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Texas talking with OPEC about cooperation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The state of Texas is talking with the folks who brought you the oil embargoes of the 1970s, looking for ways to cooperate with the OPEC cartel in a bid to revive its struggling oil industry.

By itself, Texas is still the seventh largest producer in the world, but its oil, real estate and banking industries have been devastated since a 1986 oil price collapse.

Texans "cannot continue to bury our heads in the sand and hope everything is going to be OK," says Kent Hance, one of the three members of the Texas Railroad Commission, which regulates oil production in the state.

Hance met earlier this month with Rilwanu Lukman, the president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, and discussed the possibility that his state and the cartel would cooperate. More contacts are planned.

Hance told Harte-Hanks newspapers on Tuesday that cutting Texas production to hold up prices "is one of the things that has to be considered. It would be one of the items we would dis-

cuss" at OPEC's April 23 meeting in Vienna.

"We can do it to prevent waste," he said in an interview Thursday from Austin.

From the 1930s to the early 1970s, Texas played the role that Saudi Arabia can play today — acting as the world's swing producer, whose production stabilizes the price of oil. The commission, by controlling the amount of Texas oil produced, thus had a significant degree of control over prices.

That influence dissipated with the rise of the OPEC cartel and since 1972, the Texas commission has allowed wells in the state to produce at 100 percent of capacity.

OPEC demonstrated its clout in 1973, when 11 Arab member nations, angered over the Arab-Israeli conflict, slapped the United States with an oil embargo that produced gasoline lines all over the country.

Hance said that in the discussions with OPEC, "we are not trying to seek an alliance or cartel. We just want input. ... Our goal is one of stability."

But OPEC head Lukman, who is Nigeria's oil minister, told AP-Dow Jones in Vienna last week after meeting with Hance in London, "Exchanging information isn't going to do the trick, is it?"

Last week, Hance said he had discussed a more effective output monitoring system for OPEC, which has been plagued for several years by member cheating.

That point struck John Lamont, oil specialist in the Washington law firm of Lobel, Novins, Lamont & Flug.

Noting that the commission for four decades had effective control over oil prices, Lamont said, "I don't want Texas going over there and showing them how it's done."

Lamont said cooperation with the cartel by the commission would be "probably illegal" under antitrust laws, but that was disputed by William Baxter, a former head of the Justice Department's antitrust division who is now a professor at Stanford University Law School.

The economic harm resulting from

higher prices and reduced output "is precisely the evil that the antitrust laws are aimed against," said Baxter, but he added that it is "fairly standard doctrine" that the laws apply only to private action, not action by states.

States also can file antitrust suits, and eight did so recently against insurance companies. One of the attorneys general involved, Robert Abrams of New York, was asked about the chances of a suit against Texas should it cut production in concert with OPEC.

His spokeswoman, Nancy Connell, replied, "OPEC price-fixing has cost U.S. consumers billions, maybe trillions of dollars, and we wouldn't want to see a state of the United States participating." But she said Abrams' office "would want to know more about Texas law" before commenting on any legal challenges.

Mark Sheehan, spokesman for the Justice Department antitrust division, declined to comment.

But a State Department official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said: "You can imagine what the Reagan

administration thinks about it. It's a cartel that does not operate in U.S. interests."

On the record, Doug Elmets, press aide to Energy Secretary John Herrington, said, "It's the department's belief and the government's policy that assistance to OPEC in its effort to manipulate the price of oil is not the correct approach."

Texas had 201,000 oil wells, a third of the national total, at the end of 1986 — down 8,000 wells from the year before. The state's 2.3 million barrels a day in 1986, the most recent year for which state-by-state statistics are available, was more than a quarter of U.S. crude production totaling 8.6 million barrels.

Current U.S. production is about 8.2 million barrels, and most analysts believe Texas' production is more than 2 million barrels.

"It's a joke," said Ed Rothschild, assistant director of the Citizen-Labor Energy Coalition, a group which advocates "pro-consumer" positions. He noted that OPEC has had trouble controlling prices in recent years.



Former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan chairs a hearing on health care Thursday in Austin. Seated with Jordan, left, is Paula Mixson of the Austin Gray Panthers.

Former Congresswoman calls for national health care system

AUSTIN (AP) — The nation's health-care system has failed those who need it most, former U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan told people who said they knew all too well that she is right.

"We, in this state, are still wallowing in the bottom of mediocrity when it comes to taking care of our most vulnerable citizens," Ms. Jordan said at a Thursday hearing sponsored by the Grey Panthers.

The session in the Texas Senate chamber was part of a national effort by the group to bring attention to the plight of the poor when they face medical bills. Ms. Jordan, now a professor at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, was chairwoman of the panel.

"No one does as upside-down a job of caring for their most vulnerable citizens as the United States of America. We really know how to mess it up, and it's time for us to straighten it out," she said, calling for a national health care plan.

Tina Peterson of Austin, representing parents of children with birth defects, said families can be devastated by the costs of medical care even if they have insurance. She is the mother of a premature boy who weighed less than two pounds at birth and now breathes through a tube.

"These families are falling through the cracks," Mrs. Peterson said in testimony echoed by several witnesses.

Lora Puckett, 27, said she suffers from severe depression and has been in and out of private and

public health care facilities.

"I've fallen between the cracks. Medical care just seems to be beyond my grasp," she said.

James Shumate, 76, said the cost of caring for his wife, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease, is more than he can bear.

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, irreversible neurological disorder, with symptoms including memory loss, disorientation, personality change and loss of language skills.

"We desperately need a national health care program to help our people cope with catastrophic illness," he told the panel.

Sue Towery of Austin, a multiple sclerosis victim who has no insurance, said working people without health coverage face constant fear of illness.

"There are a lot of working people just trusting to God that nothing will happen," she said.

Ms. Jordan said the federal government spent \$48 billion to provide health services for 23 million Americans in 1987.

"We would do better if we gave all of the poor and ill people \$1 million and they could take care of themselves," she said.

She urged presidential candidates to make national health care a major campaign issue.

"The hour is too late for us to be frightened away from this issue by the medical profession and cries of 'socialized medicine.' That is passe. That is old. That is an argument which simply won't wash," she said.

Girl walked around security guard to get to lion, owner tells court

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The previous owner of a lion that mauled an 8-year-old girl testified that he sold the animal after it attacked his two children.

William Fuller said he was approached by Gary Durkovitz about buying the animal after television news reports in 1986 about the maulings.

"He told me he'd take a chance to own the lion," Fuller said Thursday in the trial of Durkovitz, charged with injury to a child in connection with the mauling of Roxanne Hernandez last October in a Houston flea market.

The trial was moved to San Antonio because of publicity.

Final arguments in the case were scheduled for today.

Fuller said he told Durkovitz the lion had attacked his twin sons, then 18 months old, inflicting head wounds that required stitches.

But Durkovitz, testifying Thursday in his own defense, said he did not recall stories that the animal tried to attack Fuller's children.

During questioning by defense attorney Robert Scardino, Fuller testified that the cat had "a very sweet disposition" despite the fact it once mauled his sons.

"He slept in my house," Fuller said. "I've got a picture of the lion in my billfold of me hugging him."

Durkovitz said the girl was mauled by his 350-pound lion after she walked around a security

guard at the flea market where he was charging \$5 for people to have their picture taken with the lion, whose name was "Samson."

A slippery floor and blinding sunshine through an open entrance to the enclosed flea market slowed his efforts to help the girl, Durkovitz said.

"I saw her walk around and I yelled, 'The girl! The girl!'" he said.

The Oct. 10 attack occurred as Durkovitz led the lion out of Houston's Texas Flea Market on a chain as a security guard cleared a path through a crowd. The cat pulled Roxanne to the floor as she walked by and clenched her head in its jaws, releasing the child only after it was shot by the guard.

"Samson reached out and grabbed her," Durkovitz said. "I yelled, 'Stop! No!' It just happened so quickly."

In emotional testimony, Durkovitz apologized for the attack and said he tried to keep children away from his lion whenever it was at exhibits.

"I took every step I knew possible that I had been using for two years" to prevent an accident, he said. "I'm very sorry that it happened."

The lion bit into the girl's skull, exposing her brain.

Scardino asked for a mistrial after the last witness in the case told the jury Thursday that officials of the Texas Flea Market pleaded no contest to charges filed in connection with the attack on Roxanne. The presiding judge denied the request.

Sabine County jail certified

HEMPHILL (AP) — A rural jail where a black inmate allegedly received a fatal beating was found adequate during an inspection by an official of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

Inspector Robert Dearing certified the Sabine County Jail Thursday after an inspection watched closely by state Rep. Ron Wilson of Houston.

Wilson requested the inspection of the jail where 34-year-old Loyal Garner was held after being arrested last December on a traffic charge. Garner later died in a Tyler hospital of injuries he suffered.

Three law enforcement officers are awaiting trial in connection with the death. During Thursday's tour, Wilson was accompanied by Harold

Henderson with the state attorney general's office, and two members of the Texas Legislative Council.

Photographers and television cameramen were allowed to take pictures in a meeting room near the cells but were not allowed to see the cells or the room where the beating allegedly occurred.

Sheriff Blain Greer, who recently won reelection, said reporters were not allowed in the areas because of security and "litigation" resulting from the incident.

Wilson has become a vocal critic of Texas jails following Garner's death and the March death in the Cleveland City Jail of Kenneth Earl Simpson, a reputed police informant who also was black.

Forest Service skeptical over planned visit

LUFKIN (AP) — Federal forestry officials say they'll go to court to try and stop a planned Fourth of July "Gathering of the Tribes" if organizers don't arrange for proper sanitation and safety.

Members of the Rainbow Family, a self-styled back-to-nature organization, expect as many as 20,000 people to gather at one of four national forests in Texas for an annual holiday ritual reminiscent of the 1960s counterculture.

Billy Ball, a special agent with the U.S. Forest Service, and U.S. Attorney Bob Wortham of Beaumont said the government is prepared to seek an injunction to stop the gathering unless the family agrees to make arrangements for matters ranging from traffic control to the disposal of waste.

State health officials who attended the news conference said an outbreak of intestinal disease spread to 28 states following last year's gathering in North Carolina.

Mike Lannan, supervisor of the National Forests in Texas, said the family will have to make arrangements to ensure health and sanitation standards are met.

Lannan, speaking at a press conference Thursday afternoon in Lufkin, said bringing thousands of people into a camp with limited fresh water and no sanitary facilities would present a hazard to public health.

"We have doctors, lawyers and Indian chiefs," said Holley Lynn, a Nacogdoches midwife and family member. "We get together to project peace and love. It's not that threatening."

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Nation

Bigger trade deficit triggers \$100 billion selloff

NEW YORK (AP) — The report of a rising U.S. trade gap knocked Wall Street's latest rally for a loop, triggering a \$100 billion selloff and leaving investors even more cautious about the nation's economic outlook.

The Commerce Department's report Thursday that the trade deficit rose to \$13.8 billion in February sparked a 101.46-point decline to 2,005.64 in the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks.

In foreign exchange, the dollar fell about 2 percent against the Japanese yen and West German mark despite central bank purchases aimed at bolstering the dollar. Bond market interest rates rose to their highest levels since

January. The trade report raised concerns that the dollar would remain under pressure despite a months-old agreement by major industrialized nations to support it. That agreement was reaffirmed Wednesday by the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy at a meeting in Washington.

Investors worried that the Federal Reserve might try to support the falling currency by pushing interest rates higher.

On Wall Street, declining stocks outnumbered advancing ones nearly 11 to 1 in the worst day since the widely-followed Dow Jones average fell 140.58

points on Jan. 8. The Dow industrials had climbed nearly 130 points from April 5 through Tuesday, largely on anticipation that February's trade news would be favorable.

The value of U.S. stocks fell by \$99.7 billion in Thursday's plunge, according to a 5,000-stock index measured by Wilshire Associates of Santa Monica, Calif.

In the bond market, the yield on the Treasury Department's benchmark 30-year Treasury bond jumped to roughly 8.86 percent Thursday, the highest since January, from 8.73 percent late Wednesday.

The trade report also battered major

foreign markets. In London, the Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-stock index fell 1.3 percent on Thursday.

In Tokyo, stocks fell sharply at today's opening but later recovered much of their losses. The key Nikkei Stock Average of 225 issues, down more than 250 points at one time, finished the morning session at 26,987.83, down 143.52 from Thursday's record close.

The dollar opened a sharp 1.7 percent lower against the Japanese yen in Tokyo but later stabilized on reports of heavy dollar-buying by the Bank of Japan.

Some economists called the markets' fears an overreaction. "The quality (precision) of the num-

bers obviously leaves something to be desired," said Raymond Worsack, economist at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in St. Louis.

The trade report indicated consumers were continuing to spend strongly, sucking up imports, Worsack said.

The trade deficit was the highest since the record gap of \$17.6 billion in October. It was up from January's \$12.4 billion gap, but was down from a deficit of \$14.4 billion in February 1987.

"It's just one of those glitches that keep the financial markets interesting. The trend is still for improvement in the trade deficit," said James Solloway, director of economic research at Argus Research Corp. in St. Louis.

Helmsleys indicted in tax evasion

NEW YORK (AP) — Billionaire real estate baron Harry Helmsley and his "hotel queen" wife Leona underwent fingerprinting and mug shots, then quietly sat with other alleged wrongdoers before pleading innocent to tax evasion.

The Helmsleys, one of the world's wealthiest couples, were released on their own recognizance Thursday after their arraignments on state charges that they hid about \$4 million in renovations to their Greenwich, Conn., mansion as business expenses.

"Not guilty!" both replied in strong voices while appearing in State Supreme Court in Manhattan before Justice Carol Berkman, who rejected a prosecution request for \$1 million bail.

The Helmsleys, whose holdings include the Empire State Building and the Helmsley Palace Hotel, are estimated to be worth at least \$1.4 billion. Both waited in the front row of the courtroom as alleged drug dealers and thieves were arraigned before them.

Helmsley, 79, wore a brown suit and a cashmere coat. Mrs. Helmsley, 67, in a long red coat-dress with a blue collar, appeared depressed. At one point her eyes welled with tears, smudging her mascara.

"The fact is they did not pay millions of dollars in income tax," said U.S. Attorney Rudolph Giuliani in announcing a 47-count federal tax evasion indictment against the Helmsleys on similar charges, just 45 minutes after they pleaded innocent to the state's 188-count indictment.



(AP Laserphoto)

Helmsley and wife Leona leave the New York State Supreme Court building Thursday.

Helmsley attorney Stephen Kaufman, in a two-page statement, said the couple had never evaded taxes and actually pay more than nearly anyone in the nation.

Also pleading innocent to the state charges were Frank Turco, 45, of Lutz, Fla., Mrs. Helmsley's former top aide, and Joseph Licari, 51, of Oyster Bay Cove, the couple's former financial manager.

Both were also named in the federal indictment. Mrs. Helmsley, the advertised "queen" of the couple's hotel chain, and Turco face an additional federal charge of extortion conspiracy for allegedly accepting kickbacks from Helmsley suppliers and employees.

The indictments were the result of an 18-month state and federal probe, officials said.

Passengers faint after jet engine explodes

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Passengers fainted and some oxygen masks didn't work after a Piedmont jetliner engine exploded at 31,000 feet, its turbine blades puncturing the pressurized cabin, authorities said.

The twin-engine Fokker F-28, carrying 56 passengers and four crew members, made an emergency landing at 10 a.m. Thursday at Charleston's Yeager Airport. Two flight attendants were treated for minor injuries.

The explosion shot engine debris through the rear of the cabin, ripping a 6-foot gash in the plane's right side and a 2-foot hole in the left side, narrowly missing the other engine.


"It began with a wearing noise and loud vibrations about five or 10 times straight, and then there

was an explosion in the back of us," passenger Rafael Gonzalez of Charlotte, N.C. said.

Gonzalez, who was sitting three rows from the rear of the plane when the cabin depressurized, said a woman traveling with two children passed out in the seat behind him.


"She fainted. I turned around and she was blue. The baby was blue. And her 3-year-old was blue," Gonzalez said. "I grabbed her and put a mask on her, gave the baby to a woman who was sitting next to her and I took the 3-year-old up with me."

Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board made initial checks of the plane Thursday and planned to begin their detailed study of the incident today.



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Trade setback undercuts world finance leaders' upbeat message

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world's top financial leaders came to town at the beginning of the week riding high, but they're leaving bruised and battered.

Before the ink had dried on their joint communique claiming success in stabilizing the dollar, financial markets went into a tailspin Thursday, stunned by a disappointing \$13.8 billion U.S. trade deficit for February.

The dollar plunged on foreign exchange markets, the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell by more than 100 points and interest rates in the United States rose sharply on renewed fears of inflation.

The pressure on the dollar continued today. The dollar opened sharply lower in early trading in Tokyo, although it regained some lost ground later following reports that the central bank of Japan was intervening to buy the greenback.

To put it mildly, the dollar's plunge was not the result being sought by the finance leaders of the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy, who were holding their first high-level talks since the Oct. 19 stock market plunge.

Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III, who hosted the group's meeting, had carefully orchestrated the discussions to demonstrate the resolve of the United States and its allies to work together to keep the global economy growing at a healthy pace during this presidential election year.

The communique issued after a daylong meeting Wednesday reaffirmed the nations' commitment to keep the dollar from falling further through the use of intervention if necessary, the process by which governments spend their currencies to buy dollars.

That pledge was put to the test Thursday when the trade report triggered panic selling on currency markets around the globe.

Even after Thursday's market turmoil, the finance ministers were looking for a silver lining,

noting that the massive intervention, while costing substantial sums, had kept the dollar from going into a free fall.

"The Group of Seven is not daunted by this," said Canadian Finance Minister Michael Wilson late Thursday.

German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg said the hectic dollar trading was "not threatening" as the economic leaders let it be known they stood ready to spend more sums if necessary to stabilize the dollar.

"I think what you see today is a very good example of international cooperation because there has been concerted intervention in support of the dollar involving a very large number of countries," Nigel Lawson, the British chancellor of the exchequer, told reporters.

Baker, the prime architect of the three-year effort to manage the dollar, said the markets were wrong to read so much into one month's adverse trade report.

He said the overall trend was toward a lower U.S. trade deficit and this development was being aided by the efforts of Japan and West Germany to stimulate their domestic demand, something the administration has long urged.

"Monthly trade figures are by their nature erratic. What is important is that we are continuing along the general path of reduced imbalances," Baker said Thursday in a speech to the finance ministers.

The administration is counting on improvements in the American trade deficit to supply fully half of U.S. economic growth this year, one of the reasons that markets react so negatively if the monthly trade figures don't show improvement.

The \$13.8 billion February trade imbalance was up 11 percent from the January deficit and was the worst showing since last October's record \$17.6 billion deficit. The problem in February was that a surge in imports swamped further improvement in exports.

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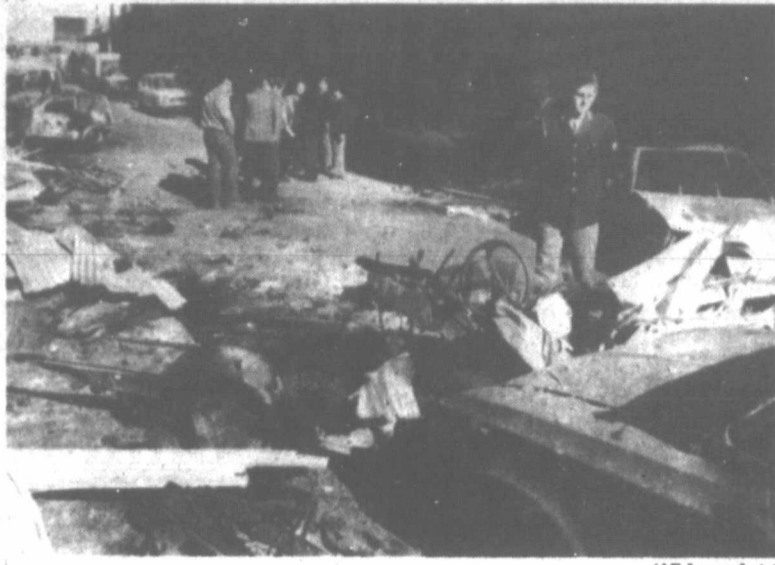
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World

Blast at USO Club kills Navy servicewoman, four Italians

NAPLES, Italy (AP)—A car bomb explosion in front of an American military club killed a U.S. Navy servicewoman and four Italians and injured at least 17 people. Investigators said today Middle East terrorists are likely suspects.

Four U.S. sailors were among those injured in the Thursday night blast outside the United Services Organization club in downtown Naples, said Navy spokesman Lt. David Morris.



(AP Laserphoto)

Damaged cars in the street outside the U.S. Military Club in Naples Friday morning.

Police today released a composite sketch of a man seen outside the club just before the explosion.

One U.S. serviceman was quoted as saying he saw the man place an object in the car before it blew up. The blast heavily damaged the club's interior, wrecked cars and shattered windows along the short, narrow San Marco street, in one of Naples' busiest sections.

The name of the slain servicewoman was withheld until her relatives are notified. She was stationed at a Navy communications station in Naples, home to about 8,000 American military personnel and dependents.

Italian media quoted officials as saying four Italians were killed.

Antonio Barrel, the inspector general of public security in Naples, told the Italian news agency ANSA that authorities

do not yet know if the car bomb was set by foreigners or Italians.

But ANSA quoted an unidentified police official as saying "the Middle East connection seems most likely."

State-run RAI television reported today that it received an anonymous call from a person who said, "Justice is done for the Lebanese people."

Thursday was the second anniversary of U.S. bombing raids on Libya that Tripoli says killed more than 30 people. President Reagan ordered the raids in retaliation for

Libya's alleged involvement in a West Berlin disco bombing that killed a U.S. serviceman.

The bomb, in a white car with Milan license plates, exploded at about 8 p.m. (2 p.m. EDT) while dozens of U.S. servicemen were at the USO club.

Morris said most of the servicemen were from the frigates USS Capodanno and USS Paul, which are anchored in Naples. Luckily, Morris said, most of the sailors were in the club's basement.

Panic swept the area as the gas tanks of nearby parked cars exploded.

Soviets sign troop pullout pact, but Afghan peace prospects dim

GENEVA (AP)—Soviet troops begin pulling out of Afghanistan in 30 days under an international pact signed here to end their 8-year-old intervention in that war-ravaged country. Prospects for Afghan peace remained dim, however.

The Soviet Union, United States, Pakistan and Afghanistan signed the international accord during a brief ceremony Thursday in Geneva's United Nations building, where U.N.-mediated peace talks began six years ago.

"History has been made today," U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz said at a news conference following the signing of the accords, which go into effect May 15.

In addition to providing for the Soviet troop pullout, the accord also pledges non-interference by Pakistan and Afghanistan in each other's affairs. The United States and Soviet Union both reserved the right to continue providing military assistance to the warring sides.

Shultz said the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan, where they have been supporting the Marxist government of President Najib against Moslem rebels since December 1979, would remove the cause of the "brutal war."

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze told a separate news conference that the agreements "put an end to outside interference in Afghanistan's affairs and make it possible for the Afghan people to establish peace and harmony in their land."

Others disagreed. In Islamabad, Pakistan President Zia ul-Haq said: "I see trouble and turmoil in Afghanistan through the insurgency, through the Mujahedeen (guerrillas) trying to achieve their objective to overthrow this regime and establish their own authority."

He said "that will mean more loss of life." The guerrillas' seven-party alliance rejected the Geneva accords and vowed to keep fighting to topple the Kabul government. No resistance members attended Thursday's ceremony. Pakistan, where the rebels are based, represented them at negotiations.

Shultz expressed some annoyance at a suggestion during his news conference that the accords were flawed because they didn't stop the fighting.

The agreements, he said, "are not perfect, everybody can find something wrong with them, but we're practical people trying to achieve important ends."

He also brushed aside comments by Shevardnadze in his news conference that continued U.S. aid to the resistance forces would violate international law.

"It would surprise me if they challenged our right to resupply," Shultz told reporters aboard his Air Force jet on the return flight to Washington.

He noted that a decision by the United States to keep helping the guerrillas and by the Soviet Union to continue aiding the Kabul government had been thoroughly aired during the weeks before the signing.

Even as the aid continues, Shultz said, the United Nations will begin planning the return of an estimated 5 million Afghan refugees who have fled to neighboring Pakistan and Iran.

"We have been helping in humanitarian ways and we intend to pitch in and we believe there will be a good response from around the world," Shultz said.

Under the pact's provisions, the estimated 115,000 Soviet soldiers will be out in nine months, with half leaving in the first three months after May 15.

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Wichita Falls firefighters move a ladder truck into position to help fight a three alarm fire at the Wichita Falls City Mission Thursday afternoon. Sparks from an iron is the tentative cause of the blaze that left 10 residents homeless.

Economic equilibrium at very high level

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP)—The economy is now at a stage where too much "good" news could have bad effects, in much the same way an extra helping of dessert can ruin the digestion.

It is a tricky situation for the economy to be in, and it is being watched closely by everyone on Wall Street, the Federal Reserve Board, the White House and the forecasting fraternity.

The reason is that the economy is now in critical balance. The capacity of plants and factories may be nearing the maximum, for example, so you don't want a lot of additional activity. That might spur inflation.

It could mean a big demand for more workers, too. And since the jobless rate is now at a seven-year low of 5.6 percent any pressure there could upset the wage contentment that has existed for several years.

A production spurt could mean higher interest rates as well, and that of course could be bad for securities, homebuying and credit-card borrowing, not to mention spending by business to alleviate the condition with added capacity.

Albert Sommers, consultant to the Conference Board, puts it this way: "The U.S. operating level is too high for strong economic news to be good for either the bond market or the equity market."

Therefore, he and many of his forecasting brethren are looking for a slow but steady pace of economic expansion, something in the area of 2 percent or less. If that happens, they say, equilibrium elsewhere might be maintained.

But seldom have economists needed their limbs more than today, because almost every look into the future is conditioned by "on the other hand." And just a slight economic change might require immediate use of that hand.

As you might expect, there is still some disagreement on how near the manufacturing segment is to full production. The official rate, as of February, was 82.5 percent, or 3 points higher than the average for 1970-1988.

Many analysts view the current level as close to maximum, beyond which there would be an increasing likelihood of production strains, resulting in the hiring of less skilled workers, falling productivity and rising prices.

But Wright Investors' Service, recognized for its skill with statistics, has another viewpoint.

It points out that from 1950 through 1959, inflation was at a minimum while plant utilization rose as high as 91.7 percent. And at one point in the relatively calm 1960s the rate was almost as high.

It would take at least two years of robust growth before the nation's overall factory operating rates would exceed 85 percent, says Wright.

NASA optimistic about shuttle launch

HOUSTON (AP)—While much work remains to be completed, the first post-Challenger disaster shuttle flight remains on track for August, NASA officials said following a monthly meeting.

"We are optimistic about an August launch date and intend to make another careful launch date reassessment at our meeting in May," said Rear Adm. Richard H. Truly, NASA associate administrator for space flight. "Morale and quality of work remain high."

The meeting, which included senior shuttle program managers, astronauts and members of the Office of Space Flight Counsel, reviewed the space shuttle recovery program and schedule at the Johnson Space Center,

NASA spokeswoman Barbara Schwartz said.

The space shuttle Discovery's liftoff is scheduled for Aug. 4.

"The unanimous consensus of the management council is that although there are no pressing technical issues which seriously jeopardize our target of an August launch, a lot of hard work remains to be done," Truly said in a prepared statement.

"We are stacking the redesigned solid rocket motor for the first time at (Kennedy Space Center) KSC and are undergoing a learning process as we proceed," Truly said.

Ms. Schwartz said the May meeting will be at Kennedy Space Center, but no date has been set. Persistent engine and booster

rockets problems have threatened to delay the August launch date. The troubles have forced NASA to delay the rollout of the shuttle to the launch pad by a week, from May 24 to June 1.


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Religion

Congregation, pastor conflict fairly common

By VICKI BROWN
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Two weeks after he became pastor of a Southern Baptist church in west-central Illinois, the Rev. Gerald Price said he knew the congregation might end up firing him.

It did. Getting along with a congregation is a common challenge for clergy, particularly in the Baptist system.

The congregation which ousted Price, he found later, had fired five previous staff members. It was plagued with financial problems and had split over the issue of speaking in tongues.

Price, who now is minister of education at Park Avenue Baptist Church here, said being fired devastated him and his family. But he said he found comfort in Scripture and help from friends and family in relocating.

The Southern Baptist Convention, in which churches have local autonomy and can simply fire a pastor, has concluded the problem is severe enough to set up a special program to help fired pastors.

Other denominations have found that maintaining good relations between the pastor and congregation, as well as among members, often takes some effort. But in most denominations, a pastor can't simply be fired by the congregation.

The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board research department discovered in 1984 that 88 ministers were fired by their churches each month, said Norris Smith, who coordinates a program to help fired ministers.

"We found that pastors who had been terminated had great need, both for a job and emotional support," Smith said. "Being terminated does not change that pastor's internal spiritual awareness that God has called him into the ministry."

Previously, he said, there was no clear place for pastors to turn for financial or emotional help.

Smith tries to make sure they receive counseling if they need it, and seeks to put them in touch with others who can help in finding another job, if it appears they were unjustly fired. State conventions have funds to help with financial needs.

Smith works with churches such as Highview Baptist in Louisville, Ky., and First Baptist Church of Orlando, Fla., which have established temporary paid staff positions to help terminated ministers rebuild their careers.

In the Methodist, Episcopal, Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches, severe problems between a pastor and church are referred to the bishop or someone else within the church hierarchy. Those churches have structures to investigate problems and work to remedy them.

In the United Methodist Church, problems can be referred to a pastor-parish relations committee, or the bishop. A Methodist pastor can be transferred, or suspended, if convicted in a church trial of some serious offense, such as immorality.

In the Episcopal Church, pastors can be removed only through joint action of the parish governing body, the vestry, and diocesan bishop.

The Rev. Patrick Connor, vicar general of the Nashville Catholic Diocese, said problems between priest and congregation would go to a parish-pastoral council and then the bishop, but a parish by itself can't fire a priest.

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has a full-time consultant on a "Peace in the Parish" program, aimed at improving relations between pastors and congregations and among members.

The Rev. Norman Grotelushen, president of the denomination's Mid-South District, said a congregation can fire a pastor for particular causes, but he would investigate.



Trish and Paul Jackson

Church of the Nazarene to present Jackson couple

Jetstream Ministries will present Paul and Trish Jackson in a program of instrumental and vocal music at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Church of the Nazarene, 510 N. West, in Pampa.

The Jacksons use acoustic guitar, bass guitar, and Kurzweil and Ensoniq synthesizers. They are recording artists and have a varied musical style that appeals to all ages and tastes.

Puppetry is an additional and special delight for this team. "The Kids" always have some-

thing to say to young and old alike.

Speaking, drama, writing and music composition are other important avenues of ministry to the couple. Since 1976, the Jacksons have traveled from coast to coast in the United States and Canada, sharing in concerts, revivals, camps, retreats, crusades and service clubs.

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White Deer Methodists to have revival services

WHITE DEER - Rev. Stan Cosby will be evangelist for revival services at the White Deer United Methodist Church from Sunday through Wednesday.

Rev. George Price will be the song leader for the special series of worship services.

Theme for the revival will be "Life in the Spirit."

Services will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday. Monday through Wednesday services will be at 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

For the 6:30 a.m. services, there will be a breakfast served for those attending. The morning services will be dismissed by 7:45 a.m. to enable those who are employed to go to work.

Rev. Cosby is a former pastor of the White Deer church, having served there from 1976 to 1980. Since that time, he served as associate pastor of the First United Methodist Church at Tulsa, Okla.

He is now the pastor of the Mustang United Methodist Church in

Mustang, Okla. Cosby is a graduate of Panhandle High School, McMurry College in Abilene and Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky.

He is married to the former Susan Carson. They have three children: David, Carmen and Nanci.

Rev. Price is pastor of the Canadian United Methodist Church. He moved to Canadian at the first of March from the Spur United Methodist Church. Prior to that, he served as pastor of Claude United Methodist Church.

He is a graduate of McMurry College and Asbury Theological Seminary. He and his wife Karen have three children: Jeremy, Zachary and Caleb.

Rev. Ivan E. Allen, pastor of the White Deer church, invited the public to attend the special revival services and hear "the challenge of God in Jesus Christ that comes through these leaders."

Former satanist high priest to have concert in Amarillo

Mike Warnke, an internationally renowned Christian comedian evangelist who was a satanist high priest, will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 22, at the Amarillo Civic Center.

A \$2 donation will be taken at the door and a love offering taken for the War On Satanic Crimes ministry.

Warnke will describe his former life as a hippie, Marine Corps medic, drug addict/pusher and satanist priest presiding over a coven of witches. He also will share what has happened with his life since his satanist days.

He is best known for his humor in relating his life story and conveying his Bible-based appeals for Christian salvation.

Warnke travels from his home base of Danville, Ky., some 40 weeks per year, and he has a personal non-denominational ministry.

His evangelist career began after his first book, *The Satan Seller*, was published in 1972. He has spoken in most states in the nation, as well as taking his ministry to Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Denmark and Sweden. He has also had successful sales of recordings of his concerts.

Warnke's second book, *Hitchhiking on Hope Street*, was published in 1979 by Doubleday and Co. His third book, a follow-up to *The Satan Seller*, is to be released this year.

He has appeared on such television programs as *Larry King Live* and *The Oprah Winfrey Show* and served as an advisor on ABC's *20/20* in a segment the network did on satanism.

He was named *Record World Magazine's* contemporary and inspirational non-musical artist of the year for 1976, 1977, 1978 and 1979.

Warnke holds a bachelor of art degree and a master's degree in Christian counseling from Valley Christian University and is working on a doctorate in philosophy from Assumption College.

He and his wife Rose have five children. He is an independent evangelist, with no foundation constituency or church officially sponsoring him. His ministry is supported financially from love offerings received at concerts and through the mail.

The Warnke couple have ex-

panded the base of their outreach with new ways of publishing Bible truths, news media for reaching more people, and special opportunities for sharing the gospel message with non-religious audiences.

The Warnkes also have plans and hopes for a shelter for teens trying to escape satanism, with efforts to be made to counsel and rehabilitate them from the grip of satanism.

Warnke, who performed in Pampa last year, moved to his new location in Kentucky this

past winter. His headquarters has offices for its staff members, a chapel, and facilities for a possible 24-hour counseling telephone service if the necessary funds become available. At this time such service is only available on a limited basis.

His outreach department works with churches in each concert city before Warnke performs there. Approximately 700 churches are already working with his ministry.

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Entrepreneurs hope to cash in on coupons

By ALLEN E. HOWLAND
Midland Reporter-Telegram

ODESSA (AP)—Over the next two years Texas grocery shoppers will be able to check out a new money-saving option popping up on store shelves—the Shelftronic coupon dispenser—if a trio of West Texas entrepreneurs' plans work out.

Manufactured by Odessa-based Targa Industries Inc., the Shelftronic unit's redeeming value is that coupons become a factor in the consumer's buying decision at a critical juncture—the point of purchase.

The battery-powered, self-contained dispenser, which can hold up to 600 pre-printed coupons, is mounted on the shelf next to the product being promoted.

"The dispenser benefits all three parties in the grocery store setting—the retailer, the product manufacturer and the consumer," said Roger Fawcett, one of Targa's three principals.

The company has been test-marketing the units in several Odessa stores with impressive results, according to another of the principals, Gary Whitehead.

"The bottom line for retailers is moving product, and we've been able to increase sales of certain products by as much as 550 percent in some of our tests," Whitehead said.

Fawcett said that since 1982 supermarkets have relied more on increasing volume than adding store space to boost profits.

To date, test marketing has been conducted with store coupons, but Fawcett hopes to break into national markets by selling manufacturers on this in-store distribution method.

Similar methods—including storefront computers and in-



Fawcett poses with his Shelftronic coupon dispenser.

on-pack coupons—historically have higher redemption rates than mass-circulated ones, ranging from about 10 to more than 30 percent. Fawcett said that Shelftronic redemption rates average 50 percent and have run as high as 100 percent of those distributed.

Targa currently is negotiating with several major regional grocery chains, but Fawcett said the first store to reach an agreement will be granted geographic exclusivity for the Shelftronic system. A patent on the device, applied for in early February, is currently pending.

"Having the dispensers should act as a drawing card for the entire store," Fawcett said.

Coupon costs are built into national manufacturers' sales promotion. According to the Wall Street Journal, coupon spending continues to expand, although not as rapidly in the last couple of years. General Foods' promotion budget, for example, has slowed from 15-20 percent growth annually to the 5-10 percent range.

However, the number of coupons issued and their value is still growing. In 1986, more than 200 billion coupons were distributed by various means—double the number in 1981, according to Nielsen Market Research.

Surveys indicate that at least 65 percent of American households use coupons, but Whitehead said

the convenience of Shelftronic coupons could lure additional shoppers.

"The machine overcomes many of the traditional barriers to coupon use—clipping, organizing and remembering to take them to the store," said Fawcett.

If consumers buy the "cents" in this convenience, within two years Fawcett and Whitehead plan to have their operation in 600 or 700 stores throughout the state.

With an average of 15 to 20 dispensers per store, as many as 14,000 machines could be needed, Whitehead said. The company currently can produce 1,000 units per month, but could easily double that, according to Fawcett.

More Americans living abroad

NEW YORK (AP)—A census of 3,000 American colleges and universities reports that 48,483 students earned academic credit for study outside the United States in 1985-86.

The study was conducted by the Institute of International Education, which in another report on U.S. campus policy toward overseas learning showed the 1980s

have been a time of explosive growth in study-abroad programs for American students.

"The rapid growth of the overseas study movement seems likely to continue," says Dr. Richard Krasno, president of the IIE. "Study abroad has become an important part of a liberal education."



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Astro-Graph

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Ways can be found in the year ahead to get greater benefits from a venture in which you've been long involved. Rapid progress will be made on your established framework.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Use your initiative today if you see an opportunity to advance your interest where your career is concerned. It may be of a fleeting nature, so you'll have to move fast. Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$11 to P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44104-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Something good that you have going for you can be expanded on and made into something better. Devise ways to reap its fullest potential.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're likely to be luckier today in ventures others originate than you will be in things you conceive yourself. Trade on their strengths.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Lady Luck will be using broad strokes today, and you could be more fortunate than usual in both your commercial involvements and in your social ones.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Substantial strides can be made today where your primary ambitious objective is concerned. Don't waste time and effort on minor projects.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This could be a rather lucky day for you in ways that are difficult to describe. Chance will play a prominent role in your affairs. Hope for the best.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There will be a big change in conditions that had a negative effect on your material security. The transition will be sudden and secret.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If it comes down to push and shove today, trust your judgment above the suggestions offered by advisers. Your perceptions are likely to be more accurate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The ways and means can now be found to get something rather expensive that you want. Don't let up on your expectations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your organizational and managerial skills will be your two best assets today. There will be several situations where you may be able to put them to good use.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you have done all of the proper spade work, don't be overly concerned about the outcome of an important event. Your expectations should be realized.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Dealings you have with friends should work out happily for everyone involved today. You'll be lucky for them, and they'll be lucky for you.

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MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson

KIT N' CARLYLE By Larry Wright

ALLEY OOP By Dave Graue

WINTHROP By Dick Cavalli

SNAFU By Bruce Beattie

The Family Circus By Bil Keane

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8 Oz. Pkg.

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PAPER TOWELS
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6 Rolls

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\$1.69
48 Oz. Btl.

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