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State takes over Commonwealth

By Journal Writers and News Wire
The state Department of Banking declared Commonwealth Savings Co. of Lincoln insolvent Tuesday morning and took possession of the state's largest industrial bank.

The offices of Commonwealth were closed about 10:30 Tuesday morning. A notice posted on the door said: "The Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance has determined that Commonwealth Savings Co. of Lincoln, Neb., is insolvent and has taken possession of Commonwealth Savings Co., effective today."

The notice was authored by Paul Amen, director of the state Department of Banking and Finance.
"High interest rates and an adverse economy in the real estate market have impacted severely its (Commonwealth's) earnings and depleted a major portion of its investment," Amen said at an afternoon news conference. "Unfortunately, we've experienced the kind of economy where we have extremely high interest rates and a real estate market that is depressed."

"Heavy holdings of real estate are creating the problem."

S.E. Copple put in money
S.E. Copple, president of Commonwealth, contributed millions of dollars of his own funds to try to save the company but did not have the resources to do so, Amen said.

The company had been going downhill for at least two years and was able to survive until now only because of the infusion of S.E. Copple's money, Amen said.
Informal discussions between Commonwealth and the State Department of Banking have been going on for about two years, Amen said. He said the department has been aggressively looking for a buyer for the company for the past three weeks.

People who have deposits in Commonwealth must wait.

The state action followed publication Tuesday morning of an Associated Press story quoting Gov. Bob Kerrey as saying he was concerned about Commonwealth and was "looking carefully" into its activities.
"We are monitoring the activities of Commonwealth, we are looking at that institution with more interest than we are the other institutions which we monitor," Kerrey said.
About 20 people were waiting outside the doors of the Commonwealth office when it opened Tuesday morning. All were told to action accounts could be taken for 30 days.

Withdrawals not honored
Before Commonwealth was closed at midnight, its employees were telling customers that Commonwealth had been sold by the state Banking Department not to honor withdrawal requests on certain types of accounts for 30 days.
The order included passbook accounts, draft accounts and money market certificates, a Commonwealth official said.
Amen stressed that "many of the industrial banks have no problems" and that Nebraska financial institutions in general "are sound, stable and well-managed. This action by the department has absolutely no impact on S&I's (savings and investment), commercial banks, credit unions and co-ops that have their deposits insured up to \$100,000 by FDIC, FSILAC and NCUA." FDIC is the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.; FSILAC is the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp.; and NCUA is the National Credit Union Association.
Each account at Commonwealth is guaranteed up to \$30,000.
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until the department either finds another institution to take over Commonwealth or Commonwealth is liquidated, Amen said.

"The only thing we can say to them at this point is to be patient and hope for the best," Amen said.
Locks were changed on the Commonwealth building at 128 N. 11th St. late Tuesday morning. "It is closed until further notice," Amen said in an interview with the Lincoln Journal.
Amen said his department "has also determined that the Nebraska Depository Institutional Guarantee Corp. does not have the financial resources to cover all the claims of holders of Commonwealth's certificates of indebtedness. Accordingly, the department will take possession of the reserves of the NDIGC."

Told not to pay
"In order to protect all certificate of indebtedness holders of industrial loan and investment companies and cooperative credit associations, whose accounts are guaranteed up to \$30,000 by the NDIGC, the department has ordered all industrial banks and cooperative credit associations in Nebraska not to pay time certificates of indebtedness until their maturity date, except in case of death or declaration of incompetency of the certificate holder." A provision in Nebraska law permits an assessment against NDIGC members, based on the assets of each financial institution. Reed Cole, assistant banking director, said Amen gave some consideration of a special assessment against members, but there was no indication that he followed through.
To receive NDIGC protection, a member financial institution must place a percentage of its deposits in the guarantee pool.

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An American soldier shoulders his M-60 machine gun as he and a fellow soldier get ready to move out of Point Salinas Airport on Grenada Monday.

Marines land on Grenadian island

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three hundred U.S. Marines landed on the tiny Grenadian island of Carriacou on Tuesday and recovered a cache of weapons but found no Cubans, Pentagon officials said.

No shots were fired by the Marines as they swept through the 13-square-mile island 20 miles north of Grenada, according to officials who declined to be named.

The Marines landed because of U.S. intelligence reports that Cubans were on the island. Those reports were based largely on ham radio operators, said the officials.

President Reagan informed Republican congressional leaders of the action at a meeting in the Cabinet room. White House spokesman Larry Spokes said. The move into Carriacou came exactly one week after U.S. forces invaded Grenada to oust the island's pre-Cuban military government and install a democracy in the wake of a blood coup.

In the initial assault on Grenada Oct. 25, a U.S. warplane bombed a mental hospital adjoining Grenada's main military complex, killing at least 17 mental patients and wounding 80 others.

The Pentagon said the U.S. military death toll in the invasion has risen to 18, with 16 wounded and one listed as missing.
Vice Adm. Joseph Metcalf, commander of the invasion force of about 5,000 American servicemen and 300 others from six Caribbean nations, estimated Monday that 40 Cubans were killed during the invasion and 56 others were wounded.

Transfer
The Cubans were to be evacuated from the island Monday, but the U.S. and Cuban governments had not completed negotiations on the transfer and it was delayed.
A U.S. Embassy source in Barbados said the arrival of dead and wounded Cubans may begin Tuesday.

Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister Ricardo Alarcon charged in Havana Monday that the United States is attempting to blackmail Cuba to stop the fighting on Grenada in exchange for the return of 400 prisoners U.S. forces captured on the tiny island.

No major fighting was reported on Grenada Monday.
In Washington, the Pentagon confirmed the attack on the hospital. It said a Navy bomber supporting the landing forces on Grenada last Tuesday fired on a mental hospital situated on Richmond Hill, just outside the capital of St. George's.

The hospital was used as a rallying point for soldiers of Grenada's Peoples Revolutionary Army, the Pentagon said.

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House asks for pullout in Grenada

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted 405-23 Tuesday to invoke the 1973 War Powers Act and ask President Reagan to withdraw troops from Grenada within 60 days.

The proposal will be sent to the Senate, where a Senate Foreign Relations Committee spokesman said it is expected to be acted upon quickly.

The Senate passed an identical resolution Friday as an amendment to a bill extending the national debt limit.

But on Monday, senators defeated the debt limit measure, even though it could be reconsidered and passed with or without a war powers provision.

President Reagan regards the 1973 War Powers Act as an encroachment on his constitutional powers as commander-in-chief, but it is not certain whether he would veto or sign the bill if it reached his desk. A White House spokesman said last week a decision would be made depending on the situation at the time.

In preliminary debate in the House Monday, Rep. Clement Zablocki, D-Wis., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said, "The president's decision to ignore the War Powers Resolution ignored also the realities of the situation in Grenada."

Meanwhile, House leaders were commencing a delegation that House speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, D-Mass., said would go to Grenada later this week and investigate "all facets" of the American invasion of the island.

O'Neill named Rep. Thomas Foley of Washington, the Democratic whip, to head the delegation, which will include members of the Foreign Affairs, Armed Services and Intelligence committees. An O'Neill spokesman said Republicans would be included in the delegation.

Congress has been up in arms about the safety of Marines who are part of an international peacekeeping force in Lebanon.

The House is to vote Wednesday on an amendment to cut off funds for the peacekeeping force after Nov. 30, a move that surfaced after a truck carrying 1,000 pounds of explosives crashed into a building filled with sleeping Marines.

Exon, Zorinsky
The Senate, led by fiscal conservatives, late Monday refused to raise the national debt ceiling to \$145 trillion.

Sen. J.J. Exon and Edward Zorinsky, Nebraska Democrats, voted against raising the limit.

Senate Majority Leader Howard

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Aircraft-carrier fire kills six Navy men

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six Navy men were killed and 35 injured Tuesday when flames raced through an engine room aboard the aircraft carrier Ranger in the Arabian Sea, the Navy said.

The fire was extinguished within an hour and the 70,000-ton ship continued to operate in the approaches to the Persian Gulf.

Navy officials were unable to say what caused the fire, discovered at 11:30 a.m. CST. It will be investigated by a Navy board of inquiry. The names of the dead were not released pending notification of next-of-kin.

Meanwhile, Navy officials who spoke on condition they not be identified said the ship will be able to continue its station and will be able to launch and recover its aircraft.

Smoke inhalation
The Navy said most of the injured suffered from smoke inhalation, minor burns and heat exhaustion. The Navy said the men were not in serious condition and would be treated to the carrier.

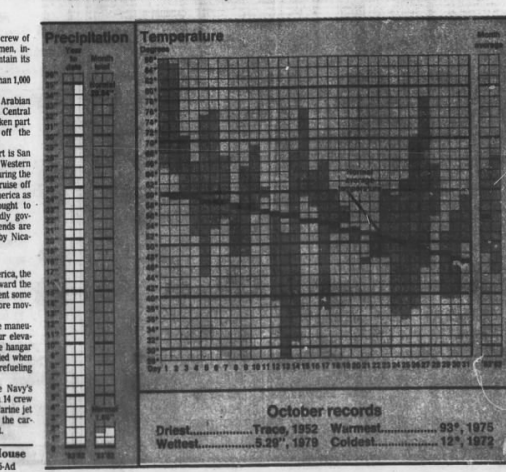
"The flames caused some damage to what were described as 'its engineering spaces'."

The fire broke out in one of four main engine rooms and in an adjoining area deep in the conventionally powered ship, sources said.

After the initial flames were extinguished, there was a brief flare-up of fire and that, too, was suppressed, they said.

New Racing Post Times?
Wed.-Sun. at 1pm except home games Sat. 10am. — Adv.

Lincoln weather, October and 1983 to date



Springlike and colorful in Lincoln

With early morning temperatures in the 50s, November arrived Tuesday in almost springlike fashion.

Only the changing colors of the leaves gave away the true date, for the forecast — highs in the 60s the next few days — also was springlike.

Lincoln's precipitation and temperature during October were near normal for the month, the National Weather Service said. The average temperature was 54.4 degrees, 1.8 of a degree above normal.

The highest temperature was 86 degrees on the first day of the month, and the low was 20 on the 14th.

A total of 1.75 inches of precipitation fell on Lincoln during the month, just 0.65 above normal. The greatest one-day amount was 1.13 inches on Oct. 19-21. For the year, the city's precipitation remains just slightly below normal (25.87 inches, compared to a normal of 25.33 inches).

Variable cloudiness and dense fog covered parts of Nebraska on Tuesday, and a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms were forecast for the Lincoln area Tuesday night.

Highs in the 60s are expected statewide on Wednesday, with partly cloudy skies in the west and considerable cloudiness in the central and east parts of the state.

A chance of showers continues Thursday and Friday, with partly cloudy conditions expected on Saturday, forecasters said. Highs should remain in the 60s, with lows in the 30s to 40s east.