

Peacekeeping force in Haiti headed by U.S. commander

WASHINGTON — The United Nations will likely name a U.S. Army general to head the peacekeeping force in Haiti for the next eighteen months, the Pentagon said today.

U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali was in Haiti today and expected to name Lt. Gen. Daniel R. Schroeder to head the 6,000-man peacekeeping force, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said in a news conference.

Between 40 percent and 50 percent of the force would be made up of U.S. Army soldiers; the rest would come from other countries contributing to the peacekeeping contingent, according to a Pentagon official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Schroeder, 56, would serve an 18-month stint in the peacekeeping post. Under current plans, the U.N. force would remain in place until February 1996, after a new Haitian president takes office.

Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., likely to take over as chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee next year, said the expected U.N. appointment would prolong the American military involvement in Haiti.

The impending announcement, Thurmond said, signals President Clinton's "continued disregard for the Congress' role in the decision-making process related to our mission in Haiti."

The Clinton administration pushed for the leadership role in

the peacekeeping force that would follow the U.S. deployment. The decision to establish a peacekeeping force was made by the U.N. Security Council.

A New York native, Schroeder is deputy commander-in-chief of U.S. Army forces in Europe. Other assignments have included the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.; the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions; and the 24th (Mechanized) Infantry Division.

A graduate of the U.S. Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College, Schroeder also participated in Harvard University's Kennedy school program in senior management and national security.

Fed boosts interest rates to fend off inflation cycle

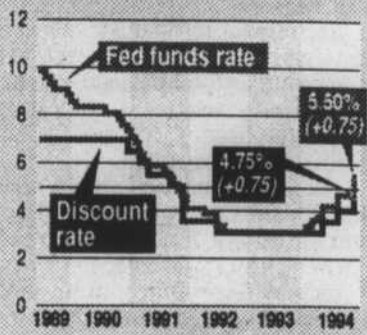
WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve increased key interest rates three-quarters of a percentage point on Tuesday in its most dramatic move yet to slow the surging economy and prevent a new cycle of inflation.

The Fed's rate increase, the sixth this year and the largest in 13 years, was immediately matched by similar 0.75 percentage point increases in major banks' prime lending rates, meaning that the cost of borrowing for millions of Americans will be going up.

The Fed increased its target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, from 4.75 percent, where it had been since Aug. 16, to 5.50 percent. The Fed also boosted its discount rate, the interest the central bank charges for direct loans, by three-quarters of a point to 4.75 percent.

Rates rise again

The Federal Reserve Board Tuesday boosted interest rates for the sixth time this year. Affected were the federal funds rate, which banks charge each other for overnight loans, and the discount rate, which the Fed charges for its loans to banks.



News... in a Minute

Kohl re-elected by narrow margin

BONN, Germany — Chancellor Helmut Kohl promised to keep pushing for German and European unity after parliament narrowly voted Tuesday to give him another term.

Kohl needed 337 votes in the Bundestag, the lower house of parliament, to confirm his victory in the Oct. 16 federal elections. He squeaked by with 338.

The 64-year-old conservative, who has survived countless political scrapes since becoming chancellor in 1982, was sworn in for a fourth term by President Roman Herzog.

Three of the 341 legislators from the governing coalition voted against Kohl. But he said the narrowness of his victory wouldn't get in the way of his mission to expand European unity and further the unification of Germany.

His paper-thin majority in the Bundestag is compounded by opposition control of the upper house. Kohl won't be able to ram through his domestic program, which includes cutting government red tape, trimming welfare and funding high technology.

Angola to end 20 years of war

LUSAKA, Zambia — Angola's warring factions signed a cease-fire Tuesday intended to allow their leaders to end the 19-year war this weekend.

The truce reached after six hours of talks was the first agreed to by both sides since May 15, 1991. It cleared the way for further negotiations on final details of a peace accord for the southern African nation.

The peace pact is to be signed Sunday in Lusaka, capital of neighboring Zambia.

While a major step toward halting one of Africa's longest and bloodiest civil wars, the truce represents only part of the formal peace plan. Throughout the war that began on the eve of independence from Portugal in 1975, peace overtures and treaties have repeatedly failed to stop the fighting.

U.S. will accept 8,000 Cubans

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration is expected to allow U.S. resettlement of up to 8,000 Cubans now being sheltered at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base and in Panama. All involve parents with minor children.

The decision, which still has not received final approval, would constitute a retreat from President Clinton's pledge last August not to allow any boat people picked up by the U.S. Coast Guard to resettle directly to the United States.

Serbs on the offensive

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Fighting convulsed Bosnia's northwest pocket Tuesday, where dug-in government troops were trying to keep Bosnian Serbs from overrunning an internationally protected safe zone.

Fighting also exploded in the Majevica hills in northeastern Bosnia, site of a Serb-held TV tower, and near Mostar on the southwest front. Serbs claimed gains in both regions, but U.N. officials said the Muslim-led government army appeared to have the upper hand.

In the north, Bosnian Serbs shelled Tuzla, another so-called U.N. "safe area," for a second straight day, killing one resident and wounding three.

Serbs still battling



Former 60's activist hit by car

LOS ANGELES — Jerry Rubin, the former Chicago Seven anti-war activist-turned food entrepreneur, was critically injured when he was hit by a car while jaywalking, authorities said Tuesday.

Rubin, 56, was crossing Wilshire Boulevard Monday evening when he was hit, police officer Sandra Castello said. The car's driver doesn't want to be charged, she said.

Rubin was in critical condition Tuesday after surgery, said Warren

Robak, a spokesman for the University of California at Los Angeles Medical Center.

The former radical was among the Chicago Seven, tried for conspiring to disrupt the 1968 Democratic National Convention, which turned into a bloody battle between anti-war protesters and police.

Rubin, Abbie Hoffman and three others were convicted of crossing state lines with intent to riot. The convictions were overturned by an appeals

court, which cited errors made by the judge. They were acquitted of conspiracy charges.

Rubin was a Yippie leader — the Youth International Party — a loosely knit group of radicals who protested the government and the Vietnam War.

Rubin turned to spiritualism in the 1970s and then became a Wall Street networker.

He moved to Los Angeles in 1991 to sell his line of bee pollen- and ginseng-based nutritional drinks.

Top students in survey group would trade sex for money

WASHINGTON — Some of America's top high school students say they would consider sex with a stranger — for a price. They want big bucks, a car, a dream job or admission to the college of their choice, according to a survey of more than 3,000 teens.

The 25th annual survey of high achievers by Who's Who Among American High School Students found that one-quarter of the responding juniors and seniors said they had engaged in sexual intercourse.

The vast majority of the students who responded were white and attended public schools. Most were girls, more than half from small towns or rural areas and more than half in families with income between \$30,000 and \$70,000. Ninety-eight percent said they intended to go to college.

The survey's results would not be statistically valid for students in general. The questions were mailed to a select group, and less than half the students responded.

Nearly 35 percent of the sexually active teens said lack of a condom would not deter them, and 83 percent thought their risk of contracting AIDS was low or non-existent.

As for other potentially risky behavior: — Nineteen percent said they drink alcoholic beverages at least monthly, and 1.6 percent said they

High achievers

Results of the 25th Annual Survey of High Achievers, conducted by Who's Who Among American High School Students. Students selected to participate in the survey had at least a B average, are involved in school or community activities and have demonstrated leadership. Nearly 8,000 surveys were sent out; 3,177 were completed and returned.



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19 percent of the students said they drink alcoholic beverages at least monthly; 1.6 percent said they use marijuana regularly.



52 percent study only an hour or less a day, while 40 percent spend eight hours or more weekly on athletic activities.

use marijuana regularly. Less than 1 percent admitted to using cocaine, crack, amphetamines or other drugs on a regular basis.

Seventeen percent admitted to having stolen something from a store in the past five years; 78 percent said they had cheated in school.

"This year's survey offers ample evidence that parents' work is far from done, even when their kids' report cards are suitable for framing," Paul Krouse, publisher of Who's Who Among American High School Students, said Tuesday.

Forty-three percent of males and

25 percent of females said they would have sex with a "reasonably attractive stranger" for \$1 million. As the dollar figure dropped, so did the number of consenting students.

More than a quarter of the males said they would have sex with a stranger to get a dream job or a car. The percentages were much lower for females, 9 percent for a job and 8 percent for a car.

If the end result was college admission, 23 percent of the males and 6 percent of the females said they would agree to the sexual relations.

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