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## SECRETARY ROGERS DEFENDS U.S. BOMBING POLICY AS ESSENTIAL

WASHINGTON, April 18, (Reuter).—U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers said yesterday that President Nixon's authorisation to bomb the Hanoi and Haiphong areas was essential to defeat the "massive invasion" of South Vietnam.

Testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he defended the weekend decisions and said the United States was not going to engage in negotiations with the Communist side while the present invasion was under way.

But he promised that U.S. ground troops would not be reintroduced into the fighting and said there was no intention of using nuclear weapons.

"We are going to see that this major invasion is not successful", he said and made a strong plea for public and congressional support for the President's decision on bombing.

Much of the questioning of Rogers was critical of the latest bombing raids.

But one of the strongest denunciations has made outside the Committee by Senator Edward Kennedy who called the President's decision to bomb the Hanoi and Haiphong areas "the most senseless, unjustifiable and most reckless decision in our involvement in Vietnam".

Senator Kennedy urged that Nixon set a definite date for the withdrawal of all U.S. forces from Indochina, contingent upon the return of U.S. prisoners.

Rogers readily acknowledged that the bombing decision was prompted by diplomatic as well as military considerations. Among them, he said, was that the United States was not going to abandon its South Vietnamese ally and would take whatever military steps were necessary and reasonable to see that the invasion was not successful.

In an obvious reference to the Soviet Union, which the administration claims supplies 80 per cent of North Vietnam's war materials, Rogers said it was hoped that not only North Vietnam, but "those alongside North Vietnam will come to the conclusion that it is not worth the attempt to continue this indefinite

ly. "The other side is taking tremendous losses in this invasion, and they have been fighting for a long time, too. So we have reason to think that if these offensives are unsuccessful, then the prospects, diplomatically, are improved," he said.

Rogers gave three principal reasons for the bombing:

- 1) To protect the lives of American troops.
- 2) To make certain the U.S. troop withdrawal programme continues and
- 3) To give the South Vietnamese a chance to defend themselves against the North's attacks.

### U.S. Senate body votes suspension of Viet. war funds

WASHINGTON, April 18, (Reuter).—The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday voted nine to one to cut off funds for all American military actions in Indochina by the end of this year.

The committee approved the bipartisan amendment against land, sea and air action as congressional critics of the administration's Indochina policies attacked the bombing of North Vietnam.

The amendment, sponsored by Senators Frank Church (Democrat, Idaho) and Clifford Case (Republican, New Jersey) is an attempt to use congressional power to end U.S. involvement in the Indochina war within nine months.

## USSR says four Soviet ships damaged in Haiphong air raid

MOSCOW, April 18, (Reuter).—The Russians disclosed yesterday they had protested to Washington over what they called "practical" American raids on Haiphong Sunday in which they said four Soviet merchant ships were damaged.

A Soviet Foreign Ministry statement handed to U.S. Ambassador Jacob Beam here Monday night protested he "Criminal" act and demanded that the United States "take immediate measures to end such provocations in future."

A U.S. embassy official said Beam yesterday had another meeting with Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Kovalev, the same official who gave him the note.

## U.S. regrets damage to Soviet ship during air raid

WASHINGTON, April 18, (AFP).—The United States yesterday expressed regret that Soviet ships were damaged during American air raids on Haiphong, but warned that countries supplying military equipment to North Vietnam would have to accept their responsible ties.

The admission that Soviet vessels were hit during the attacks was contained in an official written reply to the earlier Soviet protest against the bombing.

The main points of the note revealed by the State Department showed that the Washington government stopped short of making a clear apology for the damage to Soviet ships.

### LATE NEWS

JAKARTA, April 18, (AFP).—Indonesia's Foreign Minister Adam Malik will visit Pakistan shortly to attend the Conference of the Indonesian-Pakistan Economic and Cultural Cooperation (IPECC).

Malik said he would discuss with Pakistan leaders ways and means of reactivating the organisation, which became inactive following the breakdown of the former West and East Pakistan.



The Indian Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi receiving Afghan Foreign Minister Mohammad Moussa Shafiq, when the latter called on her in New Delhi on April 14.

## Pakistan's interim constitution approved

ISLAMABAD, April 18, (Reuter).—Pakistan's National Assembly yesterday approved an interim constitution, thus clearing the way for the removal of martial law next Friday.

According to the constitution, the new constitution, despite statements by some members that they would accept the proposals as a move towards abolishing martial law.

Khan Abdul Wali Khan, chairman of the National Awami Party, said that the secession of East Pakistan had been caused by the absence of a federal system of government.

To avoid a repetition of the disaster, each province had to be given a "sense of belonging", he added.

Wali Khan said the federation

provisions in the constitutional proposals were too weak.

The three religious parties—Jamaate Islami, Jamiatul Islam and Jamiatul Ulema Pakistan—also attacked the proposals, describing them as neither democratic nor Islamic.

They also sought a definition of the term Muslim in the text causing observers to suggest that they were seeking the exclusion of the Qadimis sect, whose most prominent member is world court judge Zafrullah Khan—from the Muslim community.

Each autonomous province will be administered by a governor appointed by the President and who can be dismissed by him—and by a council of ministers presided by a chief minister responsible to the provincial assembly.

Courts will be independent of all other powers. Human rights are to be constitutionally guaranteed.

A 25-men special committee chosen by the National Assembly is to prepare the draft of the permanent constitution. It is to be ready for consideration by the constituent assembly by next August 14, and must be in force by a year later.

The opposition staged a surprise abstention in the vote on

the mission made an on-time blast-off from Cape Kennedy yesterday.

Reports by the astronauts that they could see paint streaming off the lunar module caused some anxiety last night. They were traced to a panel on the craft, one of eight treated with a baked-on, white silicone paint.

The astronauts—John Young, Charles Duke and Ken Mattingly—made an unscheduled, early inspection of "Orion" but found nothing wrong.

Young, the mission commander, and Duke, were to make a further check-out of the craft later today.

Grumman said today it had checked paperwork on the processing of the aluminium panel in question and made a thermal analysis to see if the mission would be affected by this situation. "Analysis shows, the flaking will not affect the mission," it said.

As a double precaution, Grumman will test a similar panel. Tests will include wiping the surface with different solvents, and then simulating the vacuum and temperature conditions of space in an altitude chamber.

One theory is that the paint may have been blistered by heat from a thruster jet or by a chemical reaction caused by the

the rich countries", particularly the Kennedy round, had "rightly been labelled as an affair between members of the rich men's club".

This autumn the future European community of 10 "will have to make up its mind to, not only concerning its own development but also as regards its relationship with the third world, Dr. Mansholt said.

He was convinced there would be real progress "because there is an increasing awareness of the

## His Majesty congratulates Syrian President

KABUL, April 18, (Bakhtar).—On the occasion of the national day of Syria a telegram of congratulations has been sent on behalf of His Majesty the King to Syrian President Hafez al-Asad, the foreign ministry announced yesterday.

## Foreign Minister Sahfiq arrives in Peking

KABUL, April 18, (Bakhtar).—Foreign Minister Mohammad Moussa Shafiq arrived in Peking yesterday from Canton. The Afghan Foreign Minister was welcomed in Canton by the Vice Chairman of the Canton Council, the representative of the Chinese Foreign Ministry and the Afghan Ambassador in Peking.

## Spinzar Co. to sell 1245 tons. of cotton to Czech.

KABUL, April 18, (Bakhtar).—The agreement for the sale of 1245 tons of cotton by the Spinzar Company to Czechoslovakia, worth 1,950,600 dollars, was signed yesterday by the company's President Mohammad Sarwar Nasser and the commercial councillor of the Czechoslovakian Embassy in Kabul.

## FARYAB DEPUTY DIES AT 57

MAIMANA, April 18, (Bakhtar).—The Deputy from Qalsar in the House of the People, Haji Khalifa Mohammad Yousuf died after a long illness in his village in Khwaja Subdistrict of Qalsar yesterday. He was 57 years old.

House of the People President Dr. Mohammad Omar Wardak has expressed deep sorrow over his death.

CHARIKAR, April 18, (Bakhtar).—A two year old girl, Aziza who was thought drowned in a pool here yesterday was taken out of the water after half an hour by her father and is alive.

Aziza, while playing with other girls, fell into the pool. Other kids rushed to her father who works in an office about fifteen minutes away from the pool. He took his daughter out of the water. She was in a coma for four hours, but now she is recovering. Doctors say that because somehow water did not enter her lungs she was saved.

## N. Vietnamese lose 350 in battle 18 miles from Hue

SAIGON, April 18, (AFP).—One of the biggest pitched battles of the Vietnam offensive was fought yesterday near the besieged firebase of Bastogne 30 kms (18 miles) southwest of Hue, military spokesmen said today.

South Vietnamese troops, supported by artillery and tactical air-strikes, claimed killing a total of 350 "North Vietnamese" soldiers in the fighting which continued without let-up throughout the day.

Spokesmen claimed that this was the highest number of casualties inflicted on the North Vietnamese in a single battle for a long time.

Many of those reported killed were hit by artillery fire and airstrikes.

## Soviet commissions recommend approval of W. German treaty

MOSCOW, April 18, (Reuter).—The foreign affairs commissions of the Soviet legislative Assembly yesterday unanimously recommended that the non-aggression treaty with West Germany be ratified, Tass reported.

Approval of the treaty by the commissions was a foregone conclusion here, but the publicity given to their deliberations was unusual, and observers here saw it as a gesture towards Bonn.

The treaty must now be approved by the 37-member presidium of the Supreme Soviet (legislative assembly) in order to obtain formal ratification.

Tass said discussion of the historic document, which puts an end to a quarter of a century of hostility, was wound up today by Kremlin ideologist Mikhail

Suslov, who chairs the foreign affairs committee of the council of the union.

Addressing a joint meeting of the two commissions—one from each chamber—last Wednesday Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko presented them with a copy of the letter about the treaty handed over by West Germany when it was signed in 1970.

The letter from Foreign Minister Walter Scheel, sets out Bonn's view that the treaty in no way affects the German people's right to eventual reunification by self-determination.

It is regarded as an important accompanying document in Bonn and the fact Gromyko presented it to Soviet parliamentarians is viewed here as a gesture to Chancellor Willy Brandt's government.

The Soviet leadership has shown itself eager to do all it can to help Herr Brandt have the treaty approved by the Bundestag.

Gromyko also made it clear last week that no other West German government could hope to renegotiate a treaty more favourable to itself.

## EEC commission proposes special drawing rights with IMF

SANTIAGO, April 8, (Reuter).—The commission of the European Common Market yesterday proposed that developing countries should be given special drawing rights with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to compensate for their loss of purchasing power following the last International Monetary crisis.

Dr. Sicco Mansholt, president of the commission, was opening the second week of UNCTAD—the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development—at which 3,000 delegates from 141 countries are discussing trade and finance strategy to benefit the developing countries of the "third world".

He said the EEC commission considers that special drawing rights should play "an increasing and important role" in the international monetary system.

"My commission believes that at the next allocation of drawing rights, a special allocation for developing countries should be envisaged to compensate for losses in the purchasing power of their reserves resulting from the last monetary crisis", he said.

The use of special drawing rights—"paper gold"—should not

necessity to close the gap between the rich and the poor countries, to attack world problems by way of improving the functioning of international organisations and by elaborating better methods of decision-making".

WASHINGTON, April 18, (Reuter).—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday voted to reimpose a ban on U.S. imports of Rhodesian chrome.

The move now will be considered by the full senate.

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### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The loss of wealth is loss of dirt,  
As sages in all times assert;

The happy man's without a shirt.

John Heywood

## Editorial

### The Industrial Exhibition

The holding of the Afghan Industrial Exhibition is a new initiative which ought to become an annual industrial affair.

The exhibition, held on the fifth anniversary of the promulgation of the foreign and Afghan private capital investment law, shows successes achieved by private firms in this country.

It also brings to the limelight new products, and a number of new Afghan factories.

It encourages people to invest, shows them in practical terms how they benefit from investment, and how other people have utilised their capital.

It also creates a sense of public participation in industrial activity in this country. Isolation of the businessmen from the rest of society and public unawareness of what they are doing, can hurt the images of industrial enterprises and be most damaging.

Opponents of private capital investment are likely to put in the wrong light the positive activity of Afghan businessmen, their efforts for increasing domestic production, finding employment for our countrymen, and accepting risks for the money they invest. This can hurt, institutionally, the development of private enterprises.

The exhibition also highlights the responsibilities of the Commerce Ministry towards developing the private sector of the economy.

While the law for expansion of the private sector of the economy is in force and its provisions are fairly liberal, the machinery to protect domestic enterprise is proportionately slow, finding capital for new investment is very difficult, and the post-opening period for a new business, which is most sensitive, lacks co-operation.

New firms in Afghanistan need protection. While they are licensed, the import of similar products is not stopped. There is another aspect of protection. While one new factory, let's say plastic shoes, is licensed and begins production, another one is licensed too. The first one, before being stabilised and before finding markets, is met with competition from the second one. The two fall on each other, cut-throat competition is promoted, and the real beneficiary is the plastic shoe imported from abroad. In this confusion, sometimes a third local company is licensed.

The National Investment Committee of the Commerce Ministry ought to have a research department and every new application should be considered scientifically, rather than in a hodge-podge manner.

The Afghan Industrial Development Bank has been established, legally, but we do not hear anything about its activities. Now that the fourth five year development plan has been prepared, and the share of the private sector is also being worked out, the bank should step forward and tell the business community in Afghanistan what it plans to do to help possible investors.

Some foreign assistance to the bank has already been channelled, but no progress report has been made.

At the same time other banks in Afghanistan should be pushed, or rather legally asked, to ease loan terms to investors.

## Press Review

### AFGHAN

There are several articles on the front page of the latest issue of the Afghan weekly. One, entitled 'The Closed and Open Society' by Sayed Shamsuddin Majrooh gives details of a society in which people are not aware of happenings and the open one in which people are allowed to travel to other countries, get to know other peoples' ideas, become broad minded and accept foreigners in their own country.

Mohammad Siddiq Tarzi writes an article entitled, 'The attempt of the Soviet Government at the beginning of the October Revolution to establish diplomatic relations with Afghanistan.'

Tarzi gives an account of the events of 1918. On the one hand the British government emerged victorious from the Second World War and tightened its control over Afghanistan, which was the key to India, and on the other the newly established Soviet state wanted to woo her.

The article refers to the sending of two missions from the Soviet Union to the late King Amir Habibullah and his refusal to receive the missions or answer the letters of the Soviet government; the British attack on Kush, in Herat and their forward move towards Afghanistan at this time.

The article says King Amanullah sent a letter through a special emissary, Prof. Barakatullah Hindi, to Lenin. Then the official Afghan delegation headed by Mohammad Wali Khan was sent. The latter delegation was forced to stay in Tashkent because of the closure of the road between Tashkent and Moscow due to British seizure of the Turkestan area. Finally the Afghan delegation reached Moscow and conveyed the message and from that time onwards friendly and diplomatic relations between Afghanistan and the Soviet Union were established, it concludes.

### PAYAME WEJDAN

In an editorial published in the latest issue of Pyame Wejdan, entitled 'Honest and Dishonest Writers, comments are made on who honest writers are, how they serve society in light of the tenets of the Holy Islam religion, the great Prophet Hazrate Mohammad and characteristics of an honest writer. Apparently the editorial is inspired by the polemic between the weekly with the Tarjoman weekly editor. Another article offers a lengthy attack on Tarjoman, and another one is the second part of the series of articles by a whole-sale medicine importer who was accused by another weekly, Khayber, of being involved in smuggling.

### AFGHAN MILLAT

The first issue of the Millat weekly came off the press yesterday after 102 days of being banned. In an editorial the editor gives the details of the issue for which his paper was banned.

'The Just Struggle of the Palestinian Commandos' is the title of an article published in the same issue of the paper. Alkozai gives details of the struggle, causes and effects, and the role of Israel in wiping out the heroic struggle of the Arabs. The article then refers to the role of the late President of Egypt Gamal Abdul Nasser, the role of President Sadat and of the Syrian President in encouraging commando actions in the occupied areas.

### WORLD PRESS

NEW YORK, April 18, (AFP).—The New York Times yesterday wrote of "the barbarities of apartheid" in a comment on yesterday's quashing of a five-year jail sentence on the Anglican dean of Johannesburg the Very Rev. Gonville Aubie French-Beytagh. "In Dr. French-Beytagh's case," the paper said, "the appeals court demonstrated admirable independence of the South African government."

## Haiphong and Hanoi

# U.S. bombing assailed by Congressional critics

WASHINGTON, April 18, (Reuter).—The Nixon administration's decision to bomb the Haiphong and Hanoi areas has come under quick attack from leading Congressional critics of its Indochina policies.

Democratic Presidential candidates and Senator Edward Kennedy, an avowed non-runner, sharply criticised the bombing.

And Congressional observers said last night this was only a forerunner of the fuller criticism which can be expected when committee hearings begin.

"I think this is a reckless escalation of the war," Senator Kennedy said, "a wanton response to the utter failure of the President's Vietnamisation policy."

Senator Edmund Muskie, a leading Democratic presidential contender, said: "This is a shocking development to me and it

indicates a terrible failure of leadership on the part of President Nixon."

Senator Muskie, who was in Detroit for a fund-raising dinner, threw away his prepared text when he learned of the new raids.

He called them, "a failure to keep a commitment to the American people" and said they would "mean increased American involvement, increased American deaths and increased American prisoners of war."

He said President Nixon was turning 180 degrees away from the policy of withdrawal from Vietnam and "the only way we can end this terrible war is to replace Richard Nixon in the Presidency this November."

Another Democratic contender, former Vice-President Hubert Humphrey, said the solution of the war should be turned over

to the United Nations.

Senator Humphrey, who also was in Detroit for the big Democratic dinner, called the new development "an acceleration of the war."

He said: "I regret it. In my judgement we should be out of the war. Rather than bombing we should place the matter before the United Nations Security Council and ask for a ceasefire."

Democratic Senator Philip Hart said the bombing proved the administration's Vietnamisation policy was a failure. He also said he was concerned about the effects on public opinion.

"I hope it is not a docile reaction. I hope it is a very vocal reaction," he said.

The raids seemed to catch members of Congress by surprise and there was no indication that any of them were informed in ad-

advance.

Democratic Senator John Stennis, who is chairman of the Armed Services Committee and often told of impending military actions, said he had no advance warning.

Senator William Fulbright, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and one of the leading critics of Nixon's policies in Indochina, was cautious in responding to the first reports of the new bombing. He said he did not want to comment until he learned of more details.

A full-scale Senate debate on Indochina has already been organised for tomorrow morning because of stepped-up American air war of the last week or so—and the Hanoi, and Haiphong bombings are expected to intensify the debate.

## Indian temples have many uses besides worship

MAHABALIPURAM, India, April 18, (Reuter).—Temples in India have a variety of uses apart from worship.

They also provide a sleeping and picnic site for families and stray animals, a shelter for charity cases—and even, on occasions, are used by barbers.

In the shadow of elaborately carved temples at Marabalipuram, near Madras, a musical called "Good for Good" was being filmed in the local language.

Waves of the Bay of Bengal washed at a seaside temple as actresses wearing fringed micro-skirts, low-cut blouses and feathered head bands danced to an Indian rock tune.

At nearby Kanchipuram, a

family of 12 ate a meagre meal while a cow and pig munched at garbage inside a seventh century temple dedicated to the God Dhimao.

A national birth control campaign sign was painted in yellow, red and black on a fence around the temple area. The sign shows a mother, father, son and daughter and says in Hindi: "Second child, not now—never more than two".

Temples also serve as shelter for indigent people. However, lepers are not allowed into the sanctuaries. All visitors must take off their shoes before entering.

The intricate temples of Khajuraho in northern India depict amorous couples in erotic poses.

"Love is an important part of life", a mother told her seven children as she pointed. "And this is part of love."

Each of the temples is covered by hundreds of sculpted men and women in alluring poses. Many sculptures depict intertwined couples.

Some of the villagers hang their saris to dry on the ancient carvings.

The Mumba Devi temple area in Bombay is used as an open air barber shop where people have their beards—and occasionally their heads—shaved, till only a pigtail at the back of the head is left, by which some people believe they can eventually be pulled up to heaven.

Animals milk around the shrines as men sleep, propped up against a statue of Buddha meditating.

The houses of worship were used as armouries as long as 1,000 years ago.

Most of the religious ceremonies involve swallowing a liquid resembling skimmed milk which is poured from a communal bowl.

Occasionally, a garland of gold and scarlet flowers is hung around the neck of a tourist, who is then persistently asked for aneation to the resident deity.

The air is thick with the sweet smell of incense, especially at the 12th and 13th century temples at Belur and Halebidu. They are so finely carved that their exteriors resemble lace.

## Japan's first Nobel Prize winner commits suicide

TOKYO, April 18, (Reuter).—Japan has lost its first nobel prize winner for literature, Yasunari Kawabata, who committed suicide at his workroom in a sea resort near here it was reported yesterday.

But there were no signs that the author had left any letters behind which might explain the motive of his death by inhaling gas.

Kawabata, one of a few Japanese novelists whose works were translated overseas, was known for his superb lyricism. Critics here called him an amoralist but said eroticism once in his hands never became obscene because of abstract and intelligent writing.

He received the Nobel Prize in 1968 for "his narrative mastery, which with great sensibility expresses the essence of the Japanese mind."

He was regarded as one of the novelists who could represent the country's literature during the current showa era, which began in 1926.

He was found dead yesterday with a gas tube in his mouth at his flat in Zushi, 40 kilometres southwest of Tokyo. Police said he should have died around six p.m. (0900 gmt).

A maid at his home in Camakura, a nearby city was so worried when Kawabata was over due from his work that she called his study, which was locked

from inside.

The flat's caretaker and others forced their way into the room as they smelled gas, and they found him dead with a bottle of whisky at his side.

He was the second leading author in Japan to kill himself in three years. The 45-year-old Yukio Mishima, regarded as pupil of Kawabata, disembowelled himself in Hara Kari at an army headquarters in November 1970 after an abortive incitation to troops for a coup d'etat to restore prewar military power.

Kawabata, who acted as go-between for Mishima and his wife, said it was a wasteful way of dying after he rushed to the scene of the younger author's ritual suicide.

The big-eyed, slim Kawabata firmly established himself as a novelist with "Izuno Odoriko", Dancers of Izu Province, a year, after he graduated from the literature department of Tokyo University in 1924.

He lost his doctor father at the age of two and his mother the next year. By the age of 16, he also lost his only sister and grandparents.

Among his books are "Yukiguni" (Snow Country), written between 1935 and 1947, and subsequently translated into eight languages, and "Penbazuru" (A Thousand Cranes), written in 1952 and translated into seven languages.

The chairman of Japan's liter-

ary writers association, Fumio Niwa, said he thought he was being kidded when told of the death and that the suicide of Kawabata shocked him more than being kidded when told of the Mishima's.



## LETTERS

Dear Sir,

Recently there has been a lot of writing in your esteemed paper about the oil extraction from bones for edible purposes. While there is no possibility of getting edible oil from bones, these can still be a source of oil production which can be used in the leather industry. This oil is called neatsfoot oil.

Neatsfoot oil is a pale, golden-yellow oil. On standing, it will deposit solid stearin (similar to tallow), while pure neatsfoot oil always remains fluid. The oil is prepared from cattle feet including shin bones. The average yield is approximately 3-4 pint of oil from one animal. Neatsfoot oil is used extensively for dressing leather.

Pure neatsfoot oil fetches a very high price, but the manufacturing process is rather lengthy and requires presses and special equipment. The production of this oil is only economic where a large number of animals are slaughtered, the more so since only fresh bones may be used for its manufacture. It is not possible to store the bones for several days where refrigeration is not available.

We hope someday interested investors will embark upon such a project rather than using the oil for dishonest purposes.

Yours truly,  
D. M. Guha  
UNIDO Leather Advisor

## IN OUR STRANGE WORLD

HONG KONG, April 18, (AFP).—Japanese tourists to Hongkong last year may have overpaid five million dollars in shopping centres which marked up their prices ten to 20 per cent higher than for local buyers, a report by the Sunday Post-Herald here said Sunday.

Even Japanese journalists are writing "educational articles" warning their countrymen of Hongkong's "shopping scandals", the report said.

Investigations conducted by the Post-Herald revealed that the shops did not benefit from the overcharges—the money all went to travel agents.

A third of the money went to the travel agent's advertiser in Japan while the rest was shared by the agent and its local staff, the paper said.

LONDON, April 18, (Reuter).—Sir Francis Chichester first man to sail solo round the world, has decided to enter a single-handed transatlantic yacht race this summer—at the age of 70.

The race, sponsored by the British newspaper the Observer, will start from Plymouth, Southwest England, on June 17 and finish in America at New York, Rhode Island.

Sir Francis, who won the first Observer race in 1960 and was second in 1964, will be sailing in his 57-foot (17 metre) yacht.

Entries for the race closed Monday. So far, there are 44 competitors—19 from Britain and 25 from overseas.

Sir Francis, who was knighted for his epic global voyage five years ago, said he had entered this year's Observer race because "it is trying something that matters, and I can't give up trying."

One potential competitor thought likely to be a front runner in the race is Frenchman Jean-Yves Terlain, who intends to sail a 128-foot (39 metre) Schooner, provisionally called Vendredi Treize.

WASHINGTON, April 18, (Reuter).—Airlines flying the early, under-powered models of the

Boeing 747 jumbo jet have found them unsuitable and would like to sell them, according to congressional testimony released Sunday.

The air force deputy chief of staff, Lieutenant-General Otto Glasser, told an appropriation committee hearing last February that the air force had looked into the possibility of buying Boeing 747s from the airlines for use as its advanced airborne post.

The only 747 aircraft, that airlines were willing to dispose of were early models of the 747.

General Glasser, said both the air force and the airlines want the higher-powered later models of the 747.

Boeing company officials acknowledged that some of the early models had some trouble taking off from standard 7,500 foot runways and that some airlines have sold or would like to sell these under powered aircraft.

But, they said, the engine problem affected fewer than six of the more than 200 jumbo jets ordered by the airlines.





### HOME NEWS ROUND UP

**KABUL, April 18, (Bakhtar).—**The plenary session of the House of the People could not be convened yesterday or the day before yesterday because of the lack of quorum. Some deputies have informed the House of their personal excuses, it was announced yesterday.

**KABUL, April 18, (Bakhtar).—**An official of the Judiciary was caught red handed while accepting an Afs. 5,000 bribe, it was announced yesterday.

The official, Abdul Razaq, is a member of the administration department.

**CHARIKAR, April 18, (Bakhtar).—**The sowing of vegetable seeds which was started in Parwan province one month ago was completed by farmers yesterday. Agriculture extension workers helped farmers. Altogether, 20,000 acres of farms has been sowed with seeds of potato, pumpkin, brenjan, pepper, beans, onions, etc.

### Senate Committee sessions convene

**KABUL, April 18, (Bakhtar).—**The meetings of the various committees of the Senate were convened yesterday and matters related to them were considered.

The Law and Legislative Affairs Committee considered the internal regulations of the Senate.

The Financial and Budgetary Affairs Committee considered the budget for the current Afghan year. The senators decided to invite Communications Minister Nasratullah Malekyar to attend its meeting today to answer questions on his ministry's budget. Similarly, the Committee decided to invite Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Samad Hamed to attend Saturday's meeting of the Committee to answer related questions.

Some petitions were considered by the Petitions Committee, and sent to the related departments. The committee also decided to invite:

—An authoritative representative of the Kabul Municipality to attend Saturday's session to answer questions on the municipality.

—On May first the president of organisation in the National Defence Ministry and on May second the president of recruitment in the ministry to answer related questions.

The auditor general of Kabul province Ghulam Naqshband Dashi and the director of the land and property settlement department in the Interior Ministry Mir Mohammad Hasan also attended yesterday's session.

**ZARANJ, April 18, (Bakhtar).—**Three shepherds were killed and 85 sheep perished in a landslide in Jaween district of Nimroz province yesterday. The bodies of the shepherds have been recovered.

**HERAT, April 18, (Bakhtar).—**Fifteen sheep and three cows were killed by a hailstorm in Gulran district yesterday. The size of the hail said to be that of an egg.

**JALALABAD, April 18, (Bakhtar).—**A 33 year old farmer, Mohammad Amin, took refuge under a tree in Hajar Nau village yesterday from thunder and stormy rain. But the tree suddenly broke, killing him on the spot. He is survived by four children.

**JALALABAD, April 18, (Bakhtar).—**One hundred and ninety three karakul pelts, which were being smuggled in a car driven by Bahauddin, were intercepted by the police in Samarkhail village near here yesterday.

**QALAI NAU, April 18, (Bakhtar).—**Public Health Minister Dr. Mohammad Ebrahim Majid Seraj accompanied by Badghis Governor Nour Ahmad Malekyar yesterday visited the progress of construction work on the new buildings of the basic health centres in Morghab and Ghormach districts.

Under a contract, some basic health centres are being built in different parts of Badghis province by the Helmand Valley Authority construction unit.

During the minister's visit, the mobile health units of the Ministry distributed vitamins, powdered milk and soap to the needy.

**HERAT, April 18, (Bakhtar).—**During the previous Afghan year, the Herat cotton firm purchased 3,652 tons of cotton containing seeds, worth Afs. 36,893,000 from cotton cultivators in the province. Similarly during the same period it purchased 1,193 tons of cotton for Afs. 12.5 million from cultivators in Badghis province, a source of the Company said today.

**HERAT, April 18, (Bakhtar).—**One acre of land has been donated by Banke Millie Afghan for building a school for the blind in Herat, it was announced here today.

**BAGHLAN, April 18, (Bakhtar).—**Construction work on eighteen small bridges and culverts was started by the Local Development Department on the Baghlan-Nahreen districts road yesterday.

### Podgorny ends his week-long official visit to Turkey

**ANKARA, April 18, (Reuter).—**The Soviet Union and Turkey said in a joint declaration yesterday that the two countries would develop bilateral ties on a basis of peace, friendship and good neighbourly relations.

The eight-point declaration of principles governing relations between the neighbouring states was agreed during Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny's one-week official visit which ended yesterday morning.

It said the two countries will also "respect the sovereignty, equality of rights, territorial integrity and non-violability of borders" between the two states, and also "non-interference in each other's domestic affairs".



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### NOTICE

Mirzeuvske, a West German national has sold his Volkswagen No. 3782 of engine No. 476482 to Haji Nooruddin son of Gula Hassan Khan, resident of Kolola Pushta, for Afs. 50,000. Those who have dealing with them should inform the Traffic Department within three days after this ad appears.

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