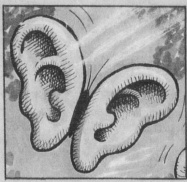


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Shultz favors deterrence

Conventional arms urged

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Secretary of State George P. Shultz urged U.S. allies Saturday to increase spending on conventional

forces now that intermediate-range nuclear missiles are to be scrapped.

"It's up to all of us to increase our contributions to NATO," Shultz said after meeting Denmark's foreign minister, Uffe Ellemann-Jensen.

The 16-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization has kept the peace in Europe for 40 years, Shultz said, "and it is undoubtedly due to the deterrent capability."

He is expected to repeat the view when he travels to Norway today and West Germany and Britain later in the week. Shultz's trip to Western Europe follows the signing by President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev of a treaty banning intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

His remarks had particular meaning for Denmark, where government and opposition parties

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are arguing about whether to increase military spending. According to Foreign Ministry figures, Denmark spends 2.2 percent of its gross national product on defense. That compares with 6.8 percent in the United States and an average of 4 percent among NATO nations.

U.S. Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci was quoted Saturday as saying that NATO's first priority following the treaty signing should be to upgrade conventional forces.

"The planned improvement and modernization of our conventional weapons will now become especially important," he was quoted as telling a West German newspaper.

Officials of the NATO nations and its Soviet counterpart, the Warsaw Pact countries, are trying to arrange talks about reduction of conventional weapons.

"You need long-term programs to stay strong while you negotiate these lower levels," an administration official said.

Negotiations to set a formula for the talks are under way.



Katrina Crawford and Willy the Clown (Angel Ocasio), practice singing "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." Clowns and kids got together for a day of fun Saturday in Salem.

Clowns, kids make magic

Everyone was in the nose

By Theresa Novak
Of the Statesman-Journal

Katrina Crawford and Willy the Clown had something in common Saturday when they sang *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*.

Each had a very shiny nose. Katrina, 6, a first-grader at Bush Elementary School, wore the fake nose as part of a celebration that was like Christmas and a day at the circus, all in one.

The event was the seventh annual "Christmas Love Opens a World of New Smiles" — C.I.O.W.N.S.

Twenty-two Salem children were paired with their own clowns for a day.

The 22 clowns helped the children paste together paper chains and color Christmas ornaments to decorate a tree. Together they sang carols at the Lancaster Village retirement center. And they were visited by Santa Claus, who passed out dolls, robots, pencils and stickers.

When not wearing a holly-decked top hat, tuxedo jacket and striped stockings, Willy is known as Angel Ocasio, a 31-year-old restaurant manager who lives in Tigard.

He and Katrina talked about everything, from her favorite subject in school — math — to whether she had a boyfriend — no.

Amid the conversations Saturday about school, friendships and Christmas, one topic kept resurfacing: "I can't wait for Santa," Paul Howey, 7, told his clown companion, Stardust, as he fidgeted on the floor waiting for the caroling to start.

The clowns made faces for the children, waddled like ducks and exchanged small talk. Turn to **Clowns**, Page 2A.

Navy, CBS rescue crew

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Crews of a U.S. Navy warship and a TV helicopter rescued 40 terrified people Saturday from a burning supertanker in the southern Persian Gulf.

The *Pivot*, a 232,164-ton Cypriot oil tanker, was hit by rockets from an Iranian frigate.

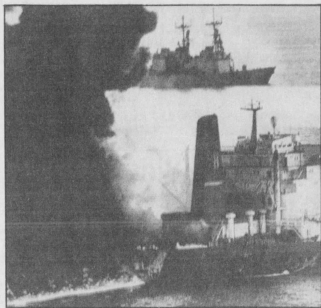
The chartered helicopter with a CBS television team and smaller helicopters from the destroyer USS *Chandler* lifted the crew from the tanker.

No one was hurt in the attack or the resulting fire, which was brought under control after five hours.

The captain and three other officers refused to abandon the *Pivot*. It will be towed to Dubai.

The *Chandler* is part of the 11-unit Middle East Force that protects U.S.-flagged commercial navigation. It was the first time that a U.S. warship on patrol in the gulf undertook a major rescue mission.

It was also the first time that journalists were involved in a rescue mission in the so-called tanker war. Iranian and Iraqi military both have regularly attacked foreign ships in their 7-year-old war.



The Cypriot tanker *Pivot* burns after being hit by Iranian rockets while the destroyer USS *Chandler* steams across the tanker's bow.

Salem man serves aboard destroyer USS *Chandler*
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Syphilis epidemic puzzles experts

By Dan Postrel
Of the Statesman-Journal

Health officials report little success in stemming — or even explaining — a syphilis epidemic that has hit Portland and Marion County this year.

By the end of November, 447 syphilis cases had been reported in Oregon in 1987, up from 202 in all of 1986, according to the state Health Division.

Marion County accounts for almost a quarter of the state's cases — 108 as of Nov. 30. The county had 49 cases last year.

The Health Division's Doug

Harger, an expert in sexually transmitted diseases, said the epidemic has struck hardest among Portland blacks and Marion County Hispanics.

The outbreak also has brought back infant syphilis, a potentially fatal or crippling condition that had been virtually unheard of in Oregon for years.

Harger and other officials said the epidemic clearly is linked to prostitution. Dr. Beverly Olsen, Marion County's health officer, said interviews with male syphilitic patients in the county show that half or more had visited prostitutes.

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Senate adopts spending bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate approval Saturday of a record \$606 billion spending bill moves this year's budget struggles into the final round.

The remaining task is to find compromises between the two chambers and the White House so that the first session of the 100th Congress can end.

House-Senate conferences on the two bills will begin their work this

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week. They hope to finish this week, too.

The House and the Senate have approved different versions of the budget package. It covers virtually all government spending priorities for fiscal 1988, which started on Oct. 1.

Helping hand comes back

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SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — Julius William Hart has little to show from his holiday enterprise.

Hart, 62, said he tried to help a young man but was robbed of more than \$12,000 and his truck.

Hart left his 25-acre Oregon ranch a week ago. He drove a load of 2,000 Christmas trees to San Bernardino and set up tree lots.

A young man on a bicycle rode up to his tree lot Thursday afternoon. The man said he had no money and no place to stay. He pleaded for a job.

Hart bought the man lunch and let him help with the trees. Then he left the man alone and went to check on his other tree lot.

When he returned after dusk, Robert was gone. So were Hart's truck and the money, which he had locked inside the truck.

Hart feels betrayed, but he isn't embarrassed by his trust of the young man. "I'm a soft-hearted person. I trust people."

Inside World

Study seeks family planning

A new study by the Worldwatch Institute urges industrial nations to help reduce global birth rates.

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Court nominee meets Senate

Senate hearings start Monday for Anthony Kennedy, the third Supreme Court nominee this year.

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World

Protests mark South Korean campaign

Opposition candidate Kim Dae-Jung waves to supporters while aides protect him with plastic shields. The campaign for the South Korean presidential election is in its final days.

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Bells ring for holiday drive

Bells are ringing for the annual Christmas Kettle Drive conducted by the Salvation Army.

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Weather

Morning fog, then clearing

Morning fog and afternoon clearing today; high near 40. Increasing clouds tonight; low near 32.

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