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# Democrat suggests 58 House leader prospects

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rep. Marty Russo, D-Ill., has written to all 250 Democratic colleagues offering his own "carefully screened list" of those he suggests would make good House leaders in the next term. That position is being sought by Democrat Jim Wright of Texas.

Under the "category" "House speaker," Russo listed 57 other senior Democrats, even though only one, Wright, has announced his candidacy.

And Wright, who has been House majority leader, already has claimed more than enough advance commitments for the job when the current speaker, Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., retires in 1986.

Russo, publically skeptical of Wright's early claim to the post and a backer of Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., for the job, said all those on his list, including Wright, exhibit the necessary "qualities, commitment and dedication" to hold the No. 1 job in the House.

His tally isn't likely to insult anyone. It includes every Democrat who is either a committee chairman or has served 10 or more terms, including Claude Pepper, 84, of Florida.

His next category, "majority leader," listed another 61 Democrats. These, Russo wrote, possess credentials for the No. 2 job "but not in so high a quality as" the 58 on the "speaker's" list.

Then, Russo listed 60 more members as qualified for the job of Democratic whip; and finally, 69 Democrats for chairman or chairwoman of the House Democratic Caucus.

Russo explained the purpose of the somewhat all-inclusive lists in the final paragraph of his two-page letter:

"If after due deliberative, thoughtful, deep and pensive consideration, you should determine — without any outside influence, but in the privacy of your own room, chamber or abode — that none of the above mentioned members exhibit (the necessary) qualifications to vote for me, Marty Russo, for any of the above."

## Raids continue in war

### Iran, Iraq trade attacks

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iran and Iraq claimed attacks on each other's capital cities Sunday, both sides pursuing the month-long attacks on populated centers that has become known as "the war of the cities."

An Iraqi military spokesman said Iraqi warplanes raided Tehran, the capital, and five Iranian towns Sunday, hours after a powerful blast rocked a downtown Baghdad park. Iran claimed it fired two missiles at the Iraqi capital.

Residents near the park, reached by telephone, said the explosion shattered windows in stores, offices and hotels. They did not know of any casualties or substantial damage.

Secret service men, police and militiamen of the government-sponsored People's Army Reserve Force surrounded the blast site. Reporters and photographers were barred.

The Iraqi spokesman, who was not identified in line

with official policy, read a communique on the state radio that Iraqi jets launched a devastating raid on Tehran early Sunday evening.

It was the 12th time in 17 days Iraq reported attacking Tehran.

IRNA denied the report. It said Iraqi jets flew over Tehran and Zanjan, but were driven away by anti-aircraft fire.

On Sunday morning Iraqi planes attacked Mehran and Hormuzabad, he said, adding that all aircraft returned safely after the raids.

An IRNA dispatch said Iranian jets bombed Iraqi troop concentrations and other military and economic targets in the Iraqi cities of Suleimaniyeh and Kut, inflicting heavy losses.

A late evening Iraqi communique said Iraqi jets conducted 113 bombing raids Sunday against Iranian soldiers along the southern and central sectors of the 733-mile-long border.

## Kentucky youth needs heart

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Michael C. Jones, 16, whose heart functions are being performed by two plastic pumps, remained in critical condition Sunday while doctors tried to find a donor transplant heart for him.

"His temperature has dropped slightly," said David Fleming, spokesman for Jewish Hospital, "but we haven't found another heart yet."

Fleming said Jones' name went on

the top of the network donor waiting list.

Doctors also reported that the mysterious viral infection that had weakened the heart and threatened any transplant heart had run its course. And they said his lungs continued to clear of the fluid that built up before surgery to connect him to the two small pumps bypassing most of his heart.

The pumps are similar to the Jarvik-7 artificial heart, but are consid-

ered temporary and are outside his chest.

Dr. Laman Gray Jr., who performed the experimental surgery Thursday evening, said Jones' chance of survival is still only 20 percent.

The pumps, known as ventricular assist devices, or VADs, are driven by pulses of compressed air and are intended to be used only until the natural heart heals or until a donor heart is found.

## Pop song helps Africa relief aid

Associated Press

NEW YORK — "We are the World," the song recorded by 45 American pop superstars, is sailing to the top of the charts faster than any disc in a decade, the flagship of a charitable fleet that promoters say will send \$70 million in relief to the hungry in Africa.

Billboard, the music industry weekly, says in its current edition that the six-minute, 19-second single jumped to No. 2 in the charts only three weeks after its release.

Billboard talent editor Paul Grein predicted it will hit No. 1 next week, the first single to hit the top in its first month since Elton John's "Island Girl" in 1975.

Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie wrote the song and lent their voices to a list of 45 others that reads like a Who's Who of rock 'n' roll.

Michael Fuchs, chairman of Home Box Office, said, "this thing is jumping off the shelf." HBO will show the "We are the World" movie eight times in May.

Fuchs says HBO has "no ulterior motive" in promoting USA for Africa, but acknowledges that the exclusive film might attract new subscribers to the cable television network.

"I would rather write a big check to a good cause than to a single artist," said Fuchs, who declined in a telephone interview to disclose the exact purchase price of the movie.

Marty Rogol, the USA for Africa

executive director, said he and his staff of two are dizzy from the publicity events, but are more than willing to put in the extra time for the cause.

Life publisher Chuck Whittingham is writing to magazine executives, including six others owned by Time Inc., asking them to join him in giving USA-Africa a free half or quarter page of advertising in a coming issue.

Life was the only publication allowed to send a photographer to the recording session (Billboard is using pictures supplied by USA-Africa) and the issue "will be one of our best sellers ever," Whittingham said in a telephone interview.

The foundation is in the collecting phase now, but Rogol is already talking with relief agencies about the problems they have distributing the aid.

"Ethiopia has the largest population at risk right now, followed by the Sudan," he said, conceding that Ethiopia's Marxist government has prevented charities from delivering aid to the rebellious population of its northern provinces.

Ten percent of the money raised in the drive will be used to feed the hungry in the United States, and the rest will go to Africa for medicines, seeds and other agricultural supplies and for what Rogol called "long-term economic development."

## 'Goetz effect' reaching Americans

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Time magazine says prosecutors and other crime experts see a "Goetz effect" taking place across the country in recent months as Americans appear more inclined to fight back against criminals.

The magazine, detailing crime-fighting and victims' rights programs around the nation in this week's issue, says Bernhard Goetz, who became a hero to many by shooting four teenagers in the subway last December, may have inspired other similar backlashes against criminals.

"The Bernhard Goetz affair has had an impact," Chief Assistant Prosecutor Elliott Hall of Wayne County, Mich., told Time. "People are thinking more readily of using a firearm than in the past."

Hall's comment came after three Detroit incidents this year in which alleged burglars were shot and killed by angry homeowners. Time gave these accounts:

Marie Morrison, 78, won praise from Detroit Mayor Coleman Young for shooting a youth, 16, who tried to force his way into her home.

Hall decided not to seek charges against Daniel Kindred, 41, who killed Ronnie Trapp, 19, when he saw the youth climbing out of a basement window of Kindred's home. The prosecutor said Kindred's action was "perfectly justified."

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