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Gorton: war against Iraq may be near

Calls it 'a high possibility'

By Lloyd Pritchett
Sun Staff Writer

A war with Iraq is "a high possibility... within the course of the next few weeks," a very serious U.S. Sen. Slade Gorton told a Kitsap County audience Wednesday night.

Washington state's Republican senator said it's either war now or face up to a long-term commitment of U.S. troops in the Middle East and a constant threat of aggression from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and other Third World dictators.

Gorton, a member of the Senate Armed Services committee, made his comments to about 150 members of the Puget Sound Naval Bases Association who gathered in Bremerton for the organization's 45th annual banquet.

"It seems to me there is now a high possibility that we are going to be engaged in an armed conflict within the course of the next few weeks — probably greater than 50-50," Gorton said.

"The president and the secretary of state have clearly been preparing the people of the United States for the prospect that we will have to take another and much more dramatic step," he added.

So far, the United States has sent 230,000 troops to the Persian Gulf in response to Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait, and allies have sent an additional 70,000. Some 100,000 more U.S. troops are said to be on their way.

About 400,000 Iraqi troops are estimated to be in Kuwait.

Gorton said President Bush probably would not order a "Pearl Harbor-type attack" on Iraq or Kuwait. Rather, he would be likely to give a warning first, to allow Iraq time to pull out of Kuwait and avoid bloodshed.

The Persian Gulf crisis and its implications dominated Gorton's talk last night before the PSNBA, a non-profit, non-partisan group of military and civilian personnel dedicated to supporting naval installations in Kitsap County and environs. The association met at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard Officer's Club in Bremerton. Also addressing the group was U.S. Rep. Norm Dicks, D-Bremerton, ranking member of the House Defense

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■ Navy's Puget Sound future has bright spots, some clouds. See A4.

Soviets say force may be necessary to push out Iraqis



Shevardnadze

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union today gave qualified approval to the use of military force to push Iraqi occupiers out of Kuwait if peaceful measures fail.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III came to Moscow seeking at least Soviet acquiescence to the Bush administration's intention of having the U.N. Security Council authorize the use of force to liberate Kuwait as a last resort.

"Whether or not the use of force could be ruled out — probably this could not be ruled out — and a situation may emerge which effectively would require such a move," Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze said following talks with Baker.

Earlier, Shevardnadze had said the use of force would be "undesirable."

Baker met with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev at his official country residence outside the city and held sessions with Shevardnadze before and after that meeting.

More than three months of economic and political sanctions have failed to persuade Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to reverse the Aug. 2 invasion of his smaller, oil-rich neighbor, Kuwait.

Shevardnadze stressed that any decision to use force

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Saddam picks new military head; is there dissension in the ranks?

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has dismissed his military chief of staff, prompting Western officials to speculate there is dissension among Iraqi military leaders about the invasion of Kuwait.

Saddam replaced Lt. Gen. Nizar al-Kharaji with the commander of the elite Republican Guards, the Iraqi army newspaper and U.S. officials said today. Western analysts with considerable knowledge of Iraq's military said the move could indicate opposition to holding onto conquered Kuwait in the face of the growing U.S.-led multinational force and U.N.-imposed sanctions.

The officials in Washington said it might even indicate opposition to Saddam's decision to invade the oil-rich emirate on Aug. 2.

The sacking of Kharaji, a hero of the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war, came amid

mounting U.S. and British warnings that force might be used to dislodge the Iraqis from Kuwait if necessary.

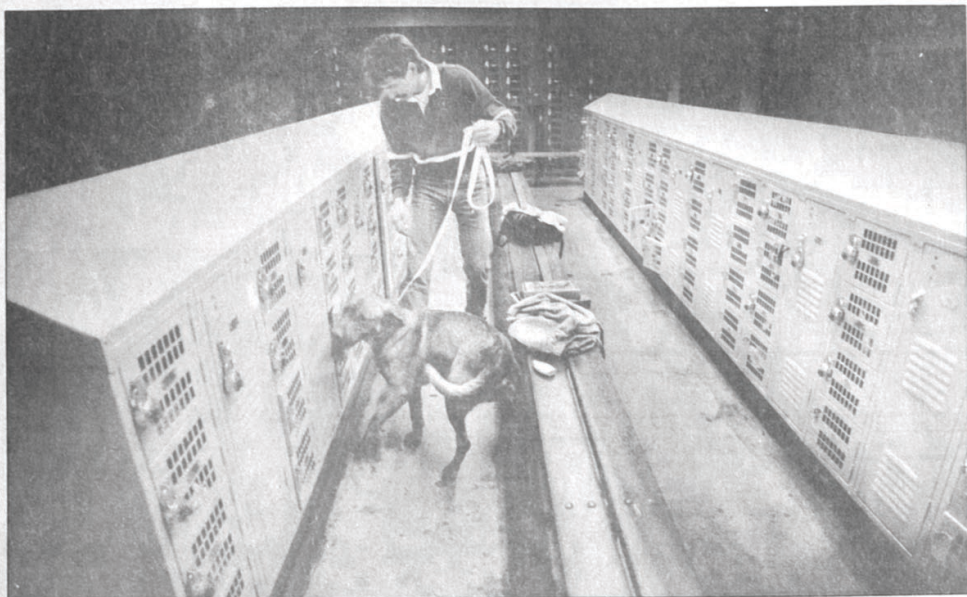
"It's very ominous," said Hans-Heino Kopietz, a former analyst with London's International Institute for Strategic Studies, now with Control Risks, an international security firm in London.

"It's not wise to change horses in midstream at this point in time. Kharaji's dismissal now is indicative of some opposition to Saddam within the military, who after all may have to take on the multinational force," said Kopietz. He has just returned from a lengthy Middle East tour.

The Iraqi army newspaper, Al-Qadisiya, named the new chief of staff as Gen. Hussein Rashid, but did not say when he was named to replace Kharaji.

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No drugs found



Staff photo by Larry Steagall

Ron Pace leads his drug-sniffing dog, Opie, through the girls' locker room at South Kitsap High. No drugs were found in the search throughout the high school.

The great South sniff-out

Dog prowls school halls for drugs

By Travis Baker
Sun Staff Writer

The findings were inconclusive. The first drug-sniffing dog to prowls the halls of South Kitsap High School wound up an hour-long stint there Wednesday without uncovering any drugs that weren't planted for his benefit.

The dog, Opie, a mixed Lab with a barrel chest, was hired to sniff around lockers for the scent of illegal drugs. He was handled by trainer Ron Pace of Pierce County.

The outcome suggests a couple of possibilities:

■ South Kitsap High is virtually drug-free.

■ Opie is as interested in bag lunches as drugs and needs a bit more training.

Principal Ernie Noack, who called the

results "unbelievable" and told Pace he was "flabbergasted," nonetheless said from the outset that he did not expect the search to uncover significant amounts of forbidden drugs. Instead, the principal hoped the event would have a publicity impact.

Officials at Clover Park High School in Tacoma, who have been doing this sort of thing for two years, told him the dog would probably just find traces of residual odors on clothing that had come in contact with drugs.

Mostly, it served as a caution to the student body that they can get caught, said Noack.

He had announced plans for the dog's visit in newspapers and other media, including the Nov. 2 school newspaper, the Skukhum Views. He sent a three-page letter home to the parents of all the students a week ago, answering questions about the decision.

And he invited the media to tag along Wednesday when Pace brought Opie in for a sniff-around. Pace, who was paid \$150 for the work, said it was the first real drug search for both himself and Opie. But both have trained by doing set-up drug searches in schools, he said.

Opie was able to find drugs among the grounds of an operating coffee pot in a

test at his place of business, said Pace.

Students weren't told that Wednesday was the day for the sniff-out, and few knew the dog was at work until after it had left. A few who happened past watched as Opie sniffed lockers in an upstairs hallway.

The experiment began in the basement boys' and girls' locker rooms during a morning PE class. Noack said that site was chosen because it would catch drugs that students carry in their street clothes and don't stash in regular school lockers. It's also the only place lockers aren't shared.

On the other hand, a disproportionate share of PE students are sophomores, for whom PE is a requirement.

PE director Ed Fisher watched with

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Bigger Bremerton airport: idea crash-lands

By Travis Baker
Sun Staff Writer

"If one of your options is to expand Bremerton National Airport," Belfair resident John Whalen told air travel capacity planners in Bremerton Wednesday night, "buy all the land on southern Hood Canal now."

"Don't wait. You'll have to buy it eventually." Noise from the landing and departing aircraft will require it, he said.

Whalen was one of several North Mason residents who attended the first of a series of community meetings at which members of the Puget Sound Air Transportation Committee reported on their work.

Their task is to make a recommendation by the end of next year on how to keep air travel convenient after traffic at Sea-Tac

Airport reaches capacity sometime late in the 1990s.

The Belfair area people outnumbered other members of the public and made it clear they are worried about discussions of using Bremerton National in some fashion to take pressure off Sea-Tac.

There is no such specific recommendation at this time. The committee is dealing now with generic possibilities, including:

■ Expanding Sea-Tac.

■ Building a new international airport.

■ Backing up Sea-Tac with smaller, secondary, commercial airports.

■ Linking Seattle/Portland-Vancouver with high speed rail to take the place of air flights between those points.

■ Creating a new remote airport, as far away as Moses Lake, linked to Sea-Tac by

ground transportation.

Whalen asked Bob Wallace, the committee chairman, about the high speed rail alternative. Wallace said there are 200 flights a day from Sea-Tac to Portland. "If you eliminate all the flights to British Columbia and Portland, you'd have a 20-year lease on life at Sea-Tac."

Such a rail system would be costly, he said. "But compared to finding a place to build a new regional airport, with lawsuits for a hundred years, maybe the costs aren't so bad."

Floyd Sherry of Phinney Bay in Bremerton, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, said "If you have problems in Seattle, I want you to solve them in Seattle." He didn't even care for the high-speed rail suggestion. — "Now you're back to trans-

ferring the problem, not solving it," he said.

Whalen said local governments, such as the Bremerton Port Commission, which owns Bremerton National, shouldn't be investing in promoting growth, but rather in controlling it.

Earle Smith, head of the Economic Development Council of Kitsap County, said one thing that shouldn't be allowed to happen is to let the situation at Sea-Tac get bad enough the Federal Aviation Administration steps in and dictates an answer. It can override a lot of local control, he said.

Duane Johnson of Kingston took issue with Sherry's point of view. "We all live in

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More teens have sex, use condoms

By Peggy Hernandez
Boston Globe

BOSTON — The number of teenage girls in the United States who have sex continued to rise in the 1980s, notably white teen-agers and those from higher-income families, yet the rate of pregnancy remained static because more teen-agers used contraceptives.

These findings, from a study released Thursday by The Alan Guttmacher Institute, also indicated a dramatic increase in the number of teen-agers who use condoms, doubling from 1982 to 1988. The most pronounced increase was among Hispanic teen-agers; three times as many Hispanics use condoms in 1988 than in 1982.

"The pessimism, despair and cynicism was that you can throw any amount of money you want at sex education and men wouldn't use condoms," said Joseph H. Pleck, a

professor at Wheaton College in Norton, Mass.

"It's also particularly important the Guttmacher study showed changes among Hispanics, because it has been a common stereotype that Hispanic males are especially resistant to using condoms. That has now been proven to be just a stereotype."

Joan Tighe, executive director of the Alliance for Young Families, said, "The information is encouraging, and it points out the need for health programs that work with teens to be addressing issues of birth control."

But the study's findings that six in 10 sexually active teen-agers ages 15 to 19, surveyed in 1988, reported that they had had two or more sexual partners. In addition, a third of all teen-agers are still unprotected from pregnancy the first time they have sex.

The study, reported by Jacqueline

Darroch Forrest and Susheela Singh of the Guttmacher Institute, a New York-based non-profit group, is one of a number that identifies trends in sexual activity, pregnancy planning and marriage. The report is based on data from 1982 and 1988 compiled by the National Survey of Family Growth.

The authors, concerned about the rise in sexually active teen-agers, urged more effective education programs aimed at preventing the spread of sexually transmitted disease as well as pregnancies.

Among the study's key findings about teen-agers:

■ The number who are sexually active rose nationally from 47 percent to 53 percent from 1982 to 1988.

■ The number of teen-agers using contraceptives during first intercourse rose from 48 percent to 65 percent during the same period.

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