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SALEM — A 54-year-old woman suffering from advanced cancer told a legislative committee Thursday that marijuana was the only drug which made her life bearable.

"My husband rolled my first joint and I took three puffs," Jean Lovejoy of Grants Pass testified in support of a bill for marijuana research. "It was incredible."

She said the illegal weed soothed the severe nausea she had experienced as a result of chemotherapy and enabled her to gain the strength needed to continue the life-saving treatments.

WASHINGTON — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted unanimous approval Thursday of a "Taiwan security" bill declaring that continued U.S. recognition of the Peking government depends upon a peaceful approach by China towards Taiwan.

The committee, by a 10-0 vote, accepted compromise wording declaring that a threatened attack by the mainland against Taiwan would be "of grave concern to the United States."

The issue is expected to stir a fresh fight when the bill reaches the floor of the Senate.

DENVER — The search for radioactive dump sites expanded from Colorado to other states Thursday as health officials sought to trace the remnants of Denver's once-bustling radium industry.

Paul Smith, regional director of the Environmental Protection Agency, said the investigation into potentially radioactive sites had been broadened to include the Chicago area and towns in Pennsylvania.

Meanwhile, officials, who originally had believed that 11 contaminated sites located in the Denver area contained uranium, said they were convinced now that the sites contained the significantly more dangerous radium.

GOLDENDALE, Wash. — Stonehenge, a full-scale replica of the great stone observatory of the ancients here, is about to be invaded by the druids.

The members of various "neo-pagan" religious sects from Oregon, Washington and California have planned all-night vigils and sunrise services at Stonehenge as a prelude to the Monday morning solar eclipse.

Archdruid Isaac Bonewits, of the New Reformed Druids of North America, a California-based group, said as many as 100 druids and witches from a half-dozen sects plan pilgrimages to the site.

NEW ORLEANS — Police escalated their six-day-old strike against the city Thursday, throwing up picket lines at fire stations and garbage depots. Sanitation workers refused to cross the lines and no garbage was picked up, but firefighters stayed on the job.

The police strike already had prompted cancellation of all Mardi Gras parades in the city, and a group of merchants announced Thursday it was suing the police union for \$30 million in damages because of Carnival and Mardi Gras losses.

Chinese 'not yet satisfied' with lesson for Vietnam

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Chinese infantrymen and tanks smashed into defense lines in Vietnam's northeast corner in a two-pronged assault that could cut off thousands of Hanoi's troops from reinforcements and supplies, intelligence sources in Bangkok and Peking reported Thursday.

A government official in Peking said China is not yet satisfied it has achieved the objective of its six-day-old invasion.

"The thing is that the Vietnamese must feel our punishment," Japan's Kyodo news service quoted the unidentified official as saying.

Peking says the invasion was launched to retaliate for Vietnamese border provocations and "teach a lesson" to Hanoi.

Vietnam said fighting raged Thursday on battlefields all along the 450-mile Chinese-Vietnamese border, the Soviet news agency Tass reported.

It appeared the Chinese were accomplishing one possible goal of their invasion — easing Vietnamese military pressure on the forces of the ousted pro-Chinese government in Cambodia.

Intelligence sources in Bangkok said 30,000 of the estimated 100,000 Vietnamese troops in Cambodia were ordered to return to Vietnam. New guerrilla offenses against the Vietnamese were reported in Cambodia Wednesday.

Information provided by Bang-

kok sources and Western military sources in Peking, quoted by Kyodo, indicated that the new Chinese attacks in the northeast were aimed at cutting off two highways linking the Vietnamese-held, front-line town of Lang Son with Hanoi and the

seacoast.

Radio Hanoi said 12,000 Chinese troops had been killed in the first five days of fighting. Analysts here consider those claims inflated and say the Vietnamese have suffered heavier casualties than the Chinese.

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Iran ready to sell oil

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran will resume oil exports very soon, Deputy Prime Minister Ebrahim Yazdi said Thursday.

Yazdi did not say exactly when the exports would resume or in what amount.

Loss of Iran's oil exports, which peaked at about 5 million barrels a day during the rule of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, has thrown the world oil market into chaos.

Iran's wells have started producing at the rate of about 700,000 barrels a day for domestic use. Before oilfield strikes crippled production last fall, the U.S. bought about 10 percent of its imported oil from Iran. Europe and Japan also relied heavily on Iranian oil.

Under the shah, Iran sold oil to Israel and South Africa, but

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini said that will be stopped. Khomeini's government has promised to resume sales to the U.S., despite strong American backing for the shah. The U.S. has since recognized the Khomeini government.

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