

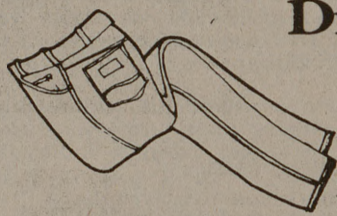


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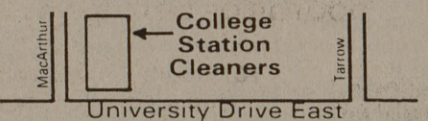
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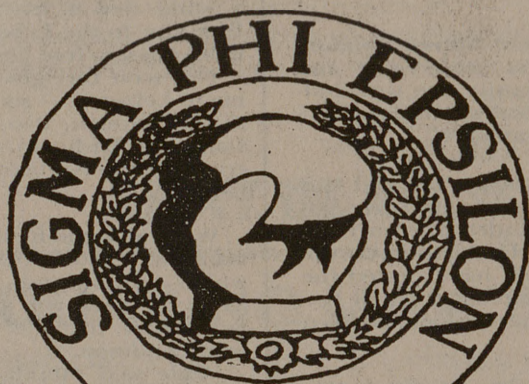
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**Court cuts cities' power to ban or limit soliciting**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Tuesday narrowed the power of local communities to ban or limit door-to-door soliciting.

By a 6-3 vote, the court in effect said a Watska, Ill., ordinance that allowed soliciting only between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday violated free-speech rights.

The decision was not accompanied by a written opinion. The justices, without bothering to hear arguments in the case, upheld a federal appeals court ruling that struck down the city ordinance.

The Watska City Council in 1979 barred residential soliciting for any reason prior to 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m. Soliciting on Sundays and holidays was banned.

In 1981, a representative of the Illinois Public Action Council requested permission to conduct a two-month, door-to-door political canvass between the hours of 4 and 9

p.m. each weekday. IPAC is a not-for-profit organization that represents low- and moderate-income people in energy, tax and economic development matters.

The organization uses such canvasses to obtain new members, educate the public and identify voters who will support its positions.

IPAC, which contends it cannot conduct successful canvasses if not allowed to contact people at home after 5 p.m., threatened to sue Watska over the soliciting ban. But the city sued first in an effort to have the ordinance declared valid.

In other matters, the court: • Agreed to review the power of public school officials to censor school newspapers published as part of a high school's curriculum.

The court will study a ruling that a Hazlewood, Mo., high school principal violated students' free-speech rights in 1983 by ordering two pages

deleted from an issue of a student-produced newspaper.

• Bolstered the government's power to collect from banks and other lenders back taxes owed by businesses that borrow from those lending institutions.

The Internal Revenue Service already is empowered to collect back taxes from creditors if an employer uses the borrowed money to pay wages without withholding taxes. By a unanimous vote in a case from Jersey Shore, Pa., the court said the IRS can do so even if the lender was not notified of such a tax liability.

• Agreed to referee a dispute between Wisconsin and the federal government over the placement in nursing homes and other health care facilities of Medicaid patients.

• Refused to say in a Maryland case that women have a constitutional right to attend health club aerobics classes without men present.

**Soviet scientist seeks rules for worldwide nuclear safety**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top Soviet scientist, conceding his nation was too slow to tell the world about the "unthinkable" disaster at Chernobyl, called Tuesday for global rules on the safety of nuclear power plants and to ensure that information about future accidents is shared quickly.

In a rare congressional appearance by a Soviet official, Yevgeny Velikhov, the man assigned to bring the Chernobyl disaster under control and to investigate its causes, testified to the Senate Labor Committee about the April 26, 1986, accident and its aftermath.

Velikhov, the vice president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, agreed with the complaint of committee Chairman Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., that the Soviet government should have shared news of the tra-

gedy immediately, rather than remaining quiet for days.

"That is my personal view," said Velikhov, a top nuclear adviser to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. "At the time, I think most of our interest was connected with internal developments. But I agree with you, and, for the future, I think it is important to have informational agreements" regarding any serious incidents involving nuclear power plants.

When Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., asked if he favored an "international regime of safety standards," Velikhov, in halting English, replied "Yes. It is necessary to develop special standards. I think that is very important."

He said his government already had agreed in principle to allow international on-site inspections of So-

viet nuclear plants, adding he personally would favor having such a program administered by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Velikhov said six human errors triggered the Chernobyl accident, which occurred during a special experiment on reactor No. 4. They included turning off an automatic shutdown system and an automatic cooling system.

Kennedy: "After everybody thought these errors were impossible?"

Velikhov: "They were unthinkable."

Although Chernobyl inevitably will slow down the Soviet Union's nuclear power program, Velikhov said, "We have no choice" but to press ahead with it to meet the country's burgeoning power needs.

**Drop in dollar value to be meeting subject**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III will meet on Wednesday with the finance ministers of Canada and Japan to discuss monetary issues, but there was little indication that the Reagan administration is ready to join in steps to ease the dollar's sharp fall.

Administration officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said Tuesday that despite the recent plunge in the dollar — which this week brought the currency to a new post-World War II low against the Japanese yen — Baker seems content to allow the dollar to continue falling with market pressures.

That's because a lower dollar should eventually begin to ease this nation's trade deficit, estimated at a record \$173 billion last year.

A lower dollar makes imports more expensive and U.S. goods cheaper overseas.

However, the dollar has been decreasing in value steadily for nearly

two years, while the trade deficit has actually worsened.

Still, administration officials and private economists say that — despite a miserable showing in November — monthly trade figures have been generally improving since last summer, and that a further decline of the dollar against major currencies could soon translate into a marked decrease in imports.

Baker planned meetings with Canadian Finance Minister Michael Wilson in Ottawa and Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa in Washington.

Japanese and West German officials have voiced concern that the plunge of the dollar — and the accompanying rise of their currencies against it — could trigger recessions in their countries.

Miyazawa is expected to approach Baker with a request for a high-level meeting of finance ministers and central bankers from the world's five major industrial powers — the United States, West Germany, Brit-

ain, France and Japan — to consider coordinated steps to prop up the dollar.

It was at a meeting of these five nations in September 1985 in New York that the decision was made to take steps to drive down the value of

**Stock market prices close with mixture of profit, loss**

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market finished mixed Tuesday in heavy trading, after being whipsawed through the session by bouts of profit-taking and amid disappointment with IBM's earnings for the fourth quarter.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks closed 1.97 points higher at 2,104.47, its 13th straight gain, a record. The closely watched indicator had dropped by around 10 points at one time during the afternoon.

**Air collision kills all five on plane**

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. — A military plane and a civilian plane collided over the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant on Tuesday, killing five people aboard both aircraft, authorities said.

The crash involved a fixed-wing military plane for Fort Leavenworth, Kan., a Piper Navajo, said Lt. Col. Garlinger, public affairs officer for Fort Leavenworth.

There were about 2,200 civilian workers on duty at the ammunition plant when the collision occurred, but no one on the ground was injured, he said.

Three people were aboard the military plane and two were aboard the private plane, Garlinger said. The victims were identified, and Garlinger hopes to say whether the military pilots were officers or enlisted personnel.

The main part of the crashed and burned. The feet of a building where it crashed change clothes, but no one was on the side at the time.

Other wreckage from the plane was scattered over a 10-acre area about one mile from the ammunition plant, Garlinger said. The civilian plane coops about 1,000 yards away, but the route to the fort, Garlinger said, but he would not say whether the crash originated. It was not clear where the civilian plane was headed.

Farmer Glenn Van Dine was driving his tractor near the installation, said Garlinger, and saw a bright flash and saw these pieces of metal falling from the sky.

Investigators from the Army Safety Center at Rucker, Ala., the FAA and National Transportation Board were sent to the scene.

the dollar, which was perceived as being overvalued. However, since then, the dollar has fallen more than many analysts had expected — and more than West German and Japanese officials had wanted.

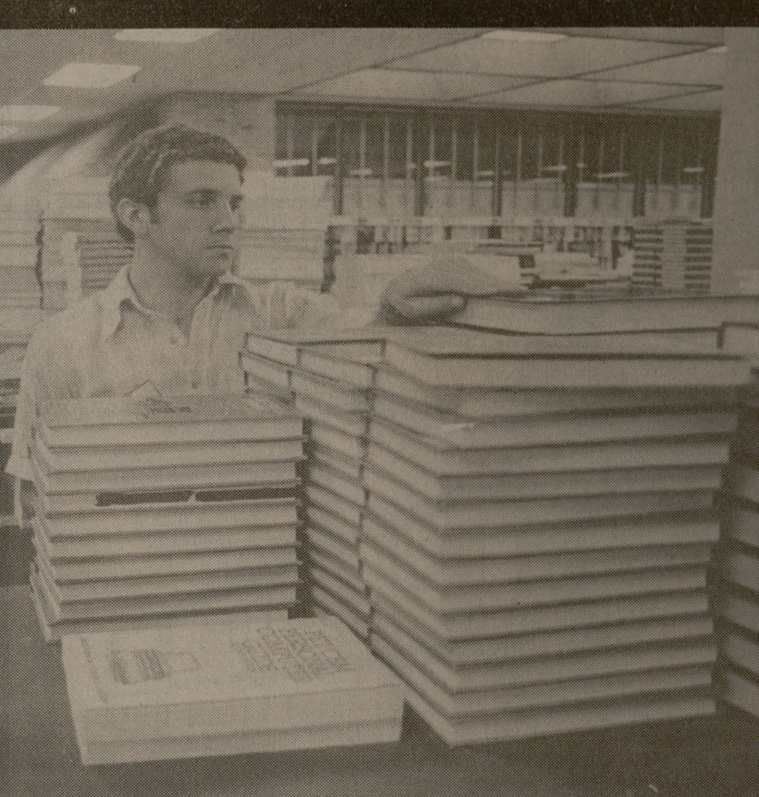
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On Monday, the Dow Jones average rose 12.58 points to 2,116.85.

The previous series of 12 consecutive gains began in November from Nov. 19 through Dec. 11. Broader market indicators were lower Tuesday.

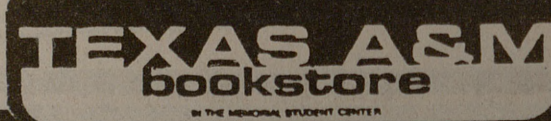
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