

# Copy cat

Officials say other baked products have become target of tampering

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CHICAGO — Reports of copycat tampering of bakery goods spread to new products Thursday, one day after the Girl Scout Council of Chicago halted this year's cookie drive because of cookies sabotaged with pins, staples and glass. Girl Scout cookie sales were also postponed in parts of Indiana and Michigan while local and federal officials investigated more than 150 tampering cases in 24 states. Authorities believe the incidents, which began three weeks ago in St. Louis, are the work of unrelated "copycats." "It's just like Tylenol. You've got some goofs out there," said a South Chicago

police officer investigating a report by a woman who said she chipped a tooth on a straightened safety pin hidden in a Hostess Ho-Ho cake. Seven Chicago area people died in 1982 after taking cyanide-laced Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules. No one has ever been charged in those deaths. There have been no cases of serious injury reported in the cookie tamperings. "It has to be a copycat type of thing," said a Chicago police officer investigating a report a South Side woman swallowed staples after biting into a Ho-Ho cake. Officials in northwest suburban Schiller Park, where

Hostess products are made, said the tampering reports were under investigation and the FBI had been notified. They refused further comment, as did officials of the New York-based ITT Continental Baking Company, Inc., which owns Hostess. "She bit into it (the Ho-Ho) and felt a scratching sensation a short time later," said officer Clyde Kwiatkowski. Police who went to the food store where the teenager bought the Ho-Ho cakes found three Hostess fruit pies and two Hostess twinkies also contained foreign objects, Kwiatkowski said.

# U.S. chemical accusations 'an invention', Soviets say

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MOSCOW — The official news agency Tass said Thursday President Reagan was trying to cover up U.S. plans to stockpile chemical weapons when he accused the Soviet Union of using toxic agents in Asia and Afghanistan and called for a worldwide ban. "This time again, Reagan used as another screen to cover up those ominous plans the hackneyed inventions of a Soviet military threat and an alleged use of Soviet chemical weapons," the official news agency said. Calling Reagan's proposal "propagandist noise," Tass said it was "needed by him expressly for the purpose of continuing to build up U.S. chemical arsenals under its cover," it said.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Alan Romberg said that "it is regrettable that the Soviet Union chose to attack the president's initiative before even seeing it." He said Soviet charges on U.S. chemical warfare policies are "false and misleading: They are obviously intended for propaganda effect to divert attention from their own actions in this area." Reagan did not name the Soviet Union when he said chemical weapons "have been used against defenseless peoples in Afghanistan, in Southeast Asia and in the conflict between Iran and Iraq." But he said at his news conference Wednesday, "The Soviet Union's extensive arsenal of

chemical weapons threatens U.S. forces (and) requires the United States to maintain a limited retaliatory capability of its own until we achieve an effective ban." Reagan, who announced plans to offer the Soviet Union a global ban on the production, possession and use of all chemical weapons, is seeking \$1.13 billion in fiscal 1985 for chemical warfare projects. "If we're going to have a chemical warfare ban or a treaty banning them, you've got to have something to bargain with," he said. "Without a modern and credible deterrent, the prospects for achieving a com-

prehensive ban would be nil." Tass said, "the (U.S.) administration has virtually launched a large-scale preparation for a chemical war" and inaugurated a program for creating a new generation of chemical weapons. "They are intended to be located, in the main, outside the United States, first of all in Western Europe, which is assigned the role of a potential theater of operations with the use of both nuclear and chemical weapons." Tass accused Reagan of ignoring previous calls by the Kremlin for a total ban on chemical weapons.

# Gramm, opponents fight over House attendance

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AUSTIN — Texas Congressman Phil Gramm, a Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, Thursday criticized the attendance records of two of his House colleagues who also are seeking the Senate post. In a telephone interview from his Washington office, Gramm said both GOP Rep. Ron Paul and Democratic Rep. Kent Hance apparently would be absent Thursday for a final vote on the adoption of the federal budget. "I'm back in Washington to vote on the budget, the most important issue of this congressional session," Gramm said. "It has not escaped me that I'm here alone." The former professor also said his staff had scrutinized the attendance records of Paul and Hance during the past three months. Paul was present only 31 percent of the time, he said, and Hance was in Washington for only 5.6 percent of the votes. Both candidates, considered underdogs in their respective primary contests, have spent most of their time campaigning in Texas. Hance is battling against front-running candidate Bob Krueger and state Sen. Lloyd Doggett in his primary, while Paul's chief opponents are Gramm and Houston businessman Rob Mosbacher. Gramm said his figures were based on Congressional Quarterly records of votes taken on substantive matters, and did include routine, procedural votes. Gramm said he had been

present for 90.5 percent of the votes and had interrupted a campaign swing Wednesday to return to Washington for the budget votes. Hance responded harshly to Gramm's statements. "I'm surprised that he is attacking me even though he has his own primary," Hance said. "He's scared to death of running against Kent Hance because he knows I would beat him." Paul's office also did not contest Gramm's figures but said Paul had been informed a final vote on the budget resolution would not be taken Monday.

Hance did not dispute Gramm's figures, but said they were misleading because on all important votes he had "paired" himself with another lawmaker so that the final margin of victory or defeat for legislation was the same as if he had been there.

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