

# Radioactive material investigation continues

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**JUAREZ, Mexico** — Members of Mexico's Nuotinted their investigation for radioactive materials in the border city, following the disclosure Tuesday that a hospital warehouse was closed because of radiation contamination.

The search for radioactive materials was initiated when tons of steel rebar from a foundry in Chihuahua City, Mexico, were found to contain low levels of radioactivity.

Dr. Juan Rauda Esquivel, a federal health official, said he did not know the intensity of the radiation or the source of the contamination. He said the warehouse, owned by the most modern private hospital in Juarez, was closed Sunday.

Five truckloads of the steel rebar were discovered by officials at the Los Alamos Laboratories in New Mexico and returned to El Paso.

Hospital officials denied using radioactive material. Investigators said they found no radioactive materials in the hospital itself.

Officials of the Texas Health Department quarantined the material in a storage area of the U.S. Customs Service while Mexican and American officials searched for the source of the radioactive material, believed to be Cobalt 60. The material is a radioactive isotope used in radiation treatment at hospitals and clinics and also in industrial measuring devices.

Inspectors traced the rebar to a junkyard in Juarez which supplied scrap metal to the foundry in Chihuahua City.

Officials were still puzzled as to how the Cobalt 60 showed up in a junkyard and surmised the material may have come from the United States and was discarded illegally.

The foundry in Chihuahua City, Aceves de Chihuahua, S.A., may have crushed the steel covering of the Cobalt 60 in smelting the metal, officials guessed.

The nuclear safety committee later found radioactive material in a Juarez foundry that makes restaurant table parts for export to the United States and Canada.

# President to ask Congress for border patrol increase

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**WASHINGTON** — The Reagan administration is proposing the largest personnel increase in the history of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to crack down on illegal aliens, Justice Department officials said Tuesday.

President Reagan will ask Congress in his fiscal 1985 budget for permission to hire 850 new border patrol officers and 145 support staff to catch and deport aliens who are sneaking across the United States' southern border in record numbers, officials said.

If Congress agrees to finance the new salaries, it will boost the nation's border patrol force to 3,250 officers. The dollar amount of the 1985 increase was

not immediately available, but officials said the INS budget request represents "the largest piece" of the \$200 million increase the Justice Department is requesting for the next fiscal year, which starts in October.

The new border officers would be concentrated along two sections of the nation's 2,000-mile border. Last year, more than half of the 1.1 million illegal aliens caught entering the country from the south were apprehended in Chula Vista, Calif., and El Paso, Texas, officials said.

Besides the 850 border patrol officers, the INS budget request seeks 108 more employees to handle detention and deportation of aliens, 18 more legal experts to handle cases and 19

more officers to investigate smuggling of aliens. The budget request will be officially submitted to Congress on Wednesday.

The administration also has said it will seek 250 new agents for the FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration in an effort to boost law enforcement.

"With this budget increase, (it) gives us a tremendous shot in the arm to be able to better control our borders," said an immigration official who declined to be identified.

However, the official said, it does not alleviate the need for immigration reform legislation being pushed by the administration in Congress.

The immigration agency's budget request does not ask for any money to finance the pending immigration reform bill. Officials said additional money would have to be appropriated if Congress enacts the legislation, which calls for crackdowns such as sanctions against employers who hire illegal aliens.

# Letter describes Soviet labor camp

**United Press International**  
**LONDON** — Amnesty International published a first-hand account Wednesday of life for political prisoners in the Soviet Union's labor camps, a nightmarish account of abuse and starvation for those who disagree with the Soviet system.

the account was written by "a known prisoner of conscience" in April 1982 and reached Amnesty last October.

It was impossible to corroborate the account, a spokesman said, but Amnesty believes it is authentic and published the 1,000-word dispatch in its February newsletter. It was not revealed how the account was smuggled out of the camp.

The letter depicts life in Camp VS 389-36-1 near Perm, 750 miles east of Moscow on the western fringe of Siberia, where "between two and five prisoners share a cell."

"Each is allotted two square meters (about 18 sq. ft.) of space in the cell," the prisoner wrote. "We do not meet prisoners from other cells, we work in separate cells and only with those with whom we live."

"The living and work cells are equipped with toilets. There is no ventilation and so it stinks." According to Amnesty, in 1980 the daily task of prisoners in the camp was fitting cables to electric irons. The daily output requirement was 700, but most prisoners managed only 400 a day.

"The work cells are dark," the prisoner wrote. "In autumn and winter the electric light is very weak and flickers. The work is light but the work norms are high and few fulfill them, some are punished as a result."

Food in the camp, the prisoner wrote, "is bad," consisting of "groats, meat (a piece of gristle, bone), which is often rotten. We hardly ever get vegetables — and when we do they are never fresh."

Amnesty said there were 31 prisoners in camp VS 389-36-1 in 1982. Such "special regime" camps are the most severe category of corrective labor colonies in the Soviet system.

# Dairy Council introduces new computer game

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**ROSEMONT, Ill.** — The National Dairy Council has introduced a computer program to get kids to drink their milk.

The three-part Grab-a-Byte program is directed at junior high school children in grades seven to nine.

Council president M.F. Brink says the nutrition education computer program is in color with optional sound.

It uses a quiz show format to ask nutrition questions in such categories as fast food, nutrition and sports and weight control.

The program was developed jointly by the Washington State Dairy Council, the Pacific Science Center and the Rosemont-based NDC. It is compatible with Apple II and Apple III and other systems that accept Apple software.

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