

# News Digest

By The Associated Press

## Congress supports attack

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Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Dole said during an approximately two-hour-long briefing for congressional leaders from the president and top administration officials, lawmakers were in agreement that action had been necessary against Libya.

"I just believe the president did what the American people would have wanted him to do, a proportionate response to an act of terrorism where

there's no doubt about Libya's fingerprints being all over the disco bombing in West Berlin," Dole said.

Dole said he did not believe there had been major problems with War Powers Act compliance, but added that if future action of this sort is needed, "I hope the next time, if it happens... it will be done quickly and without three or four days of rhetoric and everybody guessing, including the media, what will happen next."

Showing support for the U.S. action,

the brother of an American soldier killed in the bombing of a West Berlin club said Monday that U.S. military retaliation against Libya was long overdue.

"I think we did the right thing. The president did what he had to do," said Robin Beecham.

Beecham's brother, Army Sgt. Kenneth Ford, 21, died in the April 5 explosion at the La Belle nightclub a week before he was scheduled to return to Detroit for the first time in 2 1/2 years.

## Ship finds key shuttle piece

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A salvage ship has recovered a two-ton piece of Challenger rocket debris with a 2-foot-square hole burned through the steel casing at the joint blamed for the explosion of the space shuttle, the Navy said Monday.

The 10-foot-by-20-foot piece, which could be vital to the investigation, was pulled from the floor of the Atlantic Ocean about 40 miles northeast of here by the Stena Workhorse after a robot submarine attached lift lines to it.

The retrieval was made at 5 a.m. Sunday in 560 feet of water, the Navy said.

Lt. Cmdr. Deborah Burnette, a Navy spokeswoman, said the hole burned in

the joint and casing by a plume of escaping flame measured 1-foot-by-2-feet. The surrounding area was badly scorched.

The recovery was announced earlier by the presidential shuttle commission, and a member of the commission was coming here to inspect the piece.

A statement by commission Chairman William P. Rogers said, "One of the two sections of critical interest" was recovered and that it was from the joint area where a leak in the right booster rocket is thought to have occurred, causing the shuttle's explosion on Jan. 28.

"A burnt out area of the joint tang at

about the 300 degree position is evident," the statement said.

The other key piece, the bottom of the joint, has not been located but is believed to be in the same area.

Investigators have said the accident that killed seven astronauts was caused by a failure in this joint. But they don't know exactly how it failed, and they feel that by recovering the part containing the joint they may find out.

Experts believe a leak in the joint allowed flame to escape, eventually severing the bottom rocket attachment and causing the top of the booster to swivel into the large external fuel tank, setting off the explosion.

## Tax deadline at midnight

WASHINGTON — The Postal Service and the Internal Revenue Service are gearing up to handle an estimated 10 million federal tax returns that are expected to be filed in the last few hours before tonight's midnight deadline.

Most of the 104 million couples and individuals who will file this year already have done so. Nearly 40 million of them already are enjoying refunds averaging nearly \$800 a piece.

The average American will have to work another 15 days — until May 1 — to pay his or her federal, state and local taxes for the year, the Tax Foundation estimated Monday. That is what the foundation, a nonpartisan research organization, calls "Tax Freedom Day."

Viewed another way, the foundation estimated the average worker will put in 2 hours and 39 minutes each day this year to pay a share of all taxes.

## Setting it Straight

A typographical error in Chris Welsh's column ("Fad makes men primp, preen," Daily Nebraskan, April 14) incorrectly stated the number of words allowed for special essay.

Welsh asked readers to explain why they would or wouldn't be willing to die in a war with Libya in 50 words or less, not five. Send responses to Welsh at the Daily Nebraskan, 34 Nebraska Union, 1400 R St., Lincoln, Neb. 68588-0448.

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## Author Beauvoir dead at 78

PARIS — Simone de Beauvoir, 78, one of France's leading literary figures and lifelong companion of the late existentialist philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre, died Monday at a Paris hospital.

She wrote the international best seller "The Second Sex," published in 1949 and now regarded as a foundation stone of the women's liberation movement worldwide. De Beauvoir was an ardent champion of women's rights and a fundamental philosopher of the movement.

Constantly at Sartre's side during his leftist crusades, de Beauvoir never lost sight of her commitment to women's liberation. It was the main theme of her

prolific and mostly autobiographical writing, and it shaped her life from early childhood to her death.

In "The Second Sex," de Beauvoir described marriage as an "obscure bourgeois institution" because it reduced to a litany of rights and duties what she felt should be a partnership of equals based on mutual and spontaneous attraction.

De Beauvoir's critics accused her of being remote, cerebral, and humorless in her treatment of women's issues. Her books, especially when she addressed the question of sex, showed a certain prudishness inherited from her upper middle class upbringing and convent education.

## Pianist Horowitz returns to Russia after 61 years

MOSCOW — Vladimir Horowitz, the patriarch of classical pianists who left his homeland 61 years ago saying he wouldn't return, had a flower-filled reunion with Russia on Monday and declared he wants to be an ambassador of peace.

He said he had a message for his former countrymen "that I will deliver with my piano."

"I am very glad to be here," Horowitz

said in fluent Russian at a short airport news conference. "There are no enemies here, only friends."

His two concerts in the Soviet Union will lend glitter to the U.S.-Soviet cultural exchange agreement signed at the Geneva summit last November.

He told reporters at the airport he changed his mind about returning home because "there is a cultural exchange now."

## In Brief

### Weather deaths

Six people were killed Monday in accidents that occurred in blizzard-like weather that struck northeast and north-central Nebraska.

Five people died when a twin-engine plane crashed shortly after takeoff near Norfolk. The victims were not identified. A woman was killed when the car she was driving slid off an icy street in Norfolk.

Cindy Burchel, 20, of rural Norfolk was driving northbound on U.S. Highway 81 when her car went off the road and landed in a cemetery, a Norfolk police official said.

Supporters say all Nebraskans should be given the opportunity to listen to public radio broadcasts. Currently, only residents in the Omaha and Lincoln area can tune into public radio.

No state funds will be appropriated in the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1, to help set up the statewide network. Public radio supporters could seek state financial support in later years, which is a sore point with opponents.

### National Guard bill advances

LINCOLN — A bill curtailing a tuition credit program for members of the Nebraska National Guard picked up final approval, 40-5, Monday in the Legislature.

The measure, estimated to save the state \$100,000 annually, sets up criteria limiting the tuition program to 1,200 people.

The tuition assistance would be available to members of Nebraska's Guard for up to 10 years, beginning with a person's admission into the Guard. The criteria also would exclude officers with bachelor's degrees and those eligible for equivalent federal benefits from participating in the state program.

### Tractor testing

LINCOLN — The NU tractor-testing site would assume international responsibilities under a measure passed Monday by the Legislature.

The bill, LB 768, introduced by Sen. Rex Haberman of Imperial, was advanced to Gov. Bob Kerrey on a 44-1 vote.

Agriculture Committee chairman Rod Johnson of Sutton has said NU's tractor-testing site would become the only test station in North America for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

### Tutu elected

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Bishop Desmond Tutu, winner of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize for his anti-apartheid campaign, on Monday was elected leader of the Anglican Church for all of southern Africa.

The announcement came after a day-long meeting of some 500 Anglican clergy and lay people who convened to choose a new archbishop of Cape Town, the highest Anglican position in the region.

Archbishop Phillip Russell is retiring in August after five years in the job, and Tutu will take over Sept. 1.

### Public radio

LINCOLN — The Legislature, moving to broaden the listening opportunities of most Nebraskans, passed LB 461 Monday, a bill authorizing creation of a statewide public radio network.

The bill was sent to Gov. Bob Kerrey on a 28-18 vote.

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