

FBI unveils hijack money

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The FBI unveiled on Tuesday a dozen weathered stacks of \$20 bills that were part of the \$200,000 given airline hijacker "D.B. Cooper," in 1971 before he bailed out of a jetliner into a Pacific Northwest storm.

"This clue is the first we've had since the night of the oc-

currence," said Bill Baker, assistant special agent in charge of the Portland office.

The FBI, at a news conference here, also introduced Harold Ingram and his wife, Patricia, of Vancouver, Wash., whose 8-year-old son, Brian, found the money while helping his parents build a picnic fire

along the Columbia River, five miles northwest of the Interstate 5 bridge connecting Portland with Vancouver.

Ingram said the money was found about 20 yards from the river under a thin layer of sand.

"My son ran up and said, 'wait a minute Daddy.' He raked a place out in the sand and there it was. There were three bundles."

Baker said there were several thousand dollars, but it was not possible to determine how much.

The bills were badly weathered and crumbling on the edges.

He said a search is under way in the area where the bills were found, but told reporters he is almost certain the money was carried downstream by one of the many tributaries to the Columbia.

The serial numbers on the bills matched those given to the hijacker, the FBI said. The money was to be sent to the FBI laboratory in Washington, D.C.

None of the money had previously been recovered nor has there been any trace found of the mysterious hijacker.

The commandeering of the Boeing 727 jetliner has been carried by officials as the only known unsolved hijacking.

The hijacker, listed as "Dan Cooper" boarded the jet in Portland, then displayed what a flight attendant said looked like dynamite. He demanded four parachutes and \$200,000 in \$20 bills.

He ordered the pilot to fly to Seattle where the plane circled for 2½ hours while authorities gathered the parachutes and money.

At Seattle, the passengers and two of the three stewardesses were allowed to leave the plane. The money and parachutes were loaded and the plane took off for Reno, Nev. The pilot was ordered to fly as slowly as possible at 10,000 feet.

Somewhere over southwest Washington, the hijacker, the money and one of the parachutes disappeared out of the plane's rear exit.

Cooper, whose name was popularly transformed to "D.B." became something of a celebrity. An annual "D.B. Cooper" Day is held each year in the crossroads community of Ariel, Wash., near where Cooper was believed to have bailed out.

making the news

From Associated Press Reports

WASHINGTON — The United States will send a Marine amphibious force into the Indian Ocean-Arabian Sea area next month in a new Carter administration move aimed at deterring any Soviet designs on the Persian Gulf area, it was reported Tuesday night.

The mission of the battalion-sized force marks the first time that Marine combat troops will have been introduced by the United States into the Indian Ocean region. Previously, the only Marines assigned there were a handful serving as security guards aboard Navy ships.

Administration officials said a four-ship Navy amphibious force with 1,800 Marines, helicopters, tanks and artillery arrived Tuesday at the U.S. Naval base at Subic Bay in the Philippines.

WASHINGTON — An American military mission returned Tuesday from a week-long trip to East Africa and the Middle East with commitments from three countries to allow increased U.S. access to military facilities, U.S. officials say.

The reported agreements reached with Kenya, Somalia and Oman also would grant the United States rights to store military equipment and fuel. In return for their cooperation, the three countries would receive increased U.S. military aid although the amounts have not yet been specified, said the officials, who asked not to be named.

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. — The International Olympic Committee announced Tuesday the Olympic Games will go on in Moscow as planned, thus rejecting Pres. Carter's call that they be moved or cancelled because of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

The committee also urged that members of the Olympic organizing committee in Moscow inform the "highest authorities of their government of the circumstances which have created these difficulties for so many (National Olympic Committees)."

Lord Killanin, president of the IOC, said that all 73 members attending the IOC general session before the Winter Olympics had voted to keep the Summer Games in Moscow. According to the U.S. State Department, more than 30 governments — as opposed to Olympic committees — have called for movement, postponement or cancellation of the Games.

WASHINGTON — Pres. Carter proposed on Tuesday the nation's first coordinated effort to store nuclear garbage, planning to spend \$700 million to examine salt domes and other sites in the South and West as potential radioactive dumps.

Sending his proposal to Congress, the president said the government would study about 11 sites where the poisonous by-products of nuclear power, weapons tests and medical research could be hidden at no risk to the environment.

The proposal contains funding of \$739 million for fiscal 1981. Funding for nuclear storage in the previous two fiscal years averaged \$550 million a year.

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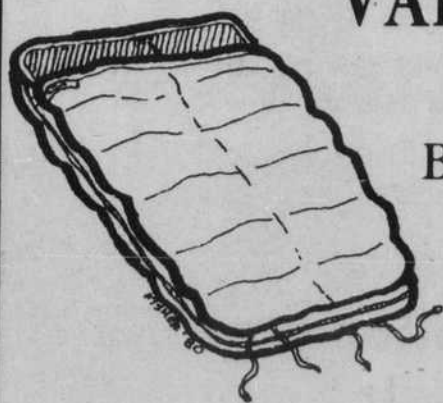
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