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Soviet vessel spotted with exploration craft

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TOKYO — Japanese ships spotted a Soviet vessel lifting a deep-sea exploration craft Thursday, raising speculation the Soviets might have found the wreckage of the downed Korean Air Lines jet, a Japanese news report said.

A red and orange buoy marking the location some 20 miles north of Moneron also was spotted, raising speculation the Soviets might have found the wreckage on the seabed, the report said.

The Maritime Safety Agency would not confirm the report. It said, however, that 21 Soviet ships, including a missile cruiser, an oil drilling vessel and 12,000-ton rescue ship were sighted in the area.

The Soviet ships apparently conduct their search operations only at night while drifting in the area during the day, an agency official said.

An American ocean tug scanned Japan's northern waters Thursday for the "black box" from the downed KAL plane as Japanese authorities reinforced their search for submerged wreckage and trapped bodies from the airliner.

The decapitated bodies of two more people believed to have been aboard the plane washed ashore in northern Hokkaido Wednesday, where 500 policemen continued their search.

A total of five bodies and eleven body parts have been recovered so far, including two pieces of human flesh found washed up on the beach Thursday. The

bodies remain unidentified.

The U.S. Navy tug USNS Narragansett, equipped with special electronic sensing gear, was scanning the ocean floor listening to signals presumably still being transmitted from the black box. A spokesman in Japan Thursday said no signal from the crash-resistant box had been detected.

The Narragansett joined three U.S. ships in the search area as Japanese authorities reinforced their search by mobilizing two trawlers to scour the seabed for submerged wreckage and trapped human bodies.

House passes \$188 billion military plan

WASHINGTON — The House, ignoring pleas to temper its outrage over the Korean airliner disaster, overwhelmingly approved and sent to President Reagan Thursday a \$188 billion compromise 1984 military spending plan.

The bill passed 266-152. Approval came despite efforts by Reps. Clement Zablocki, D-Wis., and Ed Bethune, R-Ark., to have the bill sent back to a conference committee because it authorizes the United States to resume production of nerve gas for the first time since 1969.

The compromise legislation, which was approved 83-8 by the Senate Tuesday and also includes authority to produce the first 21 MX nuclear missiles, was worked out by a House-Senate conference committee last month.

But others argued that the international developments of the past few days warrant a strong response, including the go-ahead for resuming production of lethal chemical weapons.

"This will send a clear message to the Kremlin that we have the will and we have the resolve to be strong," said Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio.

Approval of the mammoth conference report had been expected because military spending bills are traditionally popular with congressmen, many of whom have defense plants in their districts.

"I can't imagine we're going to vote the whole conference bill down because some of us disagree on some aspects of it," added Rep. Jim Courter, R-N.J.

Bethune, whose congressional district is near the Pine Bluff arsenal where the weapons will be produced, said his record on defense issues is "second to none" but that the Pentagon is not being forthright about the weapon's continued problems.

"Let's not take leave of our senses and do something because of our emotions at this particular moment," Bethune said.

The controversial nerve gas provision originally was rejected in the House and only passed in the Senate when Vice President George Bush cast a tie-breaking vote.

The legislation authorizes \$114.6 million for producing a new and ostensibly safer 155mm artillery nerve gas round, and for setting up a facility for producing the "Big Eye" bomb. It contains a provision that would prohibit final assembly before Oct. 1, 1985.

The mammoth bill, which gave Reagan virtually everything he asked for, includes \$4.8 billion for procurement of the MX units; \$1.87 billion to buy 10 more B-1 bombers, and \$407 million to buy 95 Pershing-2 missiles for deployment in West Germany.

The total was \$10.5 billion below Reagan's original request.

Begin resigns Israeli office

United Press International
JERUSALEM — An ailing Prime Minister Menachem Begin formally resigned Thursday, sending an aide to carry his letter of resignation to Israel's president and paving the way for Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir to become premier.

The prime minister wanted to do this himself but because he is still forced to remain in his home, he asked that I fulfill this task," Cabinet Secretary Dan Meridor said, handing over the letter to President Chaim Herzog.

The brief ceremony took place inside Herzog's official residence, repeated three times for the press.

But Begin's ill health almost overshadowed the end of an 18-day delay since his announcement he intended to resign.

"Begin's doctors say he is not physically ill but is sinking before the eyes of those close to him," columnist Yoel

Marcus wrote Thursday in the Ha'aretz newspaper. "His face is stubbled and his gauntness and weakness have prevented him from going to the president or appearing in public."

The Israeli leader has stayed in seclusion inside his official Jerusalem residence for the last eight days, visited only by close aides, friends, family and doctors.

The Government Press Office carried an announcement from President Chaim Herzog's bureau that Cabinet Secretary Dan Meridor would deliver Begin's formal letter of resignation at 7 a.m. EDT.

Begin's illness kept him from following tradition by personally delivering the resignation letter to the president.

Israel Radio quoted Begin's spokesman, Uri Porat, as saying the premier has a skin rash and did not want to appear personally at the president's residence.

Aggies-Indian clash set for Saturday

The Texas A&M football team will try to even its record at 1-1 Saturday when the Aggies host the Arkansas State Indians at 6 p.m. in Kyle Field.

Arkansas State, 2-0 so far this season, is coached by Larry Lacey and will face the Aggies for the first time ever Saturday.

Aggie coach Jackie Sherrill said Lacey will try to motivate the Indians by taking them to Midnight Yell Practice tonight. Also expected at yell practice are former members of the Aggie Band.

Game time temperature is expected to be in the mid to low 80s and a crowd of about 50,000 is expected at Kyle Field.

Should the Aggies win the opening coin flip, the Texas A&M Twelfth Man Kickoff Team will step into action again. Last week, Ike Liles, a senior from Stamford made the first tackle by the Twelfth Man team and was named Twelfth Man Kickoff Team Member of the Week.

No live, national or regional television coverage of the game is planned, but Home Sports Entertainment will broadcast the game on a delayed basis to its subscribers in the Houston and Dallas areas. Ted Davis and Donnie Duncan will call the game on the Southwest Conference Radio Network.

For more on Saturday's game see page 15.

Vice-chancellor to 'move on'

by Melissa Adair
Battalion Reporter
Clyde Freeman, executive vice chancellor for administration at Texas A&M, says he plans on retiring in January because he wants to move on to something different and let others have a chance at the position.

"I'm 64 years of age," Freeman said. "And I want to give other people an opportunity to improve on what I've done."

Freeman, who has been considering resigning for about four months, said he made his resignation official earlier this

week. Freeman graduated from Texas A&M in 1940 with a degree in agricultural administration. In 1947 he came to work for the University to help plan the establishment of the Texas A&M administration system. Since 1953 he's had the same basic responsibilities as he does now — only the titles have changed.

Clifton Lancaster, assistant vice chancellor for budgets, has worked with Freeman for 22 years. Lancaster said Freeman will be missed a lot. "I hoped he (Freeman) would work

forever," Lancaster said. "He's a super boss and he knows more about higher education than anyone I know. He's... the one who has kept things together around here."

But Lancaster said he can respect Freeman's decision to resign. "He deserves to have time for himself... to do what he wants to do."

Lancaster and Bill Wasson, the system's comptroller, are organizationally the next two in line for Freeman's position.

Freeman said he decided not to recommend anyone for the job.

"I don't want to influence who is chosen for the job," he said. "There are many qualified people and there shouldn't be any problem filling the position."

Lancaster said he hasn't thought too much about what will happen concerning Freeman's position.

"It's not my decision to make," Lancaster said. "Both Bill (Wasson) and I are just waiting to see what happens."

Freeman said he hasn't decided what he will do after he resigns.

Non-PUF school funding endorsed

by Michelle Powe
Battalion Staff

The Texas A&M and University of Texas Systems are endorsing a state constitutional amendment which will provide funding for all state universities not included in the Permanent University Fund.

Texas A&M Chancellor Arthur C. Hansen is leading the move to make more money available to the other state schools.

The PUF is the constitutional endowment of 2.1 million acres of West Texas land which is administered for the benefit of the Texas A&M and UT systems.

Money from the PUF itself cannot be spent, but it is invested and the return on the investment, known as the Available University Fund, provides income for the two systems.

The UT system receives two-thirds of the AUF and the Texas A&M System receives the other one-third.

If voters approve the bill, proposed to the Texas legislature by Representative Wilhelmina DeLo, \$100 million from general state revenues will be allocated to establish a fund for all institutions of higher learning outside of the Permanent University Fund.

The bill also will open up the

PUF to all schools in the University of Texas System and Texas A&M System, and will require the UT System to allocate \$6 million per year from its two-thirds share in the PUF for Prairie View A&M University.

The bill increases the bonding capacity of the PUF from twenty to thirty percent to allow for the needs of the additional ten institutions eligible for the PUF. It broadens the applications of the PUF bond proceeds to include repair and rehabilitation of buildings as well as acquisition of educational capital equipment, library books and library materials.

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Texas A&M Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and General Counsel James B. Bond says Hansen has worked long and hard to get the bill passed and "solve the problem of funding of higher education systems not included in the Permanent University Fund."

Bond says the U.T. and Texas A&M Systems "completely, unreservedly" support the bill and will exhaust every effort to get the bill passed.

A member of the Legislative Study Group, a student government committee here, John R. Hatch, says the group lobbied for the bill.

Hatch, a sophomore in general studies from Big Spring, says the goal of the LSG now is to educate people about the bill and try to convince them to vote in favor of it.

"For the first time in Texas history, all the schools have agreed on one issue and said 'we are going to make this work.'"

Traffic director speaks out

Parking a 'problem of attitude'

by Melissa Adair
Battalion Reporter

Parking at Texas A&M is only a problem because of the attitude of the drivers, says Bob Wiatt, director of security and traffic.

Wiatt said people think they deserve convenient, easy-to-find parking every time they come on campus.

"Many students think that if they can't find a place right by their classes, then they can just park illegally," Wiatt said.

He said there are enough parking spaces on campus for everyone with a parking sticker to park legally. But, he said, the problem is that the parking spaces are not always where the drivers want them to be.

"On any given day, you can go out to the fish lots (west of the railroad tracks) and there are plenty of unoccupied spaces," Wiatt said. He added that those lots are considered on campus. And, he said, shuttle buses run from those lots to the central part of campus every weekday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Anyone can ride these buses.

But people continue to park illegally and as a result the University Police continue to write tickets, he said.

From Sept. 1, 1982 to Aug. 31, 1983, the University Police issued 122,640 parking tickets — more than 500 tickets per class day. And so far this semester, the University Police have issued almost 8,000 tickets for parking violations — more than 650 per class day.

Parking tickets cost \$10 each. Where does all this money go? Wiatt said the money goes toward

repairing and upgrading existing lots as well as construction of new lots. The most recent lot being constructed is a motorcycle parking lot at the corner of Ireland and Ross streets. This lot should be finished in two or three weeks.

Wiatt admits the parking situation here isn't the best, yet he insists that the University is working at solving some of the traffic and parking problems.

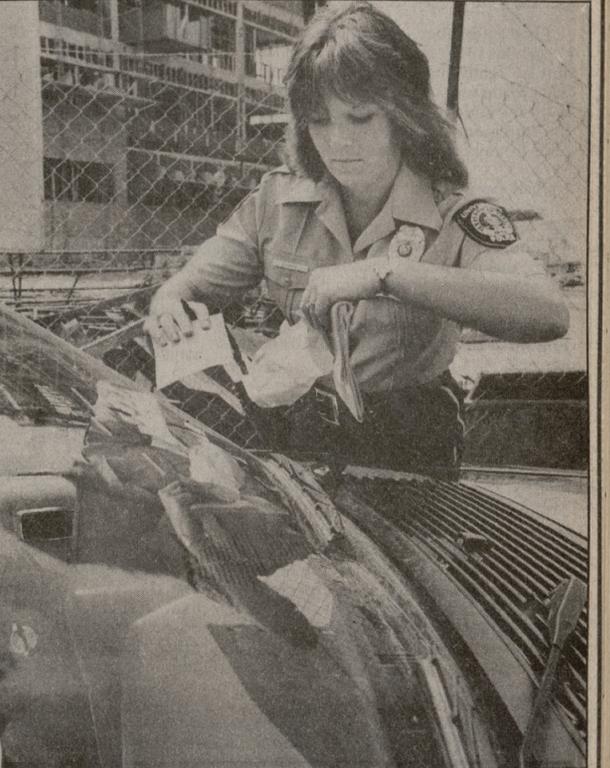
For example, the University has hired a parking and traffic consulting firm to do an in-depth study of the parking situation here.

One possibility for helping the parking here is to add an upper level to already existing parking lots. But Wiatt said the main problem with adding a second level is the cost.

Dr. Charles Pinnell, a liaison between the University and the consulting firm, said building a second level for parking lot 60 (across from Rudder Tower) would cost about \$2.5 million. A second level on lot 60 would add approximately 450 spaces that would cost about \$5,000 per space.

Another possibility considered was to close the campus to traffic and have buses bring in students who could park off campus, Weiss said. However, this idea was negated because there aren't enough places off campus for parking.

The firm has other recommendations that will be presented to the Texas A&M Board of Regents later this month. The regents then will decide what can be done about the parking situation at Texas A&M.



Sandy Downes, of Bryan, puts a ticket on the windshield of an illegally parked car in lot 7

Thursday. She is an officer with the university police department.

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Forecast

Clear skies, with temperatures in the mid 80s and a 20 percent chance of rain.