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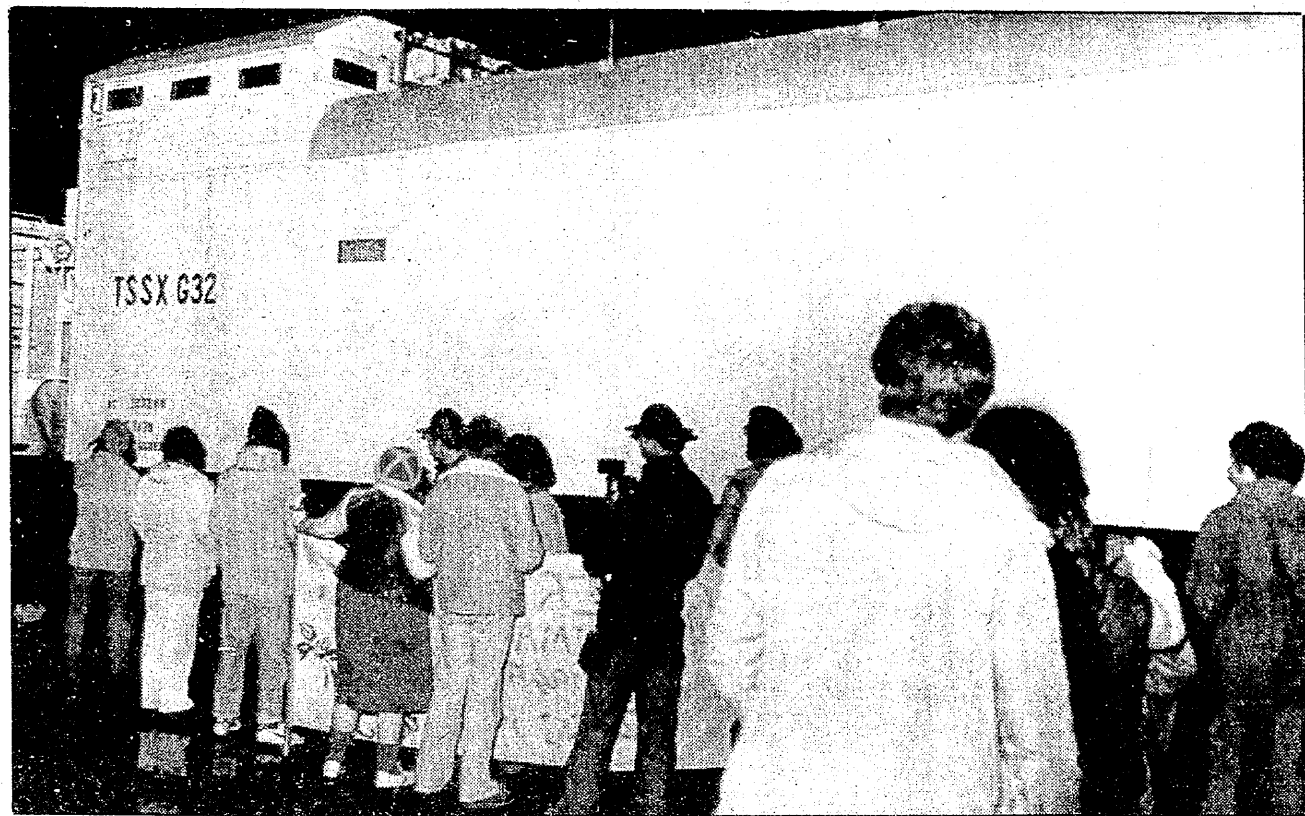
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## Trident train: 'The whole thing's scary'



Demonstrators hold a banner at Vancouver, Wash., today as a train believed to be carrying nuclear warheads moves toward Bangor.

## Early-morning route bypasses Seattle area

by Constantine Angelos and Tom Brooks  
Times staff reporters

Seattle on its journey across the state.

As it moved through the fog this morning, the 14-car train believed to be carrying 100 nuclear warheads to Bangor looked like an armed wagon carrying gold bullion in an old cowboy movie, according to Lewis County Commissioner Robert Venemon.

Five to 10 members of the Ground Zero Center for Non-Violent Action, who went through a workshop on nonviolent civil disobedience over the weekend, planned to carry out some form of civil disobedience when the train reached the base, said Jim Douglas of Ground Zero.

Venemon watched the turreted Burlington Northern train creep through Chehalis at 7:10 a.m. today as 20 to 25 silent protesters waved placards.

Karol Schulkin, 37, another Ground Zero member from Bremerton, said a small group planned to block the tracks at Bangor.

"The whole thing's scary," Venemon said. A World War II Air Force veteran, Venemon observed, "I realize we have to voice ourselves from a position of strength. I think the protesters are an important part of giving us strength. When the train came by, it was foggy and you saw those turrets up there and it reminded me of the old cowboy pictures, going through with the gold bullion. It's scary."

The train slowly rumbled through Spokane yesterday afternoon, then headed south, avoiding protesters who had planned to meet it at stops from Sultan to Seattle.

Venemon and other local officials along the route said they were given little or no notice of the train's passage.

It left Kennewick at 9:30 p.m. to travel down the north side of the Columbia River to Vancouver, said Jim Jarosz of the Ground Zero, which has supporters monitoring the train's progress. Peaceful protests were being planned for several communities along the river and in Centralia and Elma, he said.

At Vancouver, Wash., where the train went through at 4:53 a.m., Police Chief Lee Davis said, "There's short notification... They never tell us what's inside. If there hadn't been the national attention on this, no one would even have known the train had gone through."

Nuclear-disarmament supporters began gathering about midnight last night outside the gates of the submarine base on Hood Canal, in preparation for today's peaceful trackside protest.

As the train approached, two large banners were strung across the tracks. One said, "The Nukes of Hazard," and the other, "Never Again - Hiroshima-Nagasaki." The banners were removed just before the train passed. About 50 protesters sang songs and held candles.

The 12 specially designed white freight cars and two security cars with gun turrets are being pulled by engines from Burlington Northern, which has a contract with the federal Department of Energy to transport cargo from an Amarillo, Texas, weapons plant to Bangor.

Vancouver Fire Chief Otto Jensen said, "We have a lot of things moving through our community that are probably a lot more hazardous... I don't feel that an unarmed nuclear warhead is any more hazardous than any other thing that comes through."

Federal and railroad officials have refused to disclose the train's route or its cargo.

Clark County Commissioner Vern Veysey said he has confidence that government people know what to do in case of emergencies.

But a state Utilities and Transportation Commission official yesterday said his agency has been notified by Burlington Northern that a train carrying "missiles or missile components" is en route to the submarine base.

The train was expected at the Navy's submarine base in Bangor sometime near midday, bypassing

"We know the route and how it's being handled," said Alan Scott, supervisor of the commission's railroad division. "We're confident Burlington Northern is handling it in accordance with state and federal regulations."

Commission track inspectors have been briefed about the train's route and cargo and recently have inspected the tracks over which the train will travel, he said.

## Navy plane missing with 5 aboard

Five persons were missing today aboard a twin-engine Navy plane that disappeared on a training flight in the rugged Cascade Mountains in Pierce County.

The search for the plane centered in the Packwood Lake area, southeast of Mount Rainier.

The propeller-driven craft is attached to the aircraft carrier Constellation, which arrived at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton Dec. 4 for overhaul.

The names of the missing carrier personnel were withheld by the Navy until their families could be notified, said Lt. Cmdr. John Marchi, Seattle Naval Base public-affairs officer.

The plane took off at 1:25 p.m. yesterday on a three-hour instrument-training flight from Kitsap County Airport to Yakima, McChord Air Force Base and then back to the Kitsap County Airport.

The plane, a C-1A Trader, was flying at 10,000 feet, in scattered clouds but "not bad weather," when it disappeared from radar and radio contact at 3:40 p.m., said Bob Mayo, area manager for the Federal Aviation Administration traffic-control center in Auburn.

"The pilot didn't say anything to us about any problems on board. He just disappeared," said Mayo. Peaks in the heavily forested area are 4,500 to 7,000 feet high.

A spokesman at the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, Ill., said the plane was carrying a crash-activated emergency locator beacon. There were no reports of a signal being received, the spokesman said.

Although the flight plan filed with the FAA listed only four persons on the plane, Marchi said Capt. Lyle Bull, commanding officer of the Constellation, indicated five were aboard.

Two helicopters from the 214th Aviation Battalion at Fort Lewis and two more from the 304th Aerospace Reserve Unit in Portland searched the area until dark without finding the plane.

## New Israeli president chosen in parliamentary slap at Begin

Compiled from news services

TEL AVIV — In a harsh rebuff to Prime Minister Menachem Begin, the Israeli Knesset (Parliament) today elected opposition candidate Chaim Herzog to the ceremonial post of president.

As results of the secret parliamentary balloting were announced, the face of Begin — whose personal candidate, Rabbi Menachem Eion, was defeated — showed shock. One member of Begin's ruling Likud coalition party called the vote "deceit."

The Belfast-born Herzog, 64, a Knesset member for the Labor Party who still speaks with an Irish brogue, was elected by a vote of 61-57 in the 120-member Knes-

set. He will succeed popular Yitzhak Navon, who ends his five-year term in May.

"What happened was sad, but this is a democracy and Herzog should be congratulated," Begin was quoted as saying.

Herzog was ambassador to the United Nations from 1975 to 1978, when he skillfully defended Israel and Zionism against attacks from a hostile Arab bloc.

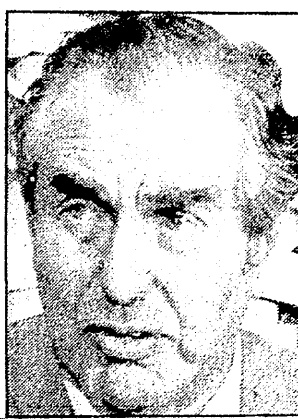
The results of the ballot, with

two members of the Knesset abstaining, pointed to the defection of seven coalition deputies, said Shlomo Lorenz, whose ultra-orthodox Agudath Israel Party supported the government. The coalition controls 64 seats.

Lorenz called on the government to resign over its defeat.

Herzog is best known to the Israeli public as the cool-headed military commentator who appeared nightly on Israeli television during the 1973 Middle East War to explain Israel's initial defeats in the Sinai and Golan Heights campaigns.

Labor Party Chairman Shimon Peres insisted that the vote was not politically motivated.



Chaim Herzog  
Israel's soldier-statesman

The German-born Elon, 59, was a surprise candidate, but is greatly respected by Begin for his writings and teachings on Jewish law.

## Reagan's 'up to his keister' with bankers

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan lost his temper at the banking business today, throwing down his glasses and saying he had "had it up to his keister" with attempts to repeal the interest and dividend withholding law that have stalled vital legislation.

Asked what kind of display of anger Reagan had showed, an administration official confirmed that Reagan flew off the handle and said, "It's probably the best yet."

An attempt to repeal the withholding provision, backed by bank-

ers who claim it would be needlessly expensive, now is stalling a Social Security rescue bill (Details, A 2). Just a week ago attempts to drape the repeal amendment around an emergency jobs legislation stalled that package until a deal was made to consider the withholding issue at a later date.

Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, has been championing the administration position that the withholding law, due to start July 1, must stay on the books to help

the government capture millions of dollars that now go unreported.

Dole told reporters how Reagan summoned Republican leaders to the White House for an early-morning session on the withholding measure and expressed disgust "especially at the American Bankers Association, for their distortion and outright false information about withholding on dividend and interest income."

Last week, Reagan threatened to veto the jobs package unless an amendment by Sen. Robert Kasten, R-Wis., to repeal the withhold-

ing measure were dropped.

Kasten backed off his campaign after the Senate leadership agreed to consider the issue next month when a trade bill came up. Dole charged that attempts to affix it to the Social Security rescue package violate that agreement.

Under the provision, financial institutions would withhold 10 percent of dividend and interest income, with some exceptions, and send it to the Treasury, much like taxes are withheld from paychecks.

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## White House linked to meeting on use of Superfund in election

Compiled from news services

WASHINGTON — Congressional investigators yesterday released evidence that, they said, for the first time links the White House to political manipulation of hazardous-waste-cleanup funds at the Environmental Protection Agency.

At the same time, members of the House Energy and Commerce Oversight subcommittee voted 8-0 to recommend to the full House that former EPA hazardous-waste chief Rita Lavelle be cited for contempt of Congress for failing to show up at a subcommittee hearing yesterday to answer questions about the alleged White House involvement. Lavelle was ousted last month.

Rep. Albert Gore Jr., D-Tenn., a subcommittee member, said the evidence of White House involvement came from Susan Baldyga, Lavelle's assistant at EPA, who testified before the subcommittee in a closed session. According to Gore, Baldyga testified that on July 13, she and Lavelle met with White House aide James Medas in his office, at his request, to discuss the political implications of making announcements about the \$1.6 billion Superfund cleanup projects.

Medas is a special assistant for intergovernmental affairs. "According to the evidence we have collected, this White House special assistant to the President (Medas), on his own initiative, asked Ms. Lavelle and Ms. Baldyga to go through with him a list of political campaigns then in

progress in the country with an eye to changing the procedure for handling the cleanup of chemical dumpsites in order to influence the outcome of these campaigns," Gore said.

The subcommittee also made public copies of Baldyga's notes of the July 13 meeting. Those notes list virtually every gubernatorial race in the nation, as well as several Senate races. Those notes appear to contain notations about which candidates to help and which not to help.

About Republican Gov. Thomas Kean of New Jersey, Baldyga wrote, "Help him all we can." When the discussion in the White House that day turned to Republican Gov. James Thompson of Illinois, her notes stated, "tough, very important."

For Republican Gov. Richard Snelling of Vermont and former Gov. Edward King of Massachusetts, Baldyga wrote, "bend over backwards."

At the White House, Medas denied any wrongdoing or giving any political direction from the White House to the EPA.

Through a spokesman, Medas said Lavelle had requested the meeting in question and that it had lasted only 15 minutes. He said he and Lavelle only discussed mutual political contacts in California and that state's race for governor.

Later Medas acknowledged that he and Lavelle discussed "a number of races" during their meeting.