Indian guru awaits hearing without special chair

U.S. Custom agents removed Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's specially designed chair from a Leadfoot at the Charlotte, N.C., airport after his arrest Monday. But authorities refused to put the origami chair in his jail cell. A Thursday hearing has been scheduled in connection with immigration fraud charges facing the Indian guru in Oregon. Officials said they would press to have him returned there.

Private group's financial dealings stir debate over funding of war memorial

By David Phelps
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Questions over a former Minnesotan's fund-raising efforts for a Korean War Memorial prompted criticism Tuesday of legislation that would permit a private organization to be the sole fund-raiser for the project.

A bipartisan group of Congress members said the federal government should handle the job instead of a Korean War Memorial, Inc., a Washington-based organization formerly headed by Myron McKee of Rollingstone, Minn. After three years, the private group has spent nearly all of the $684,000 it raised to pay the expenses of a professional fund-raiser and on other administrative costs. Financial records show it had a balance of $2,261 at the end of August.

Testifying before a subcommittee of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, several senators and representatives expressed support for a bill appropriating $5 million in federal funds for a memorial and giving design and construction responsibilities to the American Battle Monuments Commission, a small agency in the Defense Department. The legislation also would allow the commission to receive private contributions, which would be used to repay the $5 million.

"By utilizing this approach several things are accomplished," said Rep. James Florio, D-N.J. "First, any hint of impropriety, alleged or actual, is removed — permanently. Second, the memorial would begin to be constructed immediately whereas the present proposal calls for a delay for years of publicity and contributions."

Strongest support for allowing a private organization to proceed with the project came from the Interior Department. Denis Galvin, deputy director of the National Park Service, said the same treatment should be given the Korean War Memorial as the Vietnam War Memorial and the U.S. Navy Memorial, both of which were funded privately. No vote was taken on either proposal. Floor action is expected next week in the House on Florio's bill giving responsibility to the battle monuments commission.

More than 54,000 Americans died and 100,000 were wounded in the three-year Korean conflict. They are the only war veterans not honored in the Washington area with a monument.

Korean War Memorial, Inc., is involved in a civil lawsuit with a rival organization, the National Committee for a Korean War Memorial. Among the issues raised in the suit are allegations that some of the funds raised by organizers of the Korean War Memorial, Inc., were used by McKee for personal needs. McKee has denied the allegations and said he stopped working for the committee last year.

In retrospect / Illinois town fears repeat of Halloween trick-or-treating

By John Dowling
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Decatur, Ill.

Pumpkins are heaped on the blacktop in front of Tom's Produce. Costumes and candy crowd the shelves at Woolworth's. Youth group found covering in a closet of the apartment, physically unharmed. The crime is unsolved despite a year of full-time investigation by state and Decatur authorities. An underworld origin is becoming magnified as Halloween.

In recent weeks, Decatur, a city of 93,000, has planned extraordinary safety measures for Halloween. Police have canceled holidays to provide officers for extra patrols. Forty Army reservists will guard an

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