Congressman says better U.S. civil defense needed

WASHINGTON — Ike Skelton is s second term as a congressman one of the unsolved Washington mysteries to him is exactly what hap-pens at 11 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month.

"A siren goes off on Capitol Hill and it is supposed to be for civil de-fense. The missiles are coming or

e such thing," he said.
e took a drink from his glass of ced tea in the Democratic Club. wish someone would explain

what the siren means," the man from Missouri said. Skelton has a Missouian's show-me attitude, of couse. But he is also a member of the

-Watergate class of congressmen are not overly obedient to party pline, who startle and someimes sadden party leaders and who egard the fellow titled a "whip" as ething out of political S&M

He is six-feet-four and even seated in a Democratic Club chair he has height over his luncheon companions. Skelton smiles; not for nothing,

he is kin to comedian Red Skelton. "There are definite plans on what to do with the President and the cabinet and the higher reaches of the Pentagon if the missiles come

flying," he said. "But as far as I can find out there's no plan on what to do with congressmen if Doomsday threatens.
"Oh, I understand the Capitol

hallways are marked as fallout shelters and there are the tunnels under the House and Senate. They don't seem to blast shelters though." He finished the iced tea and began

working on the glass of water.

"Sure, I know about that monthly siren. But what does it mean? What should one do when one hears it? Ah, the mysteries of Washington."

His wife Susie — she is a coffee

drinker - sets down her cup. 'Maybe it just means you're expendshe said.

Skelton smiles again. "Maybe so," he said. "But what really worries me is what happens back home in Mis-

He noticed something among his district's 16 counties — a bit of Kansas City and Independence Harry Truman's town of course and 15 farm counties to the east — when winning his first Congressional election four years ago. "I kept noticing these fenced-in gravel yards out in the middle of fields. I found that near Knob Noster, near Whiteman Air Force Base, there were 150 of the little gravel plots.

"In the middle of each was a cement cover. Each of the 150 was a launching site for American's intercontinental balistic missiles. When I got here I asked the Pentagon if this meant that my district would be a

target for some enemy attacking the

Well, yes they told me. In fact the Fourth District of Missouri ranks 39 on the Pentagon's list of Amer-ican'ss 40 most likely targets.

"So I began to try to find out what would happen to my constituents if worst came to missile worst. The answer was; not very much in the way of safety. Now, I don't want you to think my folks are unpatriotic. The opposite is true.

"I have never heard anyone com-plain about us housing the missile silos. But a little real civil defense

Skelton found \$24 million was being spent last year just to make the Knob Noster silos thicker and thus safer from enemy missiles. "And only \$101 million was being spent to provide civil defense for all the American people.

Nixon supports boycott

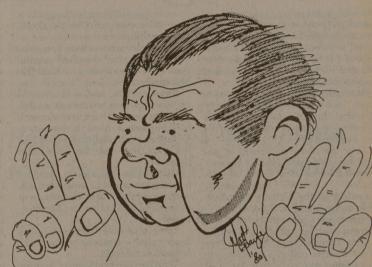
United Press International PASADENA, Calif. — When Richard Nixon was president, he advanced detente with the Soviet Union. But now the former chief executive supports a U.S. boycott of the Olympics in Moscow in re-sponse to the Russian invansion of Afghanistan.

"The Soviet Union is engaging in activities that are in violation of the precepts of international con-

duct," Nixon said.

He also said registering men for a possible draft should be considered because of recent Soviet military actions, but he dismissed the drafting of women.

"I think the suggestion that women be registered and be drafted is ridiculous," Nixon said in the interview with the Pasade-



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United Press International DLUMBIA, Mo. — Dick Thoakes time from his law practice university town—hardly coned a world hot spot of terrorist ty - to teach anxious execushow to protect themselves from

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ce Thomas and three associates n the school last year, 55 execuhave undergone intensive ing at the rural Ray Chapman

The reason the terrorist business

Playboy pays Somers fee and diamond

United Press International CHICAGO — Playboy Magazine ill pay actress Suzanne Somers 10,000 — and publisher Hugh M. ner will give her a diamond — for ide layout of the actress that ared in the magazine's Febru-

issue, a spokesman says. The pictures were shot in Mexico eral years ago as a test and rened in Playboy's photo files until y were discovered recently — af-the actress had become a televi-

Technically, we don't owe her a for the original test," Gary Cole, graphic director for Playboy, Friday. "But we were so pleased e way the thing turned out we

es are usually paid."

spokesman said Hefner already
selected a "large" diamond as d compensation for Somers. e are no longer any hard feel-" he said.

bout a million extra copies of the bruary issue were sold — prob-because of the photos of ers, the spokesman said.

is getting to be such a popular thing is that it is successful," said Thomas.

Thomas became interested in selfdefense after he was threatened by a disgruntled husband while working on a divorce case. He believes that fear of terrorists has become a fact of

life and will remain so.

The lawyer said today's will-protected executive should have a 38-caliber revolver strapped to his calf and a submachine gun under the front seat of his car.

Ideally, there should be a body-guard to handle the submachine gun he said. If the executive wishes, they

will train the bodyguard. Since the school opened in 1978 students have come from Venezuela, Puerto Rico and Germany. A three-day course costs from \$700 to \$850. Students must shell out \$1,250 for a six-day version.

Thomas said they teach students when to shoot and how to shoot

properly. Thomas, 37, operates the school with Ray Chapman of Columbia, a world pistol champion. James Cirillo, a customs department firearms instructor in New York City, and Ken Hackathorn, who teaches law enforcement in Marietta, Ohio,

commute for special classes. The school operates on a 35-acre site using odd-looking structures that provide a variety of experience. Final tests are given in old house in

academy is the kidnapping of Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro in 1978. Thomas said he believes the Moro kidnapping and murder probably could have been prevented if his protectors had learned their lessons

at the Chapman school. The first graduate to report using his training — as executive from Puerto Rico — said he "avoided serious problems" because of what he learned.

Thomas said several women have taken the course and were easier to teach than men.

"Because few of them have used a gun before, they don't have bad habits, "Thomas said.

One graduate, a Kentucky executive, said he carries a .45-caliber automatic for protection against un-stable people he comes across in his business. He asked that his name not

"I don't go around telling people I learned how to use a gun," he said. "They think you're paranoid.

"If I don't have a gun and I'm accosted, assaulted, someone molests me—I have to do what they say," he said. "With a gun in my possession, I have a choice. In that

sense, the school paid off."
Although other schools teach shooting, Thomas said the Chapman Academy is one of a kind in that it teaches both executives and security

Thomas said he hopes to add defensive driving to the curriculum.
"For the politics, that's a big part of it," Thomas said.

"If your driver doesn't know how to drive," he said, you could wind up in terrorist hands."



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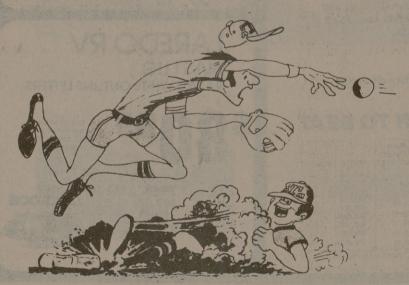
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