

making the news

From Associated Press reports

SALEM — Gov. Vic Atiyeh's property tax plan doesn't "meet the needs of Oregon citizens either as taxpayers or clients," a Multnomah County official testified Tuesday.

Bruce Harder, director of the office of county management, was one of a trio of Multnomah County officials who criticized Atiyeh's plan at a public hearing before the House Revenue Committee.

The officials said they were concerned that the governor's property tax package might not appropriate enough money to reimburse local governments for lost revenue.

They testified that under different interpretations of the tax plan, Multnomah County's reimbursement could be \$19 million or \$51 million.

YREKA, Calif. — A stolen truck-tractor that eluded an Oregon roadblock and led police on a 300-mile chase finally was stopped 60 miles south of the California-Oregon border Tuesday.

Two teen-aged girls and a California man surrendered to the California Highway Patrol about 18 miles south of Yreka on Interstate 5.

The California Highway Patrol credited Pacific Inter-Mountain Express Co. trucking supervisor George Deering with talking the suspects into giving themselves up on a citizens band radio.

"He (Deering) told them it would just be a matter of time before they ran out of gas and the Highway Patrol would get them," said Eugene Hinman, dispatch supervisor.

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — Pope John Paul II appealed for a war on illiteracy Tuesday, and asked the wealthy to forsake "some of what is theirs" to promote social justice and help the poor live a little better.

"With all my might, I invite all those who feel Christian to renew themselves in their minds and hearts and — even forsaking some of what is theirs — promote greater justice so that none can lack adequate nourishment, clothing, housing, culture and employment," the pope said. He spoke to workers in one of the poorer districts of Guadalajara, Mexico's second largest city, 290 miles northwest of Mexico City.

The pontiff came to Mexico to open the Third Conference of Latin American Bishops in Puebla, 75 miles south of the capital.

PORTLAND — Applications are being accepted through March 15 for about 1,000 jobs with the Youth Conservation Corps in Oregon this summer.

There are no restrictions for the Corps, but applicants must have an interest in the natural environment. Selection for employment will be by statewide random drawing. Former enrollees are not eligible for a second year but are eligible for youth leader positions.

Applications should be mailed to the YCC-Governor's Commission on Youth, 325 13th St. N.E. Salem, Oregon, 97310.

With governments approval

Khomeini to return to Iran

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The government said Tuesday that Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the architect of Iranian uprising, could return to Iran, and gave Air France permission to fly him from his Parisian exile to an expected triumphant re-entry in his homeland.

The American Embassy meanwhile ordered U.S. government dependents out of Iran "at the earliest feasible date" after attacks on three Americans.

Millions are expected to greet the 78-year-old Khomeini when he returns, possibly Thursday, to press his campaign to oust the constitutional monarchy headed by Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar and set up an Islamic republic. Khomeini led the uprising that forced Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi to leave the country for what many feel is permanent exile.

There was scattered violence in Tehran on Tuesday but no reports of casualties.

Khomeini is expected to name an Islamic revolutionary council upon arrival, and to outline his proposals for an Islamic state during a speech at the cemetery where many victims of the past year of anti-shah rioting are buried.

The Iranian announcement said Khomeini could return early Wednesday, but his spokesmen in Paris said the trip would be delayed.

Ali-Reza Nourbakhsh, a spokesman for the committee preparing Khomeini's welcome in Tehran, said the ayatollah accepted a committee suggestion to postpone his return until Thursday so the welcome could be bigger. Airport sources in Paris said Air France was awaiting written

guarantees of security for the flight.

Speculation here was that the government decided to let Khomeini come back because it would be impossible to keep the vastly popular religious leader out and the airports closed for any length of time.

Tehran's Mehrabad International Airport on Wednesday was

closed officially for safety reasons and apparently to force the leader of the anti-shah movement to delay his return.

A Japanese charter airliner landed and left with a load of Japanese petrochemical workers. Airport sources said Pan Am, Swissair and Scandinavian Airlines System tentatively planned flights to Tehran on Wednesday.

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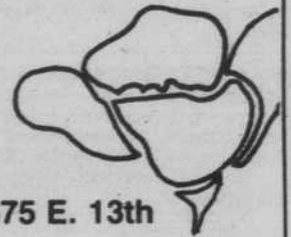
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Senators hear Teng on Taiwan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping was reported Tuesday to have declared that China wants a peaceful resolution of the Taiwan issue, but "cannot commit herself not to resort" to the use of force.

The account of Teng's remarks at a Senate luncheon came from a senator who took notes. Another senator, Thad Cochran, R-Miss., quoted the Chinese leader as saying: "You can rely on our assurance that we don't intend to use force" and that "there has been no discussion of boycott"

against Taiwan.

The senator who made notes declined the use of his name. His notes quoted Teng as saying:

"We will permit the present system on Taiwan and way of life to remain unchanged. We will allow the local government of Taiwan to maintain people-to-people relations with other people, like Japan and the United States.

"With this policy, we believe we can achieve peaceful reunification. Like you, we want to resolve the issue by peaceful means. We Chinese have patience. However,

China cannot commit herself not to resort to other means because if we did it would not be beneficial to peaceful reunification."

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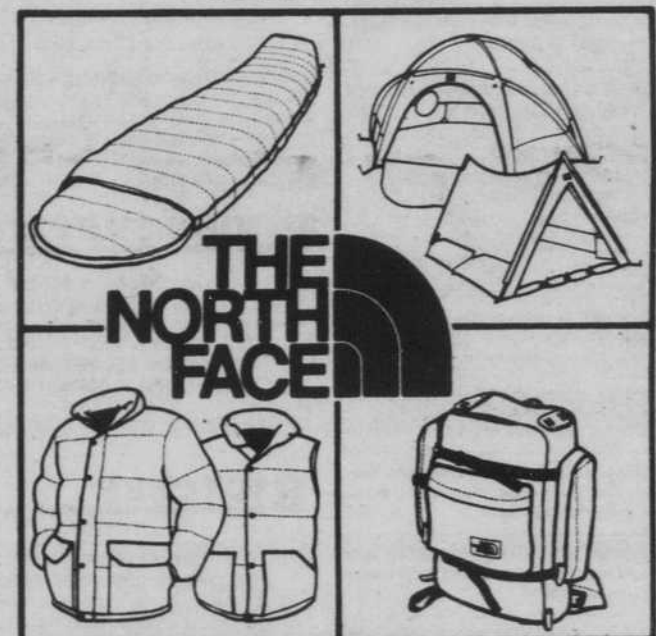
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