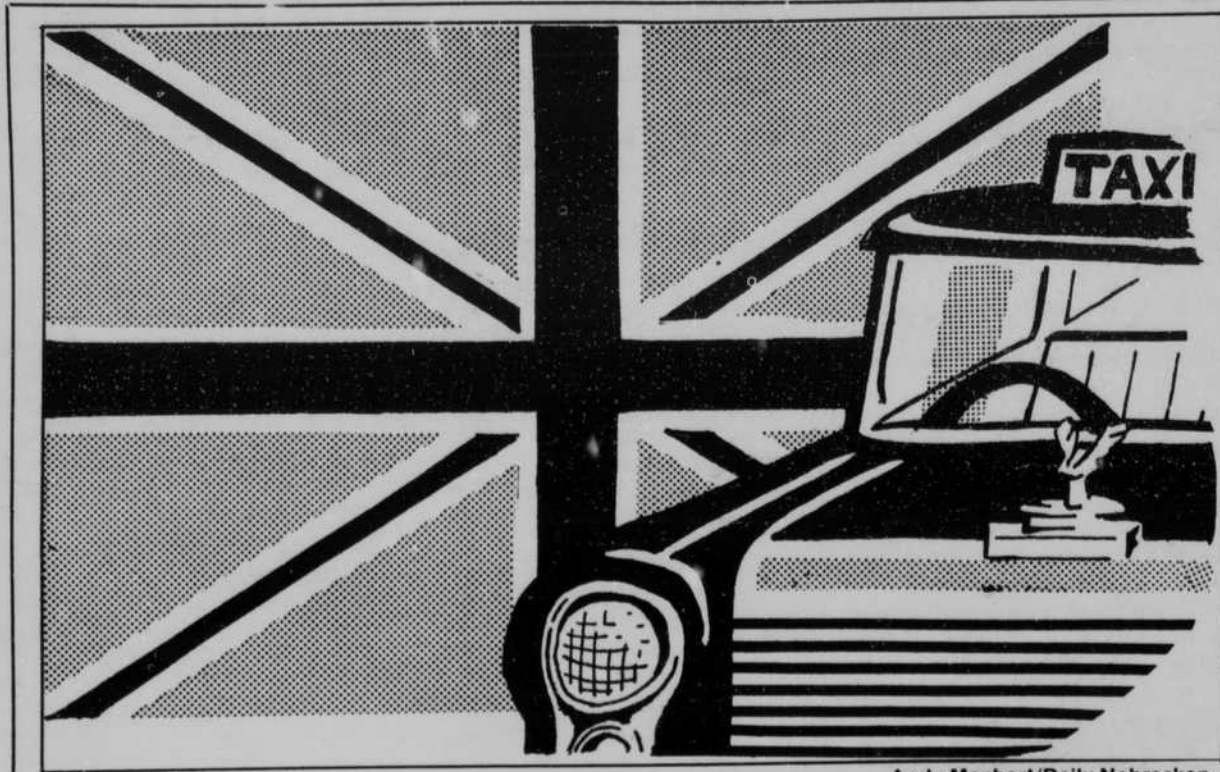


News Digest

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Cabs challenge customs

LONDON — A whole new mine field has been discovered in the battle to preserve the British way of life.

It is called taxi-sharing, an innovation that hit London last week and, like most change in this instinctively conservative society, was met with suspicion and misgivings.

It seems an admirable idea. Instead of a single traveler having a whole cab to himself, up to five people can share it, each paying a lower fare but in aggregate, assuring the cabbie a higher price.

But the system is far from straightforward. It is going ahead despite two failed trial runs. It needed a parliamentary order to

overturn a 300-year-old taxi law.

Many drivers say it simply won't work. They fear it will mean fewer fares for the city's 19,000 drivers. They also doubt that many passengers will abandon what is, after all, a London institution — the spacious black cab in which a chap can, stretch his legs and spread open his Times in blissful, glass-encased solitude.

Meanwhile, the arbiters of etiquette are wary, imagining all sorts of upheaval at the prospect of utter strangers being bundled together into a cab.

"Exquisite opportunities for social embarrassment open up," noted Sunday Telegraph columnist Oliver Pritchett.

Elsie Burch Donald, who writes manuals on manners, sounded thunderstruck when told of the new system.

She noted that "there are no established manners and conventions for this sort of thing."

Cabbie David Barnes had his doubts, too. "London cabbies," he observed, "are just as conservative as their passengers. It'll take some time to get this thing going."

Donald said that if sharing becomes a habit, her next manual will include a chapter on shared-cab decorum.

Meanwhile, her advice is to behave as though on a train or bus. "Just sit and stare straight ahead politely."

Committee votes

Bork rejection recommended to Senate

WASHINGTON — Judge Robert Bork's embattled nomination to the Supreme Court suffered its worst setback yet as the Senate Judiciary Committee Voted 9-5 Tuesday to recommend his rejection and a key Southern Democrat and a fifth Republican joined the opposition.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., the committee chairman, said he didn't see "any reasonable prospect that Judge Bork will be confirmed."

Reagan insisted at the White House that he would not give up the fight. But his spokesman said "it's tough" to win now. And Tom Korologos, a lobbyist brought in by the White House for the Bork fight, said, "I'm not kidding anybody; I'm not sure it's over but we're in trouble."

Some Democrats were openly urging Reagan to find a replacement nominee.

The Judiciary Committee recommended that the full Senate reject the nomination when it comes up for a vote, probably within two weeks.

Before the vote, Reagan rejected all talk of giving up. "There's no backing off. I'm going all out," he said.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said after the committee made its decision: "we're disap-

pointed but we're pushing ahead." He conceded, "it's tough. There's not doubt about it."

The committee vote fell roughly along party lines, with Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania the only Republican to join eight Democrats in recommending rejection of Bork's nomination. The committee's five other Republicans were on Bork's side.

Before its final vote, the panel voted 9-5 against sending the nomination to the full Senate with a recommendation that it be approved.

The outcome had been expected. But Sen. Howell Heflin's decision was suspenseful, and his support was coveted by both sides.

"I must vote no," he said, adding that he was following the old adage, "When in doubt, don't."

Heflin's defection was particularly damaging to Bork's chances for confirmation, since White House officials were hoping to use a "yes" vote from the former Alabama Supreme Court justice to attract other conservative Southern Democrats to Bork's side.

The committee moved to send the nomination to the full Senate for a final showdown later this month.

Congress slams door on Iranian imports

WASHINGTON — Congress overwhelmingly approved Legislation Tuesday slamming the door on all imports from Iran, with backers saying that while it may have little practical effect, such a ban would send a signal of outrage over Tehran's behavior in the Persian Gulf.

The Senate voted 93-0 for a bill

that would immediately ban all imports from Iran — primarily oil — unless President Reagan certifies that the ban would harm U.S. interests. In that case, the president could delay the effective date of the cutoff by up to six months.

The House followed suit, voting 407-5 for a similar measure. The two bills differed slightly, so further action still would be required before the bill is sent to Reagan, who has not yet taken a position on the legislation.

"It is outrageous to learn that American dollars have been flowing into the Iranian war machine," which has been laying mines that threaten the lives of U.S. servicemen, said Rep. Mel Levine, D-Calif., a sponsor of the import ban.

The overwhelming support for shutting down U.S. imports from Iran reflected frustration on Capitol Hill about events in the gulf, where the administration has committed U.S. military force to escorting oil tankers against the wishes of many in Congress.

Corrections

In a Daily Nebraskan article printed Sept. 29 the comments of James Griesen, vice chancellor of student affairs were misleading.

Griesen did not say cheating is rampant in many of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's large classes. Griesen said he has heard students claim that they cheat to get by because they believe everyone else does.

Griesen did not state, nor imply, that he agreed with the claims of pervasive cheating.

Also, Keith Hays, not Hal Okey, was pictured in a Navy T-34 Mentor plane in Monday's paper.

Chinese arrest Tibetan marchers

LHASA, Tibet — About 60 people shouting the name of the Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled god-king, marched Tuesday to a government office, where armed Chinese security forces quickly arrested them, herded them into trucks and drove them away.

The marchers, believed to be

Buddhist monks in street clothes, did not resist arrest. About 2,000 bystanders made no attempt to help them or four monks who were arrested at about the same time in the Jokhang Temple square, where pro-independence protests last week left at least 14 people dead.

The Chinese government has sent

1,000 armed police to Lhasa, capital of the remote Himalayan region of 2 million people, said a source in the local Public Security Bureau.

The troops are to guard against further unrest on Wednesday, the 37th anniversary of the day China occupied Tibet, said the source, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Tibetans and Chinese questioned on the street said they expected the anniversary to be quiet because of fears that police would fire on protesters.

Young black voter turnout tops that of young whites

WASHINGTON — For the first time, the share of young blacks who voted surged significantly ahead of the percentage of young whites who went to the polls, the Census Bureau reported Tuesday in a study of turnout

the study added, and it is in that region that politicians agree that blacks have had a significant effect.

Indeed, black voters are credited with helping return Democrats to power in the U.S. Senate in the 1986 election, by helping unseat incumbents in such states as Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina and fending off the GOP in Louisiana.

On a national basis for all age groups, whites turned out in larger shares than blacks, 47 percent to 43 percent in 1986. Four years earlier, whites had led 50 percent to 43 percent.

Turnout of people aged 18 to 24 has grown steadily among blacks in recent years, with increasing numbers of blacks seeking public office and campaigns being conducted to get blacks to register in larger numbers.

Black registration and voting has grown significantly in the South,

Pamphlets to publish points

WASHINGTON — A guide to AIDS education issued Tuesday by the Department of Education urges parents and teachers to teach children that sexual restraint is both a virtue and the surest way to avoid the disease.

The guide, reflecting the position that Education Secretary William J. Bennett has championed in a dispute with Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, emphasizes that "condoms can and do fail." Koop has advised sexually active people to use condoms as a way of lessening the risk of getting AIDS.

Now, each man has had a pam-

phlet published outlining his position.

The Education Department's 28-page booklet, "AIDS and the Education of Our Children: A Guide for Parents and Teachers," will be mailed to about 300,000 school principals, school boards, presidents of parents' groups and other educators.

But that is only a tiny fraction of the 45 million copies of the pamphlet "What You Should Know About AIDS," which the Public Health Service plans to distribute through employers, health departments and community organizations.

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In Brief

Drunken behavior means no homecoming parade

St. Cloud, Minn. — St. Cloud State University will celebrate homecoming this weekend without the traditional homecoming parade, which has been canceled by organizers who cited drunkenness and rowdiness by some students along the parade route in past years.

Margaret Vos, chairwoman of the planning committee, said incidents reported in past parades included "majorettes being literally picked up, put over a person's shoulders and carried off, trumpets being pushed into people's mouths and beer cans thrown down tubas. . . . If students aren't going to enjoy it, we aren't going to do it."

Sea level rise threatens Massachusetts coast

BOSTON — Thousands of acres of Massachusetts coastal land could be under water by the year 2025, two scientists predict.

The warming of the atmosphere caused by the so-called greenhouse effect and the sinking of some waterfront areas threaten to inundate at least 3,000 acres of the state's coastline over the next 38 years, say the scientists from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

Teacher sentenced for beating student to death

BEIJING — A woman teacher was given a suspended two-year prison sentence for beating a 13-year-old student who later died of his injuries, China's Women's News reported.

The report said Wang Xiaoping hit Duan Yongjun on the hand after she reprimanded him for singing in class and he denied it. When he denied it a second time, she beat him on the back with a plank. That night, Duan began vomiting and felt pains in his head, shoulder, back and hand, the report said. He received medical treatment but died, it said.