

World war class has teaching crew

A course on the history of World War I will continue the UNL Department of History's unusual tradition of having multiple instructors in a major and popular course. The World War I course was started because of present interest in a course on World War

II. The class will be offered during the spring semester as History 298D on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The World War II course will be taught again next fall.

The world war courses are taught by as many as seven lecturers, each

covering material in his area of research. Professors Gregory Pedlow, Peter Maslowski, Edward Homze, Patrice Berger, James McClelland, Dane Kennedy and Lloyd Ambrosius will lecture more than once during the World War I course, and Professors Frederick

Luebke, David Cahan and Parks Coble will provide guest lectures. English instructor Norm Hostetler will talk about war poets.

Pedlow said the course will cover more than the military aspects of the conflict, as the present World War II course does.

"We're trying to get away from military history a little bit," he said. "World War I was the real turning point of the century, and the course will cover changes in society."

Maslowski said although the World War II course, which has had an enrollment of more than 200 students at times, is the most popular single department offering, the world war courses are not simply for "credit hour production."

Pedlow said students and faculty like the course format for different reasons.

"For students, it is a sampler of teaching styles, with a constant variety," he said. "And we like it, too, because of the opportunities for specialization."

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Senate approves nerve gas funds

WASHINGTON — The Senate Tuesday approved a \$253 billion defense spending package for 1984 that keeps alive President Reagan's chemical warfare program. Vice President George Bush broke a 46-46 tie on the \$124 million program, which would fund nerve-gas shells and production facilities. The Senate then approved 86-6 the full bill, which increases defense spending by 4 percent over 1983 and funds the MX, Pershing 2 and cruise missiles and the B-1 bomber. The \$247.3 billion defense bill passed by the House last week does not contain chemical weapons funds. A House-Senate conference committee will try to reconcile differences in the two bills.

The U.S. has not produced nerve gas since 1969.

Rebels close in on Arafat

TRIPOLI, Lebanon — Rebel Palestinian forces Tuesday advanced to within a mile of Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat's last bastion in Lebanon amid reports that the guerrilla leader is ready to accept a cease-fire.

With fighting threatening to engulf the northern Lebanese port, the city's political leaders called for an immediate cease-fire. A spokesman for Arafat told reporters the guerrilla chief was prepared to accept a cease-fire but said loyalist forces would continue to fight in self-defense.

Police seek blast clues

WASHINGTON — Police investigators Tuesday sifted debris for clues after a time bomb exploded Monday night in a room adjacent to the Senate chambers. The bomb was planted by a group protesting U.S. military involvement in Grenada, Nicaragua and Lebanon, a police spokesman said. The blast damaged conference rooms adjacent to the main room where the Senate holds its sessions and blew off the door of Democratic leader Robert Byrd's office. It also shattered glass in the building. No one was injured.

Paraquat use limited

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government agreed Tuesday not to use the herbicide Paraquat to kill marijuana plants in national forests, parks and other federal lands for the next three years. The agreement was contained in a consent decree signed by U.S. District Court Judge June Green. It resulted from a suit filed against the Drug Enforcement Administration by environmental groups and the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. Paraquat is believed to cause lung damage in humans and may adversely affect wildlife.

Bodies found in Grenada

CALIVIGNY, Grenada — U.S. troops unearthed four corpses in a common grave in Grenada, and U.S. officials said the body of slain Prime Minister Maurice Bishop may be among the four. The recovered bodies were not immediately identified, but the officials said Bishop's dental records would be matched against them. Monday's reports that a mass burial site had been found on Grenada proved incorrect, officials said.

Meanwhile, the commander of U.S. forces on the island said up to 50 Cuban fighters still are hiding in Grenada's tropical forests, operating singly as snipers or in small commando groups.

Angolan jet crash kills 150

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — An Angolan Airways Boeing 737 crashed Tuesday on takeoff from Lubango airport in southern Angola, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported. All 150 people on board died, it said. Most of the passengers were army recruits, and no foreigners were on the flight, Tanjug said.