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U.S. will defend Persian Gulf

publicly stated policy by suggest-ing U.S. forces, in a crisis, would

enter the gulf without invitation.

"Our principal objectives are

United Press International WASHINGTON — The De-ense Department envisions a jor conflict between the Uned States and the Soviet Union f Moscow attempts to seize the Persian Gulf oil fields with conentional forces, according to a me to Texa Pentagon document.

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The secret 136-page docuent considers the region so vitil it directs preparations for in-roducing U.S. forces into the rea even if the security of access Persian Gulf oil is only hreatened and there is no outight invasion.

Titled "Fiscal 1984-1988 De- tration has been molding a

priorities during the next five directs its buildup. years and reflects Pentagon Although it is n thinking. It is accompanied by a memorandum dated March 22, 1982, signed by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

It was made available to United Press International by sources familiar with defense issues.

Persian Gulf oil and to prevent The Reagan administration the Soviets from acquiring poli-tical-military control of the oil has made no secret of its intent directly or through proxies," it to defend Saudi Arabia and other Persian Gulf states - the said. major suppliers of oil to the "To achieve these goals, we

West and Japan. The adminismust allocate a disproportionately larger investment to this

strategic planning and spending that objective and the document to, and operate them in, the re- completed in fiscal 1987." gion," the document said. "We should also urgently increase Although it is not specified, the document appears to go beyond the administration's

and improve the capabilities of friendly indigenous forces. "It is essential the Soviet Union be confronted with the prospect of a major conflict should it seek to reach oil resources of the to assure the continued access to Gulf. If the Soviets perceive this

to be a real prospect, we believe it will deter such Soviet action." The administration has allo-

cated hundreds of millions of dollars for construction of base facilities in Egypt, Oman, Kenya and Somalia for support of the Rapid Deployment Force. The

The document, a key component of the administration's strategy for countering the Soviets, spells out use of non-nuclear forces worldwide to combat perceived Soviet aggression and directs the buildup of U.S. forces over the next five years to assure there is military muscle to enforce that policy.

And, should it develop into a global conflict, the document adds,"If conventional means and total mobilization are insufficient to ensure a satisfactory termination of war, the United States will prepare options for the use of nuclear weapons.'



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tense Guidance," the chilling Rapid Deployment Force region, and we must upgrade Rapid Deployment Force. The document sets forth policy, shaped specifically to carry out our capabilities to project forces document directed they "be redReagan may delay benefit hikes increase due July 1 would be de-United Press International WASHINGTON — President eagan is considering whether Reagan has not said whether from his advisory commission commission and top White

o apply the proposed six-month lelay in Social Security cost-ofliving benefit increases to other overnment pension and retirement programs, aides say.

A temporary lid on such hikes, they explained, would be another major move to bring down the projected \$200 billion udget deficit.

Aides said the six-month postponement of cost-of-living oosts in benefits may be applied to civil service, military, Coast Guard, and government retirement, as well as railroad retirement and veterans' comensation and pensions.

Under the Social Security bail-out plan, the cost-of-living Morning

layed for six months.

Aides said the question of savings in benefit programs — a major part of the federal budget - is one of only a handful of decisions that still must be made on the fiscal 1984 budget Reagan submits to Congress

Jan. 31 Deputy press secretary Larry Speakes said Monday as much as 80 percent of the budget text has

gone to the printer, and the re-mainder should be wrapped up in a few days. Also on Reagan's desk awaiting an 11th-hour decision is a

proposed contingency tax inout crease — perhaps a surtax on income — that would trigger in fiscal 1986 if the deficit exceeds a certain level.

he will adopt a recommendation on Social Security. from some key Republican lawmakers to freeze total spending

on non-defense, non-entitlement, discretionary programs at the fiscal 1983 level of about \$140 billion. On all

such questions, Speakes is telling reporters to wait for the unveiling of the budget.

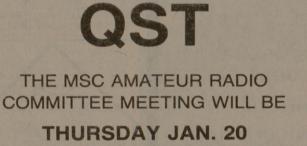
Speakes said Reagan's attempt to plug news leaks on the budget is generally working well, but he admitted some reports on the president's budget deliberations continue to seep

Reagan's drive to curb the deficit next year received a shot in the arm during the weekend

out during the weekend by the approved by Congress.

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