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Athletes will ask Carter to support Olympic effort

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — A delegation of American Olympic hopefuls will meet with President Carter this week in an attempt to keep alive their chances of competing in the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow.

Anita DeFrantz, a member of the Athletes Advisory Council and bronze medal winner in rowing at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, said the meeting March 21 in Washington will be the first direct communication between the athletes who have been in training for the Summer Games and the administration.

The U.S. Olympic Committee's Administrative Committee Saturday held a six-hour, closed door meeting in which it drafted a resolution dealing with President Carter's proposal that the United States not send a team to Moscow this summer.

The contents of the resolution, which will be considered by the USOC's House of Delegates next month, were kept secret. However, USOC President Robert J. Kane

and Executive Director F. Don Miller said the resolution was in keeping with the committee's previous stand.

"There is nothing startling in the resolution," said Kane, "and we expect the House of Delegates to accept it."

Kane and DeFrantz also said they did not consider President Carter's position on the boycott issue irrevocable.

"Nothing is irrevocable except to the foolish and dead," Kane said.

Kane also indicated that because public opinion against a boycott seems to be growing, the USOC might delay as long as possible the decision to formally withdraw the American team from the games.

The USOC said a survey it conducted among Americans following the Winter Olympics and letters the committee has received at its headquarters indicates six out of every 10 Americans now favor sending a U.S. team to Russia.

"We have noticed a trend toward shifting public opinion," said Miller. "The calls and letters we are receiving are much stronger

in support of our sending a team to Moscow."

DeFrantz said the main concern of the athletes is that be heard by the administration.

"There is obviously a vast gap in communication," said DeFrantz. "One of the questions we want to ask President Carter is how he reached the decision that boycotting the Olympics was the best method for dealing with the Soviet's military actions in Afghanistan."

And although she said American athletes were ready to support any efforts the Carter Administration might deem necessary to preserve world peace, DeFrantz summed up the feelings of the athletes who feel they have become pawns in the political struggle over the Olympics.

"The President is taking a stand that, at least for this year, is threatening to destroy the Olympic movement," said DeFrantz. "All of this from a government that had shown no interest whatsoever in the Olympic movement."

Congress examines budget, oil profits, FTC

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Democratic congressmen will consider how to slash expenditures for the current fiscal year this week while the Senate gets its crack at the oil windfall profits bill. The House will also consider an emergency measure to keep the financially-ailing Federal Trade Commission from dying.

House and Senate Democratic leaders will meet with top administration economic officials, reconvening the group that helped devise President Carter's program to cut the 1981 budget by some \$13 billion. Today, Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd of West Virginia said, the group will start looking for ways to cut expenditures in the current fiscal year ending Sept. 30.

In a related development, leaders of the House Budget Committee are preparing a proposal to earmark the \$11 billion in revenues from President Carter's oil import fee to provide business and Social Security tax cuts, the Washington Post reported today. Carter had requested the money be put into reserve.

Byrd said he was "very encouraged" by a promise of Republican support made by Senate GOP leader Howard Baker of Tennessee.

Byrd also plans to call up a compromise \$222.7 billion oil windfall profits tax bill, possibly Tuesday.

It faces a tough fight in the Senate — including a filibuster threat by Sen. Henry Bellmon, R-Okla., — but is expected to pass.

The compromise passed the House last week by a 302-107 vote.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Russell Long, D-La., who chaired the conference committee that put together separate House and Senate versions of the legislation, expects Senate action to be completed in about five legislative days.

Bellmon wants to send the bill back to conference to seek a better break for independent oil producers.

Voting fraud charged in Iranian elections

United Press International
The hard-line Islamic Republican Party grabbed an early lead in balloting for the Iranian parliament, charged with deciding the fate of the 50 American hostages, but allegations of voting fraud raised the possibility some results could be voided.

Meanwhile, a medical team in Panama decided that the former shah of Iran is too weak to undergo an operation to remove his spleen. Doctors said they would wait to remove the spleen after the shah has more fully recovered from past operations.

The shah then flew back to his exile home on Contadora Island. Iranian militants have demanded the shah's return since they seized the U.S. Embassy Nov. 4.

The Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, supreme ruler of the Islamic republic, has said once the parliament convenes it will decide whether the Americans, held captive for 135 days, will be freed. The militants holding the hostages said Sunday they will obey the legislature.

But any annulment of balloting could further the delay the process of electing Iran's Majlis, the 270-seat parliament, ex-

pected to convene in May. Results trickled in from across the country and the final outcome for the first phase of the election, which was held Friday, was not expected for two weeks.

Initial reports, however, showed the fundamentalists setting an early winning trend.

Tehran Radio Sunday night said the Islamic Republican Party, led by Ayatollah Mohammed Beheshti, took the early lead in 28 electoral districts. It said 60 candidates won seats but did not specify which parties were the winners.

If the early trend proves correct, it would be a blow for Iranian President Bani-Sadr, a moderate who has campaigned for an end to the 20-week-old hostage crisis to allow Iran to attend to internal matters.

Bani-Sadr ordered an investigation of the charges of fraud. He asked the election supervision committee in Tehran Sunday night to announce the total number of votes cast, region by region, at the end of each day.

He said the cheating mostly involved attempts to coerce or trick illiterate voters into casting ballots for specific candidates.

Call girl ring gets wrung

United Press International
ATHENS, Greece — Police have smashed a suspected international call girl ring that included Miss Greek Tourism 1979 and 14 other women who allegedly catered to wealthy Greek and Arab businessmen at champagne and cocaine parties.

An American, male dancer Mose Hepkin, 39, and a French woman, Dominique Blanouet, 45, were taken into custody on charges of running the ring, which sold sexual favors for \$200 an hour to \$500 a night.

"They are wonderful looking girls," a police spokesman said. "Five worked as fashion models in an Athens salon, and have appeared in Greek magazines and on calendars."

Police said 15 American, British, West German, Danish and Canadian women were questioned about champagne and cocaine parties with Arab businessmen in hotels around Athens. A police spokesman would say only "two or three" American women were questioned.

The ring was uncovered when a Greek vice squad officer, posing as an Algerian businessman, arranged an appointment with two British women at a hotel near Athens airport last week.

Police said 10 women were detained briefly and supplied names and addresses of their clients.

The women questioned included Della Leslie from England, named Miss Greek Tourism at the Dafni Wine Festival last September.

Miss Leslie, a popular model in Greece who has appeared in magazines and on television, admitted in an interview she had worked as a call girl, "but independently." Several of the women said they gave one-third of their earnings to Miss Blanouet, the French woman. But Miss Leslie said, "I never gave any money to the French woman or the American."

Doctors at Beutel using new flu drug

By TERRY DURAN
Campus Reporter
Doctors at the A.P. Beutel Health Center are experimenting with a different way of treating the flu.

Students coming to the Health Center with severe influenza symptoms are asked to participate in the project; if they agree, they are treated with a drug called ribavirin, administered as a vapor through a facemask.

Dr. John M. Quarles, one of the doctors working on the project, said the ribavirin vapor, administered in alternate four-hour intervals, reaches the respiratory system much quicker than drugs taken as pills.

Quarles said students not wishing to try the ribavirin can also participate; they are treated with the traditional methods of "plenty of fluids and lots of rest." Extensive tests are done on project patients whether they are taking ribavirin or not; Quarles said this helps to show the normal progress of the disease in comparison with ribavirin-treated cases.

Dr. Clifford Dacso, of the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, is also working on the project. He said it can be anywhere from 48 hours to a week before doctors are sure if a patient actually has "the flu," rather than some other virus.

Quarles said the usual spring outbreak of flu has arrived, but with a slightly different twist: since many students (over 2,100) were vaccinated last spring against the Russian flu, a type A strain, most of the cases diagnosed as flu this spring have been type B influenza. Most outbreaks are type A influenza.

Quarles said about 600 people reported to the Health Center last week with respiratory problems, compared with a normal figure of 200 to 300.

Quarles said the experiment started about two weeks ago when the increase in respiratory problems began, and will probably continue for another two weeks.

Dasco said the three machines used in the study are a much simpler third generation of the original model developed at Fort Dietrich, Md., about a decade ago.

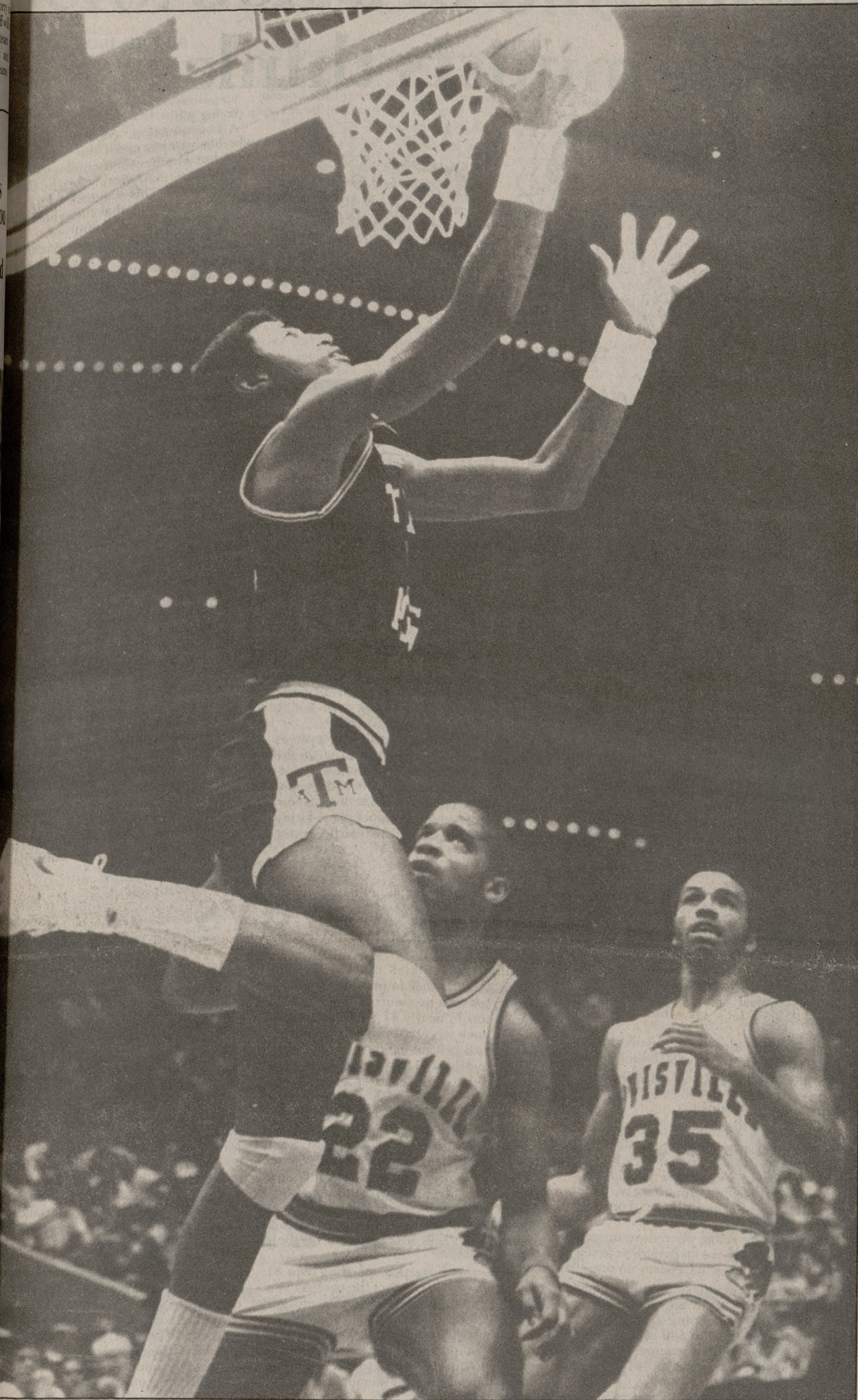
The machines used now cost only \$350 to \$400 to build, Dacso said, compared with thousands of dollars for the first two types.

Gregg Hart said Wednesday he was put on the ribavirin treatment Monday afternoon. "I feel a lot better now," he said. "I was surprised, since I had never heard of anything like this before. I'm just glad there aren't any shots," Hart said.

Quarles said the machine, when tested and refined more, should be helpful to those with acute influenza, elderly patients with low resistance to disease, and people who develop influenza pneumonia.

Both Dacso and Quarles said they thought the ribavirin treatment was helping flu patients, but Dacso emphasized they wouldn't know until all the information has been analyzed.

"Until this field of study gets much more developed, though," Quarles said, "the mainstay will still be prevention. It's cheaper, simpler and, at this stage of the game, still the most effective."



This one's for two

Freshman forward Claude Riley goes in for a backwards dunk as Louisville's Rodney McCray (22) and Darrell Griffith (35) look on helplessly. The Cardinals defeated the Aggies 66-55 in overtime Friday night, and went on to defeat LSU, 86-66, Sunday for the NCAA Midwest Regional Championship in Houston's Summit Arena. For more sports news, see page 11.

Staff photo by Lynn Blanco

Reagan, Carter leading in Illinois opinion poll

United Press International
CHICAGO — Illinois sent another signal today that 1980 is the year of the volatile voter: Ronald Reagan overtook John Anderson, George Bush dropped like a rock and President Carter lost a chunk of support in a statewide poll taken within two days of Illinois' presidential primary.

The Chicago Tribune poll, which last week showed favorite son Anderson leading Reagan by a whisker, gave the former California governor a 36 percent to 34 percent lead over the Illinois congressman on the basis of samplings taken Friday and Saturday.

The Reagan lead, which is within the poll's margin of error, makes the GOP contest a two-man tossup, because Bush, running at 20 percent a week ago, plummeted to 12 percent in the final survey.

On the Democratic side, the poll, which has a good record of reliability, showed Carter's Illinois support dropping, but Sen. Edward Kennedy holding fast.

Carter's lost support went into the undecided category, which could mean it will wind up in Kennedy's column, or because there is no registration by party in the state, switching over to the GOP side to vote for Anderson.

Both Bush and Kennedy campaigners

tried to put the best face possible on what shaped up as more bad news for their candidates.

"I do not believe the Tribune poll," said Bush aide Sam Skinner.

He then amended his statement to say he disagreed only with the survey's findings of a sharp Bush drop, not with the Anderson slump it also showed.

Skinner, who took over Bush's news conference when the candidate refused to discuss the poll because he had been criticized for not concentrating on issues, said the former U.N. ambassador's own organization had found Bush's support increasing.

Kennedy, campaigning Sunday in Connecticut — which holds its primary along with New York on March 25 — made no predictions about Tuesday's vote, but told supporters he had just given two bunches of shamrocks, with which "every Irishman gets two wishes."

"I'm going to use one of them up on the Illinois primary and the other one in Connecticut," he said.

Kennedy today also was taking advantage of St. Patrick's Day in Chicago by marching at the head of the city's famous big parade with Mayor Jane Byrne.

The parade, for which the city dyes the

Chicago River green and paints a green stripe down State Street, is a favorite campaigning ground for local politicians, and Kennedy hopes to bolster his Chicago support with the appearance.

Despite his poor showing in the statewide poll, Kennedy expects to do far better in Chicago with the fiery mayor's help. Because delegate selection is separated from the popular vote "beauty contest" in the two-tier Illinois primary, Kennedy's supporters hope to capture most of the 49 delegates Chicago gets in the 152-member Illinois Democratic convention delegation and pick up some additional delegates in downstate areas.

The same kind of disparity may show up in the selection of the state's 92 Republican delegates. There is separate voting for them and Reagan is the only candidate who has anywhere near a full slate running. Bush has only four delegates running under his name and Anderson has barely half the full slate on the ballot.

Reagan campaigned Sunday in suburban Schaumburg, where he told supporters at a \$100 a plate fund-raiser: "Unless the Republicans win this time, what you just paid for lunch is going to be the regular price for a lunch."