wine or ... do your laundry.

Benjamin Chait, an Iowa City architect, has added his contribution to the new, colorful video movie wave in laundry, and it's called The Laundry and it's on South Gilbert Street.

"It's a high-tech way to do laundry," Chait said. "It's a place to be and to do things, a great new way to do laundry."

The building has caught Iowa City's eye. Painted in bright yellow and orange, the building has jagged geometrical shapes shooting into the sky and a mural of four mysterious figures splashed across the front.

"My one complaint with it is that it doesn't fit in with the rest of the older buildings in the surrounding area," said a shopworker at the Antique Mall of Iowa City, 507 S. Gilbert St. "We've had so many customers comment on it."

"I've heard 'horrible, awful and ugly' from them. But then, it is art

and doesn't appeal to everyone and probably not to the type of people that make up our customers," she said.

Angie Grimaldo, UI junior, said she likes the building because it is original.

"I like the fact that someone took a chance with this. It shows a lot of guts. I like it because it's different. It's splashy, colorful, outrageous, and you just can't miss it," she said.

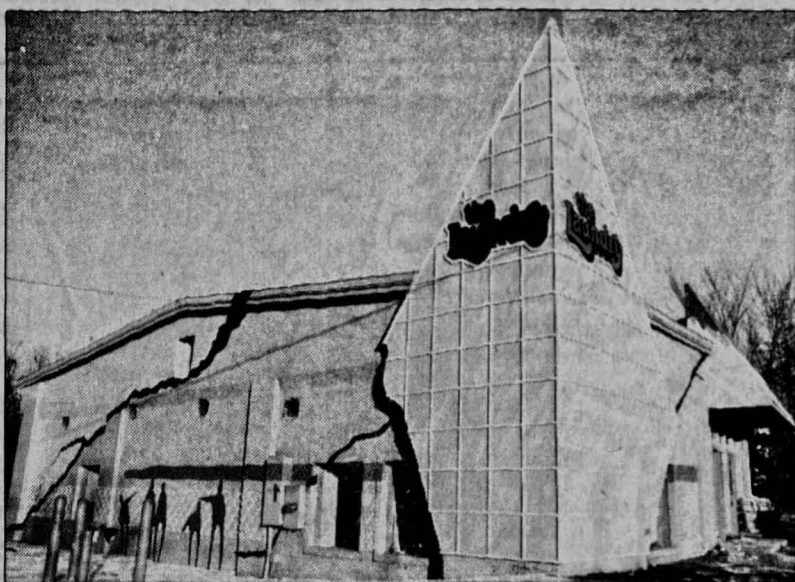
Chait said he came up with the idea for the building himself but had help designing it with Dwight Dobberstein of Neumann Monson Architects, 226 S. Clinton St.

The style of the building is deconstructive architecture — it's made to look as if it is falling down or just half finished, Chait said.

"It's going to be an entertainment center; something will be going on there all of the time," Chait said.

Along with the recreational facilities that will be available, people who just want to relax can have someone do their laundry for them and even have it dry cleaned, he added.

Although the place may be appealing for the 20- to 30-year-old crowd, The Laundry is for every-



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The Laundry, located in the 400 block of S. Gilbert, will soon offer customers movies on a big screen TV, a place to work out, a pool table, snacks and liquid refreshments all in addition to washers and dryers.

body, Chait said. He is hoping it will draw a very diverse crowd.

The costs for doing laundry will be priced under most laundries so everyone can afford it, Chait said. He is very confident of its appeal.

Although Chait is keeping it a secret, somehow the appearance of

the building will change.

"It's art. I've already had lots of interpretations," Chait said. "Whether they like it or not, I want people to know that it's there."

The Laundry is scheduled to open at the end of February.

Senate will vote next week on riverboat gambling bill

DES MOINES (AP) — The Senate has scheduled debate next week on legalizing riverboat gambling, and House leaders say they will quickly follow suit if senators give approval to the bill.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Hutchins, D-Audubon, said he has scheduled debate on the casino gambling bill for Wednesday. That comes as groups in favor of legalization stepped up their lobbying efforts this week.

Backers said they are nearing the number of Senate votes they need for approval, but the issue is too close to call.

House Speaker Don Avenson, D-Oelwein, predicted quick House approval once the Senate acts.

"It won't be easy. It wasn't easy last time, but it will be likely to pass in the House," said Avenson.

Gov. Terry Branstad has taken no position on the issue.

The House voted two years ago to legalize gambling on Iowa's streams and rivers, but the measure lost in the Senate as it ran into an unusual coalition of conservatives and liberals.

Conservatives fought the legalized gambling on moral grounds; liberals argued it punished the poor.

Riverboat developers have announced plans for as many as six gambling boats on the Missouri and Mississippi rivers. In addition, they have released a list of potential investors, including singer Harry Belafonte.

"New information has an effect," said Avenson at his regular meeting with reporters.

Leaders have said many measures will be dropped when the Legislature turns its attention to school and road finances in a couple of weeks, but Avenson said riverboat gambling won't be among those left behind.

"Given who the supporters of riverboat gambling are in the House, there isn't a crack small enough for it to fall through," said Avenson.

State spends \$100 million on chemical cleanup

DES MOINES (AP) — Republican Gov. Terry Branstad and Democratic legislators Wednesday announced agreement on a \$100 million effort to clean thousands of leaky storage tanks buried in Iowa.

The package includes a \$12 million tax on "phantom gas" and a fee of up to \$150 per tank.

"It is a responsible way to address an environmental problem that could have a tremendous impact on the quality of our water," said Branstad spokesman Richard Vohs.

Legislators called the agreement "a reasonable and balanced approach to address the needs of the environment and of Iowa's business community."

It will be approved this week by the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee and by the full

House next week, lawmakers said.

The agreement resolves perhaps the biggest environmental dispute this year between the Legislature and Branstad.

Thousands of the tanks are buried in Iowa, many containing gasoline, fertilizers and other chemicals that are slowly leaking into the groundwater.

It has gained the acronym LUST, for leaking underground storage tanks.

Federal environmental officials have ordered the state to come up with a plan for cleaning the tanks, but Branstad and the Legislature had differed on how much that should cost.

Branstad asked for a \$15 million program over four years, while Democrats estimated the cost at \$183 million over 15 years.

Wednesday's compromise strikes a

middle ground and comes after nearly two months of negotiation, said Vohs.

Under the package, the state will borrow more than \$100 million, repaying the loan with money from the tank fees and the tax on "phantom gas."

"Phantom gas" is a device that allows legislators to avoid a constitutional ban on using gasoline tax receipts for anything other than road projects.

Under Wednesday's agreement, the Legislature will impose a "diminution fee" which is a tax on gasoline that is lost in storage through evaporation, leakage or some other method.

Since the tax is not on gasoline used, it does not fall under the constitutional ban, supporters of the plan say.

Without the agreement, as many as half of the state's gasoline stations could be forced out of business by cleanup costs and a requirement that station owners carry \$1 million in insurance to guard against future leaks, backers said.

Under the agreement, owners of tanks will pay a \$50 fee for each tank to pay for the cleanup and another \$100 per tank to buy into a state-run insurance pool which will provide the coverage.

Don Paulin, Branstad's legislative liaison, said officials project that private insurers will take over that market in five years. The state-run insurance effort is needed because private coverage is not offered, he said.

Backers said the plan is the first of its kind in the nation.

The program allows — but does

not require — local governments to offer property tax credits as an incentive to upgrade storage tanks.

The tax on "phantom gas" will bring in about \$12 million a year, while the tank fees will bring in just over \$1.1 million, Paulin said.

The cost of cleaning tanks can run to hundreds of thousands of dollars because federal environmental rules require fixing the tanks and cleaning the soil around them.

Iowa could lose millions of dollars of federal environmental aid if a plan isn't approved.

Some estimates say there are nearly 50,000 tanks buried in Iowa, with as many as a fourth of them leaking.

In addition, state environmental officials will provide training and new standards for workers who install and repair the tanks.

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Avenson threatens rural schools

DES MOINES (AP) — House Speaker Don Avenson on Wednesday warned rural schools to drop opposition to educational changes being considered by the Legislature or face even tougher sanctions in the future.

"I think there's been a recognition that the world has changed," said Avenson.

"From a rural point of view, I think we need to make the adjustments before the next reapportionment," said Avenson, during his regular meeting with reporters. "Perceptions of rural schools will change dramatically."

Legislators are debating bills that make rural schools nervous. Those include toughening school standards, allowing students to pick the school they want to attend and revamping school funding.

Rural school officials say that many changes in a single year is too many to absorb.

Avenson, an Oelwein Democrat, said officials should welcome the changes this year because demographic changes work against rural interests.

"It's been dramatic in the last five years," he said. "The change is just revolutionary."

Not only has the state lost population, Avenson said, but the drain has been worst in rural areas.

When the 1990 census is taken and new legislative districts drawn, the Legislature will become sharply more urban and suburban, with rural interests losing clout, he said.

"There will be less tolerance for these things," Avenson said.

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to allow it to do this." He said the system would give a pin number to students to allow them to register and the system will not be ready until codes and securities are in place.

"You just can't go to the terminals and dial," Podjasky said.

Student government leaders and members of the Liberal Arts Student Association met last week with the administration to discuss the proposal.

Collegiate Associations Council members said they encouraged the move toward computerization in an effort toward streamlining UI procedures.

"Something I've always felt bad about was walking down past Calvin Hall to the Union and seeing a line of students outside in January freezing waiting to register," said Gordon Fischer, CAC president.

"Even though we're just talking computer registration now, in reality it's creating a facility that will increase the amount of information students have," said Benita Dille, CAC vice president.

She said future innovations could allow students to change classes, view their collegiate course history, and compare course requirements for various areas of study.

Rushdie

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Nations.

Similar protests were staged in Washington and Boston, with more rallies or panel discussions of the book planned later in the day in Chicago, San Francisco, Minneapolis and elsewhere. Wednesday marked the official American publication date of the book, which was published last fall in Britain.

More than 300 people heard some of the nation's most celebrated writers — Norman Mailer, Larry McMurtry, Gay Talese and E.L. Doctorow among them — read from Rushdie's work.

Susan Sontag, president of the PEN American Center, the writers' group that sponsored the reading, said the threat against Rushdie was "an act of international terrorism against the life of the mind, against human lives."

She read a statement from Rushdie's American-born wife, writer Marianne Wiggins, who along with her husband is in hiding.

"Writers everywhere have been weighed and measured by the edit

tionary pressures.

While critics have charged that the Fed's credit-tightening could plunge the country into a recession, Greenspan said he saw no current signs of the imbalances that signaled an imminent downturn.

Instead, he said that the Fed's efforts to control inflation should lengthen the expansion and make the next downturn less severe than it would be if inflation gets out of hand, requiring the type of credit crunch which brought on the severe 1981-82 recession, the worst downturn since the Great Depression.

"If inflation re-emerges, I think a recession will move up on us much more quickly than we can imagine, and when it occurs it will be a prolonged one," Greenspan said.

President George Bush has made several comments since taking office to the effect that he believed the central bank was over-emphasizing inflation worries at the risk of slowing economic growth.

But on Wednesday, Michael Boskin, Bush's chief economic adviser, said that the administration believed that inflation developments needed to be monitored closely with swift action taken if it appears that inflation is accelerating.

"We will not tolerate a rise in

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inflation," Boskin said in an appearance before the Joint Economic Committee of Congress.

However, Boskin stressed that it would be wrong to read too much into one month's inflation performance.

Greenspan, for his part, sought to play down any disagreements between the administration and the central bank, saying as he has in the past that quick action to reduce the federal budget deficit would be the best tonic for what ails the economy.

"I am cautiously optimistic (about making progress on the deficit) because there is sufficient awareness of the problems," he said.

On another topic, Greenspan promised to provide a detailed report on changes the Fed has made in supplying reserves to financially troubled savings and loans as part of its effort to deal with the S&L crisis.

Greenspan said the central bank was in the process of constructing "certain liquidity fallbacks" as part of the overall S&L rescue effort announced by the Bush administration recently.

While all the details have not been worked out, Greenspan said the measures would not differ markedly from procedures the central bank has employed in the past to extend credit to financial institutions in need.

DNA

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Vargason's blood.

The chances of someone else having the same DNA banding pattern as the one found on the woman's underwear is 1 in 14,000, Cotton added.

DNA identification is going to have an enormous impact on forensics, Cotton said.

Over the last year, the process is becoming increasingly accepted throughout the country as it is being used in homicide, sexual assault and incest cases and by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cotton said.

"What's so important (about DNA identification) is that, in cases of sexual assault, it's no longer the woman's word against (the defendant's)," Cotton said.

DNA is a cellular molecule that determines human genetic makeup and is unique to each individual.

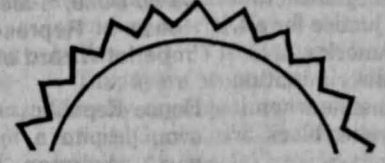
Samples of DNA can be obtained from any living cells including blood, skin, hair follicles, saliva, semen and other bodily fluids.

The process is complicated, and it takes about a month to produce one picture of the DNA pattern.

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Trial

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had chosen Montagna's photo as the man who had attacked her from a line-up of six photos and told him she was 60 percent sure of her choice.

Also testifying were two of Montagna's co-workers. Both testified that he had been drinking the night of the incident. One said when Montagna left her residence, where he was waiting for her husband to arrive around 11 p.m. Oct. 4, Montagna was, in her opinion, under the influence of alcohol.

Witnesses for the defense began giving testimonies in the afternoon.

Bush

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are gaining strength each day."

Bush also voiced opposition to a free-trade pact with Japan and suggested Japan might expand its defense capability.

The comments were included in series of responses to questions submitted by a Japanese news service, Kyodo, and released Wednesday by the White House.

Even though the United States recently entered a free-trade agreement with Canada, Bush suggested a similar pact with Japan — the United States' second-biggest trading partner after Canada — was not in the cards.

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Former Klansman takes oath joining Louisiana Legislature

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — David Duke, a former grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, overcame two last-minute challenges and was sworn into the Louisiana Legislature on Wednesday as black lawmakers vowed to keep an eye on him.

Duke took the oath of office after surviving a lawsuit and an attempt by a lawmaker to deny him his House seat in a dispute over whether Duke was a legal resident of his suburban New Orleans district, which is 99.6 percent white.

"I want to allay fears that I will be divisive or a problem in this great body," Duke told his new colleagues. "I truly believe when we took the pledge of allegiance this morning and we said justice for all, I believe in that for America."

"And I believe that discrimination is wrong and reprehensible when it is waged against anyone, black or white, in this country."

Duke, 38, smiled broadly and waved before Speaker Jim Dims administered the oath, which followed an attempt by Rep. Odon Bacque to have the House investigate whether Duke lived in the Metairie district a year as required by law. Opponents have said Duke lives a couple of blocks outside the district.

Earlier Wednesday, John Treen, a 63-year-old Metairie homebuilder who fell to Duke by 227 votes in Saturday's special election, lost a last-minute lawsuit in state court to block Duke from being seated for not meeting the residency requirement.

Duke also was accepted by the



David Duke, R-Metairie, La., is sworn in as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives Wednesday morning. Duke is the former Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan.

House Republicans as one of their own, despite a move by national party chairman Lee Atwater to repudiate him as a member of the GOP. An anti-Duke resolution was drawn up Tuesday for action on Friday by the GOP executive council.

President George Bush and former President Ronald Reagan had taken the extraordinary step of throwing their support to Treen, a longtime Republican. Duke, who ran for president in 1988 as a Democrat, joined the GOP just a few days before declaring his candidacy for the House seat.

Duke was cheered by supporters who packed the House chamber on Wednesday. Some lined up along the side of the House floor and others grabbed seats in the bal-

cony. Duke's entourage booted House members who rose to object to the swearing-in, but Dimos banged his gavel and threatened to expel them.

Two black House members walked out when Duke was sworn in.

Rep. John Alario, a democrat, argued that the time to challenge Duke's residency was before the election, and he asked the House to table Bacque's motion, effectively moving to seat Duke.

After the motion was approved 69-33, Bacque said he would have no further comment on his action. "It's over," he said.

A string of lawmakers, many of them black, took turns at the microphone warning Duke that they would be keeping an eye on him.

Dignitaries assemble for funeral

TOKYO (AP)—Kings and presidents streamed into Tokyo on Wednesday for the funeral of Emperor Hirohito, and authorities tightened security even further because of threats of violence by radical groups.

King Hussein of Jordan, King Juan Carlos of Spain and Indonesian President Suharto headed a list of 71 delegations that arrived Wednesday. Dignitaries representing 163 countries will be on hand for Friday's state funeral for Hirohito, who died Jan. 7 at age 87.

President George Bush, who arrives at 1:10 p.m. today, has an ambitious agenda of a dozen brief meetings with other leaders at the funeral. Bush meets Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita today, and first lady Barbara Bush will take tea with Takeshita's wife, Naoko.

Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, who have made daily visits to join in a vigil in the chamber in the Imperial Palace where Hirohito's coffin lies, will meet each of the visiting dignitaries in audiences and functions scheduled through Tuesday.

As part of the week's "funeral diplomacy," Takeshita met Wednesday with early arrivals, including Finnish President Mauno Koivisto, Soviet Vice President Anatoly Lukyanov and President Marshal Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire. He was scheduled to see 40 foreign dignitaries before Sunday.

Japanese and Soviet officials, meanwhile, agreed to continue meetings in March and May aimed at resolving the old dispute over Soviet-held islands north of Japan.

"The talks were not on concrete issues and did not bear concrete fruit ... but positive progress was made in the sense that both sides agreed to continue meetings," said a senior Foreign Ministry official, speaking on condition he not be identified.

Japanese authorities, determined to prevent disruptions of this unprecedented opportunity for diplomatic contacts, began strict inspections of mail and cargo shipments.

Security at the airports where foreign dignitaries were arriving was tightened following the discovery Tuesday of timed projectile launchers near the New Tokyo International Airport at Narita, 40 miles northeast of Tokyo.

Police said the launchers apparently were set by radical groups seeking to disrupt funeral events, but news reports said their projectiles did not contain explosive charges. On Wednesday, 7,000 uniformed and plainclothes police were deployed in the area, officials said.

In all, 32,000 police will be mobilized throughout the city on Friday.

Authorities conducted double-checks of baggage at airports. Cargo and mail shipments were inspected and restricted, and some commercial flights were canceled to accommodate arriving foreign delegations.

Sudan ultimatum not a coup

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — The commander in chief and 150 other military officers gave the prime minister one week to reform his government and work to end the civil war, an army spokesman and newspapers said Wednesday.

Military spokesmen denied the ultimatum was a coup threat.

The official Sudan News Agency said Prime Minister Sadek Mahdi met throughout Wednesday with the disgruntled officers. The government said the premier called an emergency Cabinet meeting for today and planned to consult leading politicians about the crisis.

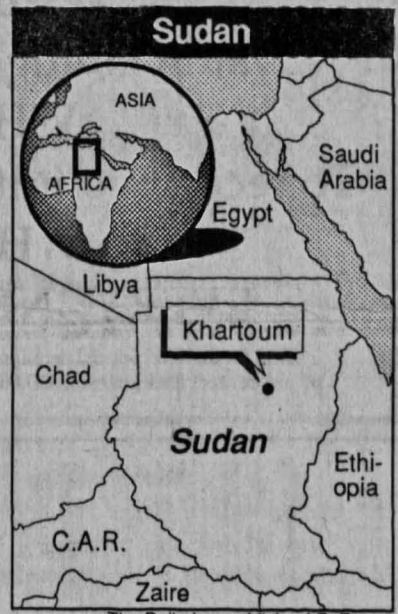
The reports appeared a day after Defense Minister Abdel-Magid Khalil, a former army general, resigned to protest the government's refusal to accept a peace agreement negotiated by a major political party. Khalil said Mahdi's policies have left the country starving, bankrupt and isolated from potential aid donors.

Also Tuesday, southern rebels said they shelled a government stronghold and major refugee center for the first time.

Virtually all Khartoum's papers reported the "warning memorandum," which apparently was issued Tuesday, but none specified what action the military chiefs would take.

The Communist Party organ Al-Maidan said the army warned it would retaliate if Mahdi tried to punish the memo's signers.

Army spokesman Brig. Mohamed Osman Malik confirmed the officers submitted to Mahdi a



memorandum "containing certain demands related to our problems and concerns."

Asked whether the memo foreshadowed a military takeover, Malik told The Associated Press: "No, no. There is no coup. We have already tried these coups in the past, and the army was the only loser."

Another military spokesman said army officers had made "certain demands," but he would not characterize them as a coup threat.

Newspapers said army Gen. Fathi Ahmed Ali, the commander in chief, led the meeting of about 150 officers that drafted the memorandum and gave it to Mahdi.

The document demanded the government "choose between war and peace, and prepare properly for its

choice," the newspapers said.

Sudan has spent most of its 33 years of independence under military rule. The longest spell was 16 years under dictator Gaafar Nimeiri, whose overthrow in 1985 led to a one-year transitional military government and Mahdi's election in April 1986.

On Tuesday night, Sudanese rebels said they shelled the provincial capital of Juba, a major refugee center in southern Sudan, destroying a military hospital and "other vital targets."

The Sudan People's Liberation Army broadcast, monitored in Nairobi, Kenya, gave no casualty estimates and did not say when the bombardment occurred.

It was the first reported shelling of Juba since the revolt began in 1983.

There was no comment on the reported shelling from the Sudanese government in Khartoum, 725 miles to the north, and the broadcast could not be confirmed.

Juba, a city of 150,000 people on the White Nile River, is the capital of Sudan's southernmost province of Equatoria. More than 50,000 refugees from fighting and famine elsewhere in Sudan have crowded into Juba, where they have been supplied with food, clothing and medicine by the United Nations and other relief agencies.

The rebel broadcast urged civilians living near military targets around Juba to evacuate. The rebels also said it had cut road access to the city.

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North trial: Hamilton testifies he relied on denial reports

WASHINGTON (AP) — The former House intelligence committee chairman testified Wednesday at Oliver North's trial that he relied on White House denials of reports of U.S. military help to the Nicaragua Contras for more than a year until the Iran-Contra affair became known.

Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., the first prosecution witness, said the National Security Adviser Robert S. McFarlane twice denied any involvement in letters in 1985 and at a committee briefing that year.

A year later Hamilton and his committee directly questioned North, then an aide on the National Security Council staff, about whether he had violated the Boland Amendment, a 1984 prohibition against U.S. military aid to the Contras.

"Colonel North insisted he had not violated the Boland Amendment, that he was not assisting the Contras by raising money, that he had not provided any military advice to the Contras," Hamilton said of the Aug. 6, 1986 meeting in the White House situation room.

"I relied on what Colonel North told me at the meeting," Hamilton said. "I believed what Colonel North told me at the meeting. I did not think there was any credible evidence to the contrary."

North was originally charged with conspiracy in the alleged scheme to divert money from Iran arms sales to aid the Nicaragua Contras. That charge was dropped, and he is on trial on 12 felony charges that include obstructing congressional inquiries into his activities in 1985 and 1986.

The committee's inquiries were



Shown in this artist courtroom sketch, associate independent counsel John Kecker, center, reads his opening remarks during the Iran-Contra trial of former White House aide Oliver North, right, Judge Gerhard Gesell, left, listens in U.S. District Court Tuesday in Washington.

first made in August 1985 following news reports that North was helping raise money for the Contras and giving them tactical military advice — despite the 1984 amendment.

"When McFarlane told me they were not engaged in raising funds for the Contras and that the National Security Council was not providing military advice . . . I took Mr. McFarlane's word for it."

Hamilton said he thought that information was "accurate, honest and correct" and did not pose questions about the Contras to the CIA or the Defense Department.

He told the court that Congress was disturbed in November 1986 when it learned the United States

had sold arms to Iran.

"We were telling all the world we do not sell arms to terrorist nations," he said. "If this was true we were dealing with a terrorist nation. We were telling the world we did not deal for hostages but if this was true we did make concessions to get hostages."

"The sale of arms to Iran violated all we understood to be the policy of the U.S. government."

Prosecutors are trying to show that North, then a Marine lieutenant colonel serving on the NSC staff, subverted the processes of government by helping McFarlane draft false answers to letters from Congress inquiring about the news reports.

Congress picks at S&L bailout bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration on Wednesday sent its 333-page savings and loan bailout bill to Congress, where lawmakers from both parties immediately started picking away at its key provisions.

Members of the Senate Banking Committee attacked provisions to raise S&Ls' capital requirements, finance the government portion of the bailout off the federal budget — at an extra cost of \$4.6 billion to taxpayers — and give the Treasury Department greater control over the institutions.

Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady defended the administration's plan as "structurally sound" and said it "assures the emergence of a healthy and strong S&L industry."

But senators questioned whether the proposed \$90 billion infusion of cash — \$40 billion of it already committed — to close or merge 350 insolvent S&Ls and pay for rescuing 205 last year would be enough to do the job.

"Garbage in is garbage out," said Sen. John Heinz, R-Pa., who complained about the inaccuracy of past estimates of the bailout costs by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp., the agency that insures S&L accounts to \$100,000.

Heinz said the \$50 billion estimated cost of closing or merging the remaining insolvent thrift institutions assumes that the market value of their assets — or loans — and the collateral backing them will shrink by only 8.3 percent.

In the S&Ls closed or merged so far, he said, the government has found that the market values of those assets and collateral in disposing of them has

been 20 percent to 40 percent below what they had been listed as on an institution's books.

The administration also assumes in its package that 30-year bonds to provide \$50 billion over the next three years can be financed at an annual interest cost of 7.7 percent, compared with the current 9.2 percent interest rate for 30-year Treasury bonds.

Brady acknowledged the bonds will have to pay at least one-fourth of a percentage point higher interest than the Treasury securities to attract buyers, but he predicted the rates will fall if Congress balances the federal budget.

"There's a substantial difference there," Heinz told him. "I don't see how you can."

Over the next 30 years, the administration estimates the total cost — including interest on the borrowed funds — for cleaning up S&Ls at roughly \$200 billion, with about 55 percent of it coming from taxpayers.

Rep. Henry Gonzalez, D-Texas, and the chairman of the House Banking Committee, called the administration's economic assumptions "rosy" and said more realistic ones would show S&L bailout spending over the next three decades totaling \$335 billion — \$183 billion of it from the taxpayers.

Taxpayers would save \$138 billion if Congress directly appropriated the money rather than borrow it, Gonzalez said. But he conceded that would require "a special tax earmarked solely for the purpose of financing the savings and loan bailout. Administration policy and political reality may rule out this more direct approach," he said.

Ethics board opposes honoraria

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of President George Bush's ethics commission agreed Wednesday that senior officials of all three branches of government should be barred from accepting fees for speeches and articles whether or not they get a pay raise.

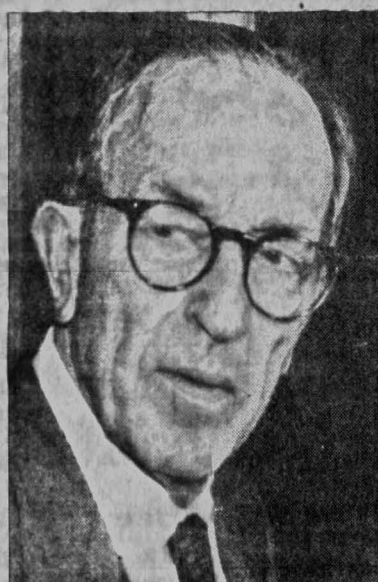
"The evil of honoraria is so great — from the appearance of a conflict of interest," said former Attorney General Griffin Bell, in proposing a ban on the fees. "People wonder who's paying all these honoraria. It undermines confidence in government."

All eight members agreed, though there was debate over whether to couple this idea with a recommendation for a pay raise.

The tentative conclusions were reached at the third meeting of the eight-member panel appointed to recommend ways to stiffen and standardize federal ethics laws and rules. Its final recommendations are due on Bush's desk March 9.

Under enormous public pressure, Congress recently voted down 50 percent pay raises for the top officials throughout the government, even though that recommendation from the Quadrennial Commission and Bush and former President Ronald Reagan was coupled with a proposal that members of Congress stop taking honoraria.

The only former congressman on the ethics panel, one-time New Mexico Republican Sen. Harrison



Griffin Bell

Schmitt, said, "As a practical matter there is no way to divorce these issues from the salary issue. A salary recommendation has been made, but I support this ban without the pay raise."

But Judy Bello, general counsel of the U.S. Special Trade Representative, replied, "I support the pay raise, but I support this ban without the pay raise."

Former White House counsel Lloyd Cutler, who chaired the Quadrennial Commission, agreed. "Honoraria cannot be justified by saying that salaries are too low. Salaries should be dealt with directly."

Chairman Malcolm R. Wilkey, a former federal appellate judge, summed up the consensus: "The practice of honoraria has become evil. We'll let others deal with pay questions."

If adopted, this would produce a larger impact on Congress than the executive branch. Executive branch rules already prohibit any honoraria for speeches or articles written on the area of one's federal job, so very few are offered.

Members of Congress may accept honoraria for speaking or writing on their congressional duties. The House allows members to receive honoraria up to 30 percent of salary and the Senate up to 40 percent of salary. Both houses are paid \$89,500 a year.

Among judges, Wilkey said, "I've observed excessive teaching and writing basically to earn income."

The panel also agreed that top officials in all three branches of government should have their outside income limited to 15 percent of their salary.

But Bush has said he wants his top officials to receive no outside income. The panel endorsed letting presidents set higher standards administratively "to set an ethical tone," as Wilkey put it.

They also agreed that membership on the board of directors of commercial entities ought to be prohibited for top officials in government.

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Police arrest Flight 103 bombing suspects

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Police raided homes in the capital and a northern city and rounded up nine associates of a suspect in the Flight 103 bombing and an attack on a Greek cruise ship, authorities said Wednesday.

The suspected Swedish-based terrorist cell led by Samir Muhammed Khadar was linked to the Abu Nidal Palestinian group, said police spokesman Leif Hallberg.

Police also displayed an array of weapons they said was designated for a planned attack in Sweden and was seized in August near Khadar's home.

Hallberg told a news conference five people were informed they were suspects in a criminal investigation "for planning sabotage." The notice is the first step of an arrest procedure.

"We wanted them to know that we are keeping our eyes on them and that we don't tolerate terrorism," he said.

The roundup of suspects followed searches of homes in Stockholm and Umea, 430 miles north of the capital.

Government posts January surplus

WASHINGTON — The federal government posted a \$2.8 billion surplus in January due to a surge in revenue caused by quarterly tax payments from individuals, the government reported Wednesday.

The Treasury Department reported government revenues of \$89.4 billion last month, up 9.3 percent from the same period a year earlier. Spending, meanwhile, was up 31.4 percent from January 1988 to \$86.6 billion.

Spending in January 1988 had been artificially low because Social Security checks, which normally go out on the third day of that month, were mailed out on Dec. 31 because of the New Year's holiday.

Sheriff sues "Mississippi Burning" makers

JACKSON, Miss. — A former Mississippi sheriff on Wednesday said he sued the makers of the movie "Mississippi Burning" for \$8 million because "they have done me terrible harm and they ought to face up to it."

"Everybody all over the South knows the one they have playing the sheriff in that movie is referring to me," said Lawrence Rainey, 65, who on Tuesday filed a libel suit against Orion Pictures in federal court in Meridian.

The critically acclaimed movie, which has received seven Academy Award nominations, is based on the 1964 slayings of three civil rights workers in Neshoba County. Rainey was sheriff at the time.

Rainey, who now works for a black-owned security firm in Meridian, said the character of the sheriff in the film made it appear he failed to carry out his responsibilities and was "a terrible person."

The deaths of Michael Schwerner, James Chaney and Andrew Goodman prompted an FBI investigation that led to conspiracy charges against 18 men, including Rainey, who was acquitted.

Bullet-proof glass foils would-be robber

FORT WORTH, Texas — A store clerk in a bulletproof glass cashier's cage told police she simply grinned and telephoned for help when a man who said he had a gun tried to rob her.

Night shift clerk Judy Frisco, 39, said the hold-up man came into her service station-grocery early Tuesday and said, "I want your money. . . I have a 9mm, and I am going to get you. . . I can blow this window away."

But Frisco apparently did not believe he could. She began dialing.

Police reported that the would-be robber "apparently became weary from the neglect shown . . . and ran."

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Activists claim police guilty of exploiting Mandela case

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Anti-apartheid groups said Wednesday police officials are exploiting the criminal investigation of Winnie Mandela's bodyguards to create divisions in the black community.

Activists said police even offered to pay for the funeral of 14-year-old Stompie Seipei, who allegedly was beaten at Mandela's home in December.

Seipei's decomposed body was found in January, and two of Mandela's bodyguards were charged with the killing Monday.

"Police are trying to divide the (black) community and blame Stompie's death on frictions in black groups," said Lister Skosana of the Tumahole Civic Association, an anti-government community group from Seipei's hometown in central South Africa.

The teen-ager's death is at the center of a growing scandal surrounding the wife of jailed African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela and a group of unofficial bodyguards calling themselves the Mandela United soccer club. They lived at her home in Soweto, the sprawling black township outside Johannesburg.

One team member, Jabu Sithole, and self-described team coach



Winnie Mandela

Jerry Richardson, have been charged with the killing of Seipei and abductions and beatings of three other men.

Anti-apartheid leaders last week accused Mandela United of waging a "reign of terror," renounced Mandela and urged their followers not to associate with her.

Joyce Seipei, the dead boy's mother, said at a news conference that police offered to pay for his funeral but she declined to accept.

'Sacred obligation' charges made too late, defense claims

SUBIC BAY NAVAL BASE, Philippines (AP) - The U.S. Navy cited commanders' "sacred obligation" to help mariners in distress only after a captain refused to rescue refugees who later resorted to cannibalism, the officer's lawyer said Wednesday.

Defense lawyer Dan Donato cited the obligation during Wednesday's session of the court-martial of Capt. Alexander Balian, former skipper of the USS Dubuque.

Balian, 48, of Los Angeles, has been on trial since Feb. 10 on charges of failing to give necessary assistance to more than 80 refugees he encountered in the South China Sea June 9 while en route to the Persian Gulf.

Closing arguments in the trial were set for today, after which the case is expected to go to the six-member jury for Navy captains.

Thirty-one refugees died and survivors resorted to cannibalism before they were rescued by Filipino fishermen June 27 after 37 days at sea, U.N. officials said.

The defense contends Navy regulations did not authorize captains to rescue refugees if they were not in "life-threatening" situations.

Balian said Wednesday that under new regulations issued July 23 a captain "would be stupid" not to pick up refugees found at sea.

Navy officials said the order states in part: "In the time-tested creed of mariners, no truth is more universal, more sacred, than the obligation to assist one another in time of distress. There is no operations order, no exercise, no commitment, no timetable that supersedes this charge."

Balian said earlier regulations were not as clear.

On Tuesday, Balian testified he would have rescued the refugees if he had been correctly informed of their desperate plight. He said his executive officer, Lt. Cmdr. Stanley Halter, told him the Vietnamese believed they could make it safely to the Philippines if they received food and water, which were provided.

But on Wednesday, Halter denied making such a report to Balian.

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Arafat meets with Soviet minister

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze met with his Israeli counterpart and PLO chief Yasir Arafat on Wednesday, and he said peace in the Mideast is impossible without Soviet help and Israeli good will.

Shevardnadze, in his new role as Middle East matchmaker, held separate three-hour meetings with Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Arens and Arafat, who came to the Soviet Embassy dressed in military fatigues and packing a pistol.

Radio Moscow attacked the United States on Wednesday for what it called "an attempt to undermine Shevardnadze's peace mission."

The radio's Hebrew-language broadcast, monitored in Jerusalem, said the United States encouraged Arens to adopt a tough stand at his meeting with Shevardnadze. It also criticized President Bush for his statement Tuesday that Moscow's role in the Middle East peace talks should be limited.

Arafat, in a departure from previous positions, said on Wednesday that he was willing to hold preliminary talks with Israel before the convening of a proposed international peace conference.

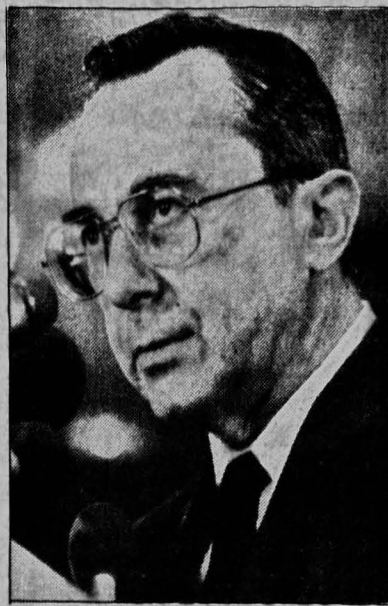
"Do you want us to go today to Moscow? Have you another choice? If they (Israelis) are ready to go just now, we are ready," he said.

But Arens rejected any meeting with Arafat or the Palestine Liberation Organization, which Israel regards as terrorist. He said Jordanians or Palestinians from the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip should serve as negotiators.

Talking to Arafat's organization "cannot be conducive to the peace process at all," Arens said. "The PLO is the major obstacle to peace



Yasir Arafat



Moshe Arens

in the area at the present time."

Shevardnadze told reporters that it will "take some time" for Israel to make concessions and accept his proposal for an international conference.

"I think that sooner or later the Israelis will understand that this (need for flexibility) is imperative because the conference will also mean guarantees for the security of Israel and that country needs those guarantees," he said.

Describing his effort as an "act of creative work," Shevardnadze staked out a role for the Soviets in efforts to arrange peace negotiations. His initiative appeared to challenge the United States' pre-eminence as the only effective broker of peace in the Middle East.

"Without good will on the part of Israel, there can be no solution to this conflict ... (but) without the Soviet Union, there can be no

peace process," Shevardnadze said. At a news conference, Arens indicated Israel was dropping its condition that the Kremlin renew diplomatic ties before it can participate in the search for regional peace.

"I don't believe restoring diplomatic relations can or should be a precondition," he said. Shevardnadze did not announce restoration of diplomatic relations with Israel as some Israeli newspapers had speculated he would.

But the countries set up a mechanism for expanded dialogue aimed at reaching a basis of agreement on an approach to Middle East peace-making.

Despite their pleasant words, however, there were no signs of a narrowing of differences on the biggest obstacles to bringing the two sides together: convening an international conference and the PLO's role in the peace process.

Democrats, Bush disagree on results of Tower report

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and other Democrats on Wednesday challenged President George Bush's assessment that an FBI report on John Tower had "gunned down" allegations against the defense secretary-designate.

"I did not agree with the president's assessment of this latest segment of the FBI report. . . . The president's entitled to his view, but I think most people reading that would not come to that same conclusion," said Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., after he chaired a three-hour, closed-door session of the committee.

Nunn said the panel is waiting for more material from the White House on the embattled nomination as well as a transcript from a separate investigation that a House subcommittee is conducting into alleged security lapses in the arms control delegation in Geneva in 1986 while Tower was a member.

Congressional sources said the subcommittee heard testimony Wednesday from a former secretary to the arms control delegation who said that before her subcommittee appearance, she felt she was intimidated by White House staff.

Deborah Baker told the panel that on Tuesday she met with White House staff who stressed that Tower was the president's nominee and emphasized to her the serious implications of her testimony, said the sources, who requested anonymity.

Baker served as secretary to retired Air Force Lt. Col. Robert Moser, whose request for a Department of Energy security clearance is part of the subcommittee's inquiry.

Calls to Baker, who is employed at the White House, were not immediately returned.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., chairman of the subcommittee, told reporters afterward he was "particularly troubled that there appears to have been an attempt made to limit the testimony of one of the witnesses to the committee."

The panel also heard testimony Wednesday from Berne Indahl, a State Department Security officer who had been sent to Geneva in 1986 to investigate allegations of security breaches in the U.S. delegation.

An Office of Personnel Management review of Moser's request for the DOE security clearance included allegations that Tower kept both his secretaries in Geneva as mistresses, said the sources.

Indahl on Sunday corroborated the review, including the charges against Tower, the sources said.

Nunn said the committee will meet again in executive session today and decide whether to vote on the nomination. "It is my hope and I am sure it is Senator Warner's hope that we can vote tomorrow afternoon," Nunn said.

7 dissident Czechs convicted

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — In a continuing crackdown on dissent, authorities on Wednesday convicted and sentenced seven dissidents to up to a year for their part in a banned demonstration.

The rulings came one day after playwright Vaclav Havel was sentenced to nine months in jail for his role in the rallies that commemorated a student who fatally burned himself to protest the 1968 Soviet-led invasion.

Authorities on Wednesday also arrested and charged the spokesman of the Charter 77 independent human rights group with inciting rebellion and damaging Czechoslovakia's image, a dissident said.

The presiding judge at the two-day trial sentenced dissidents Ota Veverka, founder of the recently formed John Lennon Peace Club, to one year in jail and Jana Petrova to nine months.

Charter 77 activist David Nemeč was given a six-month suspended sentence and Jana Sternova, also a Charter activist, was given four months suspended. The others received two-month suspended sentences.

Nemeč, Charter spokesman Alexander Vondra, Petr Placák of the youth group Czech children and Stanislav Penc of the John Lennon Peace Club, were fined between \$200 and \$400.

Petrova, who had been jailed since



Jan. 16, cried when she heard the sentences.

Veverka charged that Judge Antonin Tesik influenced witnesses "by putting words in their mouths."

At least 12 witnesses had been heard at the trial, all but one uniformed or plainclothes police.

"We are designated the so-called opposition by the (state) media. A truly democratic state does not need to be afraid of the opposition," Veverka said.

Wednesday's convictions came amid a chorus of condemnations Wednesday from Western and some East bloc countries over Havel's conviction. The works of Havel, a founder of Charter 77 and Czechoslovakia's best-known dissident, are banned in his country.

Iceland-bound freighter sinks off Scotland

LONDON (AP) — A Panamanian-registered freighter hauling a load of salt to Iceland capsized and sank in violent seas on Wednesday and all 17 crew members died, the coast guard said.

Ships, rescue planes and helicopters struggled in vain to aid the Japanese-owned, 2,625-ton Sescil Angola, which sank 350 miles west of Scotland.

Squadron Leader Bob Conolly of the Royal Air Force said crew members may have died because they waited too long to abandon ship.

Later Wednesday, Clyde Coast Guard on Scotland's west coast said a Danish fishing boat in the same area also sent a distress call. Another Danish fishing vessel responded and was escorting it to Stornoway in the Outer Hebrides.

The Nunarsuit from Godthab, Greenland, with nine crew, "had its bridge windows smashed in by huge waves," said a Coast Guard spokesman, who by custom was unidentified.

Planes and ships searched all day for survivors from the Sescil Angola, which was carrying salt from Spain to Iceland.

When the search was called off at nightfall, five bodies had been recovered and six more sighted, rescue services said.

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