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Probe reveals Defense leaks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Engine maker Pratt & Whitney possessed sensitive documents that rival General Electric Co. had submitted to the Defense Department in competing for contracts, the FBI told a judge last week in its nationwide investigation of Pentagon bribery, fraud and leaks.

Meanwhile, two published reports said former Navy Secretary John Lehman may have warned defense consultant Melvyn R. Paisley that his activities might be the subject of a federal investigation. The reports appeared in Sunday's editions of The Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times, both of which quoted sources close to the investigation.

The FBI assertion regarding Pratt & Whitney was made in a search warrant obtained to seize materials from the offices of Eugene Tailia, vice president of Pratt & Whitney and head of the company's Washington office. Pratt & Whitney is a unit of United Technologies Corp.

A copy was obtained by the trade paper Defense Week and made available Saturday to The Associated Press.

The investigation involves allegations that defense contractors paid consultants and government officials for secret Pentagon information that was useful in winning contracts. So far, government sources said, about 275 grand jury subpoenas have been issued to companies and individuals and the FBI searched contractors' facilities across the country.

The search warrant that came to light Saturday focuses on the relationship between Tailia and two Washington consultants — Paisley and William Galvin, a United Technologies consultant.

Then-Navy Secretary Lehman recruited Paisley, a former Boeing Co. executive, in 1981 to be his assistant secretary of the Navy for research, engineering and systems. Paisley resigned from the post in April 1987 — at the same time Lehman left the Pentagon.

The Los Angeles Times report said federal investigators are pursuing information that Lehman warned Paisley that he was apparently being investigated. The Times report quoted sources as saying the alleged warning took place before Lehman left office.

However, The Washington Post quoted a source as saying the alleged warning came after both men had left government service. The Post said questions about Lehman focus on whether he may have obstructed justice.

UI prof's weather theory predicted current drought

By ANNE COOK
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Speculation on effect of drought on farm prices, C-1.

Heavy rains in Australia and Thailand and a bumper wheat crop in Russia mean Midwestern farmers and gardeners are facing one of the worst droughts of the decade and possibly the worst since the 1930s, says a University of Illinois physicist.

Paul Handler, who has been forecasting the weather for private clients since 1974, said indicators suggest this summer is going to be "a disaster" for crop production and all the industries linked to it.

"The dry weather has already had an effect on consumer prices, but the future depends on how far down is down," said Handler of potential corn, soybean and wheat yields.

"With each additional day of no rain, the loss compounds," he said.

Handler compared current weather trends to the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s. He said in 1934 and 1936 — the worst years of drought in recorded weather history — production dropped 40 percent.

It could be that bad this year, but if it doesn't rain in the next 10 days, it could be even worse," he said.

Handler said if the scenario he predicts continues, the economic consequences in rural America will be drastic.

"Perhaps the biggest loss will be in the number of farmers that go broke because of unfortunate decisions they made," he said. "The farm program says, 'We'll take care of you if you deliver bushels to the elevator.' But what if there are no bushels to deliver, and loans are due?"

Elevators face similar shortfalls because profits are linked to volume, and most grain businesses

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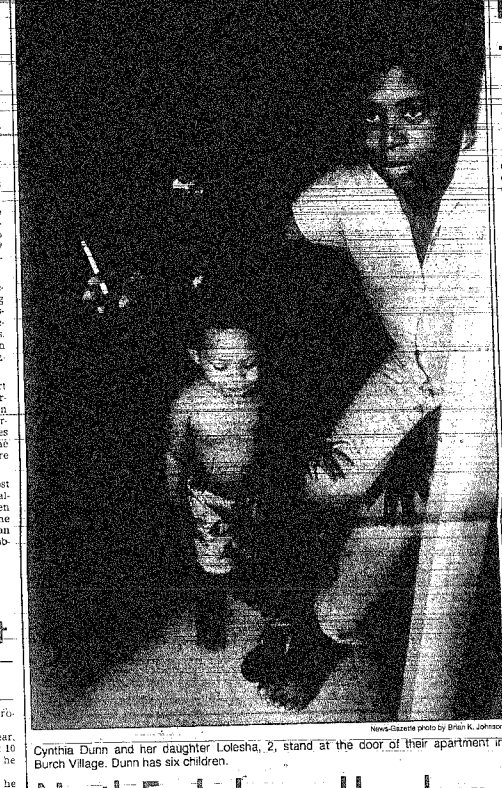

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Cynthia Dunn and her daughter Lolesha, 2, stand at the door of their apartment in Burch Village. Dunn has six children.

Republicans treat Bush to show of unity

By GLEN MATHISON
News-Gazette Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — Vice President George Bush revelled in the glow of Illinois Republican unity Saturday, topping off a state convention where political differences were kept under wraps.

Bush said he will win the presidency with Republican unity. Convention organizers made sure he got it, with calls for harmony in speeches and during the business of the convention.

Differences were put to rest quietly in committees. Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., Bush's top rival in the primary campaign, closed the three-day convention urging the group to put aside "petty things."

The drive for unity extended even to placards. The leader of an anti-tax campaign, Quad Cities activist Dan Scalf, was escorted away by security guards when he tried to distribute protest signs.

A few of the signs — which read "Thanks Mr. Bush for saying No to Taxes. Please tell our governor" — made it to the convention floor anyway.

GOV. JAMES THOMPSON is urging the Legislature to hike the state's income tax rates by 40 percent.

But Thompson, who is chairman of Bush's Illinois campaign and a potential running mate for the vice president, made no mention of taxes Saturday. Neither did the vice president.

Introducing Bush to a packed crowd at the Prairie Capital Convention Center, Thompson said Illinois would carry the all-but-certain GOP nominee to the White House this fall.

"I am very proud of the fact those in the party who supported another candidate responded to us quickly . . . to unite the Republican family of Illinois," Thompson said. "We're going to be the state that puts the Bush ticket over in the presidential campaign."

In his half-hour speech, Bush accused probable Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis of being weak on crime and insincere about combatting the illegal drug trade.

BUSH SAID THE CONTEST with Dukakis, the governor of Massachusetts, offers a choice of "two fundamentally different visions."

A clear example of that difference, Bush said, will be in their visions of a war on drugs.

"Lately our opponents have adopted some get-tough rhetoric on drugs," Bush said. "They're still short on substance."

"We support zero tolerance," the vice president added, promising tougher penalties for drug pushers and capital punishment for drug dealers convicted of murder.

However, Bush saved his fiercest attack for a Dukakis policy that the vice president claims allowed convicted murderers in Massachusetts out of jail on weekends.

"We have a right to know why Michael Dukakis thinks first-degree murderers should be furloughed," Bush said. "I think that Gov. Dukakis owes the people of America an explanation."

On hand with Bush were Lt. Gov. George Ryan, Secretary of State Jim Edgar, House Minority Leader Lee Daniels, Senate Minority Leader James

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North End plagued by drug, poverty, housing problems

By CHERYL THOMPSON
News-Gazette Staff Writer

Seventy-year-old Ora Culpepper said she lives on East Beardsley Avenue on Champaign's northeast side because it's a quiet area.

But others suggest Culpepper lives in the area because of her booming business — dealing drugs.

In March, Culpepper was arrested and charged with unlawful possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance. When police entered the one-story frame house, they confiscated substances believed to be heroin, cocaine and marijuana, as well as six loaded guns and $18,511 in cash. Three other people also in the house were arrested. Culpepper's trial is scheduled for July.

"There were no visible signs of employment, but there was more than $18,000 sitting on the table," said Champaign police Lt. Robert Soucie.

Drug dealing might be a quick way for some to make a buck, but it's also a widespread problem on Champaign's northeast side.

One neighborhood drug dealer said he started selling marijuana last year after he lost his job.

"I had to do something," he said, adding that he doesn't sell the drugs to children. "It's impossible to make it without doing something. Some sell it for the money and some do it to make ends meet. I did it to make ends meet."

DRUG DEALING IS a "lucrative" business, Soucie said, and it's also a business that doesn't appear to be fading in northeast Champaign.

The neighborhood — or the North End as it is more commonly known — is nearly all black. It generally includes the area west of Wright Street, north of University Avenue, east of the Illinois Central Railroad tracks and south of Interstate 74.

Last year, Champaign police reported 56 cases of drug selling, buying and possession in the North End, compared with 52 reports in the rest of the city, according to Gary Spear, a Champaign police crime analyst.

"A lot of drug dealers come to Champaign from Chicago, and it seems like they find more comfort in dealing in the North End," Spear explained. "They have friends in the North End. It's just a logical place for them to go, and as a result, you'll find more drug incidences there."

From January to April 25 of this year, 10 more drug cases were reported there.

"THERE'S SUBSTANTIAL drug traffic of a more open nature on the North End," Soucie said.

The head of a local anti-drug police force agreed.

"They're more open and free with their business (on the North End)," said sheriff's Lt. Walter Wolfe of the Champaign County Interagency Task Force, a group organized to crack down on drug sales. "In other parts (of the city), you have to be part of the good old boy network before they sell you something."

Champaign police Lt. Paul Oncal, who patrolled the North End from 1966 to 1970, said he's seen some improvements in the North End. But the drug problem continues.

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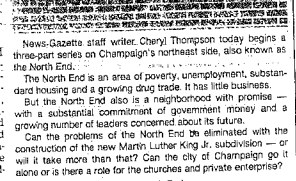


News-Gazette staff writer Cheryl Thompson today begins a three-part series on Champaign's northeast side, also known as the North End.

The North End is an area of poverty, unemployment, substandard housing and a growing drug trade. It has little business.

But the North End also is a neighborhood with promise — with a substantial commitment of government money and a growing number of leaders concerned about its future.

Can the problems of the North End be eliminated with the construction of the new Martin Luther King Jr. subdivision — or will it take more than that? Can the city of Champaign go it alone or is there a role for the churches and private enterprise?

Sunday: Problems facing the North End.
Monday: A look at the neighborhood's history.
Tuesday: What the future holds for the North End.

Summit split brews over ag subsidies

TORONTO (AP) — World leaders went out of their way to stress international cooperation Saturday on the eve of the seven-nation economic summit, but a contentious fight over agricultural subsidies threatened to disrupt the hoped-for tranquility.

The 14th annual meeting between the world's largest industrial countries — the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada — was being held under the tightest security ever seen in Canada's largest city.

A 3,000-member security force was deployed around the Metropolitan Toronto Convention Center where the government leaders will begin meeting Sunday, protected by 15-foot-high chain link security fences.

This year's summit is expected to be a low-key gathering, in part because President Reagan is a lame-duck with only seven months left in office but also because the economy is doing surprisingly well, especially in light of the fears of a global recession that were widespread immediately following the October stock market crash.

Growth in most of the major countries has accelerated this year, driving down unemployment rates to the lowest levels of this decade.

Reagan, who is attending his eighth and final economic summit, will be the last world leader to arrive on Sunday.

The president said Saturday that efforts to stop illegal drug trafficking and rebuild the economies of Afghanistan and the Philippines also would be on the agenda for the summit as would his proposal, first made last year at the Venice summit, to end farm subsidies by the end of the century.

But Reagan's farm proposal has drawn support from few of the other leaders, with Japan, West Germany and France raising some of the strongest objections.

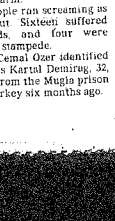
West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl warned in a speech to the Canadian Parliament earlier in the week that leaders must not move too quickly on the farm question. Jacques Delors, who represents the European Economic Community at the summit, complained that the U.S. position on farm subsidies threatened to "spoil the atmosphere" of the talks.

Prison escapee shoots Turkish premier in hand

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — An escaped convict shot and wounded Premier Turgut Ozal on Saturday, police said, moments after Ozal urged his country to reject violence. Twenty-one people, including the gunman, were injured when police opened fire and the crowd stampeded.

Ozal, 61, was shot in the right hand and slightly wounded as he gave the opening speech at the convention of his governing Motherland Party.

"We have a more civilized atmosphere now. People of different views can now talk to each other instead of fighting or drawing their guns," Ozal said before the first shot struck the microphone. A second bullet hit Ozal.



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Police fired at the assailant and hit him in the arm.

Scores of people ran screaming as shots rang out. Sixteen suffered bullet wounds, and four were bruised in the stampede.

Prosecutor Cemal Ozer identified the gunman as Kartal Demirag, 32, who escaped from the Mugla prison in western Turkey six months ago.

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Sunny, hot; high in 90s

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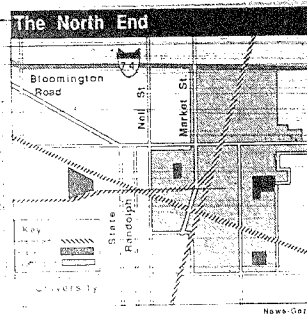

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