

Friday, October 27, 1989

Bush approves \$3.45 billion bill to rebuild quake-stricken area

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — President Bush's signature Thursday added \$3.45 billion to help Northern California heal the wounds of a killer earthquake, as residents and businesses tear down what can't be fixed and look to the emotional salve of a World Series and Halloween.

Crews were starting to tear down some of the "red-tagged" buildings — those determined unsafe — and demolition went on at a 1/4-mile stretch of Interstate 880 in Oakland.

For the first time since the Oct. 17 quake, tolls were charged on the Golden Gate Bridge on Thursday, partly because an average of \$107,300 a day had been lost and partly because the free ride seemed to encourage driving at a time when officials are trying to persuade people to use public transportation.

The quake closed the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and parts of several highways, including a collapsed section of Interstate 880. While officials have reported record use of mass

transit, commuter roads have been clogged daily. Bush signed the aid bill just nine days after the 7.1 magnitude tremor rocked the area and called it a sign of nonpartisan compassion, but

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one California congressman predicted his delegation would be back, hat in hand, in the spring. "We have done a little better than a down payment," Democrat Vic Fazio said. He said the cur-

rent bill would help provide "some sustenance, some security, and some comfort in their hour of need."

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Aid has come in many forms: — The Red Cross has collected \$7 million. — Costa Rica said Thursday it is sending 2,500 pounds of coffee beans to San Francisco, a city where just about every coffee shop has a cappuccino machine.

— Enough donated food has been stockpiled in Watsonville, a hard hit community south of San Francisco, to feed the whole city of 27,000 for two months, the Salvation Army said.

— And the 26 Major League baseball teams pledged \$1.4 million for relief from the quake — which caused an estimated \$7.1 billion in damage.

Florida man faces death for murder

Man also sentenced for '88 Texas killing

DADE CITY, Fla. (AP) — An Ohio man already sentenced to death in Texas and Indiana faces another death sentence in Florida after pleading guilty Thursday to the stabbing death of a 14-year-old girl.

Michael Lee Lockhart of Walbridge, Ohio, entered the plea to the capital murder charge here Thursday, said Evelyn Pettit, administrative assistant in the Pasco County courthouse. He was charged in the death of Jennifer Colhauer.

Pasco County Circuit Judge Maynard Swanson set the sentencing phase of his trial to begin Nov. 13, Pettit said.

Lockhart already has been sentenced to death in Texas for the 1988 shooting death of a Beaumont, Texas, police officer. Officer Paul Douglas Hulsey Jr., was fatally shot at a Beaumont motel.

Lockhart also was sentenced to die for the 1987 rape-killing of a 16-year-old Griffith, Ind., girl in her home.

Texas investigators have said Lockhart bragged that he killed between 20 and 30 people during a crime spree in Texas, Indiana and Florida.

Soviet Union pledges cutbacks on nuclear forces in Baltic Sea

HELSINKI, Finland (AP) — Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev said Thursday that Moscow will cut its nuclear forces in the Baltic Sea and will destroy four aging submarines and the nuclear missiles they carry.

Gorbachev also said the Soviet Union has removed all tactical nuclear missiles that could strike the northern European region and will take certain types of sea-launched nuclear weapons out of the Baltic Sea.

In a 45-minute speech to Finnish business leaders, politicians and other guests on the second day of a three-day visit to Finland, Gorbachev repeated his hope to eliminate nuclear weapons from the 148,600-square-mile Baltic Sea.

"We are prepared to come to agreement with all the nuclear powers and the Baltic states on effective guarantees for the nuclear-free status of the Baltic Sea," he said in a nationally broadcast speech in Helsinki's Finlandia Hall.

Gorbachev said the Soviet Union was taking the steps unilaterally, dropping previous conditions that Western countries first agree to a nuclear-free zone.

In Washington, White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said, "We do not believe nuclear-free zones contribute to security in Europe."

"Most of these proposals have been designed to affect NATO deterrence capability while leaving Soviet nuclear weapons intact," Fitzwater said. "On the other hand, we do

appreciate the intent of this and if it can develop into something concrete, why, that might be a hopeful sign."

Later, Fitzwater revised his remarks, saying, "In fact we do not consider this a hopeful sign."

Gorbachev said the steps were a follow-up to a speech he gave two years ago in the Soviet Union's northern port of Murmansk, in

which he first proposed a nuclear-free zone in northern Europe. Two NATO countries in the region, Norway and Denmark, do not permit nuclear weapons in their territory in peacetime.

Gorbachev said the Soviet Union already has taken two of its six Golf-class submarines out of operation from the Baltic Sea and pledged to destroy the remaining four.

Former HUD director pleads 5th amendment Pierce wants hearing canceled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former HUD Secretary Samuel Pierce informed a House subcommittee today he will again refuse to answer its questions about mismanagement and political favoritism at the department he led for eight years.

Because he plans to invoke his constitutional right against self-incrimination, Pierce, through his attorneys, asked the panel to cancel a hearing Friday and another session next week at which he has been subpoenaed to testify.

Pierce, who headed the Department of Housing and Urban Development

throughout the Reagan administration, said that forcing him to appear would subject him to unnecessary adverse publicity and be "punitive."

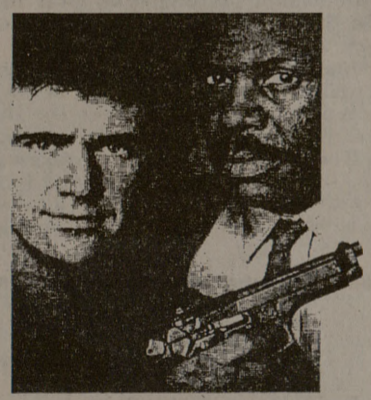
It was not immediately clear whether the subcommittee would grant the request, but a congressional aide said there were no plans to cancel Friday's hearing.

Pierce's attorneys, in a letter to the House Government Affairs subcommittee on employment and housing, "Upon the advice of counsel, Mr. Pierce will again invoke his rights under the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution."



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