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West offers Soviets IMF membership

WASHINGTON (AP) —The West's offer of limited Soviet membership in the International Monetary Fund gives Mikhail S. Gorbachev an opening in the world economic community, but it doesn't provide the money or muscle to push him into more dramatic economic reforms.

The proposal, put forward by President Bush last December and agreed to over the weekend by the other major industrialized democracies, would extend to the Soviets access to the fund's considerable technical expertise. And it acknowledges the Soviets as a

partner in world economic affairs, a status symbol Gorbachev has sought for years.

The Soviet president is going to the annual economic summit of the world's wealthiest nations in London next month to appeal for help in financing his reforms. Various estimates peg Soviet needs at about \$30 billion right now, and some proposals call for spending perhaps \$150 billion in the next five years.

But the special status created for the Soviets alone would prevent the IMF from loaning the Soviets any money.

Rep. Ogden doesn't foresee tax increase

Continued from page 1 said. "I looked at each of these carefully, to ensure the level of service offered to students was not damaged."

Ogden said he was especially interested in making sure students' rights were protected, and he would look at the fee increases in conjunction with proposed tuition and tax increases.

"We have to make sure we don't drive people out of school," he said. "All those fees, as well as tuition, end up being paid with the same check. As a result, I don't expect to see a huge tax increase alongside a tuition increase."

However, Ogden said he re-

mains optimistic about A&M future.

"There have been a lot of doom and gloom stories going around, but two things keep me optimistic," he said. "First, the state's financial situation is as severe as we keep hearing. The state is running a surplus, and revenues are 12 percent ahead of where they were 10 years ago."

"Second, the University has a very good reputation around the state," Ogden continued. "The people of Texas see A&M as a good investment and an asset for the long run, they will not deliberately damage the University and I believe we won't need a huge tax increase."

Desert Storm veteran describes arrival at gulf

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of Jubail, where we set up cots in a shipping warehouse that had a beautiful back-door view of the Persian Gulf. We anxiously crawled into our sleeping bags to sleep off our jetlag but were rudely awakened at midnight by the roaring horns of the ships in dock.

Several of us put on our gas masks, expecting a Scud attack as warned previously. Then came the cheers of "Happy New Year, '91!" This was definitely going to be a different year for all of us.

We lived at the port for three weeks, but we happily drove our tanks off a RO-RO (roll on-roll off) ship on day 10. Unfortunately, we weren't allowed to live on our iron beasts until they

were painted sand brown.

We couldn't wait to have 63 tons of steel around us in case of a Scud Missile attack, since the port was an obvious strategic target. We didn't trust the Patriot Missiles down the road either because they had never been tested against another missile.

As the paint dried on our vehicles, we returned to the warehouse to find more gigantic cargo ships unloading combat vehicles, artillery shells and other munitions and various military supplies.

Marine patrol boats kept a constant, watchful eye over the whole operation. The British "Desert Rats" tank regiment was moving their Challenger II tanks and Gazelle helicopters out of port at this time as well.

What's Up

Tuesday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: General discussion at noon. Call CDPE at 845-0280 for more information.

ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGIATE ENTREPRENEURS: Informational meeting for aspiring entrepreneurs at 8 p.m. in 110 Blocker. Call Tony at 693-1246 for more information.

Wednesday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: General discussion at noon. Call CDPE at 845-0280 for more information.

TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMISSION (TEAC): General membership meeting - plans for activities during the summer months. Everyone interested in environmental concerns welcome at 7 p.m. in Zachry 119A. Call Charlie at 823-3577 or Peter at 696-0735 for more information.

EPISCOPAL STUDENT CENTER: Eucharist and community dinner at 6:15 p.m. at Canterbury House at 902 George Bush Drive. Contact the Rev. Benfield at 696-4245 for more information.

LUTHERAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP: Evening prayer at 6:30 p.m. at the University Lutheran Chapel.

KANM RADIO - CABLE ONLY: An interview with Gary Varner, Dept. of Philosophy about animal rights and vegetarianism from 6 to 6:30 p.m. on Cable TV.

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