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Panel expands probe; CIA official appears

WASHINGTON - Senate investigators quizzed the CIA's No. 2 man for time when direct and indirect governfour hours and subpoenaed documents around the country Thursday in an expanding probe into the secret sale of arms to Iran and transfer of profits to Nicaraguan rebels. President Reagan said Cabinet officers are free to decide whether to invoke the Fifth Amendment when their turn comes to testify.

A long-distance disagreement surfaced within the administration over the roots of the president's controversial Iranian arms policy. White House spokesman Larry Speakes said "we don't agree with" Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's contention that Reagan acted on bad advice when he decided there were responsible officials to deal with in Iran other than the "lunatics" who run the country.

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Reagan, embroiled in the most serious crisis of his presidency, has defended his decision to sell arms to Iran as part of a secret diplomatic initiative to re- chairman of the committee, said the establish ties with the strategically witnesses were providing a "very canplaced Persian Gulf nation. But he says did response to the questions and a lot he was unaware that money in connec- of helpful information." tion with the sales was being funneled through a Swiss bank account to Con- ing more doors that we have to send a tra rebels battling the Nicaraguan subpoena through to order to (comgovernment.

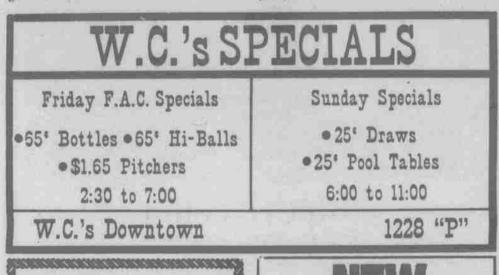
The money was made available at a ment military assistance to the Contras was prohibited by law, and there was evidence that the Justice Department was looking into the operations of a privately financed support program for Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

The president announced Tuesday that his administration would seek appointment of an independent counsel to probe the issue, although the White House disclosed that Attorney General Edwin Meese III is still at work on the formal application.

Senate Republican and Democratic leaders met privately to discuss establishment of an 11-member "supercommittee" to take over the investigation in January, but in the meantime, the Senate Intelligence Committee pursued its own probe.

Sen. David Durenberger, R-Minn.,

The information, he said, is "openpile) accurate information."



Honeywell to sell interests in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - Honeywell Inc. will sell its small operation here to a local firm and join the exodus of American companies from South Africa, a company executive said Thursday.

The sale to South African owners follows a pattern set by General Motors Corp., IBM and dozens of other U.S. companies which bowed to disinvestment pressure from the anti-apartheid movement and to poor economic conditions.

A major South African industrial group, Murray and Roberts, is to purchase the Honeywell operation for an undisclosed amount and all 175 employees probably will keep their jobs, said Markos Tambakeras, Honeywell's local managing director.

At Honeywells's Minneapolis headquarters, spokeswoman Susan Eich said: "I think it's generally acknowledged that the business environment in South Africa is volatile.

The Honeywell affiliate, which sells and services electronic control systems for buildings and industries, accounts for less than 1 percent of Honeywell's revenues, which totaled \$6.6 billion last year.

Last month, Eastman Kodak Co. announced not only that it would leave, eliminating the jobs of its 466 employees, but also that would bar the sale of its products in South Africa.

The American companies remaining in South Africa including Mobil Corp. and Caltex, a joint operation of Texaco Inc. and Chevron Corp. - have investments totaling an estimated \$1.3 billion.

By The Associated Press

In Brief

Omaha mayor to fight recall

OMAHA - Mayor Mike Boyle said Thursday he would stay on the job and face a recall election launched by a citizens group after he fired the police chief in a dispute over the arrest of his brother-in-law.

Boyle said he had been on the verge of resigning a few weeks ago but decided to face a January recall after receiving cards and calls of support.

Citizens for Mature Leadership launched its recall drive against Boyle in October. Group spokesman Jim Cleary, who runs a public relations business, said Boyle had "shown himself to be irresponsible, petty and sometimes downright childish."

The group said its campaign was partly in response to Boyle's firing of Police Chief Robert Wadman on Oct. 3. Wadman was fired for insubordination after he refused to sign papers to discipline officers involved in the arrest of Boyle's brother-in-law, John E. Howell.

Speakes resigns White House post

WASHINGTON - Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes announced today he is resigning his White House post after 5 1/2 years to join the giant Wall Street investment firm of Merrill Lynch & Co.

Speakes, who has been President Reagan's principal spokesman since press secretary James S. Brady was critically wounded in the assassination attempt against Reagan on March 30, 1981, said he would remain in his job until his successor is ready to take over. He was reported two weeks ago to be on the verge of resigning to take the Merrill Lynch job.

He joins Merrill Lynch in New York as a senior vice president Feb. 1, 1987. Sources close to the firm have said Speakes will earn about \$250,000 a year in salary and benefits.

Administration sources, asking to remain anonymous, have said interior Under Secretary Ann Dore McLaughlin is Speakes' most likely successor. If picked by Reagan, she would be the first woman to serve as the president's chief spokesperson.

Scientists to brave beasts in study of Amazon isle

LONDON - British and Brazilian British, about 20 Brazilians and a few scientists will brave jaguars, wild boars, from other nations -- will catalog and snakes, wasps and fever on an uninhabited Amazonian island in a year-long study of the steamy habitat, expedition members announced Thursday.

site, 37-by-15 mile Maraca Island on the station was built on the east end of the Uraricorea River, an Amazon tributary island, from where scientists venture in Brazil' northernmost Roraima ter- into the jungle depths. ritory.

collect flora and fauna and study soils, diseases and forest regeneration throughout 1987.

Maraca Island was declared a nature Dense rain forest shrouds the study reserve several years ago, and a research

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The Royal Geographical society said cycle of jungle regrowth by clearing more than 50 scientists - half of them small plots of forest.

One research group will study the

Scientists make AIDS vaccine progress

taken what they think is an important of antibodies that neutralize the virus ment can produce sufficient neutralizstep toward producing a vaccine against in test animals such as goats. AIDS; showing for the first time that only a fragment of protein from the responsible virus is necessary for developing antibodies against it.

A team of industry, government and university researchers says the seg-

WASHINGTON - Scientists have ment of viral protein spurs high levels to be proven whether the protein seg-

In addition, the researchers say they showed this protein can be inexpensively mass-produced in large, pure quantities using genetically engineered

However, they cautioned, it remains

bacteria.



ing antibodies in humans to protect them against acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Even if effective, a practical preventive vaccine still is years away because of the extensive safety and effectiveness tests that would be required before approval, experts say.

AIDS is an infectious disease that wrecks the immune system and leaves victims open to numerous fatal infections. The condition, spread through close contact with blood and other bodily fluids, has been diagnosed in more than 28,000 Americans, half of whom have died.

The protein fragment work was conducted by Dr. Scott Putney and colleagues of Repligen Corp., a biotechnology company in Cambridge, Mass. Other researchers involved in the project were at Centocor Inc., a Malvern, Penn., genetic technology company, Duke University Medical School and the cancer institute.

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