

Second salvo: 61 questions

De Lugo's committee continues investigation

By Nick Legaspi

THE HOUSE Subcommittee on Insular and International Affairs has sent to the CNMI government a set of follow-up questions as part of its continuing investigation of the local labor and immigration conditions.

The questionnaire followed a day-long hearing in Washington on July 30, during which CNMI officials were questioned about the local labor and immigration conditions.

Representative George Miller, who chairs the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, described the hearing as "the first salvo" in the investigation of the labor and immigration problems in the Northern Marianas.

The principal questions, grouped into five areas, totaled 61, with two or more secondary inquiries each for a total of about 100 questions.

The subcommittee chaired by Representative Ron de Lugo gave the CNMI until Sept. 30 to send its response to Washington.

Governor Lorenzo I. Guerrero

called a staff meeting on Tuesday to discuss the questionnaire and start preparing answers.

A request for a copy of the questionnaire was turned down by John Joyner, the public information officer. He said some of the questions needed clarification, thus, the questions that would be actually answered by the government might be different from those initially received.

He assured that once these things were threshed out the set of questions would be made public.

The questions, according to other sources, were grouped into the following key areas: immigration control, minimum wage, duty free privilege, economic activity/tax/revenue/infrastructure needs and enforcement, including prostitution.

Following are some of the questions from de Lugo's committee:

1. Under federal law, the spouse of children can accompany the temporary non-immigrant worker or the permanent resident immigrant. What is the reason for not

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THE NEW Senate leadership (seated, from left): Vice President Francisco M. Borja, President Juan S. Demapan and Legislative Secretary Edward U. Maratita. Standing (from left): Senators David M. Cing, Jesus R. Sablan and Floor Leader Paul A. Manglona

Senate reorganizes leadership

By Rafael H. Arroyo

THE SENATE under newly-installed President Juan S. Demapan yesterday completed a major reorganization of its leadership, including the chairmanships of the various standing committees.

Designated Senate floor leader to replace former Floor Leader Juan S. Torres was Senator Paul A. Manglona. Senators Francisco M. Borja and Edward U. Maratita retained their positions as vice president and legislative secretary, respectively.

and the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication which used to be chaired by Demapan.

Six of the Senate's nine members were tapped to head at least one standing committee, with only Maratita, Sablan and Manglona given two assignments.

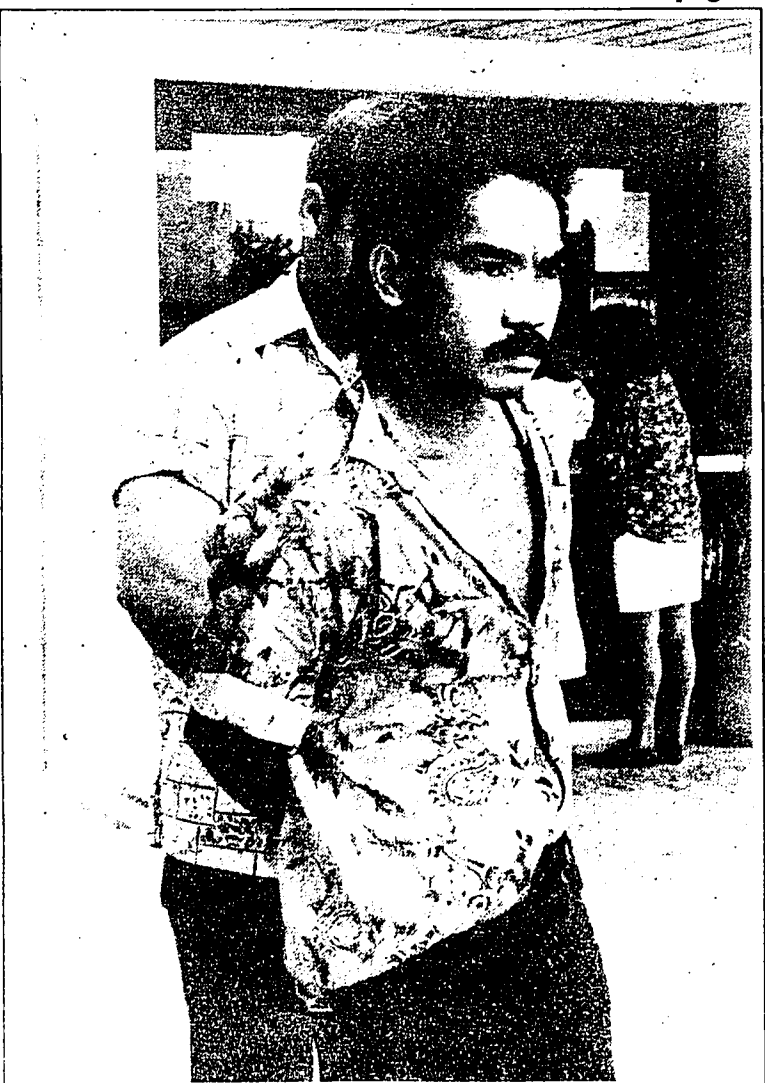
Three members - ousted President Inos, Torres, Joseph and Henry DLG. San Nicolas, who now comprise the minority, were not given any of the top positions in the eight standing committees of the Senate.

Manglona will chair the Committee on Rules and Procedure

The Committee on Resources, Development and Programs, which used to be chaired by Torres, is now headed by Maratita, who also retained his position as chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law.

Sablan, who served in the minority under the presidency of Inos, took over the powerful Fiscal

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FLORANTE Ilao, suspect in a rape case, is escorted back to jail by a police officer after a bail hearing at the Superior Court. Story on page 9.

Castro worries over kind of crimes committed here

By Gaynor L. Dumat-ol

THE BRUTAL killing of Ishii Kuniyoshi, a Japanese worker, who was allegedly beaten up, kicked, shot and beaten up again while trying to flee from his attackers in Tanapag last month prompted Superior Court Judge Alex Castro yesterday to express his concern over the kind of crimes committed in Saipan.

"I thought this happened only in the movies... but it's beginning to happen in Saipan," the judge said.

Castro made the statement during the hearing of a motion

filed by Roy Magofna, one of the five men implicated in the murder of Ishii last July 22, to reduce the \$500,000 cash bail imposed on him last Monday.

"We are dealing here with a very serious offense. We are dealing here with possible intoxication, possible drug use and (use of) firearms," Castro said.

Without having to go through the merits of the case, Castro said it appeared that the victim was attacked even if he was a "complete stranger to the alleged violators."

The criminal complaint filed Monday by assistant attorney

general Jane Arthur-Burkhart states that Ishii, 28, employee of Pacific Engineering and Consulting Inc., was pulled out of the company pickup he was driving near Tanapag beach allegedly by the group of Magofna which was having a drinking session at about 1 a.m.

The Japanese was allegedly kicked and beaten up before being shot with an unlicensed revolver and then beaten up again when the victim managed to run a few feet away from his attackers shortly after he was shot, according to the complaint.

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World Affairs

Inspectors back in Iraq; new confrontation looms

By ANDREW KATELL

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Iraq has provided new information about its ballistic missile program to UN inspectors, but the inspectors do not check any ministries where Iraq was reported to have information about weapons programs.

ABC-TV, and Tuesday's editions of The New York Times and Washington Post, reported that the UN team had planned a surprise visit to an Iraqi military ministry. But the news agencies said it was postponed because an article Sunday in the Times had depicted the visit as orchestrated by the United States to provoke

Iraq. The inspectors did not wish to appear manipulated by US foreign policy initiatives, the stories said. The Times report said the United States wanted the inspectors to check ministries that Iraq had ruled off limits to provoke a negative response that could lead to military attacks. President Bush has denied the report.

Meanwhile, a new confrontation loomed with the Gulf War allies over Iraq's campaign against rebellious Shiite Muslims. A Western diplomat said the United States, Britain and other countries were discussing a possible ultimatum to Iraq: stop terrorizing Shiites or face a military

strike. The diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the ultimatum could be presented to Iraq later this week.

The plan was under discussion among US allies as well as Turkey, Kuwait and other Gulf states, he said. The ultimatum apparently would impose a ban on flights by fixed-wing Iraqi military aircraft below the 32nd parallel, where Shiites reportedly have come under fire from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's aircraft.

The other major issue involving Iraq - its lack of cooperation with UN weapons inspectors - appeared to be cooling down. Tim Trevan, spokesman for the Special

Commission overseeing the inspectors, said Monday in New York that a team had found "significant additional information about Iraq's ballistic missile program."

"We have learned things that will be very useful and very helpful now in future inspections," team leader Nikita Smidovich told reporters in Baghdad.

Nevertheless, Bush on Monday reiterated that the United States has the right to "use force if necessary" to compel Saddam to comply with international inspection demands.

Trevan said the inspectors did not try to enter any Iraqi ministries during their 10-day tour.

Gunmen shoot leftist leader in Bangladesh

By HASAN SAEED

DJHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) - Gunmen shot and critically wounded a top leftist opposition legislator Monday, his party said.

Rashed Khan Menon, leader of the Workers' Party, had joined in submitting a no-confidence motion last week against the government of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia to protest rising crime and violence.

Menon was shot as he was leaving the party's headquarters, the party said in a statement citing unnamed witnesses. It said the three gunmen had been seen loitering outside the building.

New peace timetable set for El Salvador

By ANNIE CABRERA

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) - The UN official in charge of El Salvador's peace process said Monday he had established a new timetable for the implementation of the accord that ended 12 years of civil war in this Central American nation.

The new timetable should help bring the UN-monitored peace process, which has suffered serious delays, back on track for its Oct. 31 deadline, Marrack Goulding told a press conference.

Both sides will have one month to overcome delays in the implementation of the agreements, Goulding said.

"I have confidence that this date (Oct. 31) is feasible," Goulding said. "One must believe that when you establish a date in an agreement you must try to respect it."

Rebels have accused the government of President Alfredo Cristiani of dragging its feet in the peace process. But Goulding said the delays "were not due to a lack of political will, but to practical financial and bureau-

cratic problems."

"I have emphasized that (the twosides) should not try to carry out more discussions and debates, and comply" with the agreement signed in January, he said.

Last January the Salvadoran government and leftist rebels of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, or FMLN, signed the agreement that ended 12 years of civil war that left more than 75,000 Salvadorans dead.

A UN-monitored cease-fire began Feb. 1. But serious differences in interpretation have resulted in delays in the implementation of important parts of the agreement.

The FMLN estimates that only 25 percent of the agreements that should have been carried out to date have been implemented. Rebel spokesmen said they thought it would be "difficult" for the process to end successfully by Oct. 31.

By that date the army is to be restructured and reduced and the military command of the FMLN dissolved. But Goulding said he still thought it was possible for the process to end on schedule.

Gorbachev attacks Yeltsin for destroying Soviet Union

By DEBORAH SEWARD

MOSCOW (AP) - A year after the start of the failed coup that began his downfall, Mikhail S. Gorbachev launched a stinging attack Monday on Boris Yeltsin for destroying the Soviet Union and failing to reform Russia.

"Where are we now? On the verge of economic collapse and total impoverishment," Gorbachev said at a news conference to mark the first anniversary of the Aug. 18-21 coup attempt.

Although he appeared confident and statesmanlike, the former Kremlin leader also seemed unwilling to part with his old dream of preserving the Soviet Union. He even quoted Vladimir Lenin at one point, saying "national interests were above those of the proletariat."

Gorbachev also displayed anger and bitterness when a Russian journalist suggested he leave the capital and return to his native Stavropol region in southern Russia.

"I was president of a big country. ... I ask you to bear this in mind," he said, noting he could do more in Moscow.

This week, Russians will mark

the tumultuous events of a year ago that hastened the disintegration of the Soviet Union and Communist power.

On Aug. 18, 1991, hard-liners in the Communist Party, military and KGB who sought to preserve their power and reverse Gorbachev's reforms put him under house arrest at his summer home on the Black Sea coast.

The coup leaders declared a state of emergency and sent tanks into Moscow, but Yeltsin defended democracy on the barricades in front of the Russian parliament, joined by tens of thousands of supporters. Gorbachev returned to power after three days, but his authority was weakened by the Communist Party's leading role in the coup and he eventually resigned Dec. 25 with no country to lead.

Even though Yeltsin's actions during the coup temporarily brought Gorbachev back to power and perhaps saved his life, the former Soviet president has continued to attack the Russian leader's reforms.

Yeltsin's economic reforms were "utopian" and an impractical "attempt" to resolve the problems overnight, at one fell swoop. ... The individual is regarded as a

cog, if not as a sheep," Gorbachev said, speaking at the think tank he has founded in the months since resigning.

He blasted Yeltsin's advisers as being "too self-assured, too ambitious."

"They have found themselves in a position when they do not know what to do," he said.

But Gorbachev said a return to the past was improbable. "We may be in for a painful zigzagging which quite often occurs in history."

He said he would propose creating a new union of states "which would be capable of uniting peoples under new conditions to resolve issues of common interest."

Gorbachev's idea received support Monday from Russian parliament chairman Ruslan Khasbulatov, a conservative. Khasbulatov told a news conference that Russia was "miles from democracy."

"I generally support the idea of restoring the old economic links, coordinating structures ... We should be talking about a confederation, a common market," Khasbulatov told a separate news conference.

UN monitors violence in South Africa

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The UN Security Council on Monday authorized the deployment of observers to monitor township violence in South Africa.

The 15 council members voted unanimously to adopt a resolution authorizing the observers, whose deployment was recommended by special UN envoy Cyrus Vance.

Vance, a former US secretary of state, visited South Africa in June. He spent two weeks meeting with political parties and

issued a report to the United Nations on what it could do to help end the political stalemate between the government and black groups.

Vance recommended 30 observers be sent but the UN resolution sets no number, leaving that up to Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. Several countries, including Russia, have expressed concern about the cost of the observers.

Last Thursday, the Pretoria

government accepted UN proposals for reviving political talks, including sending observers to monitor township violence and a possible amnesty for political prisoners.

The broad acceptance of the UN proposals had raised hopes that the government and the African National Congress would resume talks on ending white rule. But the ANC, which halted talks in June to protest political violence, rejected the overture.

Task force to study minimum pay hike

By Nick Legaspi

GOVERNOR Lorenzo I. Guerrero has formed a task force composed of government and private sector representatives to examine the CNMI's minimum wage policy and recommend adjustments in the hourly wage rates.

"It is time we took a serious look at our CNMI minimum wage policy," Guerrero said in a memorandum addressed to members of the Minimum Wage Task Force. "An examination of this policy should be carried out by a broad cross-section of interested parties."

The task force, with Finance Director Eloy S. Inos as temporary chairman, includes as members from the government side Lt. Gov. Benjamin Manglona, representatives of the Senate and the lower house, the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors, Personnel Officer, Attorney General, Department of Commerce and Labor and the

Special Assistant for Planning and Budgeting.

Task force members from the private sector consist of the president or representative of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and the CNMI Contractors Association.

The group held its first meeting Monday. Tim Bruce, the governor's special legal counsel, said the next meeting would be held on Aug. 27.

In his memorandum, Guerrero said the task force should address the following questions:

* What changes need to be made in the CNMI minimum wage law and policy?

* Should there be any occupational exceptions?

* If the minimum wage is raised, how much should it rise?

* What impact can be expected on the local economy if the minimum wage goes up?

Guerrero said the task force would provide recommendations

to the executive and legislative branches on needed changes in the minimum wage law and policy.

The formation of the task force followed the July 30 oversight hearing in Washington by the House Subcommittee on Insular and International Affairs, during which the CNMI was questioned on the low minimum wage compared to the federal minimum wage, and the exceptions given to the construction industry and domestic helpers.

During that hearing Guerrero promised to urge the Legislature to raise the minimum wage in the CNMI and to eliminate exceptions.

There are four bills pending in both house of the Legislature which seek to raise the minimum hourly pay from the current \$2.15 per hour to a range of \$2.50 to \$3.50 per hour.

At least two governors of the Commonwealth have expressed concern over the exclusion of the



Gov. Larry I. DeLeon Guerrero.

construction industry from the minimum wage law.

In 1990, Guerrero sent a draft bill to the Legislature requesting that the minimum wage requirement be extended to employees in the construction industry.

When Public Law 3-16 was signed into law in 1982 to raise the minimum wage gradually from \$1.75 to \$2.15, then Governor Pedro P. Tenorio said: "Although I am pleased to have signed this bill into law, I must also add my concern regarding exempting construction workers from the minimum wage and from the requirement that they receive additional compensation for work in excess of forty hours per week."

"In addition, many young, local people are now employed in

the construction trades. I am concerned that the exemption from the minimum wage may force them to seek employment elsewhere," he said in a letter to the presiding officers of the Legislature.

A recent study of wage legislation conducted by the executive branch said some legislators expressed fears that raising the minimum wage would result in the following:

* It would increase inflation by driving up the cost of goods and services;

* It would cause unemployment; and

* It would force the small local businesses to lay off unskilled employees who were in need of jobs.

Miyazawa allays fears of islanders on plutonium shipments

SUVA, Fiji (AP) - Japan's Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa has personally assured Pacific island leaders that planned plutonium shipments from France to his country will not endanger their region.

The assurance was made in a confidential letter to South Pacific Forum secretary-general Ieremia Tabai, a copy of which was obtained by Australian Associated Press in Fiji's capital Suva Monday.

The Forum, which represents 13 Pacific island countries as well as Australia and New Zealand, recently wrote to Miyazawa concerned about the safety of the shipments which will travel across the South Pacific.

Environmental groups, including Greenpeace, have also criticized Japan which has not said when the shipments will be made.

The plutonium has been reprocessed from the spent fuel in France for use in a new Japanese fast breeder reactor to generate electricity.

"The government of Japan fully understands the South Pacific region's concerns on possible accidents during the shipment, Miyazawa said in his letter dated last July 27.

However, he said safety measures will be taken to "address all possible contingencies." Japan is prepared to provide Forum members with information on these.

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Demapan urges Guerrero to discipline DPS director

By Rafael H. Arroyo

SENATE President Juan S. Demapan has urged Governor Lorenzo L. DL. Guerrero to act on the reported tussle between Public Safety Director Gregorio M. Camacho and Tinian Senator David M. Cing.

In a letter to the chief executive dated Aug. 17, Demapan questioned why there was no move to reprimand or discipline Camacho after Cing filed a complaint of assault and battery against the director.

"We cannot tolerate any form of intimidation by appointed public officials attempting to pressure elected

representatives into passing laws of their personal preference. We can no longer stand idly by and let a few persons such as the director behave as if they are above the law," Demapan said.

The letter criticized the governor for his alleged silence about the incident.

"What message do you want sent to the people who elected you? Do you want them to hear the elected leaders of the Commonwealth will not sanction any form of abuse at the hands of any police officer? That it is acceptable for the director of DPS to assault a senator and therefore, by

inference, that is just as acceptable for any police officer to assault them?" Demapan told Guerrero.

The incident happened last Aug. 11 at the Legislature parking lot when Camacho, and law enforcement personnel staged a grievance rally over the non-passage of the budget for fiscal year 1992.

Cing passed by and talked to Camacho. The conversation ended up with Camacho allegedly kicking the senator in the arm.

Cing filed a complaint against the director with the Attorney General's Office and subsequently, with the police.

Camacho, on the other hand, filed

a counter-complaint against Cing for allegedly intruding in the DPS fire station in front of the Legislature and for calling the police officers "coconut heads."

According to Demapan, elected leaders of the Commonwealth should let the people know that they live in a civilized, democratic society where laws are respected by all.

"I urge you to look at your duties as governor of the Commonwealth by sending a strong message to our people that they are safe and secure within a society with a government based on law," said Demapan's letter.

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allowing entry into the CNMI of most aliens' families?

2. Statistics show that many of the births in the CNMI have been to alien mothers. What happens when the mother's employment contract is terminated?

3. Isn't it likely that protection of aliens' rights will be a lesser priority than protection of rights of citizens?

4. Why did the NMI government reject the trade counsel's advice to freeze the hiring of alien workers in the garment industry and limit garment exports?

5. The cost of living in the NMI exceeds by 25 percent to 30 percent the cost of living in the mainland. Is \$2.15 a living wage in the CNMI? Doesn't this level prevent local workers from getting into private sector jobs?

6. Are there incentives to workers to get into private sector jobs rather than in government jobs?

7. When can the US Congress expect the national minimum wage to apply to the NMI?

8. Would you consider a profit margin more important than working conditions and living standards of workers?

9. Why are construction workers and domestic helpers exempt from the minimum wage?

10. Has the purpose for the exemption from the federal immigration law (to prevent the influx of aliens in the CNMI) fulfilled?

Some questions dealt with the economic benefits, if any, of karaoke establishments and bars to the CNMI, and the prostitution problem. The subcommittee, in addition to the numerous questions raised during the July 30 oversight hearing in Washington, sent many other questions regarding the treatment of workers in the local garment industry, as well as the use of the duty free privilege under Headnote 3(a) for garment exports under the "Made in USA" label to the American market.

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Affairs Committee and the Committee on Health, Education, Welfare and Programs, the chairmanships of which were formerly held by Manglona and Borja, respectively.

Sen. David M. Cing, who was recently fired by Inos from committee chairmanship on account of the controversy that arose over the fiscal year 1992 budget, retained his position as chairman of the Committee on Federal Relations and Independent Agencies.

Borja will continue to chair the Committee on Executive Appointments and Governmental Investigation.

Demapan, Manglona, Cing, Maraita and Borja last week staged a coup to remove Inos. Demapan was subsequently elected Senate president.

Inos is now only a member of two committees - the Health, education, welfare and programs and federal relations. San Nicolas is a member of four committees.

NMC students to participate in archaeological excavation

STUDENTS at Northern Marianas College will have a chance to learn about both historical and modern aspects of Chamorro culture this fall in a series of classes designed to heighten their cultural awareness.

NMC's Marianas/Pacific Program (MAPS) has entered into an agreement with the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Historic Preservation Office to permit limited, supervised archaeological excavation of an ancient latte stone site in the Agingan area.

MAPS Director Dr. Barbara Moir said, "With Historic preservation's cooperation and assistance, we will be able to provide students with some

hands-on experience of archaeology and a window on how ancient Chamorros lived.

"Too often we forget those people had a vibrant culture for thousands of years before contact with the West," Moir said.

Historic Preservation Officer Mike Fleming said, "We're happy to work with the college so that students gain a better appreciation of the rich past of our people and these islands.

"Japanese agricultural development and the Second World War did much to reduce the legacy of our ancestors and what is left is sometimes threatened by modern development projects.

"The more students learn about the ancient Chamorros, the more

they will appreciate the value of historic preservation," Fleming said.

In addition to the archaeological fieldwork opportunities available in Archaeology of the Pacific Islands, MAPS also offers a class called Changing Cultural Values in the CNMI.

"Cultural values are passed from generation to generation and help give people cultural identity.

"The class will examine how these values are affected by other influences and how they can endure, as cultures do, for thousands of years," Dr. Moir said.

The MAPS director said the two classes give students an opportunity to learn about cultural history that has been made and is being made.

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CUC asked to defer rate increase

By Rafael H. Arroyo

THE HOUSE of Representatives yesterday adopted a resolution requesting the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. (CUC) to defer its plan to increase utility rates.

House Joint Resolution 8-9 asks the CUC board not to increase rates until the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication wraps up its oversight investigation of the utility firm's fiscal policies, practices and condition.

"We are asking the board to at least postpone the rate increase until after our inquiry is completed and our findings are released to them," said Heinz S. Hofschneider, author of the resolution and chairman of the committee.

The CUC board recently conducted public hearings on a proposed rate structure for power, water and sewer in the CNMI. The hearings were held in Saipan, Rota and Tinian.

The lower house, through the resolution, said any rate increase must be considered necessary only after a complete and thorough review of the fiscal policies and practices of CUC and the implementation of remedial measures based upon such a review.

"Any consideration of a rate increase by the board without the benefit of the committee's report would allow for an inequitable increase in the rates if the current fiscal policies and practices of CUC are allowed to continue," the resolution said. "The report would serve as at least a partial basis for the need to impose new rates."

Hofschneider said his committee had undertaken to provide CUC with a comprehensive review of its fiscal policies and practices in the absence of any initiative by the board to act in this area.

"Among other things, the committee's report is intended to be a tool for the Board's use in addressing where CUC presently stands and to indicate the direction it is headed," he said.

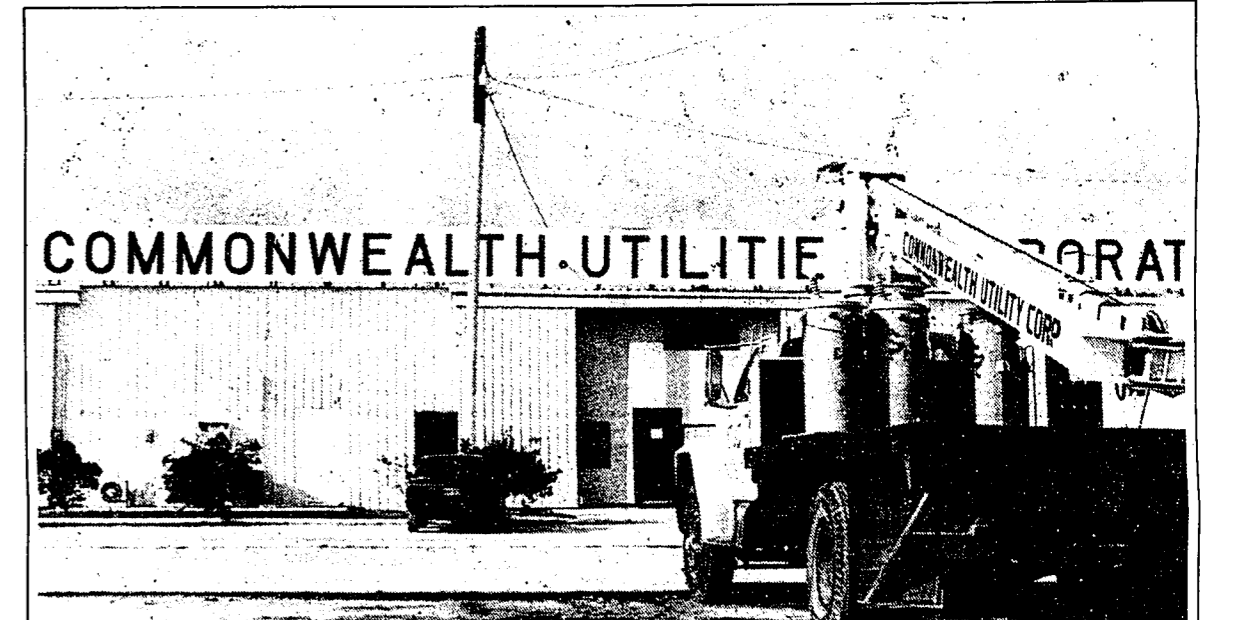
The committee held an oversight hearing on the financial management and condition of CUC on June 25 and June 30 due to a threat by Shell Marianas, the firm's fuel suppliers, to suspend fuel deliveries unless CUC's fuel bills were brought up to date.

During the two-day hearing, officers and directors of the utilities firm testified as to their knowledge of and participation in the fiscal management of CUC.

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Islanders in Vanuatu wait for Prince Philip

By WINSOR DOBBIN
 YOCHANANEN VILLAGE, Vanuatu (AP) - Josh Lawea sits nearly naked beside his hut, waiting for Prince Philip to bring him refrigerators and other riches. Lawea belongs to a "cargo cult" on remote, primitive Tanna, one of 83 islands that make up the South Pacific nation of Vanuatu. Many of Yochananen's 300 residents believe Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth II, was born in Tanna and has the power to help them get cargo. They expect him to return one day with electrical goods, even though the island has no general power supply. Some villagers who worked with the Americans in World War II saw electrical appliances and apparently believed they held the ultimate magic. The stories have

been handed down by each generation. As with other cargo cults in the Pacific, the roots of Yochananen's legends remain obscure. Prince Philip has never even visited Tanna, let alone being born here, but did make an official visit to Vanuatu's main island of Efate in 1973. Vanuatu, then known as the New Hebrides, was jointly administered until 1980 by Britain and France. They outlawed cargo cults and frequently jailed the leaders. Despite the colonial suppression, the cults survived and have flourished among Tanna's 22,000 residents. The people of Yochananen have collected artifacts relating to Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, and keep them locked in a small

hut. They once sent him a pig-killing club and a traditional penis sheath, called a "namba," the only apparel worn by men in the village. Philip sent back a photograph of himself holding the carved club. The picture holds a place of honor in the hut. "We believe that Prince Philip will visit us, bringing many good things," Lawea said. Residents of nearby villages, members of the associated John Frum Movement, worship an American they know as John Frum. He is said to have been an American soldier who came to Tanna in the 1930s. He encouraged people to reject the teachings of Christian missionaries and revert to their old ways, the story goes, and handed out supplies as a reward. American military records do not contain a John Frum. Anthropologists think the man may have introduced himself as "John from the United States" and the villagers misunderstood. Islanders attributed the riches that arrived during and after World War II to Frum's power. Several of the New Hebrides were U.S. bases during the war. When the Tannese saw black American soldiers handling cargo and getting supplies like the white man, they were impressed by the soldiers' magic.

Magazine fined \$4.37M for printing mercenary ad

By PHILLIP RAWLS
 MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - A federal appeals court has upheld a \$4.37 million judgment against Soldier of Fortune magazine for printing a mercenary ad involved in a contract killing. A three-judge panel of the 11th US Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the magazine's free speech argument. Judge R. Lanier Anderson III wrote in Friday's 2-1 decision that "it is well settled that the First Amendment does not protect commercial speech related to illegal activity." The ruling upheld the judgment in favor of brothers Michael and Ian Braun, whose father was killed in 1985. "This is not particularly good news for the First Amendment rights of print journalism," said Alex McCall, director of special projects for the magazine in Boulder, Colo. The magazine's attorney, Chad Morriss of Montgomery,

said Monday he will ask all of the judges on the 11th Circuit to review the case. Michael Braun of Montgomery and his older brother, now living in Tennessee, sued the magazine in 1988 over the death of their father, Richard Braun. He was gunned down outside his suburban Atlanta home. Michael, then 16, was wounded in the leg. The brothers contended a "gun for hire" ad placed in the June 1985 issue by Richard Savage of Knoxville, Tenn., led to their father's business associate, Bruce Gastwirth, arranging the contract killing. Gastwirth, Savage and two members of a ring of hit men run by Savage were convicted of conspiracy in January 1989. A federal jury in Montgomery originally awarded the brothers \$12.37 million on December 1990, but a judge reduced it to \$4.37 million.

People and Places

Lady Di says addicts sensitive

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) - Princess Diana on Monday urged people not to judge alcoholics and drug addicts. Speaking to the 36th International Congress on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Diana said addicts are often highly sensitive and creative people. "Sadly, many people still regard addictions as a moral weakness," said the 31-year-old princess. "A number of these self-appointed moralists even choose to make such judgments from behind a cloud of cigarette smoke." She said people with lively imaginations often hide in fantasy for protection from the world. "Imaginative children lose themselves in fantasy worlds through stories. Later they might chose to escape through Ecstasy, uppers, alcohol and addiction," she said. Ecstasy is the mood-altering drug MDMA, often sold illegally in dance clubs. Diana is married to Prince Charles, heir to the British throne. A recent book portrayed the marriage as loveless and Diana as suicidally unhappy and suffering from an eating disorder. As is customary with British royalty, she has refused to comment.

Hammer joins hunger relief

ATLANTA (AP) - Rap performer Hammer joined volunteers in the kitchen of a homeless shelter to serve up fried chicken, corn and french fries. The visit to the Atlanta Union Mission before a concert Sunday helped launch a USA Harvest hunger relief drive. USA Harvest, based in Louisville, Ky., delivers donated foods nationwide to homeless shelters. Hammer became involved in the project in May after performing at a Hunger Relief concert in Louisville. "It's been a team effort here today just to continue with the program we started," Hammer said before he began helping other volunteers unload an estimated 40,000 pounds (18,000 kilograms) of frozen biscuits. More than 600,000 pounds (270,000 kilograms) of food has been donated through Hammer's efforts, said Stan Curtis, USA Harvest chairman.

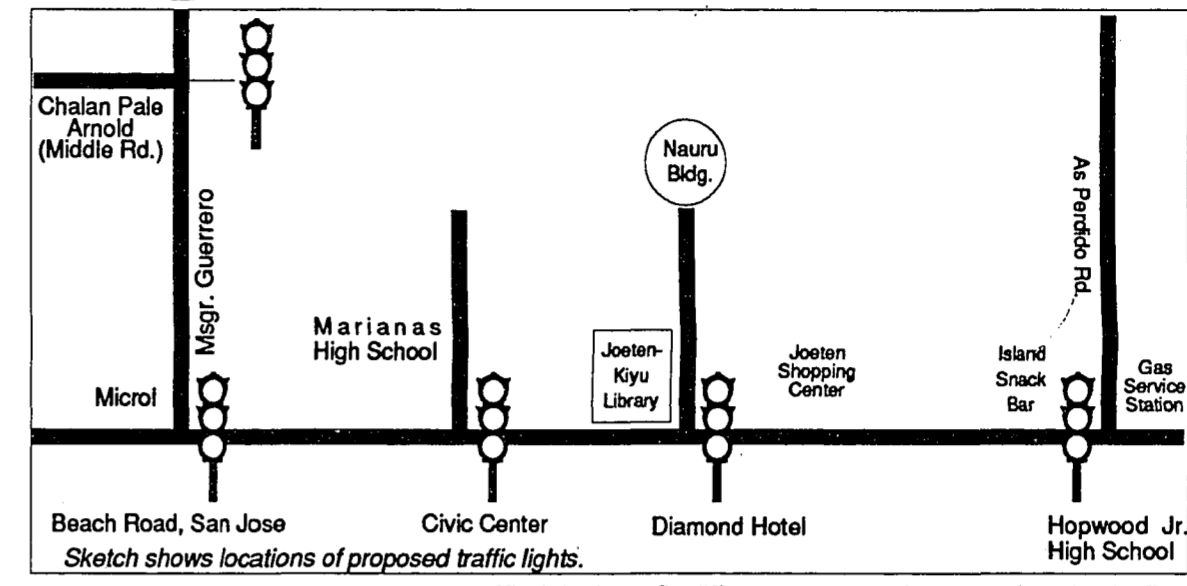
Concert for AIDS a success

WARSAW, Poland (AP) - More than 30,000 teenagers cheered and waved hands at the opening Friday of a 12-hour rock music marathon held to raise funds for AIDS-infected children. The legendary British hard-rock group Uriah Heep joined more than 40 leading Polish bands and performers to play at a charity concert held at Warsaw's largest stadium. "I am with you," said President Lech Walesa in a support message read at the start of the concert. "I believe you will do everything possible to make the world smile on all those who suffer." The event was organized by a drug rehabilitation group MONAR and the Health Ministry. Marek Kotanski, MONAR head and the event's organizer, hoped to raise about 4 billion zlotys (\$295,000) to finance houses for AIDS-infected children as government subsidies for AIDS prevention and care programs fall short of the quickly increasing needs. "I wanted to organize a concert that would make Poland wake up, that would stir people's conscience," Kotanski told The Associated

Black Micro wins \$1.2M traffic lights contract

By Gaynor L. Dumat-ol

SAIPAN's first traffic lights will be constructed starting next month with the awarding recently of the project's contract to Black Micro Corp., Acting Public Works Director Manuel S. Chargualaf disclosed yesterday. "We are just waiting for Micro to start," Chargualaf said in a meeting organized by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's Traffic Committee. The project, estimated to cost about \$1.2 million, is one of the immediate solutions to the traffic congestion particularly on Beach Road during school days. By the middle of next year when the project would be finished, motorists passing Beach Road have to stop when the light is on green, prepare to stop when the light is yellow and stop when the red light is on. Pedestrians can only cross when the green pedestrian light is on and the red signal for motorists is also on. The traffic light also determines when a vehicle should take a left turn. Aside from easing traffic congestion, the traffic lights are expected to minimize traffic accidents mostly involving left-



turning vehicles. The first five intersections where the traffic lights would be installed are Chalan Pale Arnold- Msgr. Guerrero, Msgr. Guerrero- Beach Road, Marianas High- Beach Road, Nauru-Beach Road and Asperido-Beach Road near Hopwood. At least two other intersections were earlier included in the first batch of intersections where traffic lights would be built but the acting public works director said the government ran out of funds. If funding would be available, Chargualaf said, the plan to put up traffic lights in the San Vicente intersection near the airport and the intersection in Sadog Tasi where Beach and Middle Roads meet, would right away be carried out. The chamber had been endorsing the installation of traffic lights as an immediate and practical solution to traffic congestion in Saipan. The Department of Public Works also plans to construct additional lanes on Beach Road but funding was still unavailable. Executive Director Dino M. Jones suggested that massive education campaign should first be conducted so Saipan residents would know how the traffic lights function. The Department of Public Safety is expected to take the lead in the information drive on the traffic lights. An information sheet provided during yesterday's meeting says that Saipan has about 17,000 vehicles and that, according to a meeting participant, the figure is expected to double in four to five years if the economy on-island continues to grow.

Court stays IG subpoena on tax records

THE NINTH Circuit Court of Appeals has granted the CNMI motion for a stay from an order of the US District Court enforcing a US Inspector General's administrative subpoena. The subpoena demanded, among other things, that tax records and tax information of the CNMI be provided to the Inspector General for purposes of a performance audit of the Division of Revenue and Taxation. The government said in a press release that ruling was good news for the CNMI administration which has "worked valiantly to safeguard the CNMI taxpayers' right to privacy." For a long time, Governor Lorenzo I. Guerrero has sought legal review of whether the US Inspector General has a right to audit local funds and examine taxpayer returns, the press release said. A stay had been denied previously by the US District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands. With the issuance of the stay, the IG must delay pursuing the performance audit while the CNMI appeal is pending before the Ninth Circuit Court of appeals.

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Peace negotiators in Damascus

JERUSALEM (AP) - Palestinian peace negotiators will meet in Damascus Wednesday with representatives of the PLO and Arab countries to decide whether to attend next week's peace negotiations in Washington, Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi said Monday.

Palestinian delegation member Saeb Erekat and chief advisor Faisal Husseini will discuss with PLO and Arab officials the recent decision by President Bush to grant Israel up to \$10 billion in loan guarantees, Ashrawi said.

Palestinians and Arab diplo-

mats have charged that the loan guarantee agreement calls into question the United States' role as a honest broker. Arabs have urged the US to block the loans until Israel has halted all settlement activity in the occupied territories. Erekat met with the PLO leadership in Tunis on Monday to present notes of the delegation's meeting with U.S. officials in Jerusalem and will travel onward to Damascus, Ashrawi said.

Although Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has said the Palestinian delegation is free to

consult with whomever it wishes, Rabin has repeatedly affirmed he will not negotiate directly with the PLO.

Israeli law also bans contact with the PLO under anti-terror legislation, but the government is drafting an amendment to permit contacts that do not threaten Israel's security.

Since Rabin took power early last month, the Palestinian delegation has been increasingly open about the PLO's role in the negotiations.

Regarding the decision to participate in the negotiations

scheduled to start next Monday, Ashrawi said, "The Palestinian delegation does not make the decision. The PLO makes the decision."

Husseini and Erekat are to attend the Damascus meeting while the Palestinian delegation's other members will remain in the occupied territories until a decision is reached. Husseini was expected to leave Jerusalem on Tuesday.

Senior officials in Amman said the foreign ministers of Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt as well as PLO representatives will attend the Damascus meeting.

Vietnam hits Khmer Rouge threats against settlers

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Vietnam on Monday denounced Khmer Rouge threats against Vietnamese settlers in Cambodia, and asked for protection from UN peacekeepers.

The official Vietnam News Agency was responding to a suggestion by Khmer Rouge President Khieu Samphan that the settlers could be slain if their status is not resolved.

"Vietnam News Agency is authorized to declare that the speech made by the head of the Democratic Kampuchea (Khmer Rouge) faction is an extremely blatant violation of the Paris agreement on Cambodia, fanning up national enmity, sabotaging the close neighborliness between the Vietnamese and Cambodian people, and violating international law," the news agency said.

The phrasing of the statement, monitored in Bangkok, indicated it represented official government policy.

Khieu Samphan, in an interview with the Hong Kong-based Far Eastern Economic Review, said the UN mission had to "understand the urgency of resolving this problem of the Vietnamese settlers who are part of the Vietnamese occupation plan to swallow Cambodia."

The Khmer Rouge contends that there are 1 million to 2 million Vietnamese settlers among Cambodia's roughly population of about 8 million. UN officials say the number of Vietnamese is closer to 200,000.

"If the Cambodian people cannot see a peaceful resolution to the problem, they will seek other means. So Ambassador Twining's nightmare might become a reality," Khieu Samphan said.

Twining, the US envoy to Phnom Penh, has said his worst nightmare was to see Vietnamese corpses floating down the Mekong River, which flows through Cambodia.

The Khmer Rouge killed or expelled hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese residents during its brutal 1975-79 rule. The Vietnamese toppled the Khmer Rouge and installed a pro-Vietnamese government in Phnom Penh.

Vietnam says the last of its troops withdrew in September 1989. The Khmer Rouge says some troops remain in Cambodia, but have offered no evidence of that, according to UN officials.

The Khmer Rouge killed hundreds of thousands of Cambodians during its fanatical rule in the 1970s. It has mounted a virulent anti-Vietnamese propaganda campaign in recent months, partly to justify its failure to abide by the Paris peace agreement signed last October.

Alone among the four factions in Cambodia's civil war, the Khmer Rouge has refused to lay down its arms.

Bush urged to allow Taiwan to buy F-16s

By GENE KRAMER

WASHINGTON (AP) - More than 100 legislators of both parties are urging President Bush to allow Taiwan to buy modern US jet fighters and warning that the multibillion dollar order otherwise will go to France.

Bush has agreed to reconsider the long US prohibition against sale of advanced warplanes to

the Chinese offshore island, and Texas Congressman Joe Barton hopes for a decision as early as this week, Barton's office said Monday.

"We are now taking a new look at this to see if this sale of planes can go forward," the president said in a July 30 interview over a state radio network in Texas, where an order for high tech F-16 jets sought by Taiwan could save

the jobs of hundreds of workers facing layoffs from the General Dynamics plant in Fort Worth.

Barton, a Republican, and Texas Democrat Pete Geren are cosponsors of a letter bearing signatures of 53 lower house Democrats and 47 Republicans telling Bush "if we do not allow F-16 sales to Taiwan, they will buy French Mirage fighters, for which 'serious negotiations' are

now in progress.

The Barton-Geren letter was followed by another Congressional appeal to Bush obtained Monday by The Associated Press. It stressed the economic issue but also asserted that Taiwan views "with alarm" plans by mainland China's communist government to buy nearly 100 advanced Russian SU-27 and MIG-31 jets and to build a MIG-31 factory.

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Castro, however, granted the motion to reduce Magofna's bail from \$500,000 to \$250,000 cash or property bond but stressed that the law "does not distinguish" between the principal suspect and alleged accessories.

The judge said based on the information supplied by the assistant attorney general, it was "clear" that Magofna was not the one who pulled the trigger.

Castro added that his decision to grant the defendant's motion to have the bail reduced was also influenced by the fact that the criminal complaint filed last Monday was the first for Magofna.

"Reduction of bail is in order," Castro said. A third party custodian was assigned to take the responsibility of Magofna's actions once he posted bail.

The Magofna family was putting up a parcel of land for the bond but Castro said the property had to be appraised first if its amount would meet the \$250,000-bail requirement.

Land prices substantially went down this year so a new appraisal was necessary, he said.

Also charged Monday before the court were principal suspect Lee Norita, 21, his brothers George and Antonio and their friend Vicente A. Sablan.

Lee Norita was charged with first degree murder while his two brothers, Magofna and Sablan were charged with aiding and abetting first degree murder and assault and battery.

The judge imposed a \$1-million cash bail for the prime suspect and \$500,000 each for the rest. Magofna, the government prosecutor said, is also a friend of the Norita brothers.

Ishii was the second alien worker killed in Saipan in the past five months. Last February, Filipino worker Crisanto Robies was also murdered, his neck slashed and his hands and feet turned by his attackers.

San Antonio, Koblerville village meet potponed

THIS is to advise the public that the San Antonio Koblerville village meeting for Thursday, Aug. 20 at San Antonio elementary School cafeteria, 6:30 p.m. has been postponed.

All other village meetings remain as scheduled.

A new date for San Antonio-Koblerville will be announced as soon as possible.

We regret this unplanned change and any inconvenience it might cause. We ask your understanding and cooperation. (John B. Joyner, Public information and protocol office).

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Charity turns into bitter experience for mother

By Gaynor L. Dumat-ol

CHARITY became a regrettable experience for a mother whose daughter was allegedly raped by the same person she helped make both ends meet.

"It is so painful for a mother to know her daughter was raped...more painful than seeing a dead daughter," said the anguished mother in an interview yesterday.

The mother said she could not sleep and had to take a week's leave from work. "It's the heaviest trial I've had in my entire life," she added.

Four days after Florante Ilao allegedly committed the rape, the

mother said her daughter, 27, still had contusions in the neck and stomach and bruises in the legs.

A police report said the suspect tried choking the victim. Ilao, 32, was charged Monday morning before the Superior Court with kidnapping, rape and assault and battery.

The mother said she was in Rota when her daughter was allegedly abducted to Banzai Cliff in Marpi area, and punched until she passed out and raped.

"Fed him when he had no food and let him use our car," the mother said.

The suspect's association with the mother and daughter began when Ilao lost his job in a Saipan-

based construction firm after he and his fellow workers had a dispute with their employer.

When charged in court last Monday Ilao was described as driver of a private security service in Saipan but the mother said the accused was not actually an employee of the security firm.

She said Ilao only repaired cars used by her company which provided guards to the security firm, as his way of paying back the times when she gave him food to eat. She also let him rent a space in her workers' barracks.

"He was a friend," the mother sighed. Ilao's friendship with the mother and her family ended last Saturday when she arrived in her

house in San Roque.

She said it was her 11-year-old grandson who told her that her daughter had contusions. The mother then rushed to her daughter's room and roused her daughter from sleep. The latter then disclosed the incident stated in the complaint filed before the court.


Judge Alex Castro imposed a \$25,000-bail for Ilao.

The mother said Ilao already had a return ticket for the Philippines and was set to go home before the alleged incident.

Castro ordered Ilao to surrender his passport and other travel documents.

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Business/Finance

Fed resists pressure to cut rates

WASHINGTON (AP) - With Republicans meeting in Houston, Federal Reserve policy makers are likely to keep interest rates unchanged this week rather than appear to be buckling under to political pressure, analysts said Monday.

But these analysts point to an economy that has been moving sideways recently and said that, if it were to deteriorate anew, the central bank probably would be prepared to cut rates further to stimulate growth.

"I don't think the data has been conclusive enough to justify a further move at this point," said Laurence H. Meyer, head of a St. Louis economic forecasting company. "I believe the Fed would prefer to sit on the sidelines and wait and see if its earlier actions are having any effect."

David Jones, an economist with

Aubrey G. Lanston and Co., a New York securities dealer, agreed. "They're really under the political spotlight right now with the Republican convention in operation."

Members of the Federal Open Market Committee, who pride themselves on their independence, meet privately Tuesday to consider monetary policy. The committee is composed of the seven Fed governors and the presidents of the 12 regional Fed banks, five of whom are voting members.

The Bush administration has repeatedly urged further interest rate cuts to stimulate the economy. The Fed last slashed rates July 2, shortly after the Labor Department said that unemployment had jumped to 7.8 percent in June, the highest since March 1984, and that payrolls unexpectedly had

shrunk by 117,000 jobs.

At the time, the Fed cited "sustained weakness in credit and money growth, continued movement toward price stability and the uneven progress of the economic recovery."

The monthly employment report is one of the most closely watched economic indicators. Many analysts believe the Fed will not act again before seeing the August report on Sept. 4.

The unemployment rate dipped to 7.7 percent in July, when 198,000 jobs were created.

"We doubt that anything will inspire the Fed to ease prior to the release of the August payroll report," economist Jeremy A. Gluck wrote in Mitsubishi Bank's weekly Money Market Comment. "The Fed's relatively bold... easing on July 2 is, at best, just beginning to affect the economy."

That easing included a cut in the discount rate from 3.5 percent to 3 percent, its lowest level since July 1963. The discount rate is what the Fed charges commercial banks for loans.

The cut was accompanied by a drop in the federal funds rate to 3.25 percent from 3.75 percent. The funds rate is what banks charge each other for overnight loans.

Since then, many other interest rates have declined. Fixed-rate, 30-year mortgages have dropped below 8 percent for the first time in nearly 20 years. Analysts say that should help revive the housing industry.

Still, many areas of the economy remain in the doldrums.

The manufacturing sector, which had been a bright spot, showed virtually no growth in July. Automobile sales have soft-

ened recently and retail sales were no higher in July than they had been in May.

But Jones of Aubrey G. Lanston contended that prior Fed easings have laid the foundation "for a recovery, however uneven and slow it might be. What it will do, therefore, is keep policy on an unchanged basis."

At the same time, Jones said the committee probably would adopt a policy including an understanding that Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan would call a special meeting if there were another weak employment number in August. If the committee then decided to ease further, Jones said, it probably would be another dramatic move similar to July 2. He said he thought the discount rate would fall to 2.5 percent and the funds rate would be nudged down to 2.75 percent.

Business briefs

Bolivia, Brazil ink \$2B deal

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) - The presidents of Bolivia and Brazil signed a major agreement Monday for the building of a \$2 billion, 1,500-mile-long (2,400-kilometer-long) natural gas pipeline.

The agreement, which will provide Brazil with Bolivian gas over a 20-year period, was signed Monday afternoon by presidents Jaime Paz Zamora of Bolivia and Fernando Collor de Mello of Brazil in the Bolivian city of Santa Cruz.

Santa Cruz is about 450 miles (720 kilometers) east of the capital La Paz.

Brazil posts \$1.5B surplus

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) - Brazil had a trade surplus of \$1.5 billion in July, the biggest monthly surplus since June 1990, the government said Monday. The trade surplus was 96 percent higher than for the same month in 1991, the government said.

July exports totaled \$3.5 billion, up 37 percent from a year ago. Imports were \$2 billion, up 12 percent from 1991.

Airlines merger off again

MONTREAL (AP) - The on-again, off-again merger between Air Canada and Canadian Airlines International is off again, Air Canada officials said Monday. "There was an offer," said Denis Couture. "The offer has expired. There is no offer."

Canadian Airlines, meanwhile, said it was premature to slam the door on a corporate union.

"There is no offer but that doesn't mean talks have broken off," said Jack Lawless, director of corporate communications for PWA Corp., Canadian's parent company. "We had conversations with Air Canada over the weekend and expect talks to continue this week."

Merger talks between PWA Corp. and rival Air Canada began late last month, after a breakdown in negotiations aimed at selling 25 cent of Canadian to Texas-based American Airlines for an estimated \$200 million. Canadian lost \$34.4 million in the second quarter of this year after recording first-quarter losses of \$74 million.

Last week, Air Canada announced second-quarter losses of \$129 million, bringing its total losses to \$293 million for the first half of 1992.

Manitoba helps miners

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) - The Manitoba government is establishing a two-year, \$200,000 program to help prospectors seek mineral deposits.

Energy and Mines Minister Jim Downey said Monday that the province will pay up to half of prospecting costs, to an annual maximum of \$7,500 per person.

"Exploration is the key to finding new mineral deposits that can be developed to generate more economic investment," Downey said.

"This program supports individual prospectors who can help us find the rich resources we have, particularly in northern Manitoba."

BUCKLE UP, SAIPAN

Russia's foreign trade falls 27%

MOSCOW (AP) - Russia's foreign trade turnover totaled \$37.5 billion for the first six months of 1992, a drop of 27 percent over the same period last year, a news agency reported Monday.

The ITAR-Tass agency, citing figures provided by the Russian Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations, said foreign trade fell 21 percent with industrialized countries, 15 percent with developing countries, and 73 percent

with former Soviet bloc countries.

Economic chaos in the former Soviet Union is having a dramatic effect on foreign trade, in part because of the collapse of the banking system and shortage of hard currency for imports.

Russia's exports totaled \$18.4 billion, while imports were put at \$19.1 billion for the first six months of the year, according to the report carried by ITAR-Tass.

Between January and July, exports of oil fell by 16 percent and gas by 2.7 percent. Oil is one of Russia's main hard currency earners, but the equipment is antiquated and workers are leaving the main oil regions because of low pay and hard working conditions.

Russia's imports also dropped, with purchases of frozen meat, poultry, potatoes, citrus fruits, coffee, tea, cotton fabric and grain way down.

Chinese hotelier traces story of riches to rags and back again

By KAREN HAYWOOD

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) - On his way to the top of the hotel business, Clive Chu has washed a lot of dishes and mixed a lot of drinks.

His is a story of riches to rags and back again. It is a lesson in following your heart instead of an aptitude test.

Chu, who left China more than four decades ago, is vice president and general manager of St. Louis-based Busch Properties, a real estate firm that owns the four-star Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg. He also is chairman of Preferred Hotels Worldwide, an association that includes 150 of the world's best hotels.

His rise in the hotel industry has been long and marked by detours.

Chu, a youthful looking 57, was born to a wealthy banking family in Shanghai, China, and came to the United States with his godfather to attend prep school in 1949.

Meantime, the communists took over in China and his family lost their money. His teachers encouraged him to remain in school and he began earning his

tuition.

"I washed dishes five days a week - breakfast, lunch and dinner. I was a janitor a couple of hours a day," Chu said.

When Chu finished high school, he didn't know where to go next.

"I took a college entrance exam and my aptitude was very high in math. So the IBM machine spits out I should be a mechanical engineer," he said.

Chu got an engineering scholarship to Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. He worked for the dean of the law school to earn his room and board. He tended bar at night at Cornell's hotel school and started a catering service. "I became sort of the celebrity caterer in Ithaca, N.Y.," he said. "I have a terrific memory. When you walk in the door, I don't ask you what you want. I know you want a White Label."

But as he was enjoying his sideline, he was failing his engineering classes. With help from Deane W. Malott, then-president of Cornell and one of his best customers, he switched to the hotel school.

"A computer can be wrong," Chu said.

Since graduation, Chu has worked in a succession of management jobs in the hotel industry.

Among his jobs: executive vice president of Trader Vic's Corp. in San Francisco, the Jockey Club in Miami, and the Palm Beach Polo 7 Country Club; managing director of the Ritz-Carlton in Washington; and president of Pier 66 Hotel Co. in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

In between, Chu's career took a detour. He decided he wanted to own a Burger King.

"I went to J.C. Penney and bought six polyester shirts and a bow tie. I left my family and flew to San Diego to learn how to work at Burger King. After I am there, I see this 21-year-old kid telling me how to cut the tomatoes, mop the floor, empty the grease."

Chu said he found the most expensive restaurant in San Diego and invited the young man and his wife to dinner. He had champagne on ice and the wine had been allowed to breathe. Chu brought a magazine from the Jockey Club, making sure it included a picture of him with Bob Hope.

Business/Finance

Shell to pay \$7.8M to settle dividend dispute

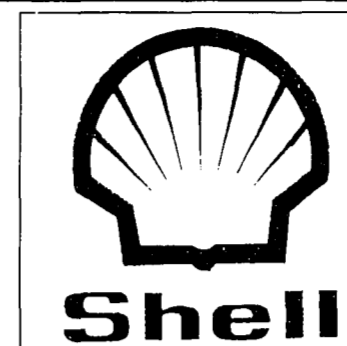
HOUSTON (AP) - Shell Oil Co. has tentatively agreed to pay former shareholders \$7.8 million to settle a dispute over a dividend paid just after it became a wholly owned subsidiary of the giant Royal Dutch-Shell Group of Cos., attorneys said Monday.

If approved by a Delaware judge in October, the settlement would be the third payment former shareholders have won from Shell over the 1985 merger.

The company earlier was ordered to pay \$110 million to about 1,000 former stockholders who asked for a court appraisal of Shell's stock at the time of the merger.

And it was ordered to pay \$37 million to 20,000 former shareholders for failing to fully disclose oil and gas reserves of more than \$1 billion during the merger.

The latest dispute involved the timing of a dividend payment by Shell to Royal Dutch, which took place three days after the merger was completed. The shareholders alleged Shell timed the merger to deprive them of the 50 cents per share dividend. More than 20,000 shareholders are plaintiffs in the



case, said their attorney, Ken McNeil of Houston.

Under terms of the proposed settlement, the former shareholders would receive payment of 25 cents per share plus 12.5 percent simple interest from June 1985 to June 1992.

Also under the settlement, Shell does not admit any liability and would pay approved attorneys' fees as long as the total of fees and payments to plaintiffs does not exceed \$8.7 million.

Shell attorney William LaMotte said avoiding the time and expense of a trial was "a significant aspect" of Shell's decision to hammer out a settlement.

Houston-based Shell, the nation's seventh-largest oil company, became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Royal Dutch-Shell Group in June 1985, completing a \$5.7 billion merger launched nearly 18 months earlier.

Phar-Mor files for bankruptcy protection

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (AP) - Phar-Mor Inc., which charged earlier this month that two former officers masterminded a \$350 million fraud and embezzlement scheme, filed for bankruptcy court protection from its creditors Monday.

Court clerks said Phar-Mor filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the US Bankruptcy Code late Monday afternoon.

The chain of 305 discount drug stores announced Aug. 4 it was taking a \$350 million accounting charge to cover losses from an alleged swindle by its former president, Michael Monus, and former chief financial officer, Patrick Finn. Both were fired two weeks ago.

The company took swift steps to reduce the damage to its bottom line, announcing nearly 1,000 layoffs in the past two weeks. But word of the embezzlement charges hurt Phar-Mor suppliers, worried that they might not be paid for their merchandise, stopped shipping goods to the company. The attorney listed on the filings, Michael Gallo of Youngstown, was not in his office, a secretary said. A message seeking comment was left. Spokesmen for Phar-Mor also were said to be unavailable, and did not immediately return messages left at their offices.

Phar-Mor said Monus and Finn led a scheme to divert money partly for personal use. David Shapira, who succeeded Monus as president, said Phar-Mor uncovered evidence that financial statements were falsified to conceal losses and overstate company income.

Phar-Mor has replaced its outside auditing firm, hired independent counsel to continue its internal investigation and asked the FBI and the US Attorney in Cleveland to begin a criminal investigation.

Phar-Mor has alleged that Monus and Finn diverted money for professional sports ventures and personal use.

Monus was one of the founders of the now-defunct World Basketball League and president and general partner of the league's Youngstown franchise. He also served as chairman of the Youngstown State University board of trustees until stepping down last week.

In his letter of resignation - his first public comment since the allegations were made - Monus said he hoped to return to the board "upon my vindication."

Monus also withdrew as a leading investor in the Colorado Rockies, a major league baseball expansion team, after the Phar-Mor charges came to light.

Chrysler seeks \$6.8B refinancing package

By ALAN L. ADLER

DETROIT (AP) - Chrysler Corp. said Monday it needs the agreement of just two more banks to extend \$6.8 billion in loans for its financing subsidiary. Negotiations on an extension have dragged on because some of the 152 banks in the company's lending syndicate balked. Chrysler chairman Lee Iacocca had earlier indicated a deal would be wrapped up by June 30.

Chrysler, which is releasing new cars and trucks at a steady pace and has more in the pipeline, needs the credit line to support its dealers, finance car purchases by consumers and keep new vehicle development plans on schedule.

Over the weekend, the number of bank holdouts dropped to two. Their part of the loan refinancing package amounts to less than \$100 million, Chrysler spokesman Steve Harris said.

The deal is contingent upon the agreement of all the banks.

To get the latest banks on board, Chrysler agreed to an extension of two years rather than three, to pay higher interest rates and to place all the assets of the financing subsid-

iary, Chrysler Financial Corp., as collateral. The Wall Street Journal reported Monday.

Chrysler Corp. further agreed to an early payment for lenders who signed on early and to reduce its line of credit over time, the Journal reported.

"Though it may turn out to be an expensive deal for Chrysler right now, as the cycle moves along, it will be able to renegotiate some of the terms," said John Casesa, an auto analyst with Wertheim Schroder and Co. in New York.

Chrysler has a poor credit rating, which means the automaker effectively cannot borrow through bond issues because it would have to pay high interest rates. The automaker must therefore turn to its bankers for loans. Chrysler Financial is considered well-run, but the struggles of its parent have dragged down the subsidiary's credit. Chrysler lost \$795 million in 1991. Despite deep cost-cutting in the last three years, it only resumed making money on building cars and trucks in the April-June period.

Chrysler has other financial problems, chief among them an

unfunded pension liability that some estimates place as high as \$6 billion.

Alex Gould, an analyst at Moody's Investors Service in New York, said the renegotiated bank deal likely would have little impact on debt rating agencies' view of Chrysler.

What will help Chrysler is having its new line of midsize cars prove to be the hit in showrooms that it has among industry critics. Production began in Bramalea, Ontario on the Dodge Intrepid, Eagle Vision and Chrysler Concorde early last month. The cars' formal introduction comes later this year.

Already, demand for the new Jeep Grand Cherokee, a plush sport truck introduced in February, has exceeded expectations. The low-production, high-profit Dodge Viper roadster also has been a hit.

Next year comes the replacement for the Ram full-size pickup truck, followed by Chrysler's new line of small cars in early 1994.

The Wall Street investment community considers the bank deal a given, Casesa said. Technically, Chrysler has until next spring to work out a deal.

Marianas Public Land Corporation PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 CMC 4141 et seq. the PUBLIC PURPOSE LAND EXCHANGE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1987, notice is hereby given of Marianas' Public Land Corporation's intention to enter into an exchange agreement involving the parcels of land described below. Concerned persons may request a hearing on any proposed exchange by contacting MPLC by or on September 7, 1992. If so requested, hearings on the transactions listed below will be scheduled on September 9, 1992 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of MPLC.

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PUBLIC LAND - Saipan Lot/Tract No. 034 L Containing an area of 23,160 square meters

- Saipan Lot/Tract No. 034 L 30 Containing an area of 15,954 square meters

- Saipan Lot/Tract No. 034 L 31 Containing an area of 11,580 square meters

- Saipan Lot/Tract No. 054 A 01 Containing an area of 4,000 square meters

- Saipan Lot/Tract No. 054 A 02 Containing an area of 6,429 square meters

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Canadian magnate buying Daily News

By BETH J. HARPAZ

NEW YORK (AP) - The Daily News filed a reorganization plan Monday that named Canadian magnate Conrad Black as the troubled newspaper's new owner, even though he has not reached agreement with any of its unions. "There's a lot of work that has to be done," News publisher James Willse said of the deal that management reached with Black. "It does not include labor

agreements," he said. "It does not make the cash crisis go away. It does not preclude a better later offer from emerging. But as of now this is the best offer." The plan was submitted to US Bankruptcy Court Judge Tina Brozman, who scheduled a number of hearings on the plan over the next month and a half. She ordered the paper to file a final acquisition agreement by Sept. 8. "It's hoped that Black would have the requisite contracts under

his belt by then," said News lawyer Marc Kirschner. A lawyer for US News and World Report publisher Mortimer Zuckerman, another would-be buyer, objected to the plan, saying it was a sale agreement that edged his client out of any further negotiations. A union lawyer, Michael Connery, concurred. But Brozman said the agreement did not stop any parties from talking. There are 10 unions at the News

representing about 1,800 workers. Of the three most powerful labor groups, the pressmen prefer Zuckerman and The Newspaper Guild prefers Black. The third group, the drivers, were closer to Zuckerman a few weeks ago but have made substantial progress in negotiations with Black. As an incentive for all the unions to come to terms with the Canadian businessman, the reorganization plan requires him to pay \$3

million to avert any cash crisis at the newspaper before the closing - but only if he already has contracts with six unions. The Daily News filed for bankruptcy protection in December, one month after its owner, British publisher Robert Maxwell, died at sea. Maxwell had ended a bitter strike when he bought the News in March 1991, but the newspaper has never regained its prestrike circulation of 1.2 million. Current circulation is 800,000.

Bell, unions continue negotiations

WASHINGTON (AP) - Bell Atlantic and unions representing nearly 52,000 employees held informal contract talks throughout the day Monday as a midnight strike deadline approached. No formal negotiations had occurred as of 5 p.m. Monday, said Jay Grossman, a spokesman for Philadelphia-based Bell Atlantic, the only Baby Bell left without a contract agreement.

Jeff Miller, a spokesman for the Communication Workers of America, said company and union negotiators have yet to agree on a number of major issues, including wages, retiree health benefits, sales commissions and job security.

"We're hopeful that we can get some talks going and see something from the company that will bring us closer. But I wouldn't characterize our mood as optimistic," Miller said Monday afternoon.

"I have a feeling that if we don't get some kind of positive response soon, we certainly wouldn't unilaterally agree to extend the deadline."

Bell Atlantic serves customers in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Company officials would not say if they would offer the unions a new proposal Monday night, but they downplayed the possibility of a strike.

"There have been deadlines before. There was an Aug. 8 deadline, and essentially this is the same deadline now," Grossman said.

CWA, which represents about 40,000 Bell Atlantic employees, has been conducting joint negotiations with the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers, which represents about 12,000.

Bell Atlantic became the only remaining Baby Bell without a contract Sunday night, when US West and unions representing more than 37,000 phone company workers in 14 states announced an agreement.

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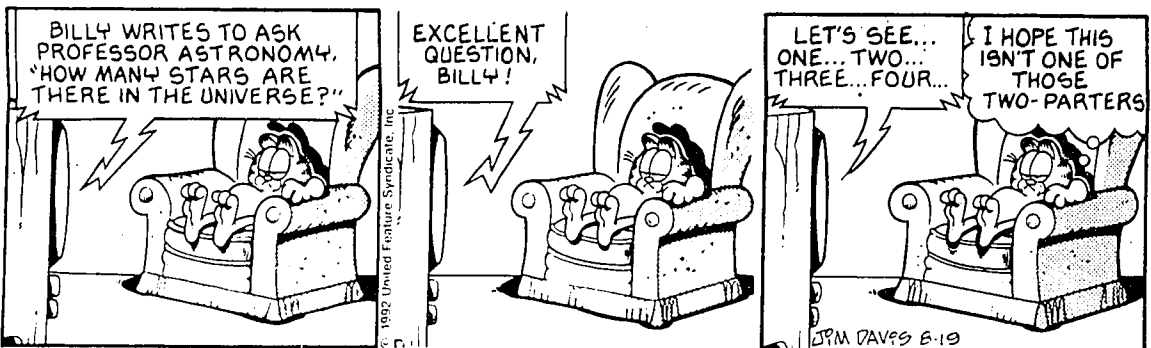
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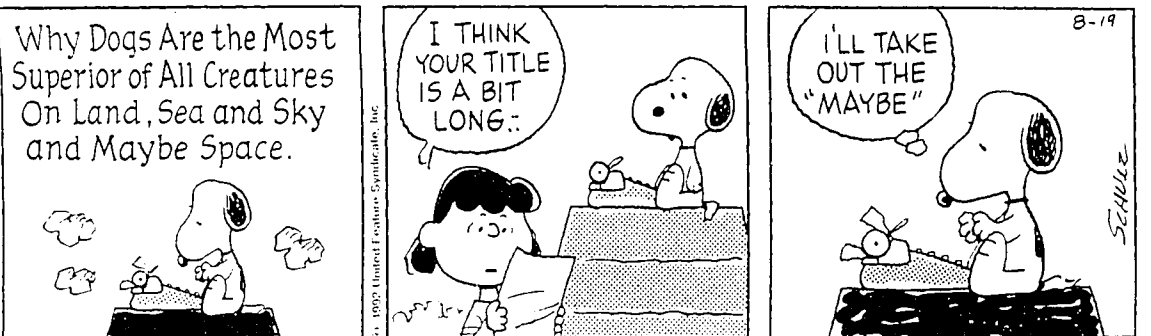
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Today is the 232nd day of 1992 and the 61st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1669, the British army assumed full responsibility for security in Northern Ireland.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Bernard Baruch (1870-1965), financier-U.S. public official; Orville Wright (1871-1948), in-

ventor; Ogden Nash (1902-1971), poet; Malcolm Forbes (1919-1990), publisher; Willie Shoemaker (1931-), jockey, is 61; Jill St. John (1940-), actress, is 52; Bill Clinton (1946-), U.S. politician, is 46; John Stamos (1963-), actor, is 29.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1965, Cincinnati's Jim Maloney pitched his second extra-inning no-hitter of the season as the Reds defeated the Chicago Cubs, 1-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To keep your marriage brimful, / With love in the loving cup, / Whenever you're wrong admit it, / Whenever you're right, shut up." - Ogden Nash

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1955, the remains of Hurricane Diane soaked New England to set several records. Westfield, Mass., received 18.15 inches of rain in 24 hours.

SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL/1992 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Aug. 13) and last quarter (Aug. 21).

TODAY'S BARB BY PHIL PASTORET It's a sign your jalopy's getting really old when you consider that getting a speeding ticket is a compliment. © 1992, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

Cambodia's warring factions signed a peace treaty on Oct. 23, 1991. It was aimed at ending the war, mass murder, foreign occupation, starvation and exile that had devastated the country over the past 21 years.

Golfer Craig Stachter was the leading money-winner on the PGA tour in 1982 with \$446,462.

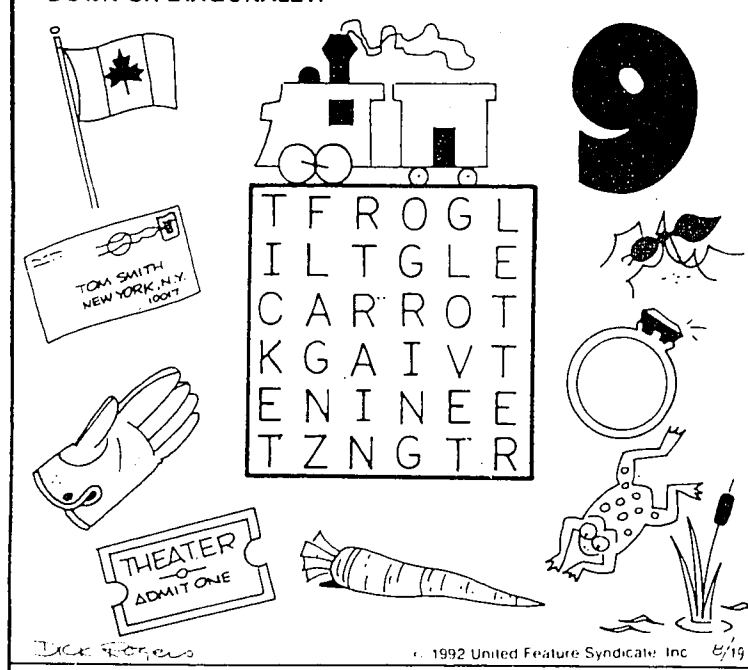
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LA businesses start rebuilding

By LYNN ELBER

LOS ANGELES - There were broad smiles at the Chamber of Commerce when a federal official handed out \$190,000 in loan checks to a half-dozen business owners hit by the springtime riots. The next day, at a Korean-American workshop, the concern of merchants still desperate for aid was reflected in worried faces. While more than 1,400 merchants have loans in hand, thou-

sands of others either await payments or never applied, frustrated by the paperwork and the process. About 10,000 businesses were burned or looted in the riots. "The feeling is there is no help available to them, that the system was designed to discourage them," advertising executive Willie Brown said of fellow riot victims in the black business community. Brown received the first \$25,000 installment of a \$131,000 Small Business Administration loan at the

Chamber of Commerce ceremony last week. Other business people "just gave up," said Brown. "The paperwork was just too taxing." Robert Park, vice president of the Korean-American Coalition, concurs. "Have you ever seen an SBA form? It's like a book, an encyclopedia," Park said. "These are Korean merchants who can't read English, can't do it on their own." The Small Business Adminis-

tration, the chief lender in the rebuilding effort, claims that its form is no more complicated than a typical bank loan application. It says it has tried to help people recreate lost business records, provided victims with translators when necessary and reviewed prospective rebuilding plans. It has steered more than 1,300 people who needed help with forms to the Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Center in Los Angeles.

Greg Carlson, the center's spokesman, said applicants sometimes have unrealistic expectations. "Some people have the perception they're going to walk in here, fill out a piece of paper and get a check," he said. John Bryant, founder of a rebuilding group, Operation Hope, said that overall the Small Business Administration has responded well, but that it needs to work hard to overcome the basic distrust of the government in the black community. "I think they are a little overwhelmed," he said. The three days of rioting, arson and looting that swept Los Angeles and nearby areas left 53 dead, scores injured and nearly \$1 billion in damage. The unrest was sparked by the acquittal April 29 of four white police officers in the beating of a black motorist, Rodney King. The worst damage occurred in predominantly black South Central Los Angeles and in Koreatown. Mom-and-pop shops were hard hit and in some cases records that could have supported loan requests were burned in the arson fires. Many businesses were uninsured or underinsured. "Everything is very frustrating for the victims," Park said. "The most serious problems are just starting right now." At the workshop last Tuesday at the Korean-American Presbyterian Church, which runs a makeshift assistance center, displaced business owners traded talk about merchants on the verge of sacrificing their homes because of business losses. The Small Business Administration has received about 5,300 applications, of which more than 2,300 have already been approved for long-term, low-interest loans totaling \$163.5 million, officials said. Money has been disbursed to 1,429 people. The maximum loan is \$500,000. Agency officials said that of the business owners who have turned down so far, more than 90 percent were rejected because the government did not believe the people would be able to repay the money. "We can't handle problems that existed before the riots," such as businesses that were running in the red, said agency spokeswoman Diane Brady. The quest for funds has deepened a schism between ethnic groups. Before the riot, some blacks resented Korean-owned businesses in the inner city and tensions were heightened by the shooting of a black teen-ager by a Korean merchant. Now, each community claims that the other is coming out ahead in funding. "There is less attention to Korean-Americans," Park said. Blacks "are a bigger minority group and they are more visible. We haven't been around too long; we don't have one Korean representative in Los Angeles County." Ms. Brady said racial and geographic breakdowns on approved loans were unavailable. Of the 17,000-plus small business applications sent out, 35 percent were distributed in Koreatown.

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SPORTS

Navratilova's career earnings exceed \$18M

By WENDY E. LANE

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif. (AP) - Martina Navratilova winning a fifth US Open title at age 35? What seemed unlikely a few days ago now seems not at all out of the question.

With a decisive victory over No. 1-ranked Monica Seles in the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles tournament, Navratilova showed herself to be in top form two weeks before the tournament at Flushing Meadow, N.Y.

She last won the Open in 1987, before physical problems crept up on her. This time, Navratilova is in great shape and is playing excellent tennis.

She likes her chances.

"This opens it up a little bit," Navratilova said Sunday after beating Seles 6-4, 6-2. "The people who were writing me off will have to stop and say, 'Wait a minute. Maybe I jumped the gun.'"

Playing against the 18-year-old Seles, a woman almost half her age, Navratilova executed her serve-and-volley game almost to perfection. Her usual weapons misfiring, Seles never even got a break point on her.

Navratilova lost only 11 points on her serve and made just 10 unforced errors.

"It's a great confidence booster," said Navratilova, who moved up a spot to replace Gabriela Sabatini as the No. 3 player in this week's rankings. "I wasn't sure if I could do it, but I proved myself wrong."

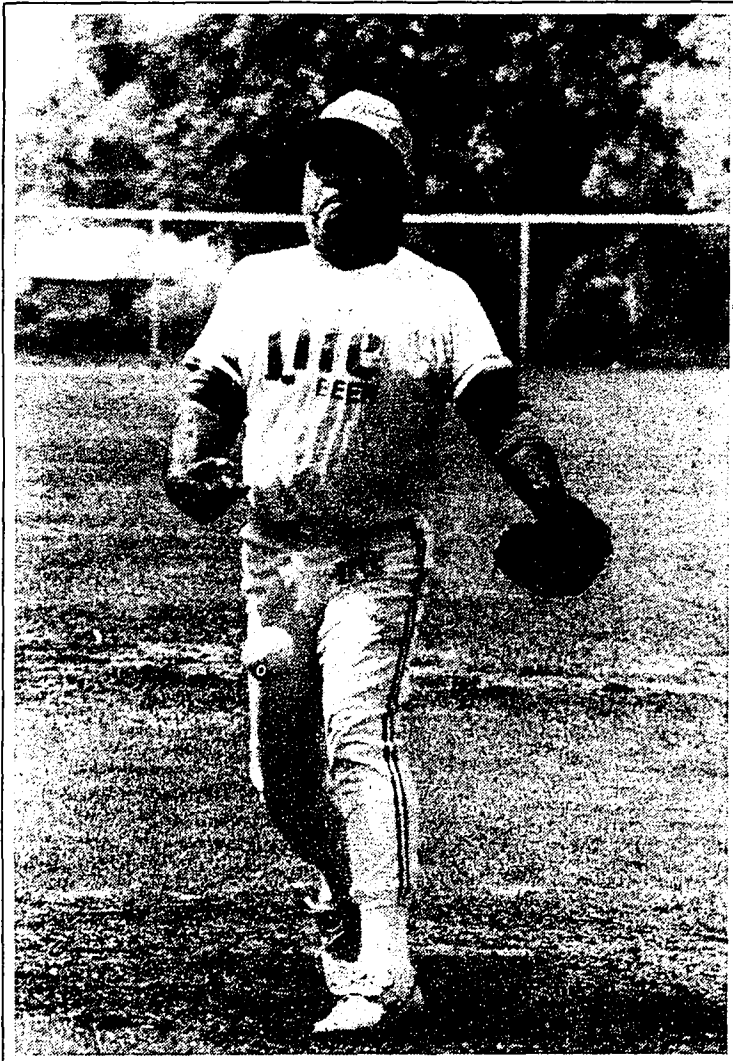
An added bonus was proving wrong those who say Navratilova should step aside, make way for the 25-and-under crowd. She tries not to read stories that say she's too old, but she knows the skeptics are out there.

Her response: "Why shouldn't I still be playing if I can do this? Even if it's just once a year, it's worth it."

"For me, the positives outweigh the negatives. It's like a relationship, if the negatives outweigh the positives, it's time to get out."

There isn't much left for her to accomplish. The \$70,000 winner's purse here pushed her career earnings past the \$18 million mark, and she increased her own record by winning her 160th tournament title.

Another US Open title would be nice, and Navratilova thinks she's as ready now as she's ever been. A lot of the credit, she said, goes to Team Tennis, a league dismissed by many as a mere gimmick.



NOBERT Torres, pitcher of the San Antonio Lite Beer, throws a low ball during the Lite Beer's game against the Equitable Dan Dan last Sunday in San Vicente. Equitable won the match, 9-3.

Fielder posts 100th run to gain on Ruth

By JAIME ARON

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Cecil Fielder is still gaining on Babe Ruth.

Fielder drove in his 100th run on Sunday, moving him closer to Ruth's streak of three-straight seasons leading baseball in RBI. That was from 1919 to 1921, right after Ruth decided to take up full-time hitting rather than pitching.

"The most important thing, as far as my job is concerned, is to drive in the runs," said Fielder, who led Oakland's Mark McGwire by 10 after Sunday's games.

"It's a good feeling to have it happen again. That shows that I'm definitely a choice RBI man, which I've shown the last few years."

Fielder reached the milestone while having an otherwise subpar season. He's batting only .238 - probably less than his weight - and has "only" 27 homers, third in the American League but well below the 51 and 44 he hit the last two seasons.

"It hasn't been what I'd call a banner season all the way around, but I've found some type of way to drive in my runs. I don't know how I do it," he said.

Thanks to Fielder, the Tigers again are among the majors' top slugging teams.

In the weekend series against

Texas, they scored 25 runs. On Sunday, Detroit had only five hits, but three home runs in a 6-0 victory.

"Obviously, we've got more than Cecil on the team, but he's definitely one of our big catalysts," said pitcher Frank Tanana. "It's exciting because you never know when he's going to hit one nine miles."

Fielder already is alongside many Hall of Famers in the record books. Even more impressive is that he is joining lists missed by three generations of sluggers including Hank Aaron, Willie Mays and Reggie Jackson.

On Sunday, Fielder became the first Tiger since Hank Greenberg to drive in 100 runs three straight seasons. Greenberg did it four consecutive years, 1937-40.

Last year, Fielder became the first player since Jimmie Foxx in 1932-33 to lead the majors in RBIs for two straight years.

Then there's the jewel awaiting after this season - tying Ruth, the jolly, rotund slugger Fielder resembles in more ways than statistics.

"That's quite a thing to attach your name to," said Tigers manager Sparky Anderson. "You've got to have things like that. Those are the kind of things that set you apart from other people."

Dodgers beat Giants 2-0

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Kevin Gross pitched the first no-hitter of 1992, retiring 22 of the final 23 batters Monday night as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the San Francisco Giants 2-0.

Gross (6-12) allowed second-inning walks to Cory Snyder and Matt Williams and hit pinch-hitter Mark Leonard with a pitch in the ninth. The ball that came closest to a hit was a leadoff line drive by Robby Thompson in the eighth inning that shortstop Jose Offerman caught while moving to his right.

The no-hitter ended an 11-month period since the last one. There were 14 no-hitters in the major leagues in 1990 and 1991, seven in each year.

When Willie McGee flied to left for the final out, catcher Mike Scioscia dashed to the mound and hugged Gross. His teammates mobbed him on the mound and a crowd of 25,561 at Dodger Stadium gave a standing ovation.

Gross, whose previous best performance in 253 career starts was a three-hitter on three occasions, won for the first time since shutting out St. Louis on July 12.

The right-hander retired 13 Giants on ground balls, five on fly balls, two on pop-ups, one on a line drive and six on strikeouts.

Seventy-one of Gross' 99 pitches were strikes. After hitting Leonard in the ninth, he retired pinch-hitter Mark Litton on a fielder's choice, Mike Fielder on a weak liner to left, and McGee.

The no-hitter was the eighth since the franchise moved to Los Angeles in 1958 and the first by a Dodgers

pitcher since Fernando Valenzuela beat St. Louis on June 29, 1990. It was the first in the majors since Kent Mercker, Mark Wohlers and Alejandro Pena of the Atlanta Braves combined to no-hit San Diego last Sept. 11.

The last time a Dodgers pitcher no-hit the Giants was June 27, 1980, when Jerry Reuss did it at Candlestick Park. The last time the Giants were no-hit at Dodger Stadium was May 11, 1963, when Sandy Koufax beat them 8-0 for one of his four no-hitters.

It was the 14th career shutout and third of the season for Gross, who had dropped his previous 10 decisions against National League West teams dating back to last season.

Eric Karros, whose 17 homers are the most by a Dodgers rookie since Greg Brock's 20 in 1983, opened the scoring against Francisco Olivares (0-2) in the second inning with a drive over the fence in left center. The other run scored in the fourth when Brett Butler doubled and scored on a single by rookie Henry Rodriguez.

Until Monday night, Gross was perhaps best known for a 10-day suspension in 1987 when he was caught with sandpaper in his glove while pitching for the Phillies.

His no-hitter was a spectacular way for the Dodgers to avert their first four-game sweep at home against the Giants in 69 years. The last team to sweep a four-game set at Dodger Stadium was Philadelphia in 1985 - and Gross pitched the second game in that series for the Phillies.

Magistrate fines NFL for violating order

By MARK NEUZIL

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - A federal magistrate on Monday fined the NFL \$15,000 for violating a court order in connection with the antitrust trial brought by eight players.

US Magistrate Floyd Boline's order won't be final until District Judge David Doty rules on it, perhaps as soon as Wednesday. In the meantime, lawyers are preparing briefs for Doty to review.

Boline's ruling came in a closed hearing. Attorneys for both sides declined to comment Monday and details of the violation were not released.

Doty ordered the hearing Thursday after lawyers for the players protested the use of some

evidence during the testimony of NFL president Neil Austrian. He was on the witness stand Thursday and Monday, discussing details of the league's finances.

According to informed sources and information presented at the trial, the ruling comes in connection with financial information asked for by the players but not provided by the league.

Among the documents introduced Monday by the players was a team-by-team financial breakdown for 1990, which players' attorney Jeffrey Kessler said was given to him over the weekend.

According to that document, the New Orleans Saints were the most profitable NFL team in 1990, reporting operating profits of \$14 million.

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