

## AWACS bill passes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oregon's Republican senators, Bob Packwood and Mark Hatfield, voted with the minority Wednesday against an \$8.5 billion U.S. arms sale to Saudi Arabia.

The Senate voted 52-48 in support of the sale, which was favored by Pres. Reagan. The vote cleared the way for transaction of the sale, which includes five high-technology AWACS radar planes.

Packwood was one of the leaders of Senate resistance to the sale, and he re-emphasized

before the vote on the Senate floor his view that, "If we go ahead with Saudi Arabia, we lose any chance to have influence on the other independent states in the area."

Packwood said following the vote that "The president did a marvelous job of persuasion." He added that opponents of the sale were simply "outgunned" by Reagan.

The House had rejected the sale, and rejection in the Senate would have blocked the transaction.

## FBI tackles fraud

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI and Secret Service are being used for the first time in a widening government drive to wipe out food stamp fraud and abuse, the head of the Justice Department's special food stamp fraud unit said Wednesday.

Assistant Attorney General D. Lowell Jensen said the "nationwide presence and large number of staffed locations" of those two agencies will significantly bolster efforts of Agriculture Department and Postal Service investigators, who up to now have been solely responsible for the nationwide probe.

"We do have strong indications that fraud has permeated the food stamp program in distressingly large proportions," Jensen said. "We're dealing roughly with a billion dollars that is being wasted through abuse and fraud."

William Murphy, the assistant chief postal inspector for criminal investigations, said his inspectors have been hampered in the past because of a lack of information, a problem Jensen said the addition of the FBI and Secret Service should help solve.

Jensen also said the intensified investigation will target "a number of major metropolitan areas where we believe major fraud in the food stamp program may be occurring."

In the past three years, food stamp fraud and abuse has netted 1,200 prosecutions nationwide involving criminal trafficking in food stamps, Jensen said, with 799 of them coming in the last 12 months since the government heightened its enforcement effort.

Jensen said most involve cases where food stamps are obtained illegally by those unconnected with the program.

## Police comb London for IRA gang

LONDON (AP) — Scotland Yard combed London Tuesday for a gang of six to eight Irish men and women suspects in the IRA bombing Monday that killed a man in the city's busiest shopping district.

Oxford Street, normally teeming with shoppers, was cordoned off Tuesday as police searched for more devices like the 5-pound bomb that exploded in a Wimpy hamburger bar. The bomb killed police explosives expert Kenneth Howorth, 49, as he tried to defuse it in a basement toilet. Police defused a second bomb at Debenham's department store 400 yards down the street.

At Scotland Yard, Deputy Assistant Commissioner David Powis told a news conference that police were hunting an IRA gang of "six to eight people, possibly with two young females."

Powis said the suspects were believed still in London, possibly living as lodgers or short-term tenants.

Police previously said the bombers may be supported by a network of "sleepers" — IRA guerrillas infiltrated into Britain years ago and activated for a new blitz.

In the House of Commons, Home Secretary William Whitelaw appealed for public vigilance to help police track down the Irish Republican Army bombers who have struck three times in 17 days, killing three and injuring 38.

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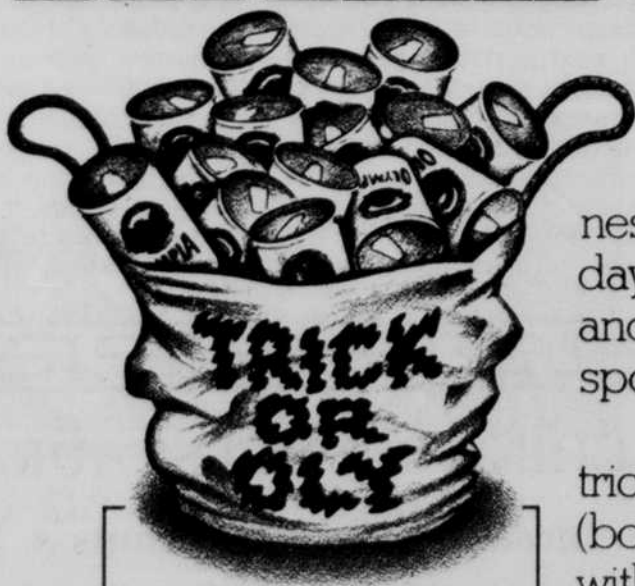
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