

making the news

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon says the U.S. Air Force has started airlifting cold weather clothing to Iran for the Iranian armed forces.

Officials said the parkas, ponchos and other clothing and insulated food containers were being flown by C-5 and C-141 transport planes from Byrd Field, Richmond, Va. The Defense Logistics Agency, which procures such equipment, has a major depot near there.

The pentagon said the cold weather equipment has been on order for about a week and the total \$10 million cost, including air transportation, will be paid for by the Iranian government.

NEW ORLEANS — Premier Rene Levesque says the move to make Quebec a sovereign state within Canada cannot be compared to the South's secession in 1860 before the Civil War.

"Theirs was a call to arms," he said. "Ours is a call to votes." Levesque, who is visiting here, told reporters Wednesday that he expects Quebec to become a separate country but "we are not going to a civil war, this will be settled on a vote basis, not a gun basis."

MEDFORD — Jackson County commissioners have decided unanimously to continue financing abortions for welfare mothers.

Commissioners appropriated \$8,000 Wednesday to pay for abortions for women who are not eligible for state funds.

The commission created an abortion fund last February when the legislative Emergency Board temporarily stopped paying for abortions. The county has funded 44 abortions since then.

BANGKOK, Thailand — Cambodian Deputy Premier Ieng Sary was rescued from his conquered country by a Thai helicopter Thursday, escaping capture by victorious Vietnamese units that closed in on the Thai-Cambodian border.

Ieng Sary, the No. 2 man in the Phnom Penh regime toppled last Sunday by Vietnamese troops and their Cambodian rebel proteges, flew to Bangkok and then to Hong Kong en route to China.

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkey and the United States initialed a treaty Thursday that will allow their nationals convicted of crimes in the other country to serve prison terms in their homeland.

The treaty ceremony was held during a visit here by Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

U.S. officials said the treaty would be formally signed soon, but enactment of the provisions would occur only after ratification by the U.S. Senate and Turkey's Parliament.

Students lobby plans for legislative session

The Oregon Student Lobby will discuss a variety of problems of interest to students at its Board of Directors meeting Saturday in Monmouth.

The meeting, which will be held on the campus of the Oregon College of Education at 4 p.m., will be topped by OSL legislative coordinator Molly Smith's report on the group's plans for the upcoming House and Senate sessions in Salem.

"We will request a tuition freeze for all schools in the next biennium," says Smith, who will also discuss the issues financial aid, faculty evaluations, child care

and minimum wages.

Smith also hopes to organize a network on each campus for writing letters to legislators, and to encourage students to come to the legislators' meetings and speak. This project may be expanded to encourage OSL board members to "establish special contacts and ties with each legislator," says Smith.

Vance says shah to leave

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said Thursday the Shah of Iran plans to form a regency council in the next few days and afterward will take a foreign vacation.

U.S. officials denied, however, that Vance's unusual disclosure of the future plans of a foreign head of state was an attempt to preclude a decision by the shah to remain in Iran to continue the fight for his throne.

However, Carter administration sources have said in recent days that they now look on the shah's continuing presence as an impediment to a restoration of order.

The shah had indicated he wishes to take a foreign vacation but has been vague about the timing. The regency council would be responsible for carrying out the shah's duties during his absence.

"The shah has made this decision. We think it is a sound decision and we concur in it," Vance said adding that he did not know how long the monarch plans to be out of the country.

American officials have said the principal risk the shah runs in taking a vacation abroad is that circumstances may prevent him from ever returning.

In an opening statement, Vance said the United States will continue to work with the shah in his capacity as head of state, and he also issued a strong endorsement of the 6-day old civilian govern-

ment headed by Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar.

"We believe that the new government should be given every chance to reconcile the differences in Iran and find a peaceful solution," Vance said. He added that the United States "has a strong and continuing interest in a free, stable and independent Iran in this strategic region."

An end to the bloodshed in Iran, Vance said, is essential to permit a "rational discussion of a political solution to Iran's problems."

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