

## World and Nation

# Memo says Meese knew of pipeline

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — A memo written by a longtime friend of Attorney General Edwin Meese describes the two men joining for a 10-minute "briefing" of Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres on a proposed \$1 billion Iraqi oil pipeline.

The memo by Robert Wallach, first disclosed in Sunday editions of The Washington Post, says Peres "literally dragged me off into a corner" and began discussing the pipeline "intensely" at an Israeli embassy reception in Washington on Oct. 16, 1985.

The document says that in the crush of activity at the reception, Peres then asked Wallach to wait until after the event to discuss the pipeline further.

"Fortunately, as the time approached, my friend (Wallach's

usual phrase for Meese) arrived and there was a three-way discussion which took approximately 10 minutes," said Wallach's memo.

"He (Peres) is very quick and we went right to the point and he was agreeable in all respects. It wasn't the kind of briefing I would have preferred, but it seemed to be effective," the memo said.

Meese, interviewed Sunday on ABC-TV's "This Week With David Brinkley," denied the story, while Foreign Ministry officials in Israel refused to comment on the latest report.

The attorney general, asked if the report was correct, responded: "No it's not. It's the usual thing you expect these days from The Washington Post, taking a small fact that is well

known and trying to blow it up into a new news story."

"Many times at that particular reception I had brief conversations with Prime Minister Peres," Meese said. "There's nothing new to it."

Meese also reiterated that he will not resign his post despite the growing controversy.

"Obviously I shouldn't step aside because if honest public officials can be hounded out of office by partisan political attacks, by media barrages, then no one as a public official is safe," he said.

Wallach was legal counsel to Swiss oilman Bruce Rappaport, a partner in the proposed project. Two months before the embassy reception, Rappaport had paid Wallach \$150,000, which Wallach directed to be sent to

an account owned by Franklyn Chinn, an investment manager at the time for both Wallach and Meese.

Wallach's money was in effect pooled in several stock trades with Meese's funds, sources familiar with a criminal investigation of Meese said Friday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Meese, when asked about reports that he had profited from the stock trades, said, "I knew nothing about this money being paid."

Chinn's company had a separate financial arrangement with Meese. The attorney general said his financial arrangements with Chinn were set up as a limited blind partnership so that "I had no way of knowing what was being done or how it was being managed."

# Israel cuts off gas supplies to occupied Palestinian areas

From Associated Press reports

JERUSALEM — Israel choked off gasoline supplies to the occupied West Bank on Sunday after Palestinian protesters torched two fuel trucks and pelted others with stones.

The army confirmed an Arab died after being shot in the eye during a clash last week but denied Arab reports that a 5-year-old boy died from burns caused by a tear gas grenade.

The army said the boy had been playing with a kerosene stove when he was fatally burned. A spokesman said the parents initially blamed soldiers but later retracted the allegation.

### National crime rate stable

WASHINGTON — Crime levels in 1987 remained stable for the third straight year, according to preliminary government figures issued Sunday, a possible indication that declines in crime earlier in the decade are about to be reversed.

Some 34.4 million crimes were committed in the United States last year, an increase of 0.9 percent from 34.1 million in 1986, according to the Justice Department's national crime survey based on household interviews.

The stability of the past three years is a surprise to some criminologists, who had been predicting continued declines for a few more years based on the fact that the most crime-prone age group continues to shrink in size.

One factor that could have stopped the decline may be the

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increased use of serious drugs. Illicit drug use among criminal defendants is high and seems to be on the increase, and heavy users, especially those using several types of drugs, may commit hundreds of crimes a year, Justice Department officials said.

### Gallaudet gets first deaf leader

WASHINGTON — Gallaudet University's board of trustees on Sunday chose the dean of the school's college of arts and sciences as the first deaf president in the 124-year history of the school for the hearing impaired.

I. King Jordan, a popular campus figure, was chosen to replace Elizabeth Ann Zinser, a hearing woman from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, who resigned early Friday after protests from students seeking a deaf leader had virtually paralyzed Gallaudet's campus.

School officials also announced that board of trustees Chairwoman Jane Bassett Spilman, who came under fire from protesters for her handling of the crisis, has resigned. She will be replaced by Philip Bravin, one of four deaf members on the board.

In a clean sweep for student protesters, Bravin announced that the board of trustees would institute a plan to ensure that a majority of the school's 20-member trustees panel was deaf.

# Soviets work to settle Afghanistan conflict

From Associated Press reports

Talks aimed at ending the Afghan war are one day away from a Soviet deadline for their completion, but a crucial dispute on who will run the country still stands in the way of a signed settlement.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev

said last month that Soviet troops would begin withdrawing from Afghanistan by mid-May if an agreement is reached by March 15. But sources close to the U.N.-sponsored negotiations say they don't view the deadline as rigid.

Delegations from the Soviet-backed government in Kabul and from Pakistan, which is representing the Afghan resistance, both say they are ready to extend the negotiations.

U.N. Undersecretary General Diego Cordovez, the talks' mediator, said he asked both sides to seek "strengthened instructions" during the weekend to prepare for Monday's

session. Soviet troops intervened in Afghanistan in 1979. An estimated 115,000 troops have been helping the government fight the U.S.-backed Moslem guerrillas.

The latest round, the longest since the talks began in 1982, opened with a confident mood on March 2. Two days later, an accord was announced on an issue that had stalled negotiations for years, with both sides agreeing on a timetable and the basic logistics for withdrawing the Red Army troops.

Under that accord, the pullout would be completed within nine

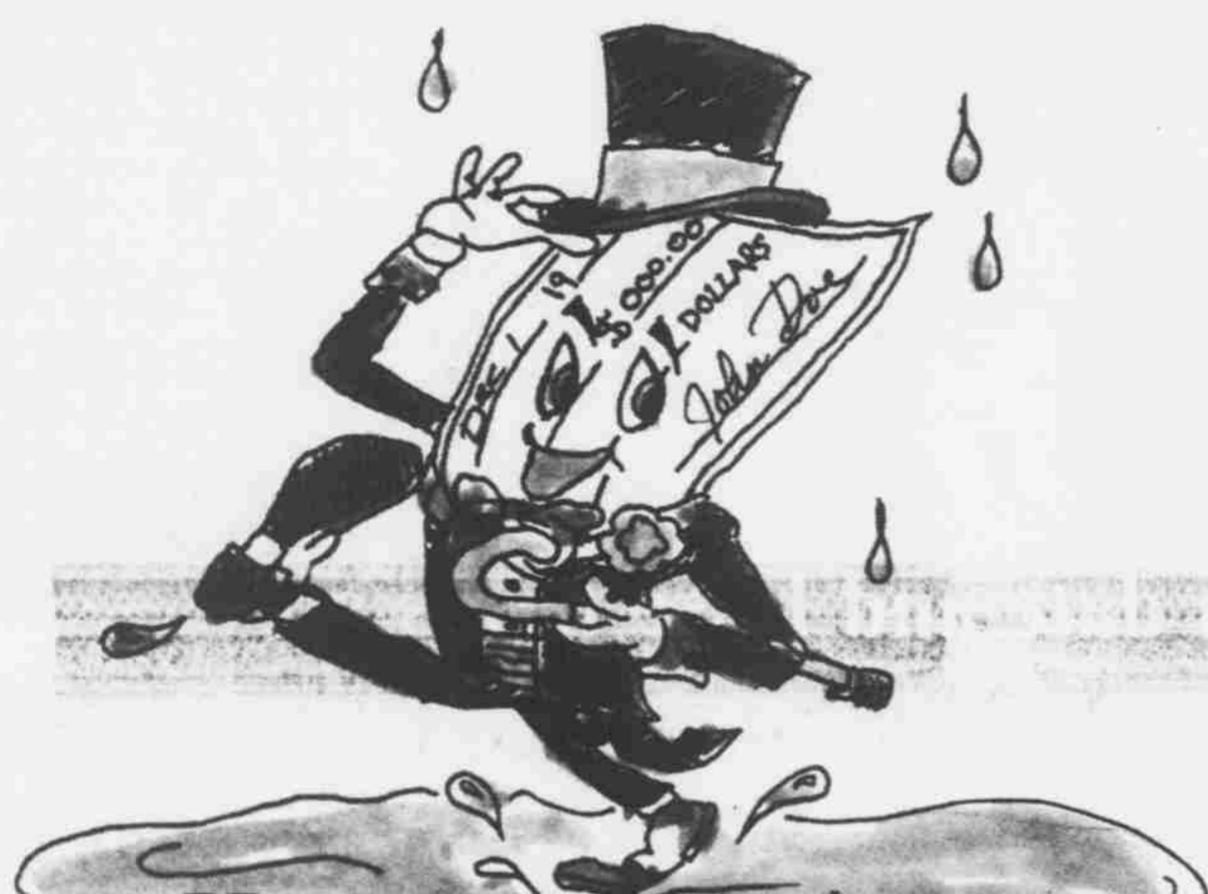
months after its start, with half of the troops leaving in the first three months. Cordovez said later there remained no "differences of substance" that would bar tying up a peace package of agreements.

The agreements include a bilateral agreement pledging the two countries not to interfere in each other's affairs and arrangements for the return of more than 5 million Afghan refugees from Pakistan.

But the quick pace of the early talks quickly ran into snags.

Pakistan's chief representative, acting Foreign Minister Zain Noorani, said the talks were "inching slowly" forward, but that he expected them to regain speed this week. He did not explain why.

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## Women

Women's Network's first year as a student government committee.

"It compiles events and activities that affect women on campus," Sitton said. "Members of the committee serve as liaisons between their groups and the committee by telling what their group is doing, then reporting other groups' activities back to members of their own group. It has worked very well this year."

The idea behind Women's Awareness Week involves highlighting women's accomplishments, raising women's issues and improving the status of women on campus, Sitton said.

"Raising awareness leads to solving problems that women face," Sitton said. "As people become aware of discrimination, they will work to end that discrimination. Awareness is the first step toward solving the problems, and in that way the two go hand in hand."

In an open discussion between black and white women sponsored by Black Women United and Women's Forum, participants will discuss the

"common grounds and differences" of black and white women, Sitton said.

"We'll discuss how women can work together to better understand each other and to work toward solving problems women face," she said.

Community contributors to Women's Awareness Week include the

## Veto

was a hidden agenda somewhere in the package (because the bill's wording is vague)," said Ed McDonald, Coble's press secretary.

McMillan opposed the bill because it gives the federal government too large a role in higher education, said Press Secretary Jay Timmons.

"It is too much of an interference into colleges and universities," he said.

But a spokesman for Sen. Terry Sanford, D-N.C., said the law will stop sex discrimination not give the government an excuse to meddle in higher education.

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Orange County Rape Crisis Center, which will sponsor a program on self protection against sexual assault, and other groups such as Child Care Networks, Planned Parenthood and the Women's Book Exchange.

Landscapes, ceramic sculpture and photography by female artists will be on display in the Union Galleries and Showcases throughout the week.

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"There was the possibility that there could have been discrimination," said spokesman Tom Lawton.

Reagan must act on the bill within 11 days after receiving it, Strickland said, and Congress will probably schedule an override vote in late April or May.

"An override is a good bet," Lawton said.

Some senators may switch their votes out of loyalty to the president, but that won't affect the outcome, Timmons said.

"This is not a loyalty test," he said.

## Rally

necessary step toward expanded negotiations, said Jamal Odeh, a medical school research technician.

"We must take immediate action to support any peace plan giving Palestinians their natural rights," Odeh said.

Israel is not only the Holy Land for Jews and Christians but for Muslims as well, said graduate student Mamdouh Rezeika. Jerusalem is also a part of the Islamic religion and access should not be denied to any of the three monotheistic religions, he said.

"Justice cannot have two faces," Rezeika said. "We cannot give freedom to some and ignore the others."



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