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Maureen's support list faulty

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LOS ANGELES — Maureen Reagan, the president's elder

daughter, has started her U.S. Senate campaign with an embarrassment — her campaign staff

was forced to retract a long list of purported supporters.

Hours after Monday's announcement that she was officially seeking the Republican nomination for the Senate seat now held by S.I. Hayakawa, Reagan's campaign withdrew the supporters list, admitting it contained numerous errors.

Four people listed — including the head of a drive to recall the chief justice of the California Supreme Court — told United Press International they were not backing Reagan's candidacy.

Campaign manager Lee Stitzenberger said the names were collected by volunteers at campaign events and some of the people signing these lists probably had not intended to make endorsements. He conceded the best course would have been not to have handed out the list.

"We can speak to some of the big names that are there, but I have no idea which names are true endorsers on here or which people were just signing up (for information)," he said.

Reagan, 40, a businesswoman and former radio talk show host who is the daughter of Reagan and

actress Jane Wyman, is the only woman in the crowded race for the GOP nomination in next June's primary.

Reagan pledged to run a personal and aggressive campaign.

She said her family name would be a liability because she would have to overcome "the idea I am not an independent person" and an asset in terms of instant name identification among the state's voters.

"But being independent has never been a problem for me," she said. "How many people do you know that can publicly disagree with the president and still be invited to dinner?"

Reagan has publicly disagreed with her father on a number of issues. She supports the Equal Rights Amendment, which the president opposes, and last month came out against the sale of AWACs to Saudi Arabia.

She said she personally opposed abortion but would not vote for a constitutional amendment banning it.

"I would be against anything the government would do to interfere with our own personal lives," she said.

Ex-CIA agent aids Libya in war effort, pilot says

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WASHINGTON — A British pilot said Tuesday manpower and supplies secured by an ex-CIA agent are arming Libya's military and sustaining its war effort in Chad. These supplies include vital spare parts from America, the pilot said.

John Anthony Stubbs, who was deported by the Libyan government after refusing to fly to a war-torn area of Chad with supplies for Libyan forces, also said the former agent, Edwin P. Wilson, has talked with the Soviets and may be involved in training the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Wilson, who is living in Tripoli, is the central figure in an evolving series of revelations and allegations concerning the involvement of U.S. personnel in training and supplying Libya's armed forces.

The State Department confirmed Monday that Americans have been servicing Libyan

planes and flying missions for Col. Moammar Khadafy, and termed that involvement "reprehensible."

Ten days earlier, the department said it had no evidence of American involvement.

"We can now say Libya has been successful in recruiting expatriates, including a number of American citizens," Department Spokesman Dean Fischer said.

"It is reprehensible, and against the interest of peace and stability of the region, for any American citizen to help Colonel Khadafy carry out his policies of intervention and terrorism," he said.

Stubbs is the first person to go public with detailed firsthand knowledge of Wilson's operations in Libya, where the ex-agent has been living while under indictment in the United States on charges of plotting to smuggle explosives to Libya.

In an interview on ABC's

"Good Morning America," Stubbs said the ex-CIA agent plays a key role in maintaining Khadafy's military. The New York Times reported Stubbs was paid \$4,000 a month while working in Libya for a company controlled by Wilson.

"Mr. Wilson is contracted to Khadafy to supply as much information and wherewithal as he possibly can," Stubbs said. "We're talking in terms of pilots, engineers, material technicians and so forth. And he's contracted to provide these."

Stubbs said Wilson oversees the preparation of "cells" for the production of rockets and missiles.

In addition to acquiring arms and expertise for Khadafy, Stubbs said, Wilson has obtained spare parts for U.S. made C-130 transports by routing them through Britain and Italy.



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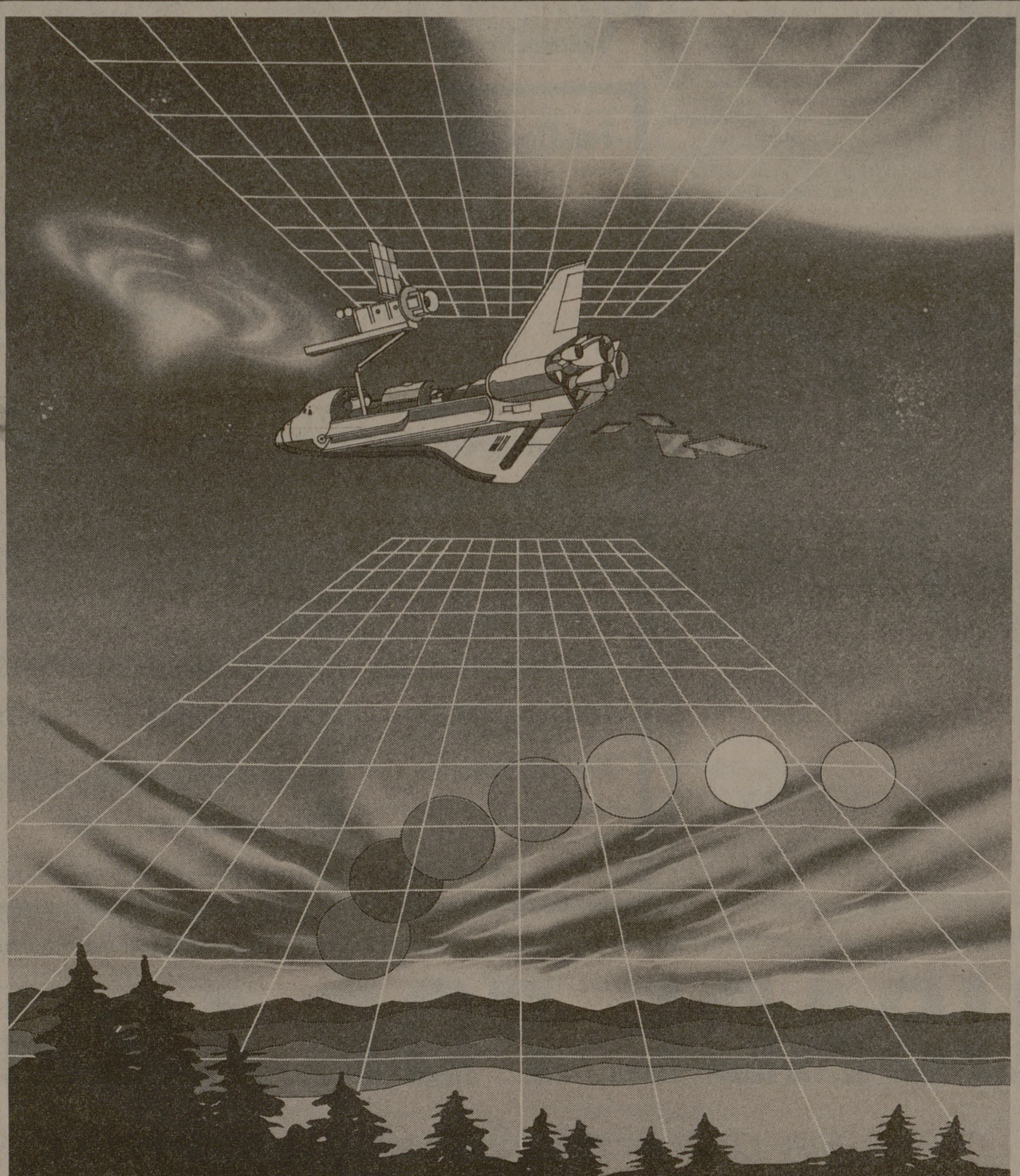
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Interest rates on the way down

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High interest rates, the bane of ordinary borrowers and would-be federal budget balancers alike, are getting a kick downward with most major banks lowering their prime rate to 17 1/2 percent.

The lowering of the prime rate, the rate banks charge their best corporate customers, means consumer interest rates could dip as well.

Financial analysts said Monday the banks' decision to lower the prime reflected last week's Federal Reserve Board reduction in the discount rate, the rate at which it lends money to banks, to 13 percent from 14 percent.

"This was a clear and public signal to banks that the Fed would like to see lower short-term rates," said William Sullivan, senior vice president at Bank of New York, one of the banks that lowered its prime.

At the White House, a spokesman said high interest rates make it increasingly difficult for President Reagan to reach his goal of a balanced budget by 1984.

Deputy press secretary Larry Speakes told reporters Reagan is expected to sit down with Republican leaders later this week to review his proposals for \$13 billion in budget cuts and \$3 billion in

revenue-raising proposals in 1984. GOP leaders are expected to ask that the proposed cuts be slashed in half, with the deficit budget taking a greater share of the reduction.

In line with the softening short-term interest rates, Treasury bill yields fell at the government's auction Monday for the third time in the past four weeks.

The government sold \$4.7 billion of three-month bills at an average discount of 12.695 percent, down from 13.352 percent a week. The government also sold \$4.7 billion of six-month bills at an average discount of 12.721 percent, down from 13.619 percent last week.

The new six-month money market certificate rate is 13.659 percent, the highest rate banks and thrift institutions may pay on month money market certificates issued in denominations of \$10,000 or more effective immediately.

In Findlay, Ohio, a federal judge Monday blocked Marathon Corp., the nation's second largest oil company, from proceeding with its \$5.1 billion takeover attempt of Marathon Oil Co.

The restraining order issued shortly after Marathon announced its directors had unanimously rejected Marathon's \$85-a-share bid as "grossly inadequate, is not in the best interest of the company or its shareholders and should be rejected."



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