



Blazing

A crane had to be called early Tuesday morning to remove this Blazer from the roof of a summer residence in Searsmont, Maine. The driver, Ronald Decamp Jr., 19, said that as he swerved to avoid an animal he hit a rise in the road and was airborne, landing on the roof. Decamp was not injured.

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U.S. plans for Shah's removal

WASHINGTON (UPI) — While still publicly supporting the shah of Iran, the administration has set up a group of specialists to assess what could occur if he is ousted, officials said yesterday.

The review was undertaken by State Department and National Security Council experts headed by assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders. The group is part of a broader task force looking into the Iranian situation and headed by Undersecretary David Newsom.

Officials said it is clear relationships in the Persian Gulf and the Middle East will be transformed if the shah's pro-western ideas are replaced by a neutral or marxist-oriented regime.

With that in mind, Saunders policy committee is trying to determine what impact such a change would have on U.S.-Soviet competition and on Arab-Israeli rivalries.

Another group in the Newsom team is assessing the effect of the Iranian oil strike, which is depriving western nations of 5 million to 6 million barrels of oil per day.

Despite the shah's shaky position, State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said U.S. support for him "in the context of his constitutional role" remains unchanged.

By using the words "constitutional role," the administration

is giving a subtle indication that it encourages the shah to remain in Iran, but only as a constitutional monarch who relinquishes real power to a coalition government.

The United States is trying to calm the situation in Iran through several means, administration officials said.

— The Commerce Department, on the recommendation of the State Department, issued license for shipment of \$8.3 million worth of American kerosene to Iran to relieve the heating fuel crisis there.

— White House officials said the Defense Department advised President Carter to move American warships nearer to Iran, from the South China Sea to the Indian Ocean. But they said the National Security Council and the State Department were against the move and Carter agreed with them.

The officials said the ships were moved into the South China Sea in the first place "to underline our concern that there be no interference by outside powers" during the Iranian turmoil.

In a related matter, an Israeli diplomat said the United States has assured Israel, which gets up to 65 percent of its oil from Iran, that it would get help if the supply is cut off. So far, the diplomat said, Israel has not had to dip into its strategic petroleum reserves.

Recruits may qualify for bonuses

U.S. Army Reserve recruits may be eligible for a \$1,500 bonus, the State College Army Reserve recruiter said yesterday.

Sgt. First Class Herman Potter said the 318th Light Equipment Maintenance Company of State College and the 42nd Field Service Company of Bellefonte both have been selected for the new program, designed to help the reserves meet recruiting goals.

To qualify for the bonus, Potter said an applicant must be a high school graduate with no prior military service and he must enlist in one of the selected active service units for six years.

"If he does qualify for the bonus, the enlistee will receive the \$1,500 over a four-year period," Potter said. "He will get the first \$750 if he successfully completes the basic and advanced training during the first year, \$200 after each of the next two years and \$350 after the fourth year."

Another new assistance option available through the program will give qualified recruits a maximum of \$2,000

to apply toward educational expenses.

Along with a high school diploma, the Army requires bonus recipients to score satisfactorily on aptitude and physical exams.

"Beyond those requirements, the plan is open to any recruits," Potter said.

Potter added that the program is not limited to those who have just graduated from high school.

"I know of one person who was in his last year of college when he decided to apply for the program so he could pay for the rest of his education," he said.

—by Paula Froh

Schlesinger urges voluntary gas cutbacks



James Schlesinger

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Energy Secretary James Schlesinger, warning mandatory conservation measures may be needed if Iran's oil exports remain halted, yesterday urged immediate voluntary cuts in U.S. consumption of more than half a million barrels a day.

Industrialized nations are "borrowing against the future" to offset the loss of Iranian oil by taking an extra 2 million barrels a day from petroleum stockpiles, almost double the normal winter withdrawal, Schlesinger said.

"The situation is serious, but it is not critical," he told a news conference. "We should begin to take prudent actions in this country of a 'voluntary nature.'"

He urged Americans to save a total 600,000 barrels of oil daily by voluntarily:

- Obeying the 55 miles per hour speed limit, saving 100,000 barrels.
- Lowering home thermostats to a maximum 65 degrees, saving 300,000 barrels.
- Eliminating all unnecessary driving, saving 200,000 barrels.

Schlesinger said the United States will help Israel find oil to replace supplies from Iran, formerly the major Israeli supplier, and if necessary will send U.S. oil to Israel.

Iran on Dec. 27 halted exports that supplied 5 percent of U.S. demand and 15 percent of total demand among oil consuming nations. Schlesinger said the impact of the cutoff may not be felt for

several weeks because much Iranian oil still is in transit aboard tankers.

Schlesinger's oil supply survey was less optimistic than one given Tuesday by a State Department official, who said oil consuming nations could manage with "little difficulty" for six months or more without Iranian oil.

If Iran is unable to resume exports by this summer, Schlesinger said, it will be impossible to rebuild world oil stockpiles enough to avoid shortages next winter.

He said the Energy Department will publish a list of proposed standby measures next week.

Among possible emergency measures the United States might adopt are mandatory oil allocation and other steps that were used during the 1973-74 oil embargo, Schlesinger said.

Assassinations panel goes out of business

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Assassinations Committee went out of business yesterday after its chairman declared it had found no link between organized crime and Jack Ruby's murder of Lee Harvey Oswald.

In its two-year, \$5.8 million investigation, the committee did conclude there were possibilities of conspiracy in the assassinations of both President John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King.

It suggested the Justice Department investigate some last-minute evidence a second gunman fired at Kennedy at the same time as Oswald in Dealey Plaza, in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

The Justice Department showed little enthusiasm to carry on the work of the committee whose congressional mandate expired at midnight yesterday.

Ruby, owner of a Dallas nightclub, shot Oswald while

he was being held by police on charges of assassinating Kennedy.

Committee Chairman Rep. Louis Stokes, D-Ohio, said in a television interview the panel was aware of theories that organized crime had Ruby kill Oswald to erase Oswald's alleged connections with the crime syndicate.

"We went into the matter quite exhaustively and we were unable to find that particular type of allegation to be true," Stokes said.

In its preliminary report, the panel concluded a tape recording of the sounds in Dealey Plaza at the time of the assassination indicated a second gunman — identity unknown — fired a shot from the grassy knoll ahead of Kennedy's motorcade almost simultaneously with the three shot volley fired by Oswald from a sixth floor window of the Texas School Book Depository Building.

Stokes recommended the Justice Department in-

vestigate the tape evidence further and also make an expert examination of an amateur film which shows, according to some viewers, two persons in the sixth floor window only minutes before the assassination.

A Justice Department spokesman said neither the department nor the FBI planned any action until the committee's lengthy full report, with its supporting evidence, is issued several weeks from now.

"As members of the U.S. Congress, we can not make them (the Justice Department) reopen their investigation," Stokes said.

Stokes did not comment on the suggestion by former committee counsel Kenneth Broten in Gainesville, Fla., Tuesday that a blood clot under Kennedy's shoulder blade, disclosed in the autopsy, might have been caused by a bullet fragment from an unknown source.

Excavation continues beneath Gacy's home

CHICAGO (UPI) — Investigators resumed digging yesterday at the "orderly, built-in homemade graveyard" beneath the home of suspected mass killer John Wayne Gacy, authorities said.

Cook County Medical Examiner Dr. Robert J. Stein said workmen used jackhammers to rip up four concrete pads under the crawl space of the Norwood Park Township home. He said he will return to the home today to "see what they're doing further."

Only six of the 29 bodies linked to Gacy have been identified so far.

Stein refused to speculate on the cause of death, but he said four of the bodies had ropes around the necks, indicating strangulation.

"We found an orderly, built-in homemade graveyard," Stein said of the crawl space under Gacy's home. "It was well thought out."

Stein said the 26 bodies were lying end to end around the perimeter of the crawl space, with several other bodies in the center in a pattern similar to the spokes of a wheel. One body was found under his garage and two more were pulled from a nearby river.

Cook County sheriff's police said they expect to dig up what remains of the concrete floor of Gacy's garage and at least part of his yard. They also said they plan to excavate the soil of the crawl space down to the hard clay that forms its base. All of the bodies found in the crawl space were buried in the soil above the clay.

Gacy, 36, a twice-divorced convicted sodomist, has been charged with one murder.

Investigators said they might also check the basement of a building on Chicago's Near North Side.

A carpenter who did subcontracting work for Gacy, Joseph Tomaskovic, 53, Darien, told police Gacy and several young employees worked nights pouring concrete in the building's basement. Tomaskovic said the basement gave off a foul stench. Gacy told him the smell was due to "dead rats."

Stein said he has not been asked to investigate the Chicago building.

Gacy was being held without bond at the Cook County Jail hospital. He has been strapped to his bed, authorities said, to prevent a possible suicide or escape attempt.

Mall will not burden utilities, report says

The proposed Ferguson Township Mall would not overburden Centre Region utilities, according to a report given to the Ferguson Township Planning Commission last night.

The report, prepared by the Centre Regional Planning Commission, stated if the mall were built, it would place "no excessive demands on water, sewer, solid waste disposal and energy services of the Centre Region."

Herbert Kaulh, assistant director of the Centre Region Council of Governments Planning Commission,

said the commission contacted the State College Water Authority about its water supplies. The authority said it can handle the demand, Kaulh said.

Reading from the report, Kaulh said pedestrians and bicyclists would experience increased danger from additional traffic if the present lack of facilities was not improved.

The facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists are hazards as they are, Kaulh said. Some streets are without sidewalks. This is an important point to consider, he said.

The report also stated that according to a traffic study prepared by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the streets in the vicinity of the proposed mall can be made to operate at an acceptable service level. These report figures, however, are contingent upon the construction of the State College bypass.

The planning commission will receive the remaining section of the report at its Jan. 11 meeting.

—by Lynn Osgood

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Sports: Men's basketball, vs. Ursinus, 8:10 p.m.
Meetings:
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