

# Congress argues over Contra aid after talks collapse

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Democrats and Republicans, in the wake of the collapse of the Contadora peace talks, argued anew Tuesday over the wisdom of sending \$100 million to Nicaraguan rebels.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and President Reagan's chief spokesman, Larry Speakes, said it was clear the Sandinistas had sabotaged the talks in Panama City, Panama, and that the collapse is a good omen for the aid package scheduled for a second House vote on April 15.

The administration blamed the failure of the Contadora talks on "intransigence" by Nicaragua's Sandinista government.

Several congressional Democrats, while reluctant to say whether the breakdown of the talks would help the administration's chances of winning House approval of the aid package, urged that greater diplomatic efforts be made and insisted that the leaders of Latin American nations oppose the aid program.

Dole, R-Kan., said, "Some of the Democrats will no longer be able to hide behind the Contadora process as the Nicaraguans (have) torpedoed that."

Dole noted that many opponents of the aid package have said there should be no military aid until all diplomatic methods of reaching a settlement have been exhausted.

But House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., returning from a visit to four Latin American democracies, said their leaders "remain committed to the negotiation process, rather than further military escalation."

Three House Democrats who oppose the Contra aid plan said their just-concluded mission as observers to the peace talks left them convinced that Latin American nations do not support U.S. military assistance to the Nicaraguan counterrevolutionaries.

"Literally everyone we spoke to, without exception, was clear, strong and unambiguous in his disapproval of the United States support for the Contras" because they thought it would "just make this worse," said Rep. Michael Barnes, D-Md., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Latin America.

Later, Assistant Secretary of State Elliot Abrams, appearing before the Barnes subcommittee, strongly underscored the administration's view that the incursion of Sandinista troops into Honduras late last month was serious.

But he drew exclamations of incredulity from some Democrats when he contended that, if anything, the administration had underplayed the seriousness of the incursion.

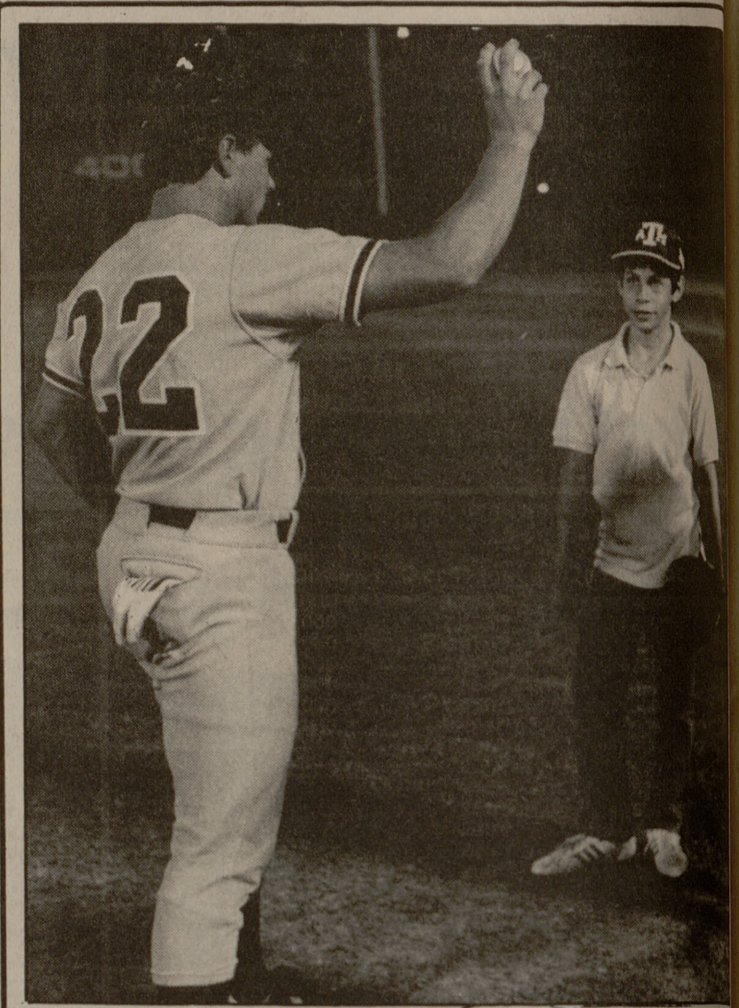


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## Bat To Basics

Robi Chandler, a Texas A&M second baseman, shows a little leaguer how to play second base Tuesday. Over 50 little leaguers attended A&M's "Little League Night" where a mini-clinic was held between the Aggies' double-header against Dallas Baptist University. A&M won the first game 8-7 but lost the second 5-2.

## Oil futures prices plunge, close at \$12.47 per barrel

NEW YORK (AP) — The roller-coaster oil futures market took a dive Tuesday, plunging nearly \$2 a barrel just one day after posting a \$1.59 gain. Analysts said word that the Soviet Union was back selling crude, after a winter sales suspension, helped depress prices.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, contracts for May delivery of West Texas Intermediate, the main U.S. crude grade, closed at \$12.47 a 42-gallon barrel, down \$1.86 from Monday's \$14.33.

Among May contracts for refined products, unleaded gasoline closed at 41.45 cents a gallon vs. 45.00 on Monday, while heating oil was more than a nickel, at 39.10 compared with Monday's 41.43 close.

## Schultz

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summit but added that "both sides want substantive results."

Shultz suggested there was little possibility for a summit agreement on controlling inter-continental ballistic missiles or on Reagan's strategic defense initiative, frequently called "Star Wars."

He added, however, that there has been "some movement" on reaching agreement on controlling intermediate range missiles. The administration has indicated that the intermediate range missile issue offers the best promise for an early agreement.

U.S. officials have said Reagan is

reluctant to agree to a summit between August and the first week of November because of vacation plans and the fall congressional election campaign.

While not ruling out a post-election summit, the officials said they believe a summit before August is possible despite the relatively short time the two sides would have for planning after Shevardnadze's visit.

Dobrynin's visit, in addition to reviewing the status of the Gorbachev summit, also was a farewell call. The envoy recently was elevated to the Communist Party secretariat and will return to Moscow in a few days.

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