

Crisis

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preceded Iraq's August 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

With the arrival of U.S. troops, tensions in Kuwait eased somewhat today. Officials said oil operations — the golden goose of the emirate's economy — were continuing normally. Banks had plenty of dollars, gasoline stations were open, and there were no signs of hoarding.

Still, Kuwaitis did not appear to trust their neighbor to the north. The government announced today that an additional 8,000 men had volunteered to fight.

Seeking ways to prevent Iraq from triggering another crisis, the United States suggested the U.N. Security Council impose a wide off-limits zone on Saddam's ground forces near Kuwait's border.

The proposal would expand the no-fly zone in effect in southern Iraq.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin sent a delegation Tuesday to Baghdad to try and defuse the crisis. Russia warned Iraq against escalating tensions, but also cautioned the rest of the world against backing Saddam into a corner.

There has been talk that the Iraqi troop buildup was intended to drive the United Nations to lift the sanctions. It appears, instead, to have cemented support in the Security Council for delaying any talk of easing the sanctions.

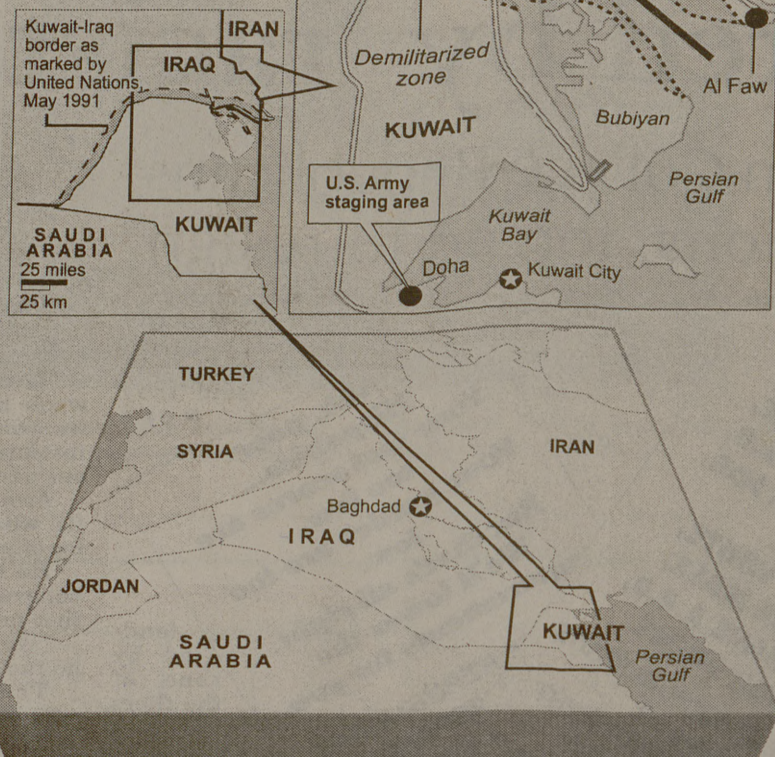
The United States, Britain and France increased their presence in the region Tuesday, making clear they meant to honor 10-year defense pacts signed with Kuwait after the Gulf War.

Shalikhvili placed the number of American forces in the Gulf at 19,000, with an additional 44,500 in various stages of deployment. He said 156,000 more troops have been placed on alert.

A total of 252 American and allied aircraft were in the region, with 467 more American planes in various stages of

Iraqi troops remain in striking distance

The first wave of 80,000 Iraqis stopped just north of the Kuwaiti border. Officials claimed Monday the force would move north to Basra. But dubious U.S. officials are continuing to build up troops.



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deployment and an additional 196 on alert, he said.

Maj. Don Janning, an army spokesman, said some 600 troops from the 24th Mechanized Infantry Division from Fort Stewart, Ga., had been flown to Kuwait since Monday and 3,200 more were on their way.

The USS Tripoli and its amphibious battle group, carrying 2,000 Marines, arrived off Kuwait Tuesday. The aircraft carrier USS George Washington began patrolling the Red Sea on Monday, and its escorts were carrying Tom-

ahawk cruise missiles able to hit Iraq.

Also Tuesday, the French anti-submarine frigate Georges Leygues, armed with Exocet anti-ship missiles, Crotales anti-aircraft missiles, cannon and torpedoes, docked at Kuwait's port.

Twelve British Tornado fighter-bombers have flown to Kuwait, and a destroyer, HMS Cardiff, was sent to join a Royal Navy frigate, HMS Cornwall. The British Defense Ministry put its deployment at some 1,000 ground and air troops.

Safety

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not work on people who are drunk, on drugs, or psychotic, he said. However, pepper spray inflames the tissues in the body and works on almost everyone.

Walling said consumers need to be aware of the potential negative consequences of using a weapon.

"Different situations dictate different responses," Walling said. "The problem is that these devices often give a person a better sense of security, but people may be buying just the sense, not the actual security."

People should also explore possible situations and plan how they will react, Kemp said.

"People should play what I call the 'What If' game," Kemp said. "If you have thought about a situation, it will help you react. Think of what you will do, who you will call."

There are many things people can do to make their home or apartment more secure, Kemp said. All windows, for example, should have two locking devices.

"Nothing makes a home 100 percent victim-free," she said. "But just slowing the crim-

inal down is important. Criminals are looking for the opportunity to break-in or steal."

The biggest problem with apartment security is that people often do not use the locks they have, Walling said. Residents should put deadbolts and door viewers on their doors.

"People should also be cautious as to who they let into their apartment," Walling said. "A lot of crimes happen in your own home."

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If a person is asleep in his house during a burglary and wakes to the robbery, the person should probably not do anything until the robber is gone, he said.

"The burglar is wide awake because they are in the middle of their workday, and the

person just awakened is still sleepy," Walling said. "The person's senses aren't as fine-tuned. In most cases he should stay as if he is still asleep until the robber leaves the house or the room."

If a person returns home to find he has been burglarized, he should leave the house immediately and make as little noise as possible, he said.

"It is dangerous to confront a burglar in the house," Walling said. "A cornered burglar will hurt you."

Unlike some apartments, dorms are very secure, Kretschmar said. If an access card to a dorm is lost, the computer will reject the card if someone takes it and tries to use the card to gain access, he said.

In addition, the computer keeps track of every time a card is used, and student affairs will know that someone tried to use a stolen card, he said.

Parking garages are also safe, Kretschmar said. Each garage has 45 cameras and every exit has an emergency panic button, he said.

College Station Police Department and UPD officers, along with counselors from the Student Counseling Centers will conduct a safety seminar tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Zachary Engineering Center.

HOSTS program a success

Mentors help children learn reading, writing

By Constance Parten
THE BATTALION

When Judy Sweat first heard about the HOSTS volunteer program, she was a little leery.

The program, Helping One Student To Succeed, promised to improve a child's reading level in a matter of weeks and an average reading improvement of 2.5 years in only eight months.

"Several of us were interested in the program and thought it could really benefit the students in Bryan," Sweat said, "but it really sounded too good to be true."

Three years later, Sweat is the Bryan HOSTS area specialist and believes in the program wholeheartedly.

"I really and truly love it," Sweat said. "It's the best thing I've ever done."

HOSTS was started in Vancouver, Wash., in 1971 by an educator who saw a need for one-on-one instruction. The program grew slowly at first and is now a nationwide program found in 30 states.

HOSTS is a national program established to improve reading, writing, vocabulary, study skills and high level thinking for students who test below their grade level. This is accomplished through a system that begins with preliminary testing to indicate what areas the student is having problems in.

"Before the students begin meeting with their mentors, they go through a battery of tests in five key areas," Sweat said. "These areas are phonetic analysis, structural analysis, vocabulary, study skills and comprehension."

The testing is used to prepare a specialized program for each individual student. Sweat said this is one of the primary reasons the program has been so successful.

"The students are given help in the areas they need it the most," Sweat said, "and the



Sophomore elementary education major Jennifer Cross helps third grader Patrick Garcia as part of the HOSTS program.

mentors give them the support they can't always get at home."

Gail Macmillan, division manager for community development for the City of Bryan, became a HOSTS volunteer three years ago when the program began in the Bryan school district.

Macmillan said she thinks she gets as much out of the HOSTS program as the kids do.

"I love working with the kids," Macmillan said. "Seeing them make real progress is very rewarding. My impression is that a lot of them do really well after taking part in the program."

One of Macmillan's most memorable experiences in the HOSTS program was as a mentor for Crystal Garcia.

"Crystal was in third grade when I was her mentor," Macmillan said. "She was not very confident when we first started, and she would get really frustrated when she didn't understand things right away. But by the end of the semester she was acting out her readings, walking around the room and reading the characters' lines in different voices. She really seemed to enjoy reading at the end."

Garcia said the HOSTS program really changed her life.

Now in the fifth grade, she said the Gifted and Talented program and helps other students with some of their school work.

"HOSTS made me feel wasn't dumb and I could do things I put my mind to," she said. "Now I help other kids that don't know what to do."

Garcia's mother, Tina, said before Crystal took part in the HOSTS program she was too motivated. Now she is mostly A's, some B's and to miss school.

"This is a great program," Tina Garcia said. "They keep it up. It keeps the school and really motivates them."

Pam Carter, this year's mentor at Kemp Elementary, Crystal is not an unusual case. She said the teachers' tremendous improvement in children's performance and interest levels after taking part in the program.

"This program literally changes these students' lives," Carter said. "These students are at risk of dropping out in their school careers if they don't get some one-on-one instruction before they get discouraged. This program works, and it has a lot to do with the volunteers."

Fliers

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Phi Alpha, and Shawn Williams, president of the A&M chapter of the NAACP, circulated a petition for individuals to show their opposition to the fliers.

Washington, Williams and leaders from other minority organizations will meet with Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, next week to discuss race relations. They will also discuss their support for a multiculturalism class requirement.

Ruben Reyna, public relations chair for Committee for Awareness of Mexican American Cultures (CAMAC), said that instances like this show the need

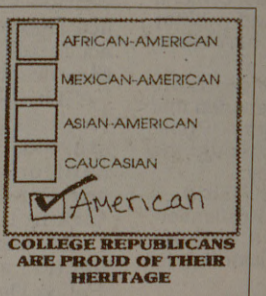
for a multiculturalism class. "This emphasizes the need for a multiculturalism class requirement," he said. "I should know that stuff like would be offensive."

Claudio Sosa, chair of the United Culture, Education and Leadership (UCEL) said that the stereotypes portrayed in these fliers need to be ended.

"There are people who believe in stereotypes," he said. "These stereotypes must be stopped."

Ryan Williams, member of College Republicans, said that not all of the organization's members agree with the fliers.

"They could have found an appropriate way to say what was wanted," he said. "Those fliers do not represent the feelings of the members."



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