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Soviets claims U.S. plotting to build 'Star Wars' defense

United Press International

MOSCOW -The Soviet nion charged Tuesday the eagan administration is hatchng a "truly sinister" plot to equip more than 100 F-15 jet fighters with anti-satellite weapons and deploy them as a large-cale missile shield.

The Communist Party daily ravda and the military newsaper Krasnaya Zvezda (Red star) said the Pentagon plans to onvert the jet fighters to "Star defense systems - inreasing the danger of nuclear

tems so neither side would be encouraged to fire a first nuclear strike in the belief the other side could not retaliate.

like manner" to Soviet proposals last fall to ban all weapons, both defensive and tactical, from space.

The new weapon is a missile carried under the F-15 and is the first U.S. satellite "killer." can be swiftly turned into an The fighter streaks high in the anti-satellite weapon."

Both superpowers agreed atmosphere and fires the mis-under the ABM treaty not to deploy anti-ballistic missile sys-space. The plan, the newspaper said, would create a large-scale anti-missile shield.

The Defense Department test-fired an unarmed version in January and both Soviet her side could not retaliate. Pravda called on the United showed the United States was States to respond "in a business- not paying heed to the Soviet

proposal. "Of a truly sinister character are the plans for the creation by 1987 of more than 100 anti-satellite systems," Red Star said.

"In other words, that shield will create an illusion of impunity and may very well incite the aggressive forces of U.S. imperialism to reckless adventurist actions," Krasnaya Zvezda said.

Pravda urged the United States to join the Soviet Union in reaching an agreement "prohibiting the use of force both in outer space and from outer space against the earth.

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can rent infant car seats Needy

By HELEN DE LA ROSA Reporter

A safety seat can mean the ifference between life and eath for an infant riding in a ar. But many needy families n't afford to buy the seats, so e Brazos County Red Cross is ffering a program to help

This month the Brazos ounty Red Cross became the ird Red Cross chapter in ats to needy families.

The program, named Opera-tion K.I.S.S. — Keep Infants Safely Seated — was approved by the national American Red ford to pay \$30 to \$60 for in-ford to pay \$30 to \$60 for in-Cross last year, said Emily Sti-teler, local Red Cross director.

"Our target area is mothers with infants on their laps," she said. "The mother is in the child-crusher position. If an ac-cident occurs the child protects the mother while being crushed against the dash.

A Bryan police officer told exas to start a program that me when we were initiating Op-rovides low-rent infant car eration K.I.S.S, 'If a mother has

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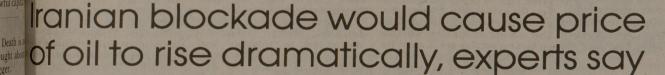
ride unrestrained, she said. To begin Operation K.I.S.S. in Brazos County, local physicians and businesses donated 10 car seats to the Red Cross. Stiteler said all money made from Operation K.I.S.S. will be used to buy or repair seats for the

program. Eligibility for the program is determined on an individual a child on her lap, she might as basis. To qualify, families must who cannot pay the rental fee.

have lived in Brazos County at least six months and stay in the said

The car seats can be rented on a six-month basis, Stiteler said. A deposit of \$5 and rental fee of 50 cents a month are required. If the car seat is returned in good condition, the Red Cross will return half of the deposit. The seats also can be rented for \$2.50 a week.

Stiteler said financial assistance is available for families



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rices would increase dramatilly if Iran follows through on ministration doubted Iran's bility to carry out such a block-

Debate about the effects of osing the straight of Hormuz, rough which 8 million barrels crude oil flow daily from Middle East oil producing countries, was rekindled follow-Iran's renewed threat to ockade the straight in retaliation for any Iraqi strikes against its oil fields.

"If they (the Iranians) were le to contain it for any period f time, there would be an eftet. There would probably be a shortfall of 3 to 3.5 million bar-tels a day," said James A. Placke, deputy assistant secretary of state for the bureau of ar Eastern and South Asian

"But the question is could y in fact block the straight how long could they conn it. I think there is a serious th counts of fectively they could do that," acks said. Placke was one of several uest speakers at a two-day con-rence on the outlook for ude oil supply and prices, onsored by the New York used Energy Bureau Inc.

can continue to sell oil," Placke straight of Hormuz would trig-HOUSTON — World oil told the audience of oil experts.

When asked how the adminto \$100 a barrel. istration might respond to a is threat to blockade the blockade of the straight of Hor-araight of Hormuz, industry muz, Placke said: "We've main-However, a state department fficial indicated the Reagan task force has the necessary tained a substantial carrier task capability to do what the presisaid dent has said we'll do and that is keep the straight open."

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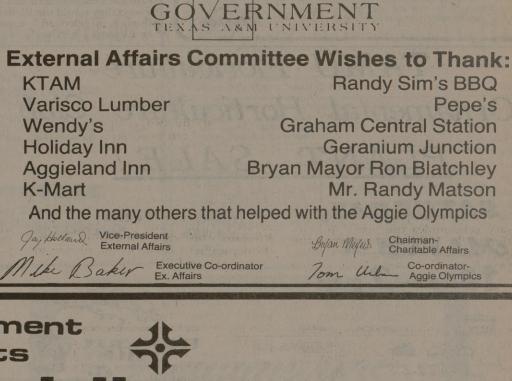
R.S. Toohey, general man-ager of planning for Gulf Oil that no matter what we do to replace that production, if it stays off for any period of time, we're Products Co. said industry exgoing to be short 4 million barperts have said a disruption in the flow of oil through the rels of day and that is enough to

increase crude oil prices \$8 to \$10 a barrel," Toohey said. Toohey said Gulf and other ger an increase ranging from \$8

najor oil producers in the "There have been studies on United States have tried to prepare for any possible disrup-tions in foreign oil supplies. 'We're seriously considering it, but we need to stock more oil

but we don't have anywhere to store it. We don't have enough storage," Toohey said. Toohey said oil suppliers in the United States have about one month's supply of oil in re-

However, if there is no disruption in foreign oil supplies, Toohey predicted world oil prices will decline this year uness there is an increase in demand for gasoline in the United



this and they've got answers all over the place. The Rand Corp. predicts a \$100 per barrel spot price for the week following something like this," Toohey crid "Everyone seems to agree





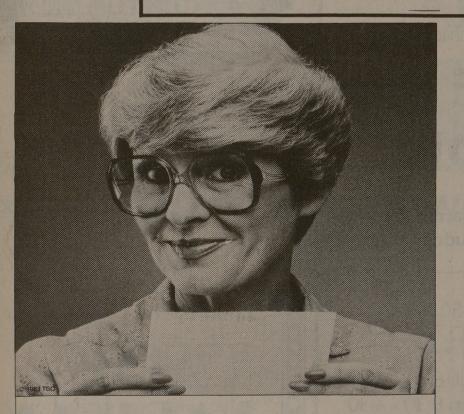
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