

Brezhnev appears in public; rumors of death dispelled

United Press International
MOSCOW — President Leonid Brezhnev, looking pale and drawn, appeared in public Wednesday for the first time since Oct. 8, dispelling rumors around the world that he was dead or critically ill.

The 72-year-old Brezhnev turned up without warning at an airport greeting ceremony for the visiting Rumors began circulating last week that Brezhnev was dead or critically ill when he failed to meet with visiting Syrian President Hafez Assad.

President of South Yemen, Abdel Fattah Ismail, and was clearly seen in television film footage on Soviet television.

Brezhnev, dressed in a dark blue topcoat and dark hat, looked tired and his face was pale and drawn as he stood at the head of the Soviet delegation at Vnukovo Airport.

But he nodded and smiled as Ismail approached him.

Rumors began circulating last week that Brezhnev was dead or critically ill when he failed to meet with visiting Syrian President Hafez Assad, who came to Moscow to ask for advanced Soviet warplanes and military equipment.

The pro-Syrian newspaper As Safir reported in Beirut that Brezhnev — who often drops out of public sight for weeks at a time — had become seriously ill since returning Oct. 8 from Berlin, where he gave a major foreign policy address.

With each day that he failed to make an appearance, the rumors — and the Beirut report — appeared to gain strength.

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the weekend, but on Monday Moscow's ambassador to France, Stefan Tchervonenko, branded the

reports untrue and said Brezhnev was alive and working normally.

Since Assad's visit, diplomats in Moscow have hinted that Brezhnev intentionally kept out of sight to avoid having to negotiate — and possibly refuse — Assad's request for MiG-27 fighter-bombers.

Sources had said earlier Wednesday that the Soviet leader might choose to end his 16-day absence from public view by appearing at the reception party for Ismail, who was on an official state visit.

According to protocol, Brezhnev, as head of state, should greet visiting heads of state, including Assad.

With Brezhnev at the airport were Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, Defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov and Politburo member Boris Ponomarev.

Teen girls big spenders at Christmas

United Press International
NEW YORK — Talk about big spenders: teen-age girls spent an all-time high of \$2 billion on Christmas gifts last year for family, friends and themselves.

This magazine survey figure represents an increase of almost 75 percent over teen-age girls' Christmas spending five years ago, when they spent \$1.15 billion for presents.

The survey released by Seventeen magazine showed 95.6 percent gave their mothers gifts, spending an average of \$30 on it. The three most popular choices were perfumes, sweaters and blouses, in that order.

Nine out of 10 dads got gifts from their daughters — average expenditure, \$25. Choices: sports shirts, dress-regular shirts and men's cologne.

Penicillin first used in New York

United Press International
NEW YORK — Although penicillin was first discovered by an Englishman, Sir Alexander Fleming in 1928, it was first administered to a patient in Presbyterian Hospital in New York in 1940.

Testing of the drug began almost immediately after Fleming published his paper on penicillin in 1929. According to the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy, the first actual use was for a heart patient.

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Carter authorizes agency to study '80s

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WASHINGTON — President Carter Wednesday signed an executive order creating a commission that will study major problems and recommend a national agenda for the 1980s.

The presidential commission on a national agenda for the 1980s will have a membership of up to 100 persons and a budget of \$3 million to \$5 million. The first 21 members were identified Wednesday.

Headed by Columbia University President William McGill, the commission has been given until Dec. 31, 1980, to submit its final report.

Initially, the group will be made up of 50 private citizens selected by the president. Depending upon recommendations of the panel, the president can appoint up to 50 more members.

The commission is the outgrowth of Carter's domestic summit this summer at Camp David where he discussed the problems of the United States with scores of Americans. The panel is charged with a long term review of issues of chief importance and the developments that will involve them in the coming decade.

The areas to be studied include: underlying trends in the economy, inflation, population shifts, social

justice, the role of private and voluntary institutions, and the role of governments.

Persons named to the panel Wednesday, included McGill; Daniel Bell of Harvard; Pastora San Juan Cafferty of the University of Chicago; Marian Edelman, director of the Children's Defense Fund; and John Gardner, founder of Common Cause.

Philip Handler, president of National Academy of Sciences; Dorothy Height, president of National Council of Negro Women; Ruth Hinerfeld, president of the League of Women Voters; and Martina Horner, president of Radcliffe College.

Carl Holman, president, National Urban Coalition; Lane Kirkland of the AFL-CIO; Juanita Kreps, departing Commerce secretary; Esther Landa, past president of National Council of Jewish Women; and Michael McCloskey, executive director of the Sierra Club.

Bill Moyers, television commentator; Frank Pace, chief officer of the International Executive Services; Donald Platten, chairman of Chemical Bank; Elspeth Rostow, dean, LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas.

Henry Schacht, president of Cummins Engine Co.; William Scranton, former governor of Pennsylvania.

Aide calls windfall tax necessary

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Congressional passage of a substantial windfall profits tax on American oil companies represents a "critical link in an economically sound energy policy," Charles Schultze, the chief White House economic adviser, said Wednesday.

Continuing the administration pressure on Congress over the past few days, Schultze issued an special statement which said "sharp increases" of oil company profits during the third quarter "are a pointed reminder of the need for speedy enactment of the President's windfall tax."

In recent days, several of the nation's largest oil firms have reported their third quarter profits soared during the July-September quarter.

The House has approved a windfall tax to raise \$273.4 billion of new revenues by 1990. But the Senate Finance Committee has approved a scaled-down \$141.7 billion measure.

In his statement, Schultze said passage of a substantial windfall profits tax, not diluted by unneeded and unwarranted exemptions, is a critical link in an economically sound energy policy.

Part of the petroleum profits, Schultze said, "will, and should, be left with the oil companies for exploration and development."

"The remainder, through the windfall tax, will be returned to the American people in the form of investments in alternative sources of energy, improved and enlarged mass transit, and relief to the poor from higher oil prices," he said.

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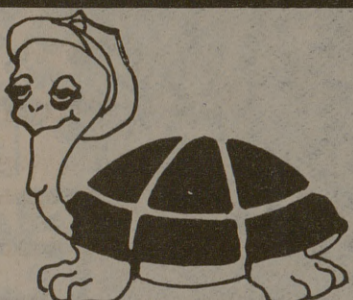
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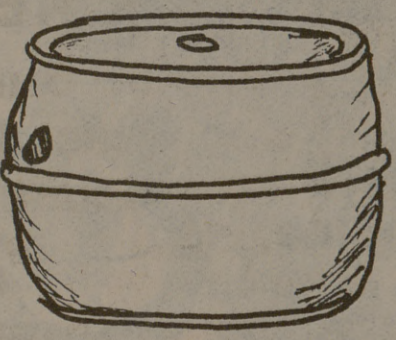
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