Presidential candidates fight against dense-pack

By W. DALE NELSON Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - Four Democratic senators with presidential ambitions are heading into the thick of a fight against President Reagan's plan to put 100 MX nuclear missiles in 21 square miles of Wyoming prairie.

Congressional sources said the battle could reach its climax on the Senate floor today when the Senate is expected to get around to a stopgap spending bill containing MX money. Sens. Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, Alan Cranston of California, Gary Hart of Colorado and John Glenn of Ohio all are expected to play major roles in the debate.

All also are contemplating races for the Democratic presidential nomination. Hollings, who has a committee exploring his presidential prospects, succeeded Wednesday in getting the Appropriations Committee to put strings on the \$988 million earmarked for purchase of the first five missiles.

Under the Hollings amendment, the money could not be spent unless Congress approved a basing mode for the weapons, each of which would carry 10 nuclear warheads. Reagan and a bipartisan group of senators have proposed a so-called alternative under

would have 45 days to approve one plan. If it doesn't approve one, the money remains fro-

plan includes a time limit for him to submit a plan and Congress to consider it.

But the bottom line is the same: Until

Congress agrees on a basing plan, the MX A source close to the Republican leadership, who would not agree to be quoted by name, said, "The votes are probably out (in the Senate) to put in the compromise language when the time comes" and Hollings conceded that the president might win on the Senate

Administration officials have left no doubt Reagan's acceptance of the so-called compromise was little more than an attempt to buy time to lobby for the dense pack scheme.

"As far as fallback positions or alternate systems, frankly we don't have any," Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday at about the same time Reagan was announcing the compromise at the White

Later that day, a White House official who asked that his name not be used said of the agreement: "We're satisfied with it because . it does give us more time to sell our ideas on the basing mode." He said some members of the two armed

services committees felt "there wasn't an which the president would recommend one or more basing modes by March 1 and Congress adequate selling job" on dense pack. Nonetheless, House Speaker Thomas F O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., predicted that the House will stick by its original decision to delete the The difference is that the Reagan-backed production funds altogether.

Cruise missiles deployed

Associated Press Writer

ROME, N.Y. — The first of thousands of nuclear-armed, ground-hugging cruise mis-

siles designed to be dropped from bombers and sneak past Soviet defenses entered combat readiness yesterday at Griffiss Air Force Sixteen B-52 bombers of the 416th Bombardment Wing will each carry a dozen of the

highly accurate weapons, making up the vanguard of a 201-plane force that could launch a strike on 10 minutes notice. Strategic Air Command chief Gen. Bennie L. Davis, Defense Department Undersecretary for Research and Engineering Richard D. DeLauer and Clyde Skeen of Boeing Corp.,

the contractor in adapting the jet-propelled missiles to Boeing-built B-52s, took part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony yesterday marking Davis said the air-launched cruise missile "adds mightily to our strategic deterrence and enhances the chance of world peace." Asked whether the subsonic, low-level weapon might goad the Soviet Union into

stepping up the arms race, Davis responded

"It just gives us an additional capability, and

certainly we can expect the Soviets to move to defend against it. The Soviets have a cruise missile and have been working to improve Maj. Richard Tebay, of SAC headquarters in Omaha, said the missile has a range 1,500 miles, a top speed of 600 mph and the ability to

worm, the flat-

cover from sur-

Flatworms:

IRVINE, Calif. — In 12 years of doing brain trans-

plants on flatworms, Harold Koopowitz has discovered

some interesting things. A flatworm can live without a

gery, but the creature will eventually be able to do

nearly everything that a flatworm with a rightside-up

What Harold Koopowitz learns from flatworms, he

believes, might one day help humans suffering from

Scientists don't usually choose to study flatworms,

Koopowitz said, because flatworms and humans have

nothing biologically in common. He believes he is the

only scientist in the world studying the flatworm brain.

worms repair their nervous systems might suggest

ways to repair human nervous systems injured by

evolved," Koopowitz said. "If we can understand more

about the brain of these animals, we should gain insight

into the overall question of why brains evolved in the

It's not an easy job. Koopowitz and his colleague,

Larry Keenan, have spent the last two years perfecting

Flatworms are gray creatures that live under rocks

When provoked, they try to blend in with the rock or

He thinks study of the way the one-inch to two-inch

spinal cord injuries and strokes

strokes or spinal-cord injuries.

brain, for instance, but it can't swim very well.

By PATRICIA WOLF

Orange County Register

Carl Eilenberg, Rome's mayor, said most residents have learned to live with the base and are unconcerned with the possibility that addition of a new weapons system would cause it to stand out as a target for enemy

"It's not possible to know what the Russians are thinking. I've never seen the Russian list of targets." he said. "But we are aware that anything as strongly armed as Griffiss and central New York has always been a target

The B-52s that will carry the cruise missiles have been a key part of the U.S. strategic force for 30 years. Yesterday, a B-52 Air Force bomber crashed near Mather Air Force Base in California, killing all nine crew members.

The United States and its NATO allies also plan to base 400 Air Launched Cruise Missiles in Europe next year along with Pershing 2s, a plan that provoked demonstrations in several European cities.

Protests against basing of cruise missiles at

Griffiss have been subdued, and limited to

organized anti-nuclear groups. The Mohawk Valley Peace Council planned a silent vigil yesterday at one gate to the base in central Dr. Irwin Redlener, Utica surgeon and spokesman for Physicians for Social Respon-

sibility, said deploying the missiles was a tragedy calculated to goad the Soviet Union into extending the arms race.

"In the event of war, this area would be electronically scan and react to changes in terrain. This allows it to gain altitude to clear

riodic trips to the shore to catch his own research

subjects. He has a flatworm-catching permit for San

Catching the flatworms is difficult; performing brain

transplants is no easier, Keenan, who perfected the surgical procedure, said. A flatworm brain is about

one-sixty-fourth of an inch long, smaller than a pin-

Keenan performs the transplant in a laboratory dish

under a microscope. He anesthetizes the worm and

It takes 12 days after surgery for a flatworm with a

Flatworms are the first bilateral animals — animals

with a distinct right and left sides — that evolved, the

researchers say. Koopowitz theorizes that a central

control, a brain, was needed so the animal could

ness and fed store-bought brine shrimp. The worms

will hatch eggs in captivity, but the offspring survive

Koopowitz and Keenan are beginning a new phase in

"We know the nerve cells find the right targets and

" Keenan said, "We hope to find out how they do

grow to the correct location even when put in improper-

their research — injecting a fluorescent dye into the

transplanted brain in an effort tounderstand how the

six months in

coordinate its sides and not tear itself in half.

transplanted brain to feel like himself again, Keenan

restrains it with a fence of cactus spines.

Brain surgery takes on a new twist

state news briefs

Residents face cold without utilities

HARRISBURG (AP) - More Pennsylvania than 3,000 Pennsylvanians face the more are without electricity. yesterday by The Associated

made such a comprehensive survey, but efforts are under way to was performed by the Public Utilimake the project a yearly underty Commission's Bureau of Contaking, PUC Chairman Susan Sha-The survey polled the eight larg- Unlike some states, Pennsylva-

est electric companies and the nia has no winter moratorium on seven largest gas companies in winter utility shutoffs.

Pennsylvania blue laws bite the dust HARRISBURG (AP) — "Opera- • An 1865 law that provided for tion Repeal," an effort by the the indenture of apprentices in

Thornburgh administration to wipe obsolete laws from Pennsylvania's statutes, continued yesterday as the governor signed a dozen pertinent bills.

number of obsolete laws repealed under the act. Among those signed An 1897 law that regulated the number of days per week a person may work in a bakery or confectio-

nary establishment.

Philadelphia and Allegheny coun-An 1878 law prohibiting mer-

The poll found 3,038 gas heating

It was the first time the PUC

tomers without service as of De-

chants from doing business within one mile of a camp meeting or His action brought to 38 the • A 1799 law that provided an

apprentice who left the service of his master before his period of indenture had expired could be held liable for that action upon reaching the age 21.

nation news briefs

Man slashes throat after conviction

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (AP) A defendant yelled he was innocent and then slashed his throat with a razor blade vesterday after a Circuit Court jury found him guilty of sexually abusing his grandchildren.

Witnesses said the Rutherford County jury had just read its verdict convicting Wiseman McCormick, 56, of the aggravated rape of his 11-year-old granddaughter and aggravated sexual battery of his

"You have convicted an innocent man." the Smyrna resident said as he slashed his throat and fell to the courtroom floor. Judge J.S. Daniel called a recess, and ambulance workers

After the recess. Daniel told McCormick his behavior "was uncalled for" and sentenced him to 75 years in prison — 50 years for 12-year-old grandson when he aggravated rape and 25 years for pulled a razor blade from his pock- aggravated sexual battery.

Stolen exam may mean fake doctors

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — State ramifications because the same licensing of about 255 Michigan Federal Licensing Exam is given medical school graduates as doc- simultaneously in all 50 states and tors is in doubt because part of the stolen questions may have officials said yesterday.

Officials said the theft apparently took place the night before the The theft could have national

second day and the entire third day of the examination were taken

world news briefs

Baby dies after television appearance

- While her mother pleaded be- symptoms. fore a live audience, "For the love of God, save my baby," a 9-monthold girl went into cardiac arrest on television and died en route to a

The mother, Maria Elinalda da Silva Garcia, appeared with her baby Tuesday on "The People on TV" program to complain that the still unnamed child had been refused treatment at major Rio hos-

pitals over a five-month period. The baby suffered from a badly bleeding eye, which one doctor had tentatively diagnosed as being caused by a tumor, Mrs. da Silva Garcia said. She said she had after hospitals rejected the child enough.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) for admission despite worsening Mrs. da Silva Garcia told the

> audience that doctors at city hospitals had told her to simply clean the blood off her daughter's eve. As the program's moderator, Wilton Franco, attempted to contact the Health Ministry while on the air, Mrs. da Silva Garcia's baby went into cardiac arrest and the mother began massaging her

The little girl later revived brief-, but died in the car of Marcia Franco, the moderator's daughter, who rushed the mother and baby to the hospital after ambucome to the program's studios lances failed to arrive quickly

Hundreds arrested in Chilean protests

lice have arrested more than 200 people for staging an anti-government protest in Chile's three largsources said yesterday. Groups of youths gathered Wednesday night in downtown squares and streets of Santiago, Valparaiso and Concepcion and

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Po- witnesses said. Leaflets had announced a "march against hunger, for the return of exiles and for respect for human rights." No sponsoring group was named.

The government gave no information about the arrests. But an official of the Catholic Vicariate of Solidarity, the church's human rights agency, said police told him shouted slogans against represthe number detained in Santiago sion and economic mismanagement by Chile's military regime,

House cites EPA head for contempt of Congress

By WILLIAM KRONHOLM **Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON - The House voted 259-105 last night to cite Environmental Protection Agency chief Anne M. Gorsuch for contempt of Congress because she refused, on presidential orders, to turn over She was the highest official ever

charged in such a battle between the executive and legislative branches of governments. The action of the House followed more than two hours of debate and a day of fruitless negotiations between

congressional leaders and the White House in search of a compromise. The résolution goes to a federal grand jury, which can indict Gorsuch for contempt, a criminal misdemeanor. Conviction in U.S. District Court carries a fine of up to \$1,000 and a jail term of up to a year. The appeal that undoubtedly would follow conviction would ultimately go to the Supreme Court, which could issue a binding decision legislative branches in questions of

executive privilege. in favor of the contempt resolution. ing documents) are left unpunished.

They were joined by almost one-third of the Republicans voting. • We must take this grave, regrettable step." Rep. James Howard, D-N.J., saying he was acting "with deep re- Michel, R-Ill., urged the House to gret," offered the motion to cite

House Minority Leader Robert H. reject the contempt resolution, although he said he agreed the issue Gorsuch after the negotiations with President Reagan's aides broke raised "a very serious constitutional

'This is not a partisan issue. This issue deals with the Constitution of the United States and the prerogatives of Congress."

-Rep. Elliott H. Levitas, D-Ga.

"This is not a partisan issue," insisted Rep. Elliott H. Levitas, D-Ga., chairman of the subcommittee that originally subpoenaed the EPA documents. "This issue deals with the Constitution of the United States

Staubach, mascot of the Navy detachment at Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, Texas, looks a bit out of sorts during a

special march yesterday morning. But he had good reason — instead of a proper Navy man holding his leash he had Army

First Sgt. James Wittek, who had been assigned to escort the goat across base. The ceremony is an annual one determined

by the outcome of the Army-Navy football game. If Army had won, the Navy detachment would have marched a mule.

and the prerogatives of Congress. "We have gone every step of the way to avoid a confrontation," Levion the rights of the executive and tas said. But he argued that the investigative powers of Congress "will be crippled and destroyed if Democrats voted overwhelmingly the contemptuous acts (in withhold-

being rushed and the subpoena contained technical flaws that threatened Congress' legal position.

"This case is not ironclad." Michel said. "It should be put over" until Congress reconvenes next year. The debate was a rare floor battle over executive privilege — the power of Reagan, or any president, to keep Congress in the dark on certain issues. It followed a day of fruitless negotiations involving the White House, the Justice Department and congressional leaders in an attempt to avoid the unprecedented floor

flatworm brain transplants.

The efforts to forge a compromise At the White House, deputy press secretary Peter Roussel said the dministration "tried to do everything we can to reach an accommodation with the committee," but was

Should Gorsuch be cited for contempt, he said, "we will be consulting with the Department of Justice." Gorsuch, on Reagan's orders, refused to give the House subcommittee subpoenaed documents on EPA's handling of the \$1.6 billion "superfund" program to clean up chemical waste dumps. She said their premature disclosure would jeopardize

lawsuits against polluters. But the Public Works Committee, which recommended last week that Gorsuch be held in contempt, said the refusal was a sweeping expansion of executive privilege since it did not involve national security. foreign affairs or Oval Office discussions, the basis of past claims. Meanwhile. Gorsuch was said to be spending a routine day — though it included a meeting with Justice Department lawyers. EPA spokesChristmas party later in the day. But in 'committee debate on the contempt resolution, Rep. Gene



Anne M. Gorsuch

kept a morning dental appointment, likely to spend more than "a couple made a luncheon speech and of hours" in jail, if that, before the planned to attend an agency case was thrown into a lengthy ap-The House theoretically could

have chosen another course of action - sending the sergeant-at-arms to arrest Gorsuch, bring her before the House and have her locked up on the premises until she produced the documents. But that method has not been used in more than 100 years and is not provided for in the statutes, and the contempt resolution called for proceedings "according to

The contempt citation was historic both because of the constitutional issue and the target. While Congress and the White House have feuded before over executive privilege, contempt citations against high-ranking administration officials always have been resolved

The most recent, a resolution this spring to cite Interior Secretary James G. Watt for contempt for refusing to produce documents, was settled in a compromise only hours before an expected floor vote. Similar disputes occurred in the Carter and Ford administrations.

short of a floor vote.

stock report /olume Shares **Dow Jones sinks** 85,617,540 Issues Traded even further 1,972 NEW YORK (AP) - The Dow Up Jones industrial average sank to a nine-week low yesterday as the stock market posted its third Jnchanged straight loss. The news at midafternoon of a big jump in housing starts drew little response from traders, other

The Dow Jones average of 30 ndustrials dropped 2.39 to 990.25, bringing its decline since early in Tuesday's session to almost 54 points. The last time the average closed lower was Oct. 8, when it stood at 986.85.

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