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Senator says he will fight to cut carriers, MX, B-1

United Press International
WASHINGTON — A Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee said Wednesday he will press for \$14 billion in defense spending cuts by eliminating funds for the B-1 bomber, MX missile and two nuclear aircraft carriers.

But Michigan Sen. Carl Levin told reporters at a breakfast meeting he may be able to cut only \$5-\$10 billion out of the Defense Department's proposed \$215.9 billion in outlays for fiscal 1983.

The total Pentagon budget is \$258 billion, but it includes money for such big ticket items as those mentioned that would not be spent immediately. Outlays only for 1983 are budgeted at \$215.9 billion.

Levin said a consensus is growing in Congress, among both conservative Democrats

and Republicans, that the Pentagon will not be sacrosanct, as it was last year, because of the need to reduce the federal deficit and curb the recession.

"The people who are strongest for defense are opposed to such a big deficit," Levin said.

President Reagan has said he opposes reducing defense spending or raising taxes to help cut the deficit, which he estimates will be \$91.5 billion.

Levin said support is disappearing in Congress for Reagan's economic program, and that will lead to some cuts in defense spending.

"The underpinning is gone, it's cracking before your eyes," he said.

Levin said to save \$14 billion in outlays he would propose cutting out funds for the B-1, budgeted at \$20 billion over five

years; the MX missile; and the \$6.8 billion proposed for building two Nimitz class carriers.

A cutback of \$14 billion in outlays would mean reducing total budget authority by about \$40 billion — the money that would be spent in later years to pay for the big weapons systems. For example, the full \$3.5 billion it takes to produce a carrier would be spent over the eight years needed to build one.

"The odds are good at eliminating one and, maybe, both carriers," he said, but added odds are 2-to-1 against eliminating the B-1 and the MX.

"It's anti-defense to build the B-1 bomber," Levin said. "It's the damndest waste of money I've seen in my time."

As for the MX, he said he doesn't build the damn thing out knowing where you're going to base it."

The Pentagon says the first 40 of 100 Minuteman II missiles will be produced by 1984. It is building the B-1 while continuing to produce the B-52, radar-elusive bomber.

Shuttle mechanism fixed, preparation continue for test

United Press International
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A replacement steering mechanism in one of the space shuttle's rocket boosters has tested out well and preparations are continuing for this week's tanking test, officials said Wednesday.

The mechanism, a gyro providing steering guidance after the shuttle's liftoff, failed during a launch dress rehearsal Friday and was replaced during the weekend. The defective device was on the left booster rocket.

All remaining work on the Columbia's heat protection tiles is set to be completed later this week, Kennedy Space Center spokesman Mark Hess said.

Only 449 of the rocketplane's light silicon tiles were replaced

between the second and third flights as opposed to 1,000 placed after the first flight.

The trial loading of more than a half million gallons of liquid hydrogen and oxygen into the 154-foot-tall external tank is set for Friday. The tank will be loaded and then with each of the two boosters into separate storage tanks on the pad.

This will be carried out using another simulated launch that is scheduled to begin about noon today.

Technicians have determined what to do about a broken light switch on the instrument panel in the cockpit, Hess said.

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Offshore gas well puts out own fire

United Press International
MORGAN CITY, La. — A natural gas well that blew out in the Gulf of Mexico collapsed under the surface Wednesday, smothering a fire that had burned wildly for 19 hours.

Thirteen workers aboard the Texaco Oil Co. drilling rig escaped onto nearby tugboats after the explosion Tuesday. Two suffered minor injuries and were treated at hospitals and released.

"The well put itself out this morning," Texaco spokesman

Max Hebert said. "The gas flowing from the well means the well is dead."

"The sides of the well caved in sufficiently to stop the flow of gas to the surface," Texaco officials said.

Well firefighters from Coots Inc. of Houston tried to cool the rig, then pumped mud into the well to seal it, Hebert said.

The cause of the blowout is under investigation. The rig apparently was destroyed by the fire.

Non-credit Physical Conditioning class open to all Texas A&M students. Class to be held Monday through Friday beginning February 24th. Class will start promptly at 5:15 p.m. at K Field. You will be required to supply your own equipment. All interested students contact Dave Williams at 845-3193 for more details.

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