Dollar's collapse not

WASHINGTON — Despite all that has been written about it this year, the U.S.

discovered

something.

to lift it to your mouth.

ports that a competitor might be responsible, saying the entire fast food industry Low said, "but with a little practice, you had been effected."

"It does seem awkward at first," Sat Low said, "but with a little practice, you had been effected."

dollar's collapse overseas has had little direct impact on the lives of most Americans.

Only in tangential ways is the dollar drop beginning to bring about noticable changes. One visible manifestation is the steady increase in the number of Japanese

serious--for some

Numbers may not reflect real voter change

By ARNOLD SAWISLAK

United Press International
WASHINGTON — If you look only at
the bottom line numbers of the mid-term virtually nothing happened.

The Republicans gained some seats in the House and Senate and a few governorships, but nowhere near enough to challenge what has been iron Democratic control of Congress for the last 24 years and dominance of the nation's statehouses for the last decade.

Nor does it seem from the numbers that the Republican Party, which has teetered on the edge of extinction in recent years, did much to make itself a better life insur-

Not necessarily so. While the Democrats will be running the government in

tourists seen in this country

McDonald's

finds rumors

are too earthy

United Press International
ATLANTA — For the second time this
year, officials of McDonald's Corp., have

gone public to deny damaging rumors— the latest that the company adds worms to its hamburger meat to boost protein con-

tent.

At a news conference Tuesday, company spokesman Doug Timberlake said officials first thought the rumor was "too ludicrous to even think about" when it surficulat Chattanogra. Tenn. Now, he said,

faced at Chattanooga, Tenn. Now, he said, a new southwide advertising campaign will emphasize that the hamburgers are 100

percent pure beef.

Timberlake said lagging sales and the spread of the rumor to other areas of the nation prompted the company to regard the matter more seriously. Earlier this

year, McDonald's was forced to deny reports that its owner, Ray A. Kroc, contributed money to a satanic cult in California.

Asked if there was any link between the two rumors, spokeswoman Stephany

Skurdy at company headquarters in Oakbrook, Ill., said, "I wish we knew. We know there's absolutely no truth to either rumor, and one is much older than the

'They don't seem to have any relation,"

Timberlake also said he discounted re-

He consistently avoided the word

worm" in his discussion of the rumor, but

officials at the Georgia Office of Consumer Affairs confirmed that "several calls and

letters" had been received asking about

Timberlake said about 50 McDonald's

stores in the Atlanta area reported lagging

One noticeable result of the more re-

cent rumor, Timberlake said, was a sharp

ties for youngsters held at McDonald's outlets. This was verified by Jim Taylor, who owns four McDonald franchises in

ried about what their children are eating

and this (the rumor) is the only reason that I can see why my business is off," Taylor

I have gotten calls from mothers wor-

reduction in the number of birthday par-

sales — some as much as 30 percent lower — since the rumor surfaced nine weeks

the use of worms in hamburgers.

northwest Atlanta.

Washington and most states, anyone who own party to a standstill in Democratic thinks that means liberalism is in the sad-

dle may be in for a shock.

Some examples: Two Democratic senators who went down the drain Nov. 7 were Dick Clark of Iowa and Wendell Anderson of Minnesota. Two new Democratic senators elected last week are James Boren of Oklahoma and James Exon of

Washington Window

Clark and Anderson are liberals by any definition; Boren and Exon, both deepdyed conservatives. Boren, in fact, endorsed the Republican Kemp-Roth tax reduction bill during his campaign and Exon repeatedly has fought liberals of his

Because of the favorable currency exchange rate, visiting the United States has now become a relatively cheap vacation for

The other day at lunch I happened to be eating at a table next to a group of Japanese tourists. The only Japanese words I know are "hara-kiri," but you

don't have to speak the language to understand what tourists are talking about.

Tourism has a universal tongue all of its

When I first tuned in on the conversa-tion, one of the Japanese was describing "a marvelous little offbeat restaurant" he had

"Since the natives eat there, it is loaded with atmosphere. Plus they serve authentic American food at a good price."
"What's the name of the place?"
"McDonald's."

He went on to say that "I got a full three-course dinner — hamburger, french frieds and milkshake — and something you haven't seen in a long time — change from a five-dollar bill."

'How much is that in real money?" the

second Japanese asked.
"It's about half a yen."
"That's the trouble with American money," his companion grumbled. "You practically have to have a wheelbarrow to

haul it around in."
The man called Sun Flu said, "Sat Low

is getting to be quite a sophisticate. Last night he was eating his french fries with his fingers like the natives do."

"I've tried that," a young woman said, but I can't seem to get the hang of it. I always dribble ketchup on my blouse or

rest the thumb on the underside of the french fry. Then, with the forefinger and

middle finger apply just enough pressure

Another Japanese tourist, who was called Abraham, said, "It's good we're getting to see the United States before it be-

comes completely Nipponized. I'm already feeling like I never left home.

bus stopped at the monument that com-

memorates the American victory over

apanese forces on Iwo Jima in World War

There were six cars in the parking lot

three Datsuns, two Toyotas and a

"I know what you mean," Sun Flu said.
"I went into a quaint little souvenir shop to

buy an American cigarette lighter to take

back home. The only thing I could find

Yesterday afternoon our sightseeing

Now consider some of the new GOP senators. Replacing Clark will be Republican Roger Jepsen, who was reported to have endorsed apartheid in one of his campaign appearances. Replacing Democrat Thomas McIntyre will be Republican Gordon Humphrey, another staunch conservative. The two new senators share an association with fundraiser Richard Viguerie, who has been described as the godfather of the New Right.

Gone from the Senate will be moderates Republicans Clifford Case of New Jersey and Edward Brooke of Massachusetts. Newcomers like William Cohen of Maine and Nancy Landon Kassebaum of Kansas may partially replace these middle-of-the-road votes, but on balance the con-servative strength in the Senate seems

surely to have gone up as a result of the 1978 election

In 1958, the Democrats made a record gain of 15 Senate seats. It was widely predicted that every liberal program that had

been stymied since the end of the New Deal would shortly become law. That did not happen, and in fact it was not easy to tell the difference between the Senate that went home in 1958 from the Senate that went to work in 1959. It was not until 1961, with a new Democratic president in office, that some of the backlogged liberal proposals started moving and even then such areas as civil rights and school aid were regarded as impossible to deal with.

The Democrats lost only two seats last Tuesday. It is possible, however, that the loss in votes may be several times that

WHEN THEREHMAND NEWS LEADER



Letters to the Editor

Bonfire work: not easy, something for everyone

This letter is an attempt to clear up some mistaken notions about Bonfire as expressed in the editorial of Nov. 14. As you said, women are doing everything they can and I think that's plenty. Working on Bonfire is no easy task. Those logs (especially the ones going up in about a week) are pretty damn heavy. There is no way girls can lift them.

Why not increase the lift power by using more girls? Well, you're just increasing the chances of tripping on logs or feet and hurting someone. Guys are strong enough to compensate if a person trips, so there are no dropped logs or cracked heads.

Equal rights are great, but at the expense of someone's safety? Besides, enough guys talk with the coffee girls out there already, so we don't need any more

About off-campus students (and all male students), no permission is needed to work stack, just a hard hat. The training is on the job. I'm glad they are getting organized and getting out because they are needed just as much as anybody. But they

were never denied work Bonfire is for everybody. The girls have done great at what they are doing. As for the guys, it's pretty hard to stay calm when every year you see the same people as before. Ask the redpots who work. Bonfire is not an activity sanctioned for a few, but if ony a few work, how can you unify people who aren't there.

Gay's 'facts' differ

I must respond to D. Valois' letter printed in the Battalion, Nov. 13. First, let

me say that the facts about the "gay" lifes-

tyle were accurate in the "Today's Stu-

dent." Although you have presented re-search information from the famous Kin-

-Chris Drake, '81

know this is true.

Maronites blamed

It is easy to throw accusations at each other, but if we abstain from doing so, it is because of our commitment toward

suicide of any group, and most are hurting emotionally. They try not to let others see that hurt, because that would indicate that

can't handle life so well on their own after

all. The Bible tells why there are such de-

viant lifestyles in Romans 1:24-28.32. I

have a couple of friends who have become

gay, and though they try to appear

the emotional cuts go deep, and healing is very slow. But for homosexuality and any

other wrong, there is healing through

Jesus Christ. I've seen both sides and I

But, facts can be found to support any belief, as Mr. Valois has found. But the Bible (unlike current "research") isn't

changed to soothe the conscience of those

involved. The emptiness that drives

someone to homosexuality as a lifestyle, or to drugs, etc., is the need to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

I'll be glad to get together and discuss

- Steve Upham, '80

both viewpoints with anyone who would like to. I'll find the time to do so. 846-

appy-go-lucky and carefree, I know that

In the Nov, 9 issue it was mentioned that the Maronites were exploiting all the wealth and power in Lebanon. However, it was ignored that they were the main contributing factor to the develpment of the country (and the oil-rich Arab countries) at a time when ignorance was com-

mon to others.

We are really sorry to see such narrow-minded accusations that have no evidence. The Maronites were blamed but their only fault is their desire to see an independent country free from any Syrian, Palestinian or other intrusion.

We are convinced that in a country that has been the crossroad of several civilizations, that allegiance should be first to Lebanon and it's national interests, before

any regional-racial adherences. What Lebanon needs today is a mutual understanding among all Lebanese instead

of futile accusations.

-- John Jbeily, grad student Fady Gemayel, '79

P.S. Maronites are Roman Catholics belonging to a 2,000-year-old church.

TOP OF THE NEWS AUD

CAMPUS

Silver Taps to be Tuesday

Silver taps for Paul H. Krenzke, 22, of Lake Jackson, and Geina Rena Wall, 19, of Saltillo, will be held Tuesday. The two Texas A&M University students were killed in Houston Monday when their car struck a stalled truck on the freeway. Services for Krenzke, a senior math major, will be held at 2 p.m. today at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Lake Jackson. The funeral for Wall, a freshman agriculture journalism major, was Wednesday afternoon in Weaver. The two are the third and fourth student fatalities of the new academic year.

LOCAL

Tours of Brazos Center to begin

Prospective users of the multi-purpose Brazos Center will have the opportunity of touring the building, now under construction, on Wednesdays between noon and 3 p.m. according to center director Phyllis Dozier. Prior arrangements made with Dozier and good weather conditions are required for the tours. The new building is approximately two-thirds completed and is just east of the East Bypass on Briarcrest Drive. It is expected to be ready for use in late February, 1979. Touring arrangements may be made by calling Dozier at 693-5990.

Books to be sold this weekend

The annual Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Bryan Public Library will be held at Manor East Mall this weekend. The sale is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Proceeds from the sale of old books will be used to buy new books and support other projects of the Bryan Public Library.

STATE

Audit requested after job loss

The National Cancer Institute has requested an in depth federal audit of the Tyler Asbestos Workers Program on the basis of questions raised by a hospital biomathematician fighting to regain his job. NCI contract officer James Cavanagh said the audit request was prompted by Dr. Emir H. Shuford Jr., who has been relieved of duty at the University of Texas Tyler Health Center which runs the fiveyear, \$2 million program. In 1974 NCI hired the health center, then a state tuberculosis hospital, to locate and monitor workers in a Tyler asbestos insulation plant that closed in 1972 because of high in-plant asbestos dust levels. Researchers have determined inhaling asbestos scars the lungs and can cause cancer years after exposure

Court says Hill exceeded power

The Texas Supreme Court in Austin ruled Wednesday Attorney General John Hill exceeded his authority by filing suit against two state agencies involved in separate disputes involving South Texas water supplies. Hill had contended his position as guardian of the public interest gave him authority to take the action. The 3rd Court of Civil Appeals in July had ruled Hill exceeded his authority in taking such actions against the state agencies, and the Supreme Court up held that decision without written on injoin. The courts said the attorned to the supreme Court up held that decision without written on injoin. The courts said the attorned to the supreme Court up held that decision without written on injoin. held that decision without written opinion. The courts said the attorney general is the attorney for state agencies, and filing suit against an agency would place him on both sides of the legal issue.

Transcripts to be given to jury

The judge in the T. Cullen Davis trial Wednesday said prosecution transcripts of a taped conversation between the defendant and an informant would be supplied to the jury because of the poor quality of the tape. District Judge Wallace Moore allowed a tape to be played once without any transcript being offered jurors, but later said the transcripts were needed as an aid to interpret inaudible passages. Davis is on trial in Houston on charges of attempting paying and the murder of the judge in his diverge case. In the tape, Davis and the murder of the judge in his divorce case. In the tape, Davis and the informant on Aug. 18 discussed arranging the deaths of five persons.

Famous taps bugler dies at 83

The man Gen. John J. "Blackjack" Pershing asked to play taps to tell the world World War I had ended will be buried Friday in Denison. Hartley Edwards died in his sleep at a convalescent home Truesday at the age of 83. When Pershing selected him from hydrole Tuesday at the age of 83. When Pershing selected him from hur of other Army buglers to play taps at the end of the war, Edwards had been an obscure soldier who had never played the horn until he joined the military. Up to two years ago Edwards continued to play the bugle, going up to a third floor room of his home to blow reville

NATION

Unknown ship causes collision

A still unidentified ship involved in a Gulf of Mexico hit-and-rur collision that killed three New York fishermen could be as far away as the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico, a Coast Guard official said. The ship rammed the fishing vessel Joanie Rene Sunday morning and failed to stop for survivors. Three men, including the captain, died and one of the two survivors bobbed in the water for 29 hours before being rescued. The State Department has notified foreign governments to keep a lookout for any vessel that looks like it could have been involved.

WEATHER

We are experiencing a cold front which moved into the area yesterday. We will have overcast skies and a 70% chance of rain. High temperature today will be in the mid-50's and a low in the upper 40's. Winds are southerly at 10-15 mph.

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are what God intends for us.

The other flaw in your "facts" is that

sey Institute, I'm afraid you are overlooking the most important (and perhaps the earliest) report on the effects of homosexuality. It tells not only of the emotional impact for the individual, but also the impact on society (as we have seen in the last few years). The source? The Bible. I know many will laugh, but really - who should know more about you personally than the One who made you? And God gave us the Bible not as a legalistic list of "do's and

don'ts", but because He only wants the best for us. Pre-marital sex is just as wrong as homosexual relationships, since neither

gays have one of the highest rates of

George Akat, '79