

U.S. shows concern over Iraqi missile placement



WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States "is very concerned" about Iraq's placement of anti-aircraft missiles near the U.S. patrolled by U.S.

fighter jets and will not allow such activity to put American pilots at risk, officials said Tuesday.

White House and Pentagon officials said Iraq has moved Soviet-made, surface-to-air missiles into positions along the 32nd parallel, which borders the zone established to protect Shiite Muslims in Iraq's southern provinces from Iraqi air attacks.

"We're monitoring the missiles. We're very concerned. We're still considering

our options," said White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, traveling with President Bush in the West Point, N.Y.

Queried what the U.S. response might be possible to the missiles' move, Fitzwater replied, "I wouldn't steer you away from anything."

President-elect Bush's spokesman offered support for Bush's stand.

"I think Saddam should take no comfort in the fact that Bill Clinton is heading toward the presidency," Clinton spokesman George Stephanopoulos said in Little Rock, Ark.

He said that Saddam "must abide by all U.N. resolutions. He must abide by the no-fly zone. And Bill Clinton supports the no-fly zone. Bush in his efforts to enforce them and he will continue to support them as president."

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At the Pentagon, spokesman Bob Hall said radars have not been turned on to guide the missiles toward aircraft — a sign that pilots consider threatening and an advance warning of an attack. He recalled that similar Iraqi activity, known as "painting," occurred in the northern "no-fly" zone last April.

Although Hall refused to discuss what

measures might be taken to respond to the move, he did issue a stern reminder that U.S. forces have acted to deflect aggressive Iraqi activity.

"We have made it very clear to the Iraqis that we are determined to enforce the no-fly zones. We will do it in the safest possible way for our pilots, and we will not allow them to be put at risk," Hall said.

This past week, an Iraqi MiG was shot down by a U.S. Air Force F-16 after the Iraqi jet penetrated the no-fly zone and turned to confront the U.S. aircraft.

Since that time, Iraqi pilots have been flitting across the zone's border, sometimes several times a day, Hall said.

The Iraqi military has been warned against turning their radars on, said military sources.

Kuwait may receive U.S. tanks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon has informed Congress of the proposed sale of \$4.5 billion in M1-A2 tanks and other military equipment to Kuwait, it was announced Tuesday.

If approved by Congress as expected, the move will boost weapons-related industries in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Indiana and California.

The move to purchase 256 Abrams tanks — a top-of-the-line U.S. weapon — is part of a 10-year plan to rebuild Kuwait's shattered defenses in the wake of the Persian Gulf War.

The tanks will make up the bulk of Kuwait's ar-

mored force, said a Pentagon official who asked not to be identified.

The proposed sale, which was announced at the Pentagon, is not expected to be opposed in Congress. Lawmakers have 30 days to vote down the sale.

The sale includes a large number of support vehicles and assorted armament, including 46 M-88 recovery vehicles, 125 armored personnel carriers, 30 mortar carriers, 1,178 machine guns, 967 radio systems, 132 troop and cargo carriers, 460 tactical and commercial heavy equipment transporters, 130,000 rounds of 120mm tank ammunition,

spare and reserve parts and other items to maintain the equipment and train the Kuwaiti military that will use it, the announcement said.

"The sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which is an important force for stability and political and economic progress in the Middle East," the Pentagon statement said.

The announcement said the sale will require "the assignment" of a significant number of U.S. government personnel and contractor representatives" to Kuwait, but it did not say how many.

White House rejects sale of plant to Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House has rejected the sale to Iran of a \$100 million chemical plant that could produce a chemical warfare agent as a byproduct, an official said today.

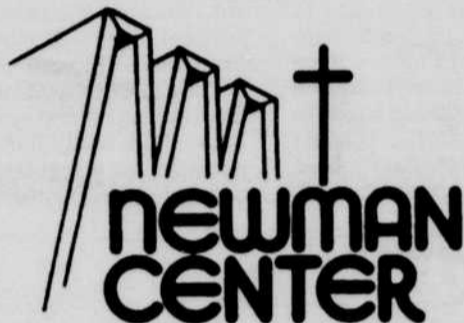
"That was decided a month ago not to do it," Marlin Fitzwater, President Bush's press secretary, said shortly after he and the president flew into Newburg, N.Y. on their way to West Point, where Bush was to speak.

The *Washington Post* said in Tuesday's editions that the Commerce Department was backing the sale of the plant by BP-America, which has told the administration the plant would be only to produce materials for synthetic fibers.

The *Post* said officials at the departments of State and Defense oppose the deal because the plant would yield hydrogen cyanide as an unavoidable byproduct.

That substance was used as a chemical warfare agent in World War I by France, Britain and Russia.

The *Post* also reported that administration officials were expected to consider a plan by the Ayres Corp. of Albany, Ga., to sell Iran 10 airplanes worth \$7 million to spray chemical pesticides on farm crops.



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9:00 p.m. Student Mass starting Wednesday, January 6

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Freshmen Dinner on Sunday, January 24 at 5:30 p.m.

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