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## Anti-nukes protest 'death train' speed

United Press International  
SEATTLE — Protesters vowed to continue monitoring the progress of a train carrying 100 nuclear warheads from Amarillo to a Trident submarine base in Bangor, Wash., but charged the train violated speed limits in an effort to thwart their vigils.

The train, pulling 12 specially designed freight cars and two turreted security cars, headed into the Great Falls, Mont., area traveling at 10 mph, said Jim Douglass of the Washington

state anti-nuclear group Ground Zero.

"From Great Falls it could take a northern route through Glacier National Park to White Fish, Mont., or down south through Helena," Douglass said. "There are questions of safety if it goes to White Fish. There have been a number of derailments in the park."

Douglass said the train could reach its destination by today. The train must pass through Sandpoint, Idaho, and Spokane, Wash., on its way to the Bangor base.

Douglass charged the train was traveling at speeds up to 60 mph shortly after it left Billings, Mont. The legal limit for a train carrying restricted materials is 35 mph.

The protesters said authorities were changing the speeds and route of the train to thwart them. Railroad officials have refused to confirm the route the train is traveling.

Federal and railroad officials also have refused to confirm the train was carrying nuclear warheads.

Burlington Northern officials notified authorities of possible problems after 11 people were arrested Saturday in protests in Denver and Fort Collins, Colo.

A group of 200 protesters met the train Saturday as it wound through the western outskirts of Cheyenne, Wyo.

The train left the Pantex Corp. at Amarillo Friday and changed crews at Denver early Saturday. The Pantex Corp. assembles all nuclear weapons used by U.S. military forces.

### Warped

by Scott McCull



### Economic rise predicted

## Report - GNP is growing

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — The nation's gross national product is growing at 4 percent a year after inflation — rebuilding at a healthy pace after hitting the bottom of the recession late last year — government economists said Monday.

The Commerce Department's tentative "flash" projection of GNP growth in the current January-March quarter, the broad measure of the value of all goods and services, is based on only partial data. The first official reading will be made next month.

The figure was at the high end of predictions of a moderately strong recovery this year. But analysts also cautioned that the figure in several categories largely reflects drops less steep than in the previous quarter, rather than actual reversals to show increases.

At the same time the department made a final revision in its formal GNP measurement for the October-December quarter, showing the economy was still shrinking at an annual rate of 1.1 percent, instead of the figure

last reported, 1.9 percent. And the government's GNP measure for 1982 was improved slightly to show 1982's economy got 1.7 percent smaller, rather than the 1.8 percent originally reported.

The year was still the worst since the economy slowed down immediately after World War II. The government's omnibus report also included the first measure of corporate profits for the fourth quarter of last year, which after taxes did not change

at all from the third quarter. For 1982, profits also dropped 22.1 percent, department said, from \$13.1 billion to \$11.7 billion.

The White House, in advance what the figures show, quickly produced a statement saying, "We are toward an excellent recovery from the recession."

Spokesman Larry Speakes said, "It's the most confident indication that we have that the economic recovery begun and is proceeding at a healthy rate."

## Record tax hikes sought

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — State legislatures are looking for more money to counter a weak economy and high unemployment with 43 states considering record tax increases this year totalling more than \$12 billion,

the Tax Foundation said in a new report.

"Both the number of states looking for new revenues and the dollar amounts being sought are unprecedented," it said. The non-profit research group has existed since 1937 and has collected this series of figures since 1962.

During most of the 1970s, states for the most part were reducing taxes, the report said. But in 1981 and 1982 they

enacted tax increases of roughly \$4 billion per year.

Presumably not all the increases being considered by state legislatures this year will be enacted. Last year's \$4 billion increase resulted from \$6.8 billion in proposed increases. But the figures indicate this will be the third year in a row of substantial growth.

At least 23 states, the report said, are considering raising the sales tax rate, broadening its

base or both. If enacted, would raise revenues \$1 billion, more than two-fifths total.

Thirteen states are considering increasing personal taxes by a total of \$4.2 billion.

Other tax increases considered include corporate taxes in 17 states totaling \$1.1 billion; corporate income taxes in 10 states, \$403 million; cigarette excises in 14 states, \$237 million.

## Cancer remedy viable with prompt diagnosis

United Press International  
SAN DIEGO — One in five men who die of testicular cancer — the leading cause of death from solid tumors in men 20 to 40 years old — could be saved with early detection, a study released Monday said.

In half the cases studied, the deadly delay was blamed on the physician.

Dr. George Prout Jr., chief of Urological Service at Massachusetts General Hospital, examined 89 patients with testicular cancer treated at the hospital from 1970 to 1980.

"This group of patients with testicular cancer exemplified the need for prompt diagnosis

of neo-plastic (cancerous) processes," Prout told science writers at an American Cancer Society seminar. "The lost opportunity was catastrophic for those who died."

Prout said diagnosis was delayed in 61 percent of the cases. In half the cases the patient postponed seeking medical advice by up to four years. In the other half, physicians caused delays of up to two years by misdiagnosing their symptoms.

Of 34 patients who sought prompt medical advice and had their infected testes removed within one month of the outset of symptoms, four, or 12 per-

cent, died.

Of 28 patients who sought a doctor's help but were diagnosed correctly upon so, five, or 18 percent, died.

In 27 cases where physicians failed to make a correct diagnosis, nine, or 33 percent, died.

"Thus, delay in diagnosis a clear-cut negative influence on survival," Prout said. "Modern chemotherapy had a strong positive influence on survival, there were no patients who died of cancer, and were exclusively those who had a delay in diagnosis occurred."

The cancer claims \$1,000 each year.

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