

Committee hears testimony

MX: nation's 'best option'

United Press International
 WASHINGTON — Chairman John Tower, R-Texas, of the Senate Armed Services Committee, warned Tuesday that failure to deploy the MX missile would lead to "severe and untoward consequences."
 He urged congressional backing for the Scowcroft Commission recommendations, which includes immediate deployment of the MX in Minuteman silos, as the "best option available today" for moderniz-

ing U.S. land-based strategic forces.
 Tower said he agreed with the finding of the blue-ribbon commission that "further delay in MX deployment could be perilous to our security and that of our allies."
 Tower, a military hard-liner and once considered by President Reagan for the post of defense secretary, testified before the Senate Appropriations Committee and urged approval of basing the MX in existing Mi-

nuteman silos.
 "No one should be under the illusion that this early vote in committee is other than a test vote on the acceptance of the Congress on the totality of the Scowcroft Commission's recommendations," Tower said. "Let us be clear on this point. An eye vote for the pending resolution is an affirmation of the bipartisan Scowcroft Commission's report."
 Under an agreement reached

last year, Congress will vote on the issue of basing the MX apart from legislation authorizing research, development and manufacture of the MX and for providing funds for the development of a smaller missile, as recommended by the commission.
 Tower's committee has jurisdiction over proposing authorization levels for the MX and development of the smaller missile.

Mondale proposes fund to improve quality of schools

United Press International
 CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Former Vice President Walter Mondale proposed creation of a \$4.5 billion national fund Tuesday to improve the quality of the nation's school systems.
 In a position paper and remarks prepared for a news conference at Harvard University, Mondale, a candidate for the 1984 Democratic presidential nomination, also criticized President Reagan, calling him "the enemy of excellence."
 Mondale's education comments follow by two weeks the release of a report by the National Commission on Excell-

ence in Education. The report said the nation's school systems are being overwhelmed by mediocrity, and recommended stronger graduation requirements, higher teacher pay, more class time and more emphasis on science and math.
 Mondale outlined a five-point program for improving the education system that included a \$4.5 billion annual appropriation for a national "Fund for Excellence" that would be used for local government spending to improve teacher salaries, develop high technology courses, improve science and math teaching, lengthen the school day and set up new programs for motivated students.



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"ROCKY III" (PG)
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Food, drug tampering made federal offense

United Press International
 WASHINGTON — Congress has voted to use the full power of the federal government against those who tamper with food and drugs in cases like the fatal cyanide poisoning of seven Chicago residents last year.

any food or drug if the individual knows the tampering will cause death or bodily injury.
 The legislation also would punish anyone who falsely claims a product has been tampered with, or who threatens to tamper with a product.

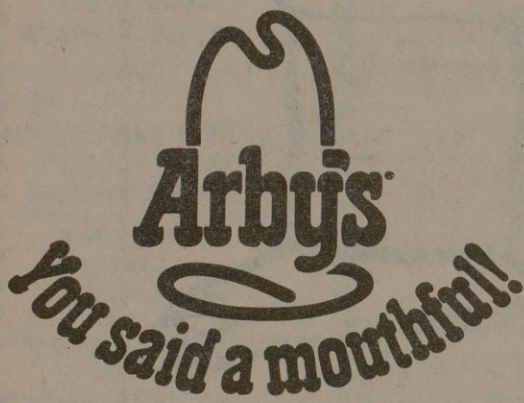
and disposable diapers. It not cover non-personal such as lawn mowers and oil.
 Penalties range from a \$25,000 fine and up to 10 years in prison for an attempt to tamper, to a fine of up to \$100,000 and up to 20 years in prison if the tampering results in death. In the case of injury, the penalty would be a fine of up to \$100,000 and 20 years in prison.

By a 292-0 vote Monday, the House passed legislation that would allow the FBI and other federal agencies to immediately enter tampering cases and would provide penalties up to life in prison if death results.
 Later in the day, a companion bill was approved by voice vote in the Senate. The bills will now go to a Senate-House conference where the differences will be resolved.

States now have jurisdiction over such crimes, and the FBI can be called in only if there is a threat of extortion, as happened in the case last fall when seven people in Chicago died after taking Tylenol poisoned with cyanide, crimes that never have been solved.

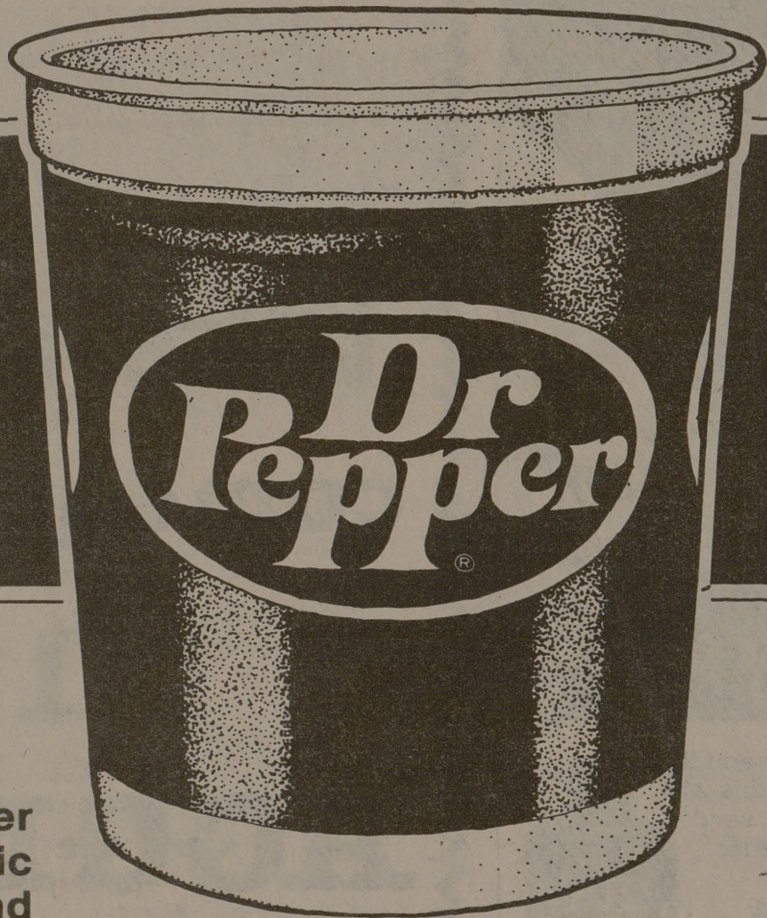
The cyanide-Tylenol case was the last September when the McNeil Consumer Products Co. Tylenol's manufacturer, the aspirin substitute, was taken off the market. It has been replaced in new tamper-resistant packaging the Food and Drug Administration now requires for most over-the-counter medications.

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