

# Sanctions linked to Nicaraguan-Soviet ties

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department said Wednesday that the economic sanctions imposed against Nicaragua were the result of the "cumulative effect" of recent Nicaraguan steps to bolster its military ties to the Soviet bloc and to export its revolution.

And in Managua, Bayardo Arce, one of the nine members of the ruling Sandinista directorate, said Reagan administration officials "want us to yield

to hunger and put us on our knees... but they will never succeed in it."

The main element of the sanctions, ordered Wednesday by President Ronald Reagan, was a total trade embargo against Nicaragua.

Officials suggested privately that the measure may not have much impact.

U.S. corporations with foreign-based subsidiaries will not be affected by the embargo. In addition, there was no indication that foreign countries which do

business with Nicaragua were prepared to follow the U.S. lead and apply sanctions of their own.

An official U.S. statement said the measures should be seen as "unmistakable evidence that we take seriously the obligation to protect our security interests and those of our friends."

At a State Department briefing, Langhorne Motley, assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, said the

administration acted because of what he described as a disturbing pattern of Nicaraguan behavior.

He cited new Nicaraguan ties with the Soviet Union, reflected in the recent visit to Moscow of President Daniel Ortega, the apprehension of seven Nicaraguan agents in Honduras, the shipment of additional Soviet helicopters to Nicaragua and the delivery of East German military trucks and motorcycles.

## Cost-of-living increases saved in Senate vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted 65-34 Wednesday to restore full Social Security cost-of-living increases to the 1986 budget.

In doing so, the body brushed aside warnings that the move was a "wrecker" that would begin unraveling a multi-billion dollar package of spending cuts endorsed by President Ronald Reagan.

"I think equity dictates we find another way to cut deficits," said Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y.

Both parties tried to take credit for the cost-of-living vote.

"If we had truth in labeling in the Senate, it would bear a Democratic label," said party whip Alan Cranston of California, who added that Reagan has "broken his promise not to touch Social Security."

The vote stripped a GOP package of spending cuts of its single largest domestic savings — \$3 billion in 1986 and \$22.7 billion over three years from curtailing annual Social Security cost of living increases.

## Accused Nazi faces extradition

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An ailing immigrant accused of being a Nazi war criminal was ordered extradited to his native Yugoslavia on Wednesday on up to 7,000 murder charges.

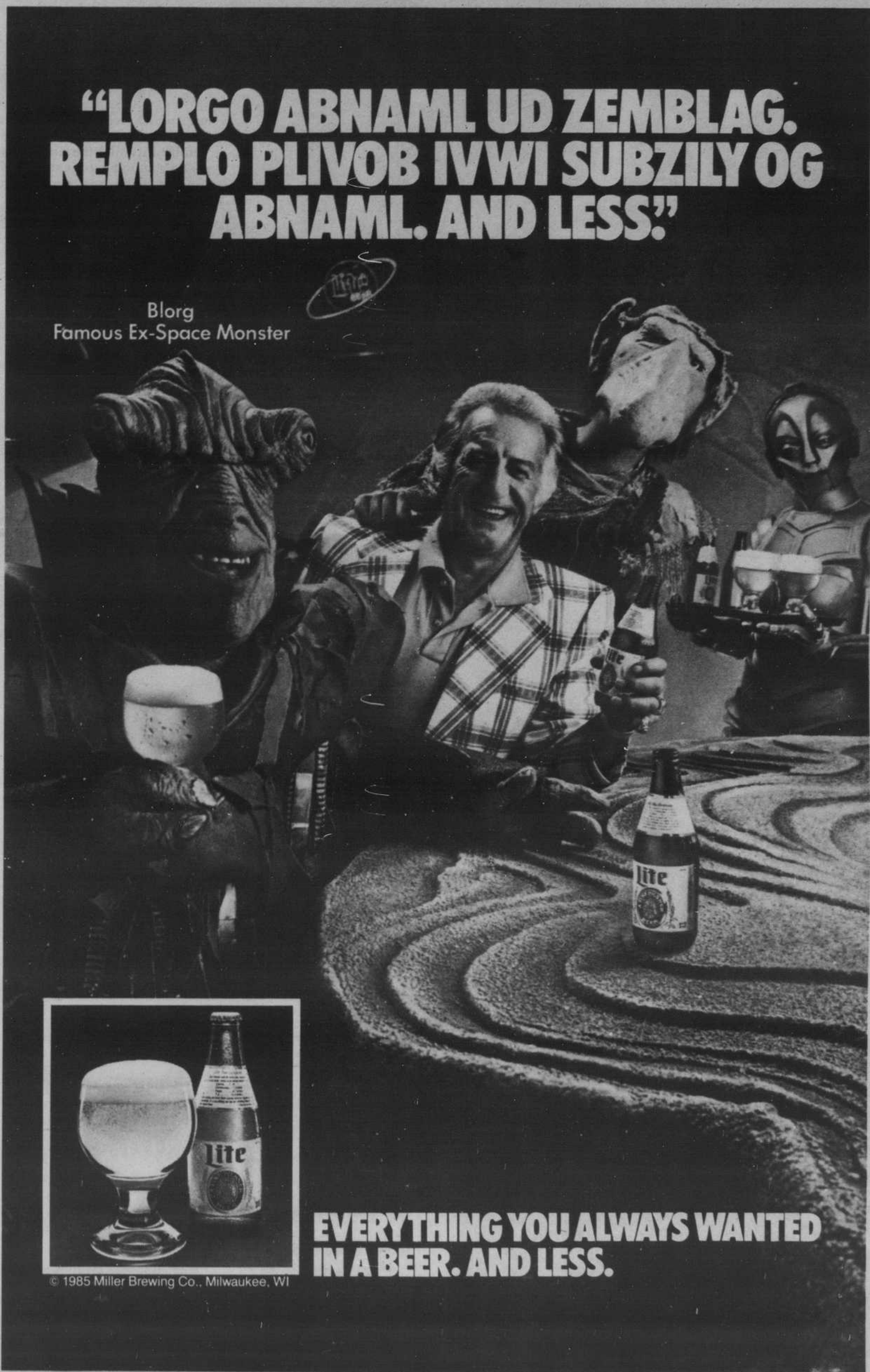
Andrija Artukovic, 85, onetime interior minister for the Nazi puppet state of Croatia, originally had been ordered extradited for just one murder. But U.S. Magistrate Volney Brown amended his order Wednesday to include 6,000 to 7,000 murders after Yugoslavian officials submitted additional documents.

Brown said Artukovic may stay in the United States pending appeal. He ordered the federal prison hospital in Springfield, Mo., to allow Artukovic's wife Anna and son Rad to visit him up to eight times a month.

Artukovic, of Seal Beach, has battled extradition for nearly 40 years. The Yugoslavian government has said he was responsible for the deaths of some 700,000 Jews, Gypsies and Serbs. Artukovic maintains he is innocent.

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