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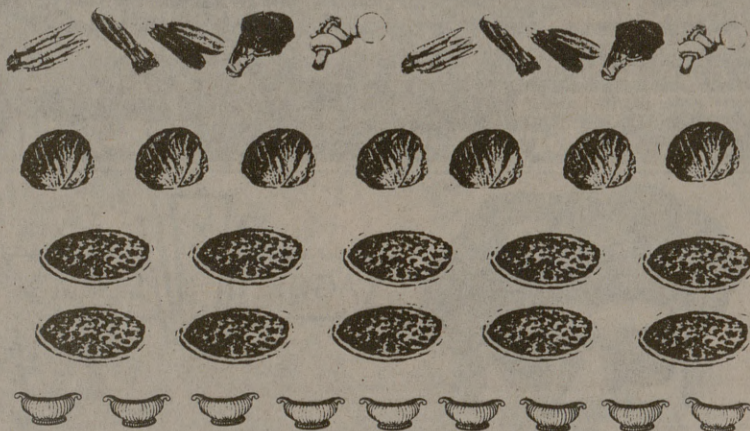
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**Dole accuses  
Bush of attack  
on his integrity**

(AP)— Republican Bob Dole confronted chief opponent George Bush on Thursday, accusing the vice president of a campaign designed "to impugn my integrity" and demanding to know if Bush authorized an aide's harsh statement.

The two met face to face on the Senate floor in a moment orchestrated by Dole following escalating tensions between their two presidential campaigns.

Enjoying the GOP brawl, Democrat Bruce Babbitt ridiculed Dole from afar for leaving his vision of the future locked in a blind trust.

The Democratic presidential candidates crowded over Wednesday's narrow House defeat of aid to the Nicaraguan rebels.

Republican candidate Pat Robertson looked to score a victory in Hawaii's re-scheduled GOP caucuses and straw vote Thursday night. The Bush and Dole campaigns acknowledged that Robertson — who nearly doubled GOP membership in that state since December — had the numbers to win.

Dole, the Republican leader of the Senate, handed the vice president a copy of a statement by Bush's Iowa chairman.

"I wanted the vice president to tell me man to man that he had authorized it," Dole said. "He said he had authorized it but hadn't read it. So I handed him a copy."

Bush, the president of the Senate,

was presiding during a procedural vote on aid to the Nicaraguan Contras.

Bush and Dole both broke off campaigning four days before Iowa's crucial caucuses to return to Washington where Senate Republicans hoped to breathe life back into President Reagan's Contra aid proposal.

"I know a Bush set-up when I see it," Dole said. "And this is Bush-league operations, trying to impugn my integrity."

"I told him he owed Elizabeth an apology... If I were going to make a very personal attack on a candidate and his wife, I would want to read it and not let some state chairman issue it and say later, 'Well I'm on the high road, I haven't read it but I authorized it.'"

Only hours earlier, Dole and Bush tangled from afar in Iowa over Bush state chairman George Wittgraf's written statement released the day before which accused Dole of "a history of mean-spiritedness" as well as cynicism in helping a former aide win a government contract.

Dole demanded an apology from Bush and said Bush should fire Wittgraf over the remarks. Bush responded, "No, I don't endorse them, but I don't reject them."

"I've just stood there and taken a pounding from other campaigns and I'm going to continue to do that."

**Mobil workers strike  
to get pension benefits**

(AP)—More than 2,500 oil refinery workers were on strike Thursday against Mobil Corp. and units of BP America Inc. in five states over a series of issues ranging from union jurisdiction to pension benefits.

Affected are Mobil operations in Torrance, Calif., Ferndale, Wash., and Beaumont, Texas; BP Oil Inc. in Marcus Hook, Pa.; and Sohio Oil Co. in Toledo, Ohio.

BP Oil and Sohio are subsidiaries of Standard Oil Co., which is a subsidiary of BP America, which is wholly owned by British Petroleum PLC of London.

The walkouts were called by locals of the Denver-based Oil Chemical & Atomic Workers International Union, which represents about

40,000 workers in 300 contracts. About 14,000 have settled, including a tentative pact reached Sunday night with Amoco Corp. that is expected to set the pattern for settlements in the industry.

The Amoco pact calls for raises of 2.1 percent this year and 3 percent next year, raising the average wage to \$15.10 from \$14.44 an hour. It has yet to be ratified by members.

The strikes against Mobil, Sohio and BP Oil began late Wednesday.

At Mobil, the walkout was called because of company plans to use managers in jobs the union believes are within its jurisdiction and a dispute over staffing levels at the company's new centralized control center in Texas.

**Mechem denies hiding loan**

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Gov. Evan Mechem denied Thursday that he had tried to hide a \$350,000 campaign loan, during testimony before a House panel considering whether to impeach him.

The House could decide on Friday whether to impeach Mechem, select committee Chairman Jim Skelly said. He said he believes there are enough votes for impeachment "assuming no dramatic turnabouts."

Mechem press secretary Ken

Smith and legislative liaison J. Randall Thomas said Wednesday it was their "gut instincts" that Mechem will be impeached.

Mechem also faces a recall election May 17 and a March 9 criminal trial on charges of concealing the \$350,000 loan.

The first-term Republican governor's temper flared when he accused a committee member of insulting him by including the names of crime bosses in a hypothetical question.

**World Briefs**

**Scientists report drifting in flu strain**

ATLANTA (AP) — Government scientists Thursday reported new evidence of a possible "drift" in this season's predominant influenza strain, reducing the effectiveness of the current flu vaccine.

The national Centers for Disease Control warned last week that because the influenza virus circulating most often in the United States this winter appeared to be drifting toward a somewhat different virus, this year's flu vaccine may not provide "optimal" protection.

Thursday, the CDC reported that more than 100 U.S. passengers aboard a cruise ship in Asia last fall became ill with a flu-like illness — later confirmed as influenza in some cases — which apparently was not affected by this year's flu vaccine.

Thirty-six of the tourists were people over 64 — and thus at high risk for more serious com-

plications from flu — who received the 1987-88 flu vaccine August or September. Of those people, 36 percent became ill, 37 percent among unvaccinated travelers in the same age group, the CDC reported.

And vaccinated, ill passengers were sick for an average of 10 days, not much different from the 22-day duration reported for older, unvaccinated passengers who became ill, the CDC said.

The findings support theories "that suggest that the vaccine may not provide adequate protection against the variant virus recently identified in the Pacific Basin and now present in the United States," officials of Atlanta-based CDC said.

The most common type seen in the United States this winter has been the type researchers know as Type A-H3N2, one of three major types of flu.

**Debate about Mexico pollution builds**

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Luis Jaimez Ocampo is convinced the air in this city won't get cleaner unless the government puts some teeth into its anti-pollution campaigns.

"The people will never respond until the government forces them to," he said. "They won't use public transportation unless they have to. Until then, the air's only going to get worse."

Suffering another winter's series of smog caps, many Mexico City residents shrug off the finer points of a debate between ecologists and the government over

the air quality here, generally considered the world's worst.

The mountains that ring the metropolitan area of more than 18 million normally hinder circulation of the air, and the tons of noxious gas emitted daily by the 3 million homes and 35,000 industries in the valley.

From December to February each year, frequent temperature inversions compound the problem by trapping the pollution near the ground for long periods of time.

**Advisor shows support for star wars**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Edward Rowny, a senior U.S. arms control adviser, said Wednesday night the United States should work out an explicit agreement with the Soviet Union to go ahead with the star wars program and not "kick the can down the road."

Otherwise, Rowny said in an interview, Congress would not approve a treaty to cut strategic nuclear weapons stockpiles in half because the Soviets might scrap the accord over the star wars issue.

He said the Reagan administration has "every intention" of going ahead with the anti-missile

program. "This has got to be made explicit, in my view, for this program to succeed."

"If we fuzz it up, the Soviets can always invoke this idea of START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) is called off by you guys violated it," Rowny said. "So we got to clear this up."

The dispute over testing technology that might be deployed to shoot down Soviet nuclear missiles upset the 1986 summit and threatened a power summit and theater of cloud President Reagan's here last December with Soviet Secretary Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

**Bills will help doctors with premiums**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The Legislature passed bills Wednesday to establish voluntary arbitration in malpractice cases and limit damages for pain and suffering, measures aimed at slowing the explosion in doctors' insurance premiums.

The measures also would provide tougher discipline for doctors who repeatedly commit malpractice. It also would give physicians some immunity from lawsuits when they treat unfamiliar patients in emergency rooms.

The House and Senate versions differed on several key points, such as whether to roll back insurance premiums and

how much immunity to provide doctors. They also differed on the issue of whether there should be a program of long-term care for babies born brain damaged.

The two measures are submitted to a joint conference committee Thursday, the day of a special session on problems of medical malpractice insurance.

Fear of lawsuits and high premiums have prompted Florida trauma centers and emergency rooms to curtail services. Some doctors in high-risk specialties like obstetrics, neurology and cardiology have refused to treat patients.

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