

Senate panel okays Shultz

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WASHINGTON — George Shultz, pressing the need to reconcile differences in the Middle East and have a strategy of confidence in dealing with the Soviet Union, today was set to become the nation's 60th secretary of state.

Following two days of testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations committee, the 17-member panel Wednesday unanimously approved Shultz to succeed Alexander Haig. The full Senate was expected to confirm his nomination today.

He told the committee Wednesday the United States should develop constructive and mutually beneficial ties with the Soviet Union, but should not hesitate to criticize Soviet behavior "when we feel it's reprehensible."

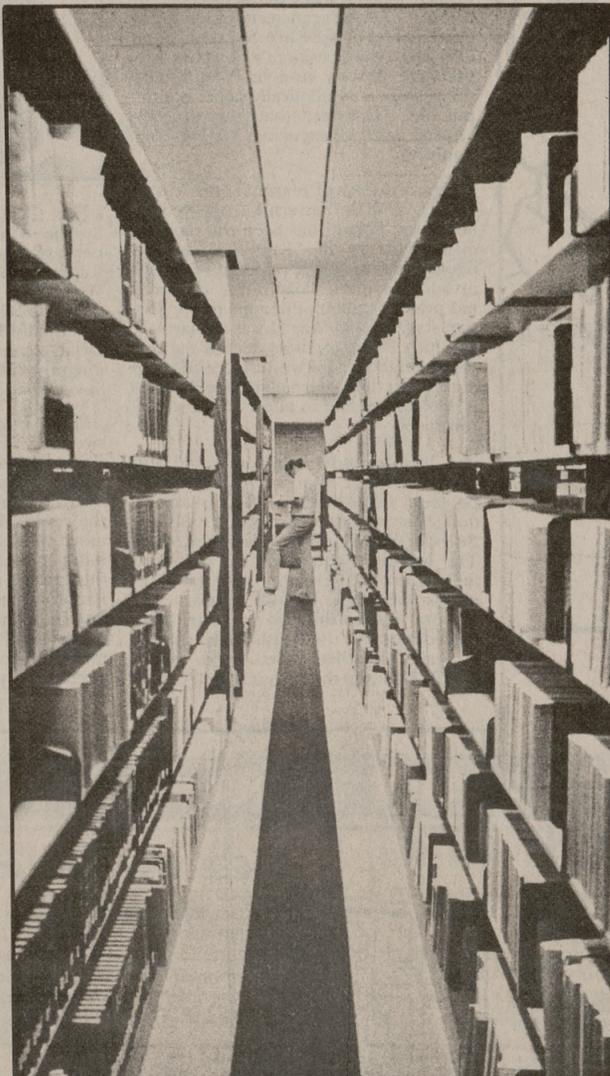
Sen. Paul Tsongas, D-Mass., a liberal who last year opposed Haig's

nomination as secretary of state, Wednesday dismissed as a "non-issue" the only real controversy that surfaced about Shultz's nomination — his business ties to the Arab world through the Bechtel Group Inc., which Shultz headed for the past year.

"Bechtel is a remarkable company," said Tsongas, whose father-in-law and brother-in-law work for the construction and engineering firm. He expressed enthusiastic support for Shultz, whom he described as "thoughtful and pragmatic."

Throughout the hearings, Shultz denied Bechtel's dealings with the Arabs might tilt him away from Israel.

On another matter, he told the panel he favors continuing selling defensive arms to Taiwan — as long as Taiwan needs them — even though China opposes such sales.



staff photo by Octavio Garcia

Book worm alley

This dedicated student chooses to spend his time in the Sterling Evans Library instead of basking in the sun, throwing a Frisbee, eating ice cream or goofing off in general. Notice that he is the only person in the aisle.

Woman shoots five in shacks

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LIVE OAK — Five people who moved to Texas to escape the cold and economic hard times of the north were shot in their small, ramshackle apartment by a neighbor who said police she was shooting "at rats and snakes."

One woman died Wednesday, two people were in serious condition and two were stable.

Police captured the neighbor, Anne Van Guilder, 42, after she fell 20 to 30 feet from a freeway access road down an embankment to the shoulder of Interstate 35. She fractured both ankles and broke a foot on her back in the fall, hospital officials said.

"There's not been any indication she jumped," Live Oak Mayor Ralph Cullip said. "She stated she was shooting snakes or rats," Cullip said. "She

was incoherent. We can't say whether she was intoxicated."

Officials said the suspect would be charged with murder and attempted murder.

Police, who were called to the six-unit Ferrell Apartments about 11:15 a.m., said they did not know the motive for the shooting. They said the suspect burst into the two-room No. 5 bungalow and fired at the five people. Officials believe a .22 caliber revolver was used in the shootings, Cullip said.

The victims were members of four families who had moved together from Lebanon, Pa., last year to escape the hard bite of the recession on the northern steel industry.

The dead woman, Sue Bunderman, 29, a divorcee with a 9-year-old son, was quoted in a newspaper earlier this year as saying she enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of south Texas.

Resident calls it a 'whitewash'

EPA says Love Canal habitable

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NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. — A federal report says the Love Canal neighborhood which became a symbol of the nation's hazardous waste problems in 1978, is now "habitable" but a former resident says the study is a whitewash.

The Environmental Protection Agency's two-year, \$5.4 million study was released Wednesday and conceded environmental problems — the contamination of storm sewers, creek and river sediments — remain. It recommended money from the federal toxic waste superfund be used to eliminate them.

The report covered the area 1 1/2 blocks away from the dump. Earlier in the week state Attorney General Robert Abrams released a study

saying high levels of the deadly chemical dioxin still are in homes nearest the canal. Gov. Hugh Carey said those homes are being demolished.

About 1,000 families had to be relocated from the Love Canal area at government expense in 1980 because toxic chemicals had seeped into their homes from the Hooker Chemical Co. waste dump. Chemical sludge began appearing in backyards and swimming pools and health problems were thought to be caused by the wastes.

Hooker dumped about 20,000 tons of chemical waste into the clay-walled canal in the 1940s and 1950s.

The EPA's report said chemicals leaching from the Love Canal had contaminated homes but said the pro-

cess was halted by a run-off collection system and a remedial construction project that capped the landfill.

"We have made the decision that the area, based on information provided by the EPA, is habitable," said Dr. Clark Heath Jr. of the Centers for Disease Control, who reviewed the EPA study.

Lois Gibbs, a former Love Canal resident who was instrumental in securing government-funded relocation for herself and neighbors, called the EPA report a "whitewash" and vowed to oppose revitalization.

"I think this is appalling," said Mrs. Gibbs, who heads a non-profit organization that helps citizens fight hazardous waste problems nationwide. "The area should not be inhabited.

There should be no one living in the Love Canal area. I will try to stop (it)."

Carey said the EPA findings opened the door for revitalization of the area.

"Based on the report," he said, "all possible efforts will be made to achieve revitalization of the declaration area and reoccupancy of homes" in areas where residences have not been destroyed.

The Love Canal Revitalization Agency, established by the state, said a number of people have shown an interest in purchasing abandoned homes near the landfill.

The EPA's findings were reviewed by scientists from the Public Health Service of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Iraq claims Iranians have been purged

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Iraq claimed Wednesday that it had defeated invading Iranian troops and pushed them out of all Iraqi territory captured by the forces of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

There was no independent confirmation of the claim, made by the high command of the Iraqi armed forces in a report by the Iraqi News Agency in Baghdad.

"Iraqi forces managed to purge Iraq's soil of the Iranian invading forces," the Iraqi agency said.

Quoting a war communique, the agency said "operations were completed early Thursday after the enemy was defeated and fled the battlefield."

Iran made no immediate comment on the Iraqi claim but on Wednesday promised to send "this infidel regime to hell" and said its estimated 80,000 invasion troops had achieved strategic victories in the explosive Persian Gulf war.

Iraq warned oil tankers Wednesday to avoid the "war zone" and nervous U.S. officials worried the conflict could spread to threaten Western oil supplies.

Iranian troops pushed 6 miles into southern Iraq but Iraq said it countered with air raids on Iran's key oil ports and repelled the Iranian attack near Basra, leaving the battlefield "fil-

led with the corpses of enemy soldiers."

Both sides reported hundreds of prisoners captured in ground and air battles.

Despite its concern, the White House admitted the United States had little influence in the region and stressed American neutrality in the 22-month-old conflict.

The invasion of Iraq, code-named "Ramadan" after the Moslem holy month, began late Tuesday when about 80,000 Iranian troops overran frontline Iraqi positions and swarmed over the border toward the Iraqi port city of Basra on the disputed Shatt al-Arab waterway.

The Iraqi News Agency said Iran invaded "on a front 6 miles wide, pushing 6 miles inside Iraqi territory."

It said the advance was halted at dawn and Iraq began a "counteroffensive."

Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini urged Moslems in Iraq to help overthrow of the secular rule of President Saddam Hussein.

"You, army of Iraq your brothers have come to save you and, with self-sacrifice and dependence on God, will send this infidel regime to hell," Khomeini said in a message to Iraq's armed forces.

Lebanon wants PLO, others out

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The long-divided Lebanese government, trying to prevent a blood bath in its capital, staged a rare show of solidarity to demand all foreign forces, including the Palestine Liberation Organization, leave its war-torn nation.

In its first call for a PLO exit, the Lebanese Cabinet asked Wednesday for "the assistance of a multi-national force to secure Palestinian withdrawal from Beirut to save the western sector from dangers."

The action came as diplomats sent out mixed signals about the progress of peace negotiations. A cease-fire around Beirut held shakily despite sporadic artillery fire from both sides and a mock air strike by Israeli warplanes.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, emerging from a meeting with former Lebanese Prime Minister Saeb Salam, told reporters "definitely there is progress," but gave no details.

Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said his government stands by "our decision to give our American friends more time and chance to go on with the negotiations until the objectives are achieved."

But the Beirut newspaper An Nahar quoted U.S. envoy Philip Habib as telling Lebanese officials that Israel had given him "only a few more days" to bring his negotiations

to a successful conclusion.

Shamir, speaking on Israeli television, said Israel "has not given up on any option" to force the 6,000 PLO guerrillas trapped in west Beirut to leave Lebanon, including an invasion of the city by the 35,000 Israeli troops surrounding the capital.

"Their game is up. They must leave," he said.

The Lebanese Cabinet, made up of both Christian and Moslem representatives, met for the first time in three weeks Wednesday and repeated earlier calls on Syrian and Israeli troops to withdraw from the country.

For the first time, the Cabinet also demanded the withdrawal of the PLO.

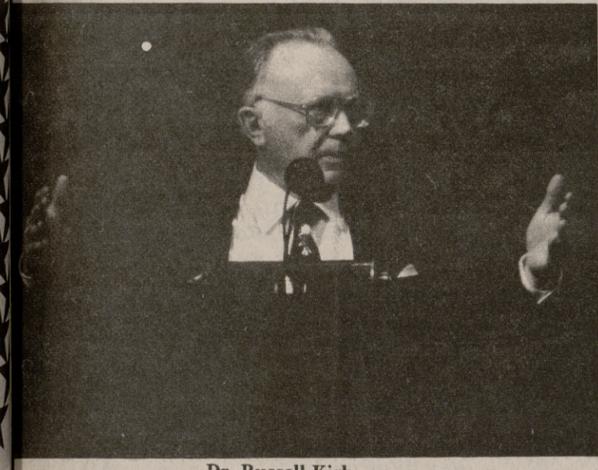
It also called for the restoration of Lebanese authority throughout the country and the deployment of the Lebanese army and internal security forces on "all Lebanese soil."

Former Prime Minister Salam said Khalid Hassan, a member of the PLO's central committee, had been granted a visa to go to Washington July 19 as part of an Arab League delegation on the Lebanese war.

He hinted Hassan might meet Senate and congressional leaders and named Sen. Charles Percy, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and an outspoken critic of Israel's action in Lebanon.

Forum speaker criticizes government intervention

Politics threaten academic freedom



Dr. Russell Kirk

by Colette Hutchings

Battalion Staff
Government has begun to act on the assumption that universities require central direction, not academic independence, Dr. Russell Kirk told an audience of about 90 in Rudder Forum Wednesday night.

"Now a days the present threat to academic freedom comes from an old source — the intervention of a political power," Kirk said.

Kirk, a noted historian, political and educational theorist and author of over 23 books on academia, was sponsored by the MSC Political Forum.

He said government intervention in the past four to five years has been increasingly troubling such as the attempts by state governments to regulate independent schools and church schools.

"Increasing attempts to force all schools to form to state patterns is in virtual disregard to the First

Amendment," he said.

The more conspicuous cases of intervention are the affirmative action cases, Kirk said, in which the federal and state governments compel colleges to comply with the civil rights acts.

For example, Kirk said, a woman at a women's college in New York, which had an equal number of men and women faculty, was rejected unanimously by the tenure committee for a promotion. She later filed a discrimination complaint, although she was not as qualified as the male candidates.

Kirk said the complaint was reviewed and the woman won.

"This is a small instance of the way litigation is brought about by attempts to enforce the moral code by justice," Kirk said.

"A good university should not discriminate in race or sex, but after all shouldn't we trust university not to do this?" Kirk said.

Although Kirk said there's been no systematic attempt of government to intervene he told of an incident of government intervention at a community college in Georgia.

He said the college was given a mansion to use for classes and the federal authorities intervened. "They said 'get rid of the chandeliers,'" Kirk said, "and put in fluorescent lighting."

Kirk said the different lighting was requested because what was there didn't meet federal standards for universities.

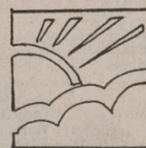
"Much of the meddling is from appetites of those holding petty powers," Kirk said.

"Universities were founded to sustain faith by reason and to maintain order in the soul and in the commonwealth," Kirk said.

Academic freedom cannot endure without order but the role of a university is to maintain tension between the two, Kirk said.

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forecast

Partly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of rain today; high in the mid-90s; low in the mid-70s at night. Thursday's forecast calls for a slight chance of rain with highs in the mid-90s.