

TOPIC 1 AMERICAN GOLD AND THE IRAQ-IRAN WAR

1 September 1980: war erupted between Iraq and Iran.



2 Both countries struck airfields and oil installations.



3 Beter said Moscow opposed Iraq's invasion and halted arms deliveries.



4 He alleged that former Shah-era Iranian personnel were aiding Iraq.



5 Beter accused private oil interests of seeking renewed control in Iran.



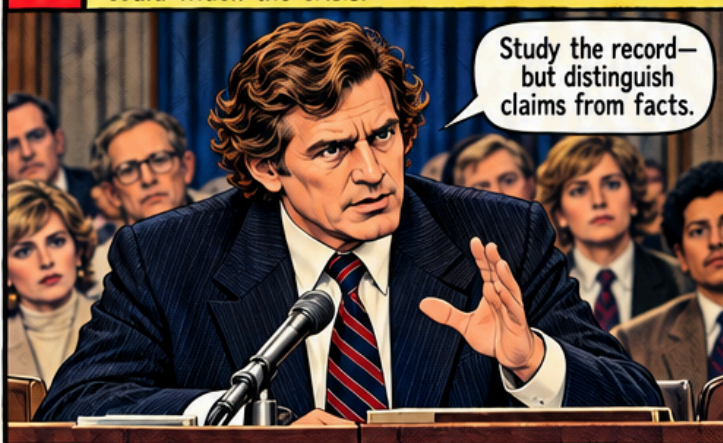
6 He further alleged an eight-billion-dollar gold payment to Saddam Hussein.



7 His central theme linked gold, oil and war in the Persian Gulf.



8 Beter warned that military deployments could widen the crisis.



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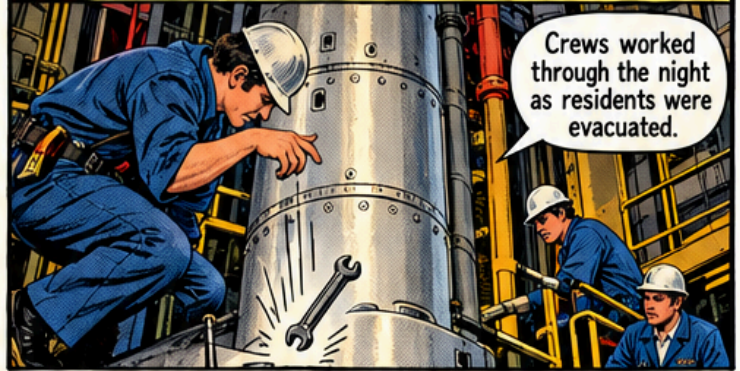
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TOPIC 2 RUSSIA'S FIRST STRIKE AGAINST A TITAN II MISSILE

1 On September 18, 1980, a Titan II missile was being serviced near Damascus, Arkansas.



2 The accepted account begins with a dropped tool puncturing the missile.



3 Hours later, the silo exploded with devastating force.



4 The blast destroyed the missile and threw its warhead clear of the silo.



5 Beter rejected the accepted explanation as incomplete.



6 In his account, a spherical Cosmosphere fired a particle beam at the silo.



7 The historical accident and Beter's speculative cause are not the same thing.



8 The event can be studied through official records and contemporary reporting.



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TOPIC 3 "STEP THREE" IN WHAT YOU CAN DO

1 Listeners sent Beter copies of Senator Proxmire's replies.



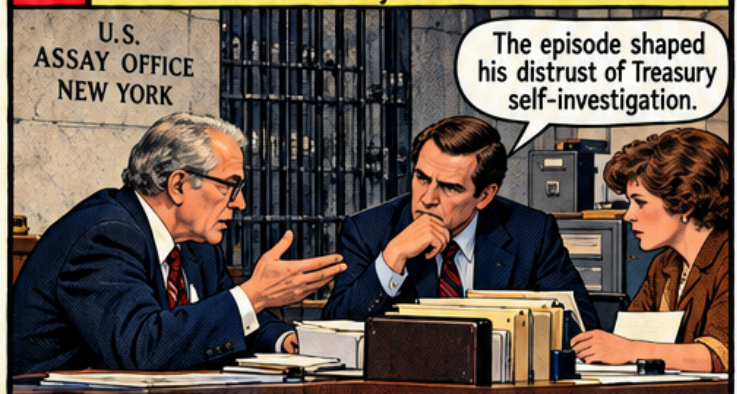
2 Beter argued that standardized replies could make each writer feel isolated.



3 He challenged whether a tour and a records audit answered demands for a physical inventory.



4 He recalled earlier concerns about accounting at the New York Assay Office.



5 A later reply said Treasury, Justice and the GAO would be asked to examine the matter.



6 His first recommendation was continued, peaceful pressure for a public investigation.



7 His second recommendation was to raise the gold-reserve question in local newspapers.



8 The third step emphasized persistence, wider discussion and peaceful civic action.



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