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## Soviet whaling ship faces U.S. barrier

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LOS ANGELES — Environmentalists from five nations prepared Monday to sail for the Bering Sea to confront a Russian whaling ship and perhaps provoke an international incident in an effort to stop the slaughter of migrating California gray whales.

"If the Russians want to shoot at us, that's OK," said Capt. Paul Watson of the 200-foot trawler Sea Shepherd II, which was scheduled to leave Tuesday.

"The publicity we would gain from that would make it worthwhile. For one thing it would force our government to make some kind of stand on the whaling issue."

Twenty-five environmentalists from the United States, England, Canada, Australia and West Germany planned to join the voyage to stalk the Soviet whaler Zevedny, which Watson said was exceeding its quota of 179 60-ton whales a year and slaughtering pregnant whales.

Watson, 30, a Canadian who gained international notoriety when he rammed his ship into the Portuguese whaler Sierra, said his crew was prepared to do "anything but injure the Soviet crew members."

Watson said the crew was willing to cause an international incident to stop the slaughter of California gray whales, a protected species in the United States.

The U.S. position on whales has been generally in favor of a ban on commercial whaling. The Reagan administration plans to make its first presentation on the subject July 20 at a meeting of the International Whaling Commission in England.

In 1979, Watson's assault on the Sierra forced it to dock for repairs. Other whale supporters then planted a magnetic mine, which permanently damaged the ship.

Watson claims his group—the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society—has sunk two other ships.

His tactics are not condoned by other environmental groups, including Greenpeace, of which he is a founding

member. Greenpeace termed Watson a radical and violent.

"We've never injured anybody," Watson said, "and we've saved thousands of whales, which is more than can be said for some of the other organizations. I just can't feel too guilty about damaging several tons of metal and saving several thousands of whales."

The trawler will make a one-day refueling stop in Vancouver, British Columbia, before heading for U.S.-owned St. Lawrence Island, 60 miles off the Soviet coast.

Watson said the Sea Shepherd II will then search for the Zevedny, slightly smaller than Watson's ship, and will try to stop the whale killing "any way we can, excluding the use of weapons."

He said his vessel would remain in the area at least a week, time enough for the whales to begin their annual migration southward.

## Republicans, Democrats continue tax fight

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WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Donald Regan says the administration's tax cut program will mean 11 million new jobs and the Democrats are being ridiculous when they say their tax program is "the poor man's bill."

Gloves off, House Speaker Thomas O'Neill promptly retorted that the Democrats are aiming their tax cuts at the middle class. He accused the administration of already cutting benefits for 3 million Social Security recipients.

Regan, appearing Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation," and Budget Director David Stockman, appearing on ABC's "Issues and Answers," both predicted President Reagan's 5 percent, 33-month tax cut will be passed by Congress.

"We are looking for about 11 million jobs" to be produced by the Republican tax plan, as small business entrepreneurs again become willing to take risks that will boost employment, Regan said.

The treasury secretary scoffed at the Democrats' alternative, maintaining it is a bill to redistribute wealth, not create it. He accused the Democrats of "trying to buy their way to victory over us" with tax breaks for special interest groups.

"What they did, in an effort to prove they have a poor man's bill, they went out and gave 2,500 wealthy speculators on the floors of the Chicago Board of Trade and other commodity exchanges a tax break of \$400 million, Regan

said."

In a statement, O'Neill said, "We would be remiss if we did not straighten the record on Secretary Regan's comments today."

"The Democratic tax plan would give larger cuts to families making \$10,000 to \$50,000 a year. Secretary Regan may consider that a 'poor man's tax cut.' We Democrats know it's a better deal for the middle class."

Secretary Regan said today that people on Social Security do not have to worry about their checks. The fact is the Reagan budget had already cut Social Security benefits for 3 million recipients. For many of these people, Social Security is their only source of income."

## Argument continues over jail without bail

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court is facing a major constitutional dispute that goes to the heart of the law-and-order debate, focusing on "preventive detention" — jailing criminal suspects without bail before trial.

When the high court returns from summer recess, it must decide whether to hear a challenge to the nation's preventive detention law, enacted in 1970 by the District of Columbia.

Under the controversial statute, a local judge can order a suspect detained for up to 60 days, pending trial.

The potential high court test was initiated by the D.C. Public Defender Service on behalf of Marvin L. Edwards, a Washington youth accused of a string of sexual assaults and robberies.

Edwards, then 17, was arrested March 18 and charged with raping a woman in February. He allegedly confessed to the rape and admitted guilt in a forcible sodomy and series of 17 robberies.

He has since pleaded guilty to several of the counts and is serving a 10- to 36-year prison sentence.

On the basis of Edwards' extensive juvenile criminal record, D.C. prosecutors convinced a judge to hold him in pretrial detention without possibility of bail.

Edwards' lawyers appealed the pretrial detention order to the D.C. Court of Appeals, arguing the detention law was unconstitutional. And even if it is constitutional, they said, a defendant should be entitled to greater legal safeguards — a full hearing — before a judge can order him jailed.

Rejecting their arguments, the appeals court upheld the law May 8.

While noting the criminal justice system "requires recognition of the right to bail as a basic human right," the court concluded, "Pretrial detention is regulatory rather than penal (punishing) in nature."

It added, "Pretrial detention was intended to protect the safety of the community until it can be determined whether society may properly punish the defendant."

Edwards' lawyers now have gone to the Supreme Court, seeking review of the detention law.

"Preventive detention," they contend, "provides prosecutors with a political, rather than actual answer to the problem of rising crime."

## Writer's strike over soon; TV production resumes schedule

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HOLLYWOOD — The tentative contract producers reached with script writers apparently means there will be only a slight delay in the debut of the new fall television season in September.

If the 8,500 members of the Writers Guild of America agree with the deal struck with union leaders during the weekend to end their three-month walkout, production will begin perhaps as early as Wednesday.

The striking motion picture and television script writers vote today on the tentative four-year accord.

Under the proposal, writers could receive an overall 52 percent to 57 percent increase in minimums paid for scripts over the contract period plus a share of home and pay TV markets. The contract is retroactive to March 1.

Guild negotiators hailed the proposal as a breakthrough that would guarantee writers a share of the growing pay TV and home video markets.

Both sides said settlement of the strike would mean the fall television schedule would be only slightly delayed.

"Some writers could be working by midnight Tuesday," Melville Havelson, president of the Writers Guild West, said following the 15-hour marathon bargaining session in which details of the new act were worked out.

"The fall television season will be on schedule," said Lew Wasserman, chairman of the board of ICA-Universal Studios. "I don't think the delays will be significant."

While representatives of the writers

overwhelmingly endorsed the tentative agreement, producers' negotiators were less enthusiastic but were relieved the strike may be coming to an end.

"I don't think anyone's ever totally happy with any agreement," Wasserman said, "but I'm pleased that a very difficult problem is behind us and Hollywood can go back to work."

A writer who currently earns a minimum of \$9,872 for a one-hour prime-time network show would receive \$11,169 immediately, \$12,509 beginning in July, 1982, \$13,885 in the third year and \$15,135 by the end of the contract.

A script for a theatrical motion picture, which currently brings a minimum of \$26,326, would bring \$39,955 at the end of the contract period.

Considered of even greater importance, industry spokesmen

said, was the agreement reached over the pay TV issue.

For the first time, writers would receive two percent of producers' revenues after producers recoup certain costs, for scripts written expressly for pay TV.

"Something truly historic has happened here," Gary Ellingsworth, chief negotiator for the writers, said. "For the first time in history of the entertainment industry, the guild has won the right to participate in the revenue of employers."

"That's never, ever happened before."



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