

Perot urges educators to lobby

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 EL PASO — Dallas millionaire H. Ross Perot continued his attack on the state board of education Tuesday and urged a group of El Paso educators and civic leaders to lobby for the recommendations of the governor's Select Committee on Education.

Perot said the state board of education "has been in operation for 25 years and has let the schools deteriorate to their present condition."

Included among select committee's recommendations are:

- Replacement of the 27-member elected state board

with a high-talent, cohesive, appointed board.

- Equalization of state aid for school districts so that children in poor areas of the state have an equal opportunity for a quality education.

- A standardized cost accounting system.
- Accountability for academic achievement.

Wayne Windle of El Paso, a member of the state board, said

he was opposed to Perot's idea of an appointed board because West Texas would be left without adequate representation.

He said he also opposes Perot's suggestions to drastically reduce vocational education and to increase the number of hours in the school day and the number of days in the school year.

Many of the select committee's recommendations, Windle

said, originated with the state board. He cited increased appropriations, more pay for teachers and equalization of state aid for the 1,180 school districts in Texas.

Perot said it was necessary to "put and keep a great teacher with a first-class rigorous textbook in every classroom."

He called for increased homework and a decrease in extra-curricular activities.

Reagan bypasses Congressional notification of sale

U.S. sends weapons to Saudis

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 WASHINGTON — The United States announced Tuesday it has delivered 400 Stinger anti-aircraft missiles and a huge tanker jet to Saudi Arabia to bolster the Arab kingdom's defenses against air attacks in the Persian Gulf war.

President Reagan bypassed legally required notification of Congress of the Stinger sale by citing the "current emergency circumstances" in the oil-rich Gulf region, where Iran and Iraq have escalated their 44-month war of attrition to include attacks on commercial shipping.

The new U.S. hardware will be used to protect Saudi oil, port and naval facilities, a Pentagon spokesman said.

Announcement of the sale, made by the State Department, came four days after the administration decided to launch the emergency military airlift. The heat-seeking missiles, 200 shoulder-held launchers and a KC-10 tanker — a converted DC-10 jetliner — arrived in Saudi Arabia on Monday.

While the Stingers will be used by Saudi troops after training by a special U.S. Army team dispatched with the shipment, the tanker will be flown

by an American crew and conduct refueling only over Saudi territory, the Pentagon spokesman said.

The missiles and launchers are valued at about \$30 million. In addition, the administration decided to speed up deliveries of previously purchased special fuel tanks for Saudi Arabia's U.S.-built F-15 fighters, enabling them to stay on patrol longer, the State and Defense Departments said.

The missiles, taken from U.S. stockpiles, and the KC-10 were dispatched under an emergency order signed by Reagan

Friday without advance consultation with Congress, which normally has 30 days to disapprove an arms sale.

Congress was wrapping up its Memorial Day recess Tuesday and opposition was expected from some lawmakers to the administration's move. Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens, who objected to the decision, meets Wednesday at the Pentagon with Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes, traveling with Reagan on a two-day trip to Colorado, indicated the admin-

istration is not concerned by the Israeli reaction.

The administration scrapped previous plans to sell 1,200 Stingers to Saudi Arabia in March when a parallel sale to Jordan ran into insurmountable congressional opposition.

In accordance with a clause in the Arms Export Control Act, Reagan waived notification to Congress on the Stinger sale "due to the current emergency circumstances which require an immediate sale in the national security interests of the United States," State Department spokesman Alan Romberg said.

High court to review Indian claim to land

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 WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court stepped into a dispute between the federal government and two Shoshone Indian sisters over ownership of 12 million acres of land in Nevada — nearly a sixth of the state.

And the court handed the Quinault Indians of Washington state a victory in a tax case — refusing to review a lower court ruling allowing the tribe to tax non-Indians who own businesses on tribal lands.

In the Nevada case, the justices said they will review a federal appeals court ruling allowing Mary and Carrie Dann to pursue their land claim. Arguments will be scheduled in the case next term, which begins in October.

The disputed land extends roughly from the northeast corner of Nevada through the central portion of the state. Most of it is desert. The largest community on the contested land is Elko, which has about 7,600 people.

The government argued that a \$26 million trust fund set up for the Western Shoshone Indians at the Interior Department constituted payment for 24 million acres of land in central Nevada.

But the Dann sisters argued successfully in the appeals court that they were improperly denied an opportunity to withdraw the disputed 12 million acres from the settlement when they decided it should not be sold.

The case between the Bureau of Land Management and the two Shoshone sisters who operate a ranch in Crescent Valley, 40 miles southeast of Battle Mountain, has been in court for a decade.

The government filed suit against the Dann sisters in 1974 because they refused to pay grazing fees. The Danns say the government has no right to collect the fees because it does not own the land.

The sisters are part of the Dann Band of Western Shoshone Indians. They say they never gave up their right to the land settled by their ancestors.

If the Indians win, there would be a "paper" transfer of land from the BLM to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. But the tribe has said it has no intention of interfering with existing private land rights in the area.

In the Washington case, the justices turned down a challenge to a ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals authorizing the Quinault tribe to charge a business license tax to non-Indian shop owners on the shores of Lake Quinault and in the town of Amanda Park.

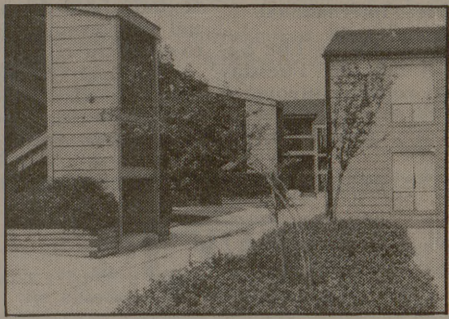
The appeals court rejected arguments that the license tax was unconstitutional "taxation without representation." It also said the tribe can charge a higher tax for non-Indian shop owners who hire non-Indian labor.

Justice Harry Blackmun, writing for the court, said laws giving Indians power to settle disputes in tribal courts do not prevent state courts from hearing disputes between Indians and non-Indians.

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