

U.S. ready to move to Gulf if Soviets restrict access

WASHINGTON — The United States could move the entire 82nd Airborne Division of about 16,000 men to the Persian Gulf in two weeks to meet a Soviet threat, Defense Secretary Harold Brown said Thursday. Brown noted France and Japan receive about 75 percent of their oil from the Persian Gulf, while Germany gets 45 percent. He noted, too, France traditionally has maintained a significant naval presence in the Indian Ocean. Brown also used the occasion to

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"Where we are involved, we do not expect to stand alone. Because aggression against one could spread to threaten all, others in the region may well — and surely ought to — join in the collective defense," Brown said. Brown noted France and Japan receive about 75 percent of their oil from the Persian Gulf, while Germany gets 45 percent. He noted, too, France traditionally has maintained a significant naval presence in the Indian Ocean. Brown also used the occasion to

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Rare Pennsylvania earthquake thought an explosion, thunder

PHILADELPHIA — The curious rumbling sounded vaguely like an explosion, but it wasn't. It was just an earthquake, rare for the Philadelphia region.

"I knew something happened, a plane going by or thunder," said Evelyn Tait of a mild quake that rattled windows Wednesday in northeast Philadelphia and suburban Montgomery County. "I

didn't know it was an earthquake."

Dr. Richard Bischke, geology professor at Temple University, said he was told by the Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory in Palisades, N.Y., the quake registered 3.0 on the Richter scale.

He said the quake occurred at 12:07 p.m., followed by an aftershock at 12:20 p.m. He said he believed the epicenter was lo-

cated just south of the Huntingdon Valley Fault.

Police reported neither damage nor injuries. Officers said they received many calls from residents who feared there had been an explosion.

Southeastern Pennsylvania has experienced mild earthquakes before. One occurred in the Philadelphia area on Feb. 28, 1973, and another in Lancaster County on Oct. 6, 1978.

Job forecast for women not good

WASHINGTON — Nearly 12 million women were added to America's work force in the 1970s and the trend will continue, a top Labor Department official said, but too few still find their opportunities lined and economic welfare threatened.

Herman said the 1970s will be remembered as the decade when most women worked outside the home for the first time. "Women accounted for three-fifths of the total labor force growth," she noted at a recent news briefing. Herman said many women are coming into the work force at entry-level jobs. Over half are in just 20 occupations — most related to homemaking tasks and support roles, like clerical work. In 1978, while the median income

of women who worked full time throughout the year was about \$9,300, more than 30 percent of women heads of household earned less than the \$6,600 poverty level, Herman said. Many favorable actions have occurred during the past decade to improve the position of women, including: an increase in educational attainment, passage of a law banning discrimination based on pregnancy, amendments in the minimum wage law that extended coverage to many jobs held by women and congress-

sional passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, she said. Herman said the bureau's current priorities involve entrance of more women into non-traditional jobs, the earning gap between men and women, child care for working parents, safety and health in the workplace and equal pay for equal work. The agency is also concerned about treatment of women in pension and Social Security systems, alternative work schedules such as flexitime and part time and sexual harassment of women on the job.

UN ship plan called costly

NEW YORK — The developing countries would suffer, rather than benefit, if the United Nations Commission on Trade and Development proceeded in establishing ocean carriage rules and abolishing the London expert on shipping.

and had to resort to subsidies to keep its fleet on the seas. Even the Russians, who conceal the real costs of building and operating their ships and who base their maritime operations on political and strategic, as well as commercial, considerations, have resorted to open registry, Slater said. They lease a number of ships built and financed by European consortiums that operate under Liberian or Panamanian registry.

Slater said the idea that developing countries, with their limited financial resources, should be aggressively encouraged to build and try to operate big merchant marine fleets is nonsense, particularly in this era when there is a world-wide surplus of shipping and intense competition.

The global situation in shipping is so tough, he said, that if present trends continue, even the North European ocean shipping industry, which has been so great in the past, may disappear within 10 years unless it gets massive government subsidies.

In the market presently, Slater said, major users of bulk tonnage (tankers and dry bulk cargo ships) are unwilling to enter into long-term employment contracts for ships. The resulting existence of only a short-term market makes ship investment decisions extremely difficult. "Any collapse in the bulk freight market in the next 12 months could be catastrophic to many ship owners," Slater warned. Against this somber background, he said, the UNCTAD proposals can only be regarded as "a formula for financial disaster."

Slater said open registry or "flags of convenience," Panamanian and other registries, for example, is necessary to keep costs within reason because "shipping is a risky, uncertain and relatively unprofitable business. It requires enormous capital and technical expertise."

Slater said history shows that even in modern times that has led to the establishment of a merchant fleet of national interest or in the hope of realizing foreign exchange revenues and so called "invisible benefits" from ocean shipping, has found the goal an illusion.

U.S. dollar up, gold down

LONDON — Still buoyed by high U.S. interest rates, the dollar opened higher on all European exchanges Thursday. The price of gold started the day lower in Zurich and London.

A dealer for Barclay's Bank International said there was talk the dollar might go higher still, influenced by higher interest rates in the United States. In London, gold opened at \$635.50 an ounce, down from Wednesday's close of \$644.50. In Zurich, gold opened at \$637.50 an ounce, down from \$646.50 at the close Wednesday.

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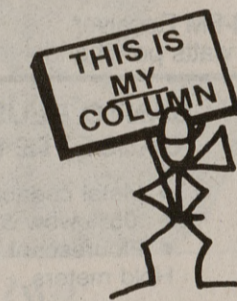
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But I did find one thing out. It sure takes a lot of equipment so my kid can yak at his girl friends. I don't think he's worth it.

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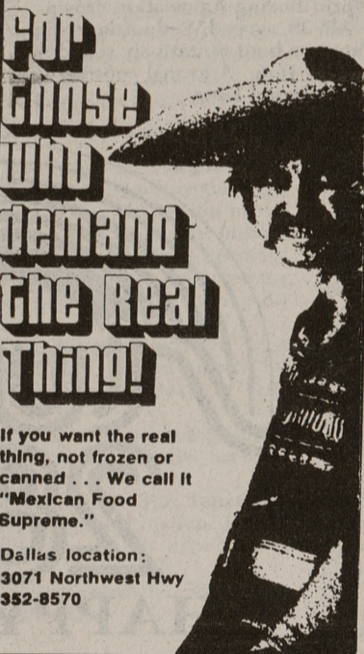
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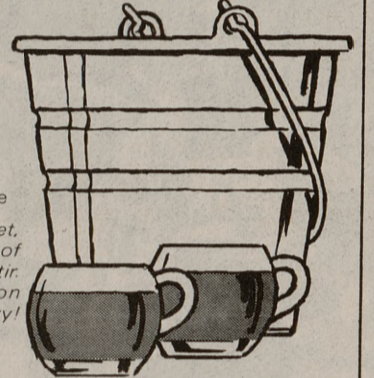
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