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World and Nation

\$40 million in Contra aid frozen by House resolution

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted Wednesday to freeze \$40 million in aid for the Nicaraguan Contras for six months and to order the Reagan administration to use the time to account for millions of dollars in allegedly missing previous aid.

The 230-to-196 vote marked the first in a series of expected congressional battles over Contra aid this year.

The resolution was supported by 213 Democrats and 17 Republicans and opposed by 156 Republicans and 40 Democrats.

Democrats said Wednesday's action was justified by alleged corruption in the ranks of Nicaragua's anti-leftist insurgents.

But Republicans said the vote was a bid to break a promise made by Congress last year and could "hand Central America over to the Soviet Union."

The House vote, heralded in advance by Democratic leaders as a sig-

nal that congressional support for the Contra program is at an end, sends the issue to the Senate.

A Senate vote is expected next week on a resolution disapproving the \$40 million outright.

Final congressional action to block the money would draw a certain veto from President Reagan, and leaders of both parties say such a veto would stand up.

But House Speaker Jim Wright of Texas made clear that the real target is not the \$40 million — the last installment of a \$100 million aid package voted last year — but the \$105 million Reagan has requested for the Contras for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

"I think the exercise is very useful ... in awakening the administration to the reality that they must focus on other ways to find peace and secure our interests in Central America," Wright said Wednesday.

As the debate began, Rep. David Bonior, D-Mich., leader of the

House Democratic task force on Contra aid, said a moratorium was essentially because, of the millions of dollars and perhaps hundreds of millions of dollars cannot be counted for."

But Contra aid supporters said the moratorium proposal was an embarrassing Reagan and the Soviet Union a victory on the Western sphere.

"I do not want to be seen contributing to handing America over to the Soviet Union," Rep. Trent Lott, R-Miss., said. "This theme repeated by many Republicans."

Many Republicans said that the disclosures of the Contra affair have soured the atmosphere in Congress and eroded support for Contra aid.

Ecuador asks nations for aid after quakes

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — Ecuador on Tuesday canceled foreign debt payments for the rest of the year and appealed for international aid because of a series of earthquakes that destroyed villages and crippled the nation's oil industry.

In Geneva, the International Red Cross said the provisional toll from last week's quakes was 300 dead and 4,000 missing.

The government said it could not afford to continue making payments on its \$8.2 billion foreign debt due to revenue losses caused by the quakes.

"We are not going to receive an enormous quantity of foreign exchange, and we cannot fulfill the accord this year," Finance Minister Domingo Cordovez told reporters.

The tremors destroyed a key section of the country's main oil pipeline, forcing a halt to production and export of Ecuador's main product.

The International Red Cross, in a statement appealing for aid for quake victims, said the disaster affected 90,000 people. It said the figures were based on information from the Ecuadorian Red Cross.

The quakes, which began Thursday night and continued Friday, caused landslides and mudslides that entombed entire hamlets, covered roads, destroyed bridges and ruptured a 25-mile stretch of the country's main oil pipeline.

President Leon Febres Cordero asked Ecuador's 12 fellow members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and other oil-producing nations to assume Ecuador's sales commitments. He said Ecuador would pay them back in oil when it was able to resume exports.

Febres Cordero, in a broadcast address to the nation Monday night, said Ecuador may lose nearly \$600 million in sales revenue, or about one-third of the national budget.

Energy Minister Javier Espinosa said he was talking with other oil producers in an effort to arrange temporary export exchange agreements.

Dams break in Peru city, flood kills 11

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Several earthen dams collapsed, unleashing a torrent of water, mud and boulders that killed at least 11 people near Lima and disrupted water supplies for the capital's 6 million residents, a civil defense spokesman said Tuesday.

The flooding, which occurred Monday evening, caused the swollen Rimac River to overflow in parts of Lima.

A civil defense spokesman told the Associated Press that four natural dams gave way after rains in the barren highlands about 25 miles east of Lima. The water raced down the mountain, picking up dirt and rocks as it headed for the town of Chosica. The spokesman said 11 residents of Chosica were killed.

Bodies from ferry disaster shipped home

ZEEBRUGGE, Belgium — Officials sent bodies of the 134 people killed in an Irish ferry disaster back to England Tuesday and discounted the possibility that toxic chemicals from the vessel might contaminate the sea.

Salvage teams hauled a tractor-trailer that had washed out of the Humber Free Enterprise when the capsized Friday night. But the truck's cargo, a solvent in drums, fell back into the sea.

The government said drums of various chemicals had been fished from waters around the ship. It denied reports that highly toxic dioxin had been on the ferry and could contaminate the sea.

While salvage boats maneuvered around the 7,951-ton ferry, officials on shore sent fins home to Britain and reported that relatives identified more victims. All 41 of the identified so far were British.

Of the ferry's 543 passengers and crew, 409 survived and 34 were dead. Fifty-three bodies have been recovered so far.

Freighters belonging to Townsend Thoreson, the ferry's owners, took 33 bodies to England, on Tuesday.

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