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Federal judge calls grand jury o unravel Iran-Contra mystery

WASHINGTON (AP) — A fedal judge empaneled a grand jury ednesday to piece together the an-Contra puzzle, while Secretary State George P. Shultz said people ponsible for channeling Iranian ms sales proceeds to Nicaraguan bels should be prosecuted.

Answering questions during an pearance before the House Bud-Committee, Shultz acknowlged that U.S. anti-terrorist policy bund the world has been thrown

Study: Eating vegetables cuts stroke risk

BOSTON (AP) - Eating an extra helping of fresh fruit or regetables each day could cut the risk of stroke nearly in half by inreasing the body's supply of poassium, a study concludes.

Potassium is found abundantly

n many kinds of food, especially ruits and vegetables. The new research suggests that even a nall increase in the daily intake of this element can significantly reduce the hazard of stroke.
Dr. Elizabeth Barrett-Connor,

co-author of the study at the Iniversity of California, San Diego, said the research is the first to find that people with relatively high levels of potassium in their diets have fewer strokes.

"The results indicate that one extra serving of fresh fruits or vegetables each day may decrease the risk of stroke by as much as 40 percent, regardless of other known risk factors," she said.

She cautioned that her findngs must yet be duplicated by other researchers. Strokes are the nation's third leading cause of death after heart attacks and caner. This year, they will take an stimated 155,000 lives in the Inited States.

lations of recent weeks, while the White House said President Reagan is sending national security adviser Frank Carlucci on a Central American fact-finding tour.

While there were continuing re-criminations about a series of clandestine sales of American weapons to Tehran, the former commander of U.S. military forces in Central America painted a bleak picture of chances that the Contra counterre-volutionaries will topple the leftist Sandinista regime.

"You're not going to win a cam-paign against the Sandinistas in a year, two years or three years," retired Army Gen. Paul Gorman told a congressional committee.

At the same time, a Senate push to cut off U.S. aid to the Contras

opened with Sen. Jesse Helms accus-ing supporters of "bashing Ronald Reagan and blaming America first."

"I don't bash my country," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., a principal sponsor of legislation to cut off Contra aid. "I just think it's unfortuate we disagree about how to advance freedom in Central Amer-

The legislation under consideration by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee would block the remaining \$40 million of the \$100 million in Contra aid approved by Congress last year.

During his Capitol Hill appearance, Shultz, when asked to assess the impact of the Iran-Contra furor on American foreign policy, said, "it has thrown us slightly off stride, but I think our policies are clear and strong and have great support around the world because they're

Under sharp questioning, Shultz reiterated that he knew nothing of purported transfers of arms sales profits to the Contras, saying, "It happened. It's illegal and it should be prosecuted."

Amid continued partisan bickering in Congress over the question of whether Reagan should tell what he knows about the arms-and-money connection, the chairman of a House select investigative committee revealed that his panel is issuing dozens of subpoenas and will soon commence taking depositions.

When asked about the wisdom of the Iran arms deal, Bush replied, "I think it is debatable, and I think on the surface, you can make the case

Iranian official shows Bible reported to be from Reagan

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani on Wednesday flourished a Bible he said was sent by President Reagan as a token of goodwill, but he said Iran is not ready to help free American hostages in Lebanon

The speaker, Hashemi Rafsan-jani, called on the United States to release \$507 million in Iranian assets frozen by President Jimmy Carter after the seizure of the U.S. Embassy

'The Americans must release our assets, and when they give the orders for their release, we are prepared to help them," he said.
The United States and Iran have

been negotiating over the assets at a special tribunal in The Hague, Ne-

Rafsanjani displayed the leather-bound "Open Book Bible — Expanded Edition" at a news conference, holding it open to the page which bore Reagan's name and a handwritten New Testament verse:

"And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentile by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, 'All the nations shall be blessed in you.' Galatians 3:8, (signed) Ronald Reagan, Oct. 3, 1986."

Abraham is regarded as the common ancestor of both the Arabs and the Jews and the great unifying fig-ure of the Judeo-Christian and Moslem religions. Arabs know him as Ibrahim. Jews trace their ancestry through his son, Isaac, and Arabs through his oldest son, Ishmael.

In Washington, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said he did not know whether Reagan signed the Bible.

Rafsanjani said the Americans tried about a month ago in Frankfurt, West Germany, to renew contact through Iran's arms dealers, this time with a "Mr. Dunbar" of the U.S. State Department in the delegation, but Iran rejected the initiative.

"I think the time is not right that we have talk or discussion with the United States," said Rafsanjani, considered the second most powerful man in Iran after revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

Sources in Washington last week said Secretary of State George P. Shultz told a House committee that he sent a State Department team and CIA negotiators to Europe on Dec. 6 to meet with Iranian representatives, but that the State Department officials refused further arms-for-hostages deals.

Rafsanjani said Reagan showed courage in seeking better relations with Iran.

"I think this is a courageous statement by Mr. Reagan, contrary to the propaganda in the United States against the Islamic Republic of Iran," Rafsanjani said.

But he said Reagan was old, weak and in bad health and unable to counter amspecified rivals within his Republican Party



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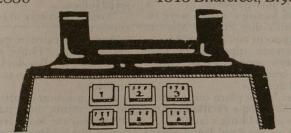
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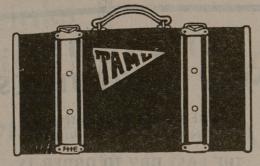
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