

# Feds get involved in fight about Panhandle Field

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The feds have entered the drilling war between major oil and gas companies and independent producers in the Texas Panhandle Field.

The Dorchester Corporation, allied with several other major producers, has fought local drillers in state courts and before the Railroad Commission in Austin.

Now the battle has moved to Washington after Dorchester complained to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) that 37 independent producers in Gray and Carson Counties have violated federal price controls on natural gas. The company also claims the independents are pumping out natural gas that belongs to Dorchester—gas that the company has pledged to pipeline customers in the northeast, according to a report in the Amarillo Sunday News-Globe.

Any invitation to the federal government to decide the dispute is an invitation to lose local control of the reserves in

the Panhandle Field, a spokesman for the independents said. The spokesman, Ron Slover of Amarillo, said he could not comment on Dorchester's specific allegations, but added that FERC's involvement amounts to placing the "destiny of the field in the hands of the feds."

"FERC has been invited to decide whether we own the field anymore. They've been invited in to tell the people of the Texas Panhandle that they can't do as they please with their own field," Slover said.

The dispute between Dorchester and the independents arose from the fact that the opposing operators have wells over the same plots of ground in Carson and Gray Counties. Dorchester owns the "gas rights" on the leases, and independents claim the "oil rights." Dorchester calls its wells "gas wells;" the independents call their adjacent wells "oil wells."

Even though a well produces mostly natural gas, state rules allow a well to be classified as an oil well if it produces

at least one barrel of oil for every 100,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

Dorchester's "gas wells" in the two counties produce what is called "old gas," which is subject to the federal price control of about 50 cents per 1,000 cubic feet.

The independents' "oil wells" produce both oil and what, under federal guidelines, is called "new gas," gas that sells for about \$3 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Dorchester and the cities in the northeast that buy its natural gas have claimed that the independents actually pump "old gas," that should be subject to the federal price controls.

At the complaining parties' instigation, FERC has ordered the 37 independents operating in Gray and Carson Counties to show cause, or prove why, they haven't violated the natural gas price controls set by the Natural Gas Policy Act.

FERC issued the show-cause order Feb. 15. The order tells the independents to turn over data on more than a

hundred wells in the two counties. A federal administrative judge will view the data and each side's legal briefs at a Washington hearing no later than March 6, according to the Amarillo newspaper. The judge will decide whether FERC should make a formal ruling in the case.

Dorchester claims the independents are pumping natural gas that the major company has pledged to northern cities via a pipeline owned by Northern Natural Gas Company.

Both the major companies and independents "strip" valuable hydrocarbon liquids from the raw gas pumped out the field before the gas is sold to pipeline companies.

The independents often strip out the liquids with extremely cold refrigeration units at well sites. They call the liquids "crude oil" for the purpose of classifying a well as an oil well. The independents pay oil royalties to landowners and

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FORECAST—Fair and warmer through Wednesday. High today in low 60s, low in mid-20s. High Wednesday near 70. Southwesterly winds 10-20 mph. High Monday was 50; overnight low was 22.

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## Depth of Glenn defeat top Iowa news

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG  
DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The big surprise from Iowa was not the size of Walter Mondale's victory but the depth of John Glenn's defeat.

The Ohio senator's fifth-place finish Monday night immediately set off speculation on how long he can stay in the race.

Glenn could wipe that out in a week by bouncing back with a strong finish in the New Hampshire primary. But so far, the former astronaut, who had been regarded as Mondale's strongest rival, has been unable to demonstrate that he can rally rank and file Democrats to his candidacy.

Sen. Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, who didn't campaign in the Iowa precinct caucuses and ran last among the eight candidates, called Glenn's showing "almost a rejection." He said it could prompt Glenn supporters to turn to other candidates.

Another candidate with a problem was Sen. Alan Cranston of California, who often said he had to finish a clear third in Iowa. He ended up a weak fourth.

"If we don't finish third, we would be in a very difficult situation both financially and politically," Sergio Bendixen, Cranston's campaign

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manager, said before the caucuses.

Sen. Gary Hart finished second in Iowa; George McGovern was a surprising third.

Cranston had hoped, of course, to replace Glenn as Mondale's most serious rival. He said Monday night that the Mondale-Glenn dual was

"very badly shaken," but he seemed to be in no shape to benefit.

Whether it is Hart or McGovern or the Rev. Jesse Jackson — no factor in Iowa — who benefits, Glenn's back is against the wall and the calendar favors Mondale. In previous

presidential campaigns, several weeks separated the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary. This year the period is eight days and the Iowa results will be fresh in the minds of New Hampshire voters.

Speculation about how the 1984 Democratic race will play out has always centered on when it will shake down to a two-candidate contest and who those two will be.

Mondale obviously is a sure bet for the finals; a happy Hart was predicting Monday night he might be the other.

"Hopefully it does turn this into a Hart-Mondale race," said the

Colorado senator. "It sets up a contest between the party's future and its past."

Jerry Vento, Glenn's national campaign manager, predicted two days before the Iowa caucuses, that Mondale would win big and Glenn would finish second with 15 to 20 percent of the vote.

Glenn's share of the raw vote in the caucuses was only 5 percent.

If Glenn doesn't come through with a strong New Hampshire showing, he could be an early drop-out.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Donald M. Rothberg is the chief political writer of the Associated Press.)

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## President strikes back at Democrats

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — In a single day that combined presidential pageantry, partisan rhetoric and a heavy dose of nostalgia, President Reagan bid to undo what Democrats have done to him in more than a year of Iowa campaigning.

"I'm a little curious about some of the things the Democratic presidential candidates have been saying," the campaigning president said Monday scarcely two hours before Democrats across the state assembled at precinct caucuses to begin picking his election opponent.

"But aren't these people who talk so much about fairness for all Americans the same ones who can't see you unless you belong to a special interest group?" Reagan asked a campaign rally in Waterloo.

"And don't you get a little nervous when those born-again budget balancers tell us there's only one way to reduce deficits — and it begins with raising your taxes?"

It was Reagan's first full-blown political trip outside Washington since announcing his re-election bid on Jan. 29, and it was choreographed from

start to finish to upstage the eight Democrats and their presidential caucuses.

Reagan spoke to more than 7,600 people in Waterloo and another 9,000 inside and outside an auditorium in Des Moines — crowds many times larger than what Democratic campaign rivals could hope to find in their campaigning around the state.

His speech before the "caucus kickoff rally" in Des Moines commanded live television coverage on all three stations serving the region, the type of free media exposure that his Democratic rivals could only dream of receiving in their months of campaigning across the state.

Reagan stopped by WHO, the radio station where he once worked, and reminisced fondly about his days as a broadcaster.

A recent poll shows Reagan trailing both Democratic front-runner Walter F. Mondale and Sen. John Glenn in Iowa, and even his own private polls show him weaker in the state than elsewhere in the Farm Belt.



Marine prepares to board helicopter

## Leaving Lebanon

U.S. Marines start withdrawal to ships offshore

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — U.S. Marines began pulling their combat forces out of Beirut today to Navy ships offshore, and Israeli warplanes bombed and strafed suspected guerrilla positions in the Syrian-controlled central mountains.

"Today the support people have gone and we're working on the combat gear," said Marine spokesman Maj. Dennis Brooks. "Today is the first day of the relocation of the actual 22nd MAU (Marine Amphibious Unit) personnel." Brooks said he did not know how many of the roughly 1,300 Marines

based at Beirut airport would leave today. He said the evacuation would take "approximately a week, maybe two."

Brooks said all support gear and 99 percent support personnel had been evacuated since President Reagan disclosed his decision Feb. 7 to withdraw the Marine contingent from the airport.

The Marine base has been surrounded by Syrian-backed Druse and Shiite Moslem militias since the militias wrested control of mostly Moslem west Beirut from the Lebanese

army 15 days ago.

The Israeli military command said its warplanes attacked "terrorist targets" — the usual reference to Palestinian guerrillas — in Mansouriyeh, Ain Jdeide and south of Bhamdoun, a Druse-held town about nine miles southeast of the Lebanese capital on the Beirut-Damascus Highway.

There were no immediate reports of damage or casualties in the raid, the second this week and the fifth this year. All Israeli planes returned safely to base, the command said.

The raid coincided with reports the Israeli army has moved dozens of tanks and armored personnel carriers across its southern defense line toward Beirut over the past two days.

In Beirut, police said 11 people were killed today during clashes across the "green line" separating the capital's Moslem and Christian sectors and in fighting at the Lebanese army garrison in Souk el-Gharb, atop a mountain east of Beirut. At least 86 civilians and combatants were wounded, police said.

U.S. Navy jets made repeated reconnaissance runs over Beirut.

## Panel calls for year-round school study

AUSTIN (AP) — A special subcommittee studying the state's education system has recommended lengthening the school year by two weeks beginning next fall and has called for a study into the possibility of year-round classes.

The Educating the Child subcommittee, a panel under the Governor's Select Committee on Public Education, made the recommendations Monday.

The panel's proposal said that if year-round schooling was found to be advantageous, it should be begun in five years.

The eight-member subcommittee also approved a proposal to dramatically reduce class sizes from kindergarten through the fourth grade.

The subcommittee's recommendations go to the full committee, which is chaired by Dallas businessman H. Ross Perot. The full committee's preliminary report is due to be delivered to Gov. Mark White and the Legislature March 5.

The subcommittee also recommended forbidding extracurricular activities during the

week that final exams are given and encouraging local school districts to prohibit extra-curricular activities the week before exams.

Other recommendation would mandate "parenting education" beginning in the fourth grade to teach student to become good parents and annual competency tests for students.

Committee member Elizabeth McNaughton of Houston said a longer school year might not be a popular idea, but that students need more time in school to digest more information.

Subcommittee chairman Jon

Fleming of Fort Worth said he had not seen evidence to prove that year-round schooling substantially increases learning.

The vote on the proposal was 5-3. The committee recommended no more than 15 students in each class from kindergarten through fourth grade.

"Twenty children is a nice class size," said Margaret Puckett, assistant professor of education at Fort Worth's Texas Wesleyan College. "If I had 15, I'd feel like I'd died and gone to heaven."









**UP AND AWAY**—Terence Brauner hangs on for dear life while trying to vault 17 cars while about 1,500 spectators watch at Anchorage, Alaska. Brauner was trying to set a record, but the snowmobile overshot the landing ramp and crashed. Brauner suffered a sprained back and lost some teeth in the mishap. He says he will give up snowmobile jumping, but not daredevil stunts. (AP Laserphoto)

## Certain insects offer good nutrition

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Researchers at the national university here say people should start thinking about eating insects and other non-traditional foods as a way to improve their diets and save money.

"Meat is very expensive and so if we are going to have a diet with enough protein we must begin to consider other things — including insects," Luis Alcantara, food program adviser at the National Autonomous University of Mexico, said in a telephone interview.

Alcantara said a scientist at the university wrote a book in which she described more than 100 species of insects that can provide protein and vitamins to humans.

The book by Julieta Ramos, a researcher at the university's Biology Institute, is called "Insects as Sources of Protein in the Future."

Alcantara said insects are sold as food in a number of rural communities in Mexico. He mentioned the jumile, a small insect that can be eaten

live and can be found in stores in Guerrero and Morelos states.

Then there is escamole — or ant egg — that looks and tastes like caviar, and in fact is sometimes called

"Mexican caviar," Alcantara said. But the escamole is in greater supply and much cheaper than the fish-egg delicacy, he added.

Alcantara said there also are some 5,000 species of

plants in Mexico that are full of protein but are virtually ignored as food. People must shed the "cultural prejudices" that keep them from eating these plants, he said.

## Reactor problem pinpointed before it happened

WASHINGTON (AP) — The failure of a crucial cooling system at the nation's largest nuclear power plant last week was forewarned by government researchers in a report 19 months ago.

But, as with so many nuclear mishaps, correcting the problem that triggered an "alert" last Tuesday at the Browns Ferry plant was postponed while officials, disagreeing over the earlier findings, await a new study.

Both the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Tennessee Valley Authority, which owns the Athens, Ala., plant, were told in July 1982 that its system to prevent overheating during a reactor shutdown was vulnerable to failure.

Researchers at the government's Idaho Falls National Laboratory said that vulnerability posed the single biggest risk of a core meltdown — the most potentially catastrophic accident possible — at the three-reactor Browns Ferry

plant. Because of what the researchers identified as problems with the "residual heat removal system," the chance of a core meltdown at Browns Ferry is twice the level that the NRC has set as a safety goal for all nuclear plants.

### Nuclear plant foes criticize consultant

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Opponents of the Comanche Peak nuclear power plant have questioned the independence of a consultant who said the plant's quality-assurance program was adequate.

Officials of Cygna Energy Service told a three-member panel of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board on Monday that Cygna provided Comanche Peak officials a list of documents the firm planned to study before visiting the plant.

The Dallas-based Citizens Association for Sound Energy contended that the notice

Despite the failure of the residual heat removal system and the "alert" last Tuesday, TVA operators successfully cooled the reactor down to acceptable temperatures with one of several backup systems.

But Rep. Edward J. Markey, D-Mass., in making

available copies of the July 1982 Idaho Falls study, questioned Monday why the system had not been fixed in light of the report.

"I would have expected that some remedial action would have been both required and implemented by now," Markey said in a letter

to NRC Chairman Nunzio Palladino.

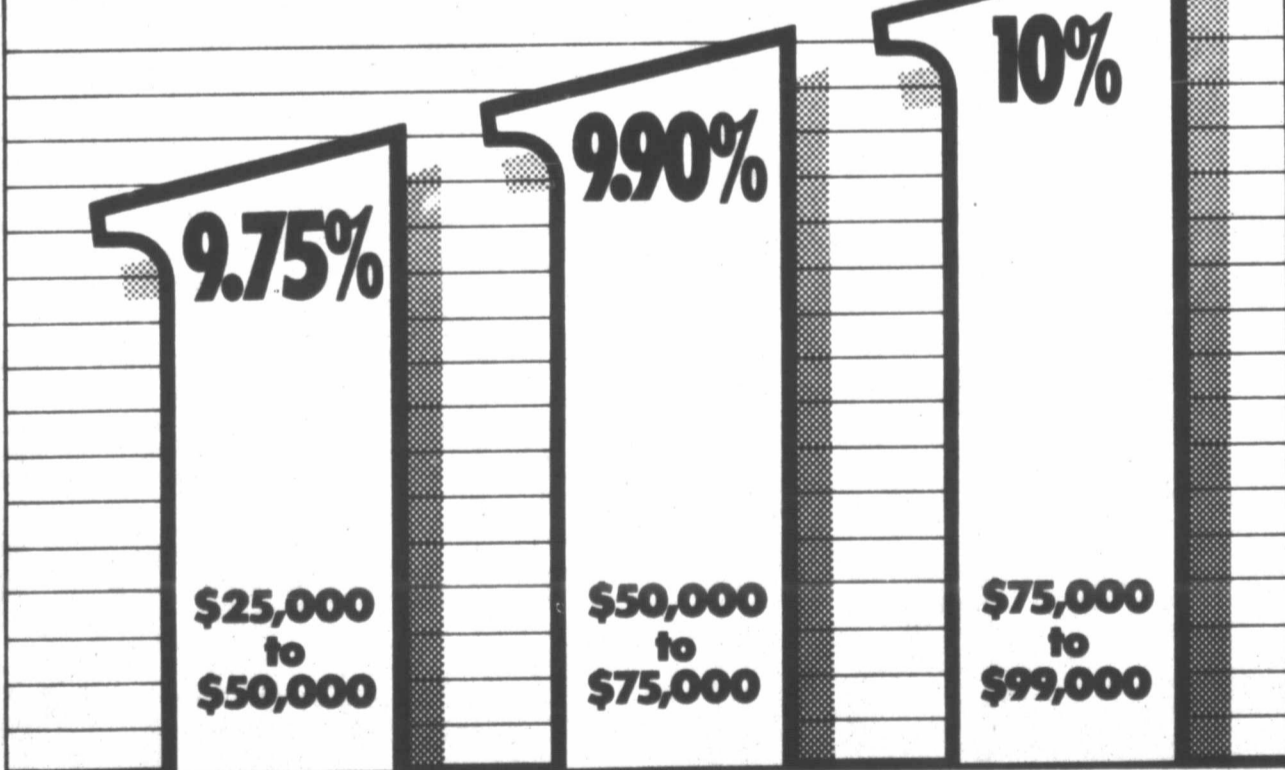
"What occurred on Feb. 14 was an accident waiting to happen," he added. "Apparently the NRC staff does not have adequate procedures in place to evaluate the practical significance of the agency's theoretical studies."

Markey, chairman of the House Interior investigations subcommittee, asked Palladino if a similar problem might exist at other plants with the same early-model General Electric boiling water reactors as those at Browns Ferry.

They would include the Pilgrim plant at Plymouth, Mass.; the Peach Bottom plant in Pennsylvania; and the Hatch plant at Baxley, Ga.

Joseph Fouchar, an NRC spokesman, said agency officials had not yet seen Markey's letter, but that they will respond to it.

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# Work of young artists displayed in new gallery

NEW YORK (AP) — Delorys Welch-Tyson, director of a new gallery of children's art, says she's "not interested in perpetuating the idea of children's art as cutesy stick drawings."

"I pick good art and I'm very selective," adds Ms. Welch-Tyson, whose gallery, the Rainbow Connection, is in Manhattan's Tribeca area. "Many of these young artists

are very serious about their work. Who knows but that any of them could grow up to be a Picasso."

Ms. Welch-Tyson, who originated the idea of the gallery, is an artist herself, and recalls fondly her own excitement and pride when she exhibited at New York City's Lever House 20 years ago.

"There are so many really talented youngsters out there. There's a need for a place where they can show their work in a setting that's accepted and taken seriously," she says.

She sent out mailings, contacted art teachers, ran newspaper ads and handed out flyers outside art schools to solicit young artists.

"The private schools were the first to pick up on it," she says, "but that didn't bring me the 'rainbow' collection I wanted. Later I developed a sponsorship program — sort of adopt-an-artist idea."

Through this plan, young people who are unable to pay the nominal fee which helps defray expenses for the enterprise, will have it taken care of by sponsors, as they become available, who will then share in the gallery's commission on sales.

The gallery opened late last year, and an enthusiastic crowd at the first show was greeted by seven excited youngsters: Tara Fields, 16; Kenneth "Spank" Collado and John Simoes, 17; Jessie McKie, Tony Szoradi and Sarah Kellman, 15, and Nat See, 9.

Their work ranges in style from large-scale graffiti on canvas, "pop" fantasy and surrealist art to classical themes. The media include airbrush, oil, spray paint, pen and ink and watercolor.

Prices start at \$100 and go to \$5,000, and several of the works in the current show have already been sold. Ms. Welch-Tyson, who at first conceived the gallery as a non-profit venture, changed her mind and decided to make it a commercial operation.

"I thought it would be taken more seriously," she explains.



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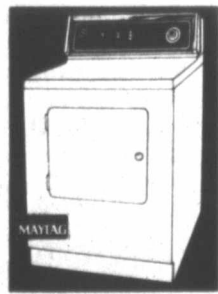
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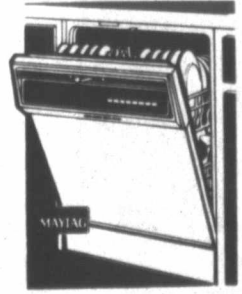
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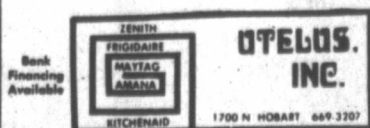
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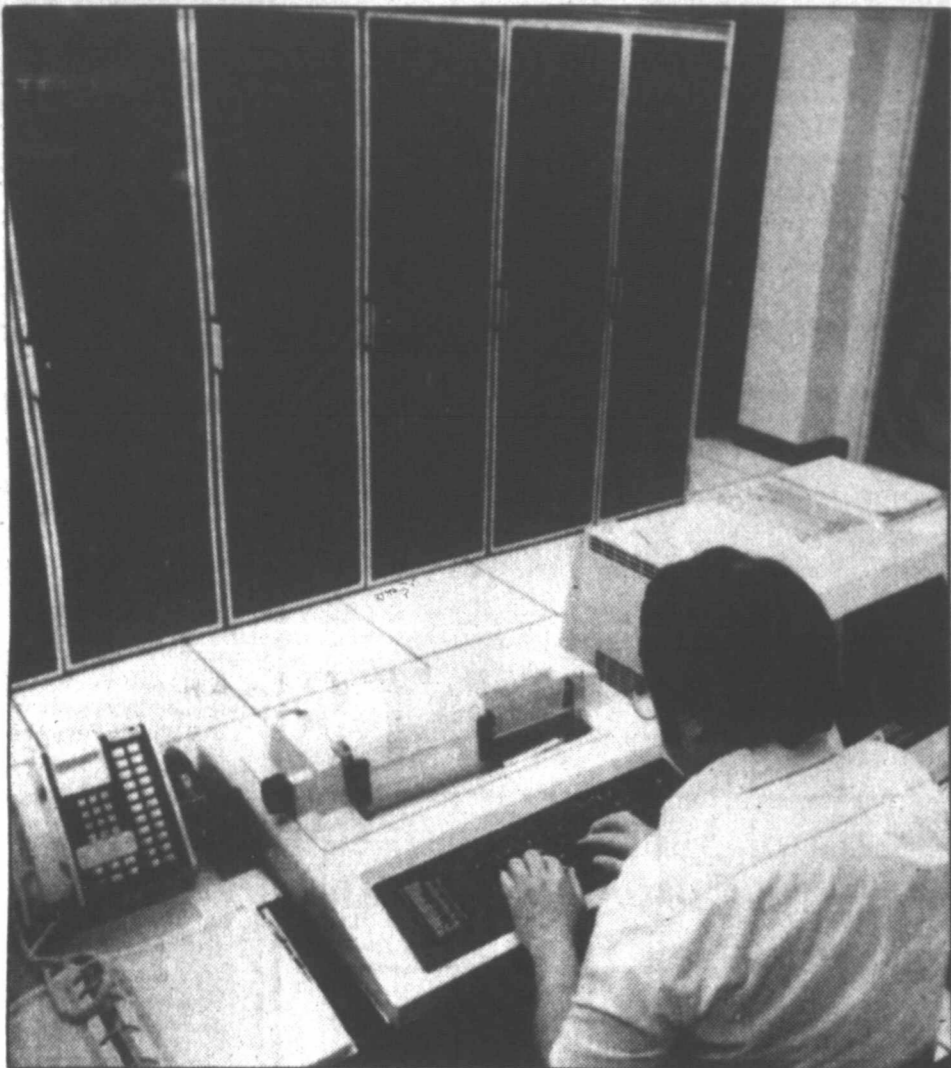
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# Datapoint rebounds after fiasco of '82

By JAMES PELTZ  
AP Business Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) — Datapoint Corp. is recovering from its financial fiasco in 1982, but the computer maker still faces hurdles in ensuring its future growth.

Still, the renewed perception by some people on Wall Street that Datapoint will remain a long-term player in the computer industry is itself a victory for the San Antonio-based concern.

Back in April 1982, after 10 years of fast growth, Datapoint dropped the bombshell that it lost \$23 million in its fiscal third quarter, \$18.5 million of which came from operations.

While that was unsettling enough, the public largely focused on the \$4.4 million loss that reflected the erasure of \$15 million in earlier revenue — a reversal reportedly tied to questionable sales practices, such as sales that were recorded but not completed or not restated when products were returned.

The disclosures sent Datapoint's stock plunging to \$14 a share from \$67 in 1981. Datapoint's credibility reached a low ebb, and the losses indicated to many analysts that the company's customer base was losing its loyalty.

It appears most of that base stuck with Datapoint,

however, and the company's health has improved.

After earning only \$2.41 million in the fiscal year ended July 31, 1982, profit rose to \$8.07 million in fiscal 1983 and some analysts estimate fiscal 1984 earnings will hit \$25 million. Datapoint's best year came in fiscal 1981, when it earned \$48.8 million.

Datapoint's order backlog has been steady, and its balance sheet has remained strong. Cost controls have been implemented and its management ranks bolstered with recruits from such companies as Data General Corp. and Motorola Inc.

Industry watchers also applaud Datapoint's decision last year to sell its Communications Management Products Division, a producer of telephone switching systems.

Datapoint's main products are minicomputers, word processors and other office-automation equipment. Its ARC "local area network," which links those products into one system, is highly regarded within the industry.

Datapoint had hoped to further integrate its office of the future with the telephone equipment of Communications Management Products, but the unit was a financial drain and Datapoint says it will

stick to computers.

The economic recovery of 1983 also did not hurt Datapoint's fortunes, but Marc G. Schulman, computer analyst at the investment firm of First Boston Corp., says: "I would attribute the recent stronger tone of Datapoint's orders as being related to the customer base having decided Datapoint is going to be around."

That tone also was reflected in Datapoint's stock. It rose 50 percent in price during 1983, to \$27.50 a share, although it has since fallen back in the recent market slump.

But analysts still have concerns about the company.

Regardless of Datapoint's restructuring, Schulman says: "Do you get excited about a stock simply because they've done that? My answer is no. In the computer industry you can only get excited about a stock if you see some leadership products coming along, and I don't see them."

That apparently is the biggest question regarding Datapoint and its future. Having put its house back in

order, people many believe Datapoint's products are aging fast and the company must soon bring out a more-powerful line of models to remain competitive.

John J. Turo, an analyst at Paine Webber Inc.'s Rotan Mosle unit in Houston, says he expects a 32-bit series of computers from Datapoint — those capable of processing 32 pieces of data at a time — perhaps in this year's first quarter.

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# Farms are most hazardous workplaces

By DAVID MCCORMICK  
Associated Press Writer  
EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — While new safety requirements have made life easier for miners, construction workers and those in many other occupations, farms have emerged as one of the most stressful and dangerous workplaces left in the nation.

About 3,300 people died in farm accidents in 1982, according to the National Safety Council.

That contrasts with 122 people killed in the same year in the nation's coal mines, commonly considered among the more hazardous places to work.

And a study by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health found farmers second to laborers in the number of deaths from heart and artery disease, ulcers and nervous disorders.

"I'd have to say that paints a pretty accurate picture," said Harold Hartman, a grain farmer in Haubstadt, Ind.

"You never know from one year to another what your weather's going to be, what your yield is going to be, what your price is going to be or anything,"

he said. "And that's stress."

There are far more people earning their livings on the land than in all types of mines — 3.4 million, not counting spouses and children, in 1983, compared with 1.1 million mine employees, said the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

It is the lack of control over production and market that make farming so stressful, said Dr. Barry Johnson of the occupational health institute's Cincinnati office.

"We find stress almost everywhere people are caught in jobs that present them with requirements for success that exceed their capacity to control," he said.

Ronald Steinkamp, who farms about 200 acres near Evansville, agrees.

"Everybody else prices their product," he said, "but we ask, 'What are you going to give us?'"

Stress on the farm is nothing new, but is compounded by the huge sums of money farmers risk each season to get out a crop, said Bob Fetsch, an agricultural extension agent with the University of Kentucky.

"Farmers today need so much capital that many have over-extended themselves financially and

having a hard time making ends meet."

Steinkamp said he and his fellow farmers are acutely aware of financial pressures.

"It's hard to go to sleep at night when you need rain and know that if you don't get any you're not going to have anything," he said. "We say to ourselves there's nothing we can do about it so there's no sense worrying about it, but anybody who tells you he's not worrying is lying."

Financial worries also wear on the farmer's family to an unusual degree, Fetsch said.

"A decision to buy a new tractor may well mean having to put off a new refrigerator or drapes," he said.

Bill Field, an agricultural extension agent with Purdue University who specializes in farm safety, said he believes the problem of stress is overlaid in relation to the number of accidental deaths.

But Field said he finds most fatal farm accidents are stress-related.

"Usually it's a case of somebody feeling anger, frustration or being in too much of a hurry," he said.

# Some nurses failing to help themselves

By MARCIA DUNN  
Associated Press Writer  
PITTSBURGH (AP) — Like her mother before her, Pat Stewart wanted more than anything to be the best nurse ever, committing her life to helping the poor and healing the sick. But while helping others, she failed to help herself.

Ms. Stewart became so sick that she began missing work. She eventually lost her job. She twice attempted suicide.

Her illness was drug and alcohol addiction, a sometimes deadly disease afflicting nearly two of every 10 nurses, according to Dr.

Abraham Terski, clinical director of the psychiatry department at St. Francis General Hospital here.

"The whole philosophy for many health professionals is that 'they can't do without me, I can't get sick,'" says Ms. Stewart, 46, who overcame alcoholism and an addiction to tranquilizers and sleeping pills.

Like many other addicted nurses, Ms. Stewart began drinking heavily when she came home from long, stress-filled shifts as an operating room nurse. She gradually started popping pills to diminish the alcohol's

side effects and make it through each day.

After coping with her own drug and alcohol problem for nearly two decades — a struggle that ended in 1974 — Ms. Stewart now is helping other nurses fight addiction and the stigma attached to the disease.

Her 24-hour telephone hotline and western Pennsylvania support network, Nurses Off Chemicals, is among a handful of programs run by nurses for nurses without financial or organizational backing.

Roughly 20 million Americans, or 10 percent of the total population, suffer from drug or alcohol abuse, says Dr. Twerski.

Addiction among nurses "is very common throughout the country," says Lucille Thoman of the Pennsylvania Nurses Association.

Unlike doctors, lawyers and other addicted workers, however, nurses can lose their professional licenses if they're caught. Until the late 1970s, there was nowhere for them to turn for help.

Although Ms. Stewart didn't lose her license, she did lose her job. She was fired in 1974 for what hospital administrators blamed on absenteeism.

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**BROTHERS REUNITED**—Mario Moreno reunited with his nineteen year-old brother Oscar Monday night in San Diego. Oscar, right, age 14, who was wrongly deported to Mexico Wednesday night, is (AP Laserphoto)

## Dogs are really in the Congress

By JANET STAIHAR  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Are there really dogs in Congress? Not only is there one sitting near the throne of power but it seems she doesn't care much for the news media — a state of mind that is not so alien to other inhabitants of the U.S. Capitol.

Usually, Alice, a 7-year-old Belgian shepherd — tempered by a great deal of obedience training — snoozes on a rug in front of a fireplace in the office of House Majority Whip Thomas Foley, D-Wash.

One day recently, however, Alice, escorted by Mrs. Foley, bounded out of the car and, at once, decided she didn't like the jibes of television crews gathered at curbside to interview House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill.

Alice took off barking in their direction. Reporters scattered every which way. Mrs. Foley quickly cut off Alice and scurried her off to the sanctuary inside — scolding her that it's not nice to nip reporters.

Rep. G. William Whitehurst, R-Va., thinks there are dogs on Capitol Hill too — those resolutions that seek to establish a commemorative day, month or year for things that run the gamut from National Sewing Month to National Brick Week.

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## Deported boy confessed because feared beating

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A 14-year-old boy reunited with his brother today after being mistakenly deported to Mexico says he falsely confessed to being an illegal alien because he feared that otherwise he would "get beat up."

Mario Moreno Lopez, who had been taken to Tijuana last week with a busload of Mexican nationals, was found wandering the streets of San Diego on Monday by a couple who recognized him from news accounts.

He was released to the custody of his 19-year-old brother, but his frantic father did not know he had been found and was still in Tijuana looking for him today.

Mario is Mexican but has a visa allowing him to live in the United States legally. He did not have it with him when he was rounded up on a Santa Ana street corner Wednesday.

His father said he did not give Mario the visa because he was afraid the boy would lose it.

Mario said he sneaked back into the United States on Friday — after being stopped twice by Border Patrol agents — and had been looking for work in the San Diego area since. "I didn't know they were searching for me," he told reporters Monday night.

"I knew they (his family) were worried about me and they would come looking for me if something happened," he said.

When his father hadn't been located by midnight, San Diego police released Mario to his brother, Oscar, who said they would hitch a ride home with a Santa Ana policeman, Jose Vargas.

Vargas said that Mario's father, Juan Moreno Garcia, a plumber, had been checking with police every morning and that Tijuana officials would be alerted to tell him his son had been found.

"I went through a lot of cold and hunger," Mario said of the days since U.S. immigration officials picked up him and 33 other Mexicans in Santa Ana, more than 100 miles north of Tijuana.

Through an interpreter, Mario said he signed a waiver of his rights and a declaration he was an illegal alien "because I didn't want to get beat up."

Officials "handed out a sheet that everyone was supposed to sign. They called out one guy's name and told him to sign, but he didn't want to sign."

At that point, Mario said an official "stood him up (the man who declined to sign) and shoved him against the wall. Everyone saw him. Then everybody started signing."

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12 One's self  
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16 Join securely  
17 Bite  
18 River in England  
20 Game of strategy  
22 Needle hole  
24 Athletic center  
25 Wound mark  
28 Ox-headed antelope  
30 Look over  
34 Relative of bingo  
35 Obtained  
36 Rather than (poetic)  
37 Hoosier state (abbr.)  
38 Negative particle

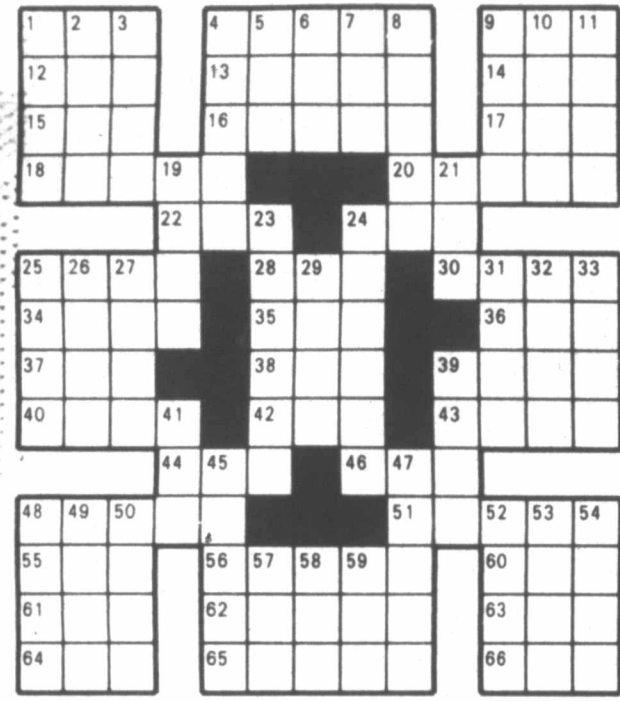
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1 Short for gentleman  
2 Composer  
3 On its way  
4 Short song  
5 Bane  
6 Annuity (abbr.)  
7 City in Brazil  
8 Imagination  
9 Biological determinant

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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11 Snoozes  
19 Roman tyrant  
21 British Navy abbreviation  
23 New Year's drink  
24 Burned down  
25 Slides on snow  
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57 Close relative  
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**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** You tend to believe everything you hear today. This could make it possible for a conniving associate to use you as a conduit for gossip. The areas in which you'll be the luckiest in the year following your birthday are indicated in your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead. For yours, mail \$1 and your zodiac sign to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019. Send an additional \$2 for The NEW Matchmaker wheel and booklet, which reveals romantic compatibilities for all signs.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Try to make it a point today not to give unsolicited advice to friends, especially in matters relating to their business or financial affairs.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** The possibility of associates being swayed to your point of view in controversial matters is slim today. Don't spur a dead horse.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Co-workers or helpers will pull away from you today if you are too critical. Take care you don't make offensive comments.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Where your larger expenditures are concerned, you're likely to have things under control today. However, dollar-and-dime stuff may play havoc.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Volatile family issues should not be introduced into the conversation around the dinner table today. The wrong remarks could ignite sparks.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Double standards could cause you unnecessary problems today. Don't tell others they shouldn't do certain things and then go ahead and do them yourself.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Keep a watchful eye on incidental expenses today, especially when socializing with friends. Don't be the only one to reach for the tab.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Be able to distinguish today the fine line between being properly assertive or unduly aggressive. The latter will cause you complications.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Information passed on to you by "insiders" could be greatly overstated today. Take what you hear with a grain of salt.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Your impulses to treat others generously today are worthy of admiration. However, seek recipients who are as open-handed and appreciative as you are yourself.

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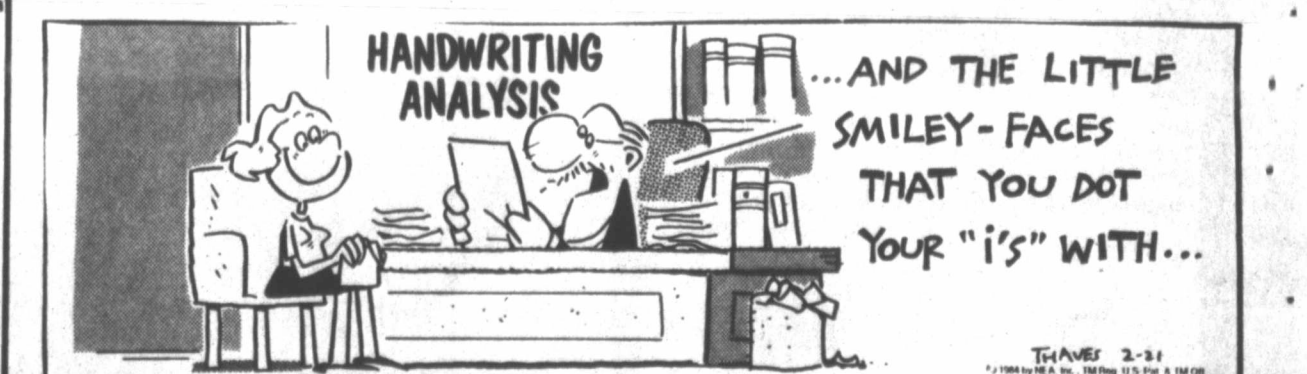
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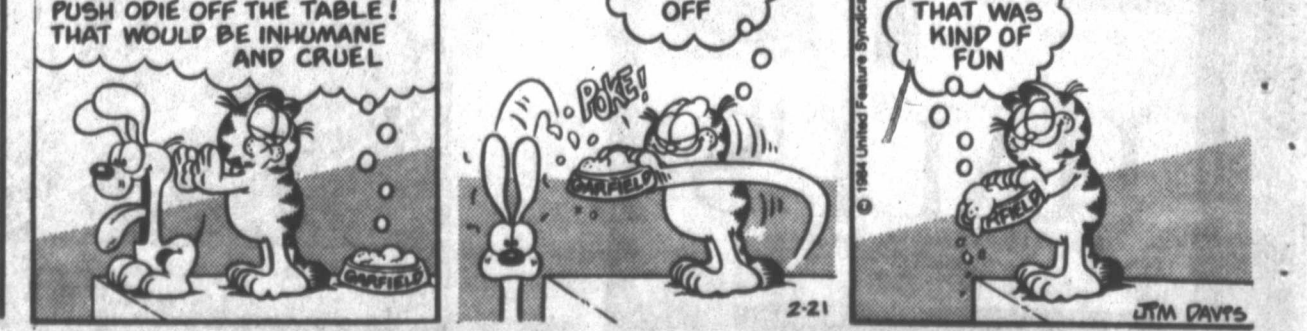
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# Mondale says his win is 'perhaps spectacular'

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Walter F. Mondale says his "perhaps spectacular" victory in Iowa will help convince Democrats that he is the man to defeat Ronald Reagan, but his opponents for the nomination say they will be ready for him next week in New Hampshire.

Sen. John Glenn, whose claim to be Mondale's prime challenger sank under the weight of a fifth-place finish, said, "We took a licking tonight but we are on to New Hampshire... I hope we do much better than we did in Iowa. Obviously, we won't do much worse."

Mondale scheduled a quick trip to the Granite State today. Others were already at work there, preparing for the first-in-the-nation primary Feb. 28.

After the dimensions of his Iowa caucus victory became clear Monday night, former vice president Mondale told reporters:

"I think I'm going to be nominee and I think this win here in Iowa strengthens me considerably," said Mondale. "Tonight is the beginning of the end of the Reagan administration. Let the word go out from Iowa to the nation

— to all Americans who want a safer world, I am on your side."

Iowa Republicans held caucuses as well on Monday, but Reagan had no opposition for renomination. To rally his troops and beat up on the Democrats, Reagan came to Iowa on Tuesday for his first political trip since he announced.

Mondale's victory was lopsided and long expected. Television networks projected his triumph while the caucuses were still underway, prompting an outraged state chairman, David Nagel, to complain that they had interfered with the process.

Mondale nearly shut out his opponents in the fight for national convention delegates. He took nearly half the raw vote in the 2,495 precinct meetings and led for 48 of 90 nominating delegates. Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado, whose second-place finish gives him a claim to be Mondale's top challenger, won two delegates.

"It will be a big boost. It will add additional energy to our effort here," Hart told supporters in Manchester, N.H. "Hopefully, it does turn

this into a Hart-Mondale race... It sets up a contest between the party's future and its past."

George McGovern, starting late and spending little here, finished a surprising third and called it a "minor miracle."

"A great many Iowa voters... voted their convictions and voted their consciences," said the party's 1972 standardbearer.

With the New Hampshire primary only eight days away, Mondale said the Iowa results stand as a "recommendation to the rest of the nation" to support him.

Iowa will send a total of 58 of the 3,933 delegates to the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco in July. Eight of the state's delegates are officially pledged to any candidate, while the rest will be picked to back candidates.

McGovern, just short of the required 15 percent, was close to winning Iowa delegates and could end up with a couple at the state convention in June.

The rest of the field — Glenn, Sens. Alan Cranston of

California and Ernest F. Hollings of South Carolina, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and former Florida Gov. Reubin Askew — were shut out. Jackson and Hollings made virtually no effort in the state. Cranston had been looking for a strong finish to boost his long-shot campaign, but he came in fourth in the raw vote.

"We will not get the momentum that we had wanted out of Iowa, but that does not mean that we cannot build it in the week ahead," Cranston said. "I think we'll come in close enough that we'll be able to mount a strong race."

The delegates boosted Mondale's total to 118, far ahead of Glenn's 17. The House Democratic Caucus picked 164 of its members as delegates earlier this month.

Mondale labored long and hard to win in a state where he has ties going back many years. As a senator from neighboring Minnesota, he was a frequent visitor to Iowa.

His campaign organization got major support from organized labor. The

AFL-CIO, National Education Association and the United Auto Workers poured massive resources into the state to get their members out to the caucuses to vote for Mondale.

"Now it appears that we've won a great victory, perhaps a spectacular victory here in Iowa and I feel great about it," Mondale told a crowd of cheering supporters.

In Bal Harbour, Fla., AFL-CIO leaders gathered for an executive council policy meeting celebrated their candidate's victory, but William Wimpisinger, president of the International Association of Machinists, cautioned against overconfidence.

"Iowa is one of 50 states," he said. "I don't view it as being any more important. This first one tends to get a lot more attention."

Mondale had 27,896 votes or about 45 percent of those cast. Although tallies were not complete, with 74 percent of precincts reporting, it appeared perhaps 84,000 Iowa Democrats went to the caucuses.

All the rest of the candidates were far behind,

with "uncommitted" drawing some support. Here are the numbers for the rest of the field in raw vote:  
Hart, 9,286, or 15 percent;  
McGovern, 7,896, 13 percent;  
Cranston, 5,617, 9 percent;  
Uncommitted, 4,701, 7 percent;  
Glenn, 3,310, 5 percent;  
Askew, 2,064, 3 percent;  
Jackson, 1,670, 3 percent;  
and Hollings, 154.

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# New campaign rekindles old controversy

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The simmering controversy over broadcast vote projections exploded here with the state Democratic chairman angrily complaining that television networks interfered with Iowa's kickoff caucuses by reporting as they began that Walter F. Mondale was the winner.

David Nagle echoed the protests sounded after the networks projected President Reagan's victory over Jimmy Carter in 1980 long before West Coast polls had closed.

"I think they've interfered," Nagle said after CBS projected Mondale the winner in Iowa at 8:12 p.m.

Monday — 12 minutes after the caucuses were scheduled to begin. "I think there's a line and I think they crossed it."

"We haven't even started the process," Nagle complained. "We haven't even started the game."

NBC's forecast in Iowa followed CBS' by six minutes, and both came before Democrats participating in the caucuses were supposed to begin registering their presidential preferences, at 8:30 p.m.

ABC's projection, based on reports from several "key precincts," came at 8:46 p.m. Nagle sounded a bit like former California Sen. S.I.

Hayakawa, who protested after network projections gave Reagan the election in 1980: "We are discouraging voting by the fact that people turn on their car radios and learn the ballgame is over."

Said Nagle of the networks, "I think they did a disservice to all the candidates: to the one they projected as the winner, they told his supporters, 'You don't need to go.' And to the others, they in essence told them, 'Don't bother to go. Your guy isn't going to do it.'"

Though preferences were not supposed to be registered in Iowa until 8:30, reports began trickling in about a quarter-hour ahead of time.

News Election Service, which collects returns for the three networks, The Associated Press and United Press International, filed its first report at 8:15 p.m.

CBS said its projection followed interviews with Democrats in some precincts as they entered the caucuses. NBC said in a statement its projection was based in part on a telephone poll of Iowans who said they would participate in the caucuses. It was conducted just before the meetings began.

NBC News said in a statement though its survey was conducted before the meetings had started, its

projection "was made after the caucuses had begun, and had started reporting their results."

In the wake of the 1980 presidential election, a special congressional panel asked the TV networks to voluntarily refrain from projecting winners before the polls close. In 1981 and 1983, legislation was debated in hearings at which network officials explained and defended election-night projection procedures.

"We don't believe it is 'making' news, any more than reporting a final vote count is 'making' news," said William A. Leonard.

## Soviets using fewer chemical weapons

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a major turnaround, Soviet use of chemical weapons in Afghanistan dropped sharply last year and use of Soviet-supplied chemical weapons in Cambodia and Laos also killed fewer people, the Reagan administration said today.

The State Department report to the United Nations contrasted with previous years, when the

administration charged that more than 10,000 people were killed by chemical weapons in the three nations where resistance fighters are opposing communist governments.

"There appears to have been a diminution of attacks in Afghanistan," said the report.

It noted that the United States has been unable to confirm a single Soviet

chemical weapons attack last year.

The report gave no reasons for the slowdown in Soviet attacks and a State Department official said the United States doesn't know whether the change was caused for tactical military reasons or because the Soviets are responding to a drumbeat of criticism from the United States and some of its allies.

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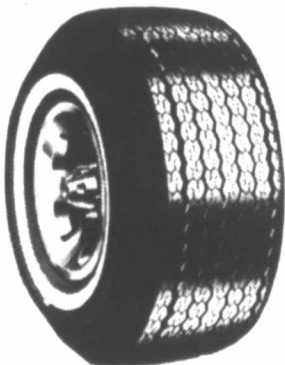
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GRAPEFRUIT	<b>4 Lbs. \$1</b>	LETTUCE	<b>39¢</b>
Calif. Ruby Red		Calif.	Head
POTATOES		U.S. NO. 1	<b>\$1.49</b>
10 Lb.			
CRISCO	<b>\$1.99</b>	TIDE	<b>\$1.89</b>
PURE VEGETABLE		GIANT SIZE	
3 Lb. Can		49 Oz.	
SUNNY FRESH FARM, GRADE A	<b>\$1.19</b>	SHEDD'S SPREAD	<b>\$1.49</b>
<b>JUMBO</b>		<b>COUNTRY</b>	
<b>EGGS</b> Doz.		<b>CROCK</b> 3 Lbs. ....	
KRAFT'S	<b>2 \$2.79</b>	SHURFRESH	<b>\$2.19</b>
<b>VELVEETA</b>		<b>HOMO MILK</b>	
.....Lbs.		1 Gallon Jug	
POST, 18 OZ. BOX	<b>99¢</b>	RANCH STYLE, NO BEANS	<b>99¢</b>
<b>TOASTIES</b>		<b>CHILI</b>	
		19 Oz. Can	
ZESTA	<b>79¢</b>		
<b>CRACKERS</b>			
1 Lb. Box			
<b>BREAD</b>	<b>49¢</b>	A&W ROOT BEER, SUNKIST ORANGE OR	<b>\$1.59</b>
ALWAYS FRESH		<b>COCA-COLA</b>	
1½ LB. LOAF		<b>6</b>	
		YOUR CHOICE	12 Oz. Cans
CAMPBELL'S HOME STYLE, CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP	<b>3 \$1</b>	IVORY LIQUID	<b>\$2.79</b>
10 1/2 Oz. Cans		22 Oz. Twin Pack	
CYCLE	<b>2.79</b>		
<b>DOG FOOD</b>			
14 Oz. Cans			

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