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Condemns action

MOSCOW — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and the leaders of Bulgaria, East Germany, Hungary and Poland Monday condemned the 1968 Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia at a Warsaw Pact briefing on the superpower summit.

General strike threat

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia — Reform leaders addressing a rally of hundreds of thousands of protesters in Wenceslas Square Monday threatened to call another general strike if the Communist Party does not relinquish control of the government.

HUD investigation

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department said Monday it will conduct an investigation into possible criminal activities by former Housing Secretary Samuel Pierce, which could lead to the appointment of a special prosecutor.

Thrift chief resigns

WASHINGTON — M. Danny Wall, the nation's top thrift regulator, resigned Monday "to remove the distractions" his agency has faced after weeks of public criticism over his handling of a failed California savings and loan.

Battle continues

MANILA, Philippines — Rebellious soldiers battled to hold the capital's financial district today, wreaking "millions" of dollars in economic damage and challenging army claims the worst uprising against President Corazon Aquino had been crushed.

Bombing suspect

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — A district court announced Monday that a Palestinian charged in a series of bombings in Scandinavia and the Netherlands also is a suspect in the 1988 Pan Am jet bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland.

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Navy ships foil bid to block launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — Navy ships rammed and holed a Greenpeace vessel Monday while commandos punctured an inflatable raft and slashed its gas line, activists said, crushing a bid to block the successful launch of a Trident 2 submarine missile.

"We did a perfect launch, just beautiful," Vice Adm. Roger Bacon, commander of the Atlantic submarine fleet, told pool reporters aboard the USS Nashville, an amphibious landing ship. "We used the minimum force necessary to clear the area."

Shannon Fagen, a spokeswoman for Greenpeace, disagreed, describing the incident as "outrageous."

"The Navy has violated international law," Fagen said. "It has no legal right to cordon off a test zone in international waters for a missile test, and it certainly has no right to ram our boats and endanger the lives of our crew."

But Cmdr. Deborah Burnett, a Navy spokeswoman, said the action was taken to protect the safety of the civilians, and Bacon said the activists ignored "at least 50 and maybe more" warnings to leave the area.

In any case, with the Greenpeace vessel out of the danger zone, the crew of the submerged nuclear submarine USS Tennessee successfully launched an unarmed \$23.7 million Trident 2 missile at 10:40 a.m. EST. The damaged Greenpeace ship later headed for port under its own power.

The 126,000-pound missile, built by Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. of Sunnyvale, Calif., is scheduled for deployment aboard Ohio-class nuclear submarines in March to replace less-powerful Trident 1

missiles.

Sixteen of 19 Trident 2 test firings from a ground pad at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station were successful, but two of the previous three test launches from the Tennessee ended in spectacular failures and the Navy has been under pressure to fix the problems and complete the test program.

The launch Monday more than 40 miles east of Cape Canaveral came 31 minutes late because of the confrontation with Greenpeace.

Greenpeace officials vowed last week to block the launch in a protest against the Trident 2. A similar effort was successful in July when Greenpeace activists aboard small Zodiac inflatable rafts surprised the crew of the Tennessee and refused to leave the launch danger zone.

"We were more prepared today,"

Bacon said after the motor vessel Greenpeace had been "shouldered" out of the launch danger zone by Navy ships.

"After the shouldering operation, Greenpeace launched two Zodiacs," Burnette said. "Those Zodiacs entered the launch safety zone. The Navy used what we call RIBs, ridged inflatable boats, to tow the two Zodiacs out of the launch safety zone and back to MV Greenpeace."

But Fagen said teams of Navy SEAL commandos "boarded our two Zodiacs, slashed the fuel lines, punctured the pontoons and towed them back to the MV Greenpeace. We're definitely pursuing this whole thing and considering charges against the Navy."

One Zodiac, however, apparently had suffered engine problems and was dead in the water.



STONE VISIT — Secretary of the Army, Michael P.W. Stone, talks with 7th Infantry Division soldiers during a visit to the Atlantic side Friday. Stone, who was sworn into his current post in August, visited here as part of a regional orientation tour. (U.S. Army photo by Cpl. A. Scott Lawrence)

SOUTHCOM working 1990 vehicle issues

QUARRY HEIGHTS (USSOUTH-COM PAO) — The U.S. Southern Command, on behalf of all U.S. government agencies here, is addressing through the Joint Committee vehicle inspection and registration procedures. Increasingly cumbersome and disruptive vehicle inspection and registration procedures have been imposed by the PDF's Transit Directorate (DNTT) within the past two years.

In September of this year, DNTT announced its procedures for the 1990 vehicle inspection and registration period. Those procedures, which began Oct. 1, require for the first time U.S. government personnel to have their vehicles inspected at one of the DNTT-designated stations in Panama City and Colon. This year's four-step process again includes the improper requirement of U.S. government personnel having to obtain a national "paz y salvo" (national tax clearance certificate) before obtaining vehicle license plates.

Results of Southern Command's efforts will be published.

The Spanish translation of the preceding story follows:

QUARRY HEIGHTS (USSOUTH-

COM PAO) — El Comando Sur de los Estados Unidos, actuando en nombre de todas las agencias estadounidenses en Panamá, está procurando tratar a través del Comité Conjunto problemas relacionados con los procedimientos de inspección y matrícula vehicular. Procedimientos cada vez más engorrosos y desordenados para la inspección y matrícula a motor han sido impuestos por la Dirección Nacional de Tránsito Terrestre (DNTT) durante los últimos dos años.

En Septiembre ultimo, la DNTT anunció sus procedimientos para el

USARSO explains travel procedures for people using Torrijos Airport

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — U.S. Southern Command personnel traveling out of Panama Dec. 16 through Jan. 7 will be allowed to use Torrijos Airport under controlled conditions.

Travelers must have confirmed flight reservations to qualify for exception and should use U.S. carriers whenever possible. This information must be reported to their unit representative before Friday.

período de inspección y matrícula de vehículos para 1990. Esos procedimientos, que se iniciaron el 1º de octubre, requiere por vez primera que personal del Gobierno de los Estados Unidos inspeccione sus vehículos particulares en una de las estaciones designadas para este fin por la DNTT en las ciudades de Panamá y Colón. El proceso de cuatro pasos de éste año también incluye un requerimiento indebido exigiendo la obtención de un Paz y Salvo Nacional previa la obtención de la placa o matrícula.

Se darán a conocer los resultados de los esfuerzos del Comando Sur.

Respective services will provide transportation to consolidated locations on Fort Clayton and Fort Davis. From there, travelers will be shuttled to and from the airport. This is the only authorized travel to Torrijos.

Furthermore, personnel should make shuttle reservations through their service before Sunday.

Additional details will appear in the Tropic Times and be announced on SCN Radio and Television.

U.S. news

Police reconstruct drunk driving accident

CARROLLTON, Ky. (UPI) — Two state police experts Monday reconstructed the nation's worst drunken driver accident in the trial of a man accused of killing 27 people with his pickup.

Detective Tony Moffett and Trooper Henry "Sonny" Cease used numerous photographs and charts to describe the scene of the May 14, 1988, accident. They also reconstructed the activities of defendant Larry Mahoney before it occurred.

Assistant Attorney General Paul Richwalsky has argued that Mahoney, 36, of Worthville, was drunk when the pickup truck he was driving on Interstate 71 near

Carrollton collided with a church bus carrying 67 people.

Moffett described the places Mahoney was known to have been the day prior to the accident. He said he was able to retrace the defendant's activities throughout the day until 65 minutes before the wreck, which occurred at 10:55 p.m.

Cease, an accident reconstruction specialist, used a large seating chart of the bus to show the location of the bodies. He said it took up to nine hours to remove the bodies from the wrecked bus, which left skidmarks of 119 1/2 feet.

Defense lawyer William Summers has maintained the 1977 bus, purchased two years earlier by the

Radcliff First Assembly of God church, was defective and its manufacturers are at least partly to blame for the deaths.

The passengers on the bus, most of whom were youngsters, were returning home to Radcliff from a day at Kings Island amusement park, north of Cincinnati.

The impact of the collision ruptured the bus's gas tank, blocking its front exit and spewing gasoline throughout the bus. Fire and smoke spread rapidly as 40 passengers escaped through the rear exit and windows. But 24 riders, aged 10 to 19, and three adults were trapped inside and killed.

All of the victims withstood the

initial impact of the collision, said the medical examiner. He said the deaths were caused by smoke inhalation.

"If this jury thinks the bus killed the kids or the First Assembly of God killed the kids or stuffed animals from Kings Island killed the kids, then they will let Larry go," said Richwalsky, an assistant attorney general.

"But if they believe he killed the kids, then he'll go to prison," the prosecutor said. "It's as simple as that." Mahoney, who faces life imprisonment, is charged with 27 counts of murder, 12 counts of assault, 42 of wanton endangerment and one count of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Mother, child progress after liver transplant

CHICAGO (UPI) — A 21-month-old Texas girl and her mother were making steady progress Monday in recovering a week after the child received part of the woman's liver in the nation's first live-donor liver transplant.

But the same procedure for a Tennessee child was delayed indefinitely, officials said.

Alyssa Smith of Schertz, Texas, received part of her mother's liver in a 13 1/2-hour operation Nov. 27, marking the first time the procedure

had been performed in the United States.

The baby was moved from the intensive care unit to a regular patient room at University of Chicago Hospitals late Monday afternoon, a spokeswoman said.

"Alyssa still is in serious but stable condition," said University of Chicago Hospital spokeswoman Mary Fetsch. "She is awake, talking and continuing to make steady progress in her recovery."

Fetsch said the child had

undergone a routine liver biopsy to check for any signs of rejection of the new liver.

The child's mother, Terri Smith, 29, remained in good condition and was expected to leave the hospital on Wednesday.

Fetsch said the scheduled surgery Wednesday for 15-month-old Sarina Jones of Millington, Tenn., had been postponed indefinitely.

"The surgery is off — indefinitely," Fetsch said. "No new timetable will be set until the child has gotten

stronger and recovered from an infection."

Alyssa and Sarina suffer from biliary arteria, a blockage of the bile ducts that can be fatal.

Sarina arrived in Chicago on Friday from Le Bonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis. A Le Bonheur spokesman said the girl's fever was down before she was transferred, but Fetsch said the fever was too high and the child too weak for the operation to be performed as scheduled.

Transportation secretary follows 'no new tax' pledge

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The gridlock produced by too many cars on a decaying highway system can be resolved partially by nearly doubling the federal gasoline tax, the American Public Transit Association said.

Despite the association's optimism that Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner would recognize the need for such a tax hike, Skinner said through a spokesman he agrees with President Bush's "no new taxes" pledge.

Traffic congestion is producing gridlock, environmental and infrastructure crises and general public outrage in all areas of the nation, not just in urban sectors, said Robert Kiley, chairman of New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority and head of the association's "Transit 2000" task force. "The United States is in the midst of a mobility crisis," he said.

The task force's report said the federal government's transit investment should be increased from \$3 billion annually to \$11 billion annually, requiring, in part, an increase in the 9-cent-per-gallon federal gas tax to at least 16 cents.

The task force said a 7-cent-per-gallon tax hike would generate between \$7 billion and \$8.5 billion annually. Half, the group proposes, should be used to revive existing facilities and the other half to deal with the growing travel demand.

"The current effort by Skinner to develop the first comprehensive national transportation policy is long overdue, courageous and one we hope will be successful," Kiley said. "One that does not call for substantial increases... is really not a policy at all."

Kiley contended that Skinner, in his previous role as chairman of the Illinois Regional Transportation Authority, seemed amenable to raising the gasoline tax, at least on a state level.

"I don't think that because he has changed his address, he has changed his views," Kiley said.

But according to Transportation Department spokesman Robert Marx, the group does not have Skinner in their corner.

"Secretary Skinner feels the same way as the president. No new taxes," Marx said. "He has encouraged states to increase their gas taxes and encouraged them to use other methods and devices to increase their transportation funding, such as toll roads and lotteries."

S. Thomas Gagliano, executive director of the New Jersey Transit Corp. and a member of the Transit 2000 task force, said his densely populated state has made strides in improving its highway congestion problem.

Kiley said there has been "loose talk" about increasing the federal gas tax to help reduce the federal deficit, but Kiley said it would be a mistake to divert a user fee "to solve the original sin."

The task force's other recommendations include a national transportation policy calling for increased use of mass transit and other forms of shared-ride services, an increased share of federal transportation funds delivered directly to metropolitan areas and combining transit and highway funds to facilitate local transportation decisions.

Chief expects high drug use results

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner said Monday he expects to find an "alarming amount" of drug use among transportation workers when drug tests begin later this month.

"I think we'll see an alarming amount of drug usage in safety related jobs," Skinner said during a briefing with reporters.

Drug testing is scheduled to begin Dec. 18 for roughly 4 million truck drivers and railroad, merchant marine, aviation, mass transit and pipeline employees in safety-related jobs.

Skinner said he would not be surprised if as many as 10 percent of the nation's transportation workers test positive for drugs. Drug usage is expected to vary according to locality and type of transportation.

"I don't know with any degree of certainty what these tests will show," Skinner said. "I've been

told by people who operate rail services that they expect a substantial amount of usage."

The transportation chief said he hopes the tests will have the same results as those conducted randomly by the military. Drugs were used by between 8 percent and 10 percent of military personnel when the tests began before dwindling to about 2 percent now.

Skinner added that he does not believe the tests will adversely affect the nation's transportation system.

"Obviously," he said, "if the percentage is 40 percent it would be devastating, but if it is 5 percent they can work their way through that."

Last year, the department issued six different drug rules, one for each mode of transportation. The rules require companies to give drug test.

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Nicaragua-Contra war boils up again

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (Reuter) — A deadline set by Central American presidents for disbanding Nicaraguan Contra rebels expires next week with the rebel army still intact and the guerrilla war raging more fiercely than it has for months.

Five Central American presidents, in a surprise show of unity, agreed last August on a plan to disband some 15,000 rebels by Dec. 5.

But the rebels have confounded predictions of their demise by refusing to lay down their arms and infiltrating thousands more fighters into Nicaragua from bases in Honduras.

Diplomats now say the Contras are likely to be around at least until next February's Nicaraguan elections and perhaps beyond.

"The December 5 date always seemed difficult to meet and now it looks quite unrealistic," one western diplomat said.

He said he would not bet on the Contras being disbanded before the Feb. 25 elections.

"We may be a good way down the road but it's hard to feel confident that it could be completed by then," he said.

After months of relative calm, the Contra war has boiled up again since President Daniel Ortega lifted a

cease-fire Nov. 1 and ordered a new offensive against the rebels who had increased their attacks.

At least 100 people were killed in November, far higher than in recent months, according to official figures.

Nicaraguan officials now privately accept that the Dec. 5 deadline will not be met and in talks with the Contras in November proposed Dec. 31 as a new target date.

They say the main reason for the delay is opposition from the United States, which wants to keep the rebels intact at least until next February to pressure the leftist Sandinista government to hold fair elections.

The U.S. Congress cut military aid to the Contras last year but has approved some \$60 million in humanitarian aid until next February.

Nicaraguan Deputy Foreign Minister Victor Hugo Tinoco said Washington held the keys to disbanding the contras in its logistical support and financing.

"As long as the U.S. government doesn't use any of these instruments, the Contra leadership is not going to want to negotiate," he told reporters.

The Sandinista government wants a rapid end to the debilitating eight-year war, which has killed 40,000 people and devastated the economy.

Angry at the slow progress, Nicaragua is seeking ways to put more pressure on its neighbors and the United States to disband the rebels.

But diplomats say the Sandinista government appears to have few available options to step up the pressure and a new wave of conflict in Central America makes new agreements among the five regional leaders look remote.

Following the failure of peace talks with the Contras in November, the Nicaraguan government pinned its hopes for disbanding the rebels on a new Central American presidential summit.

But a major offensive by leftist guerrillas in El Salvador has thrust the Contra problem into the background.

Any hopes of a new agreement receded further when El Salvador's President Alfredo Cristiani suspended relations with Nicaragua last week, accusing it of supplying sophisticated anti-aircraft missiles to the guerrillas.

Cristiani said he would not attend a Central American summit in Nicaragua in December, as planned.

Even if the presidents do meet, diplomats say it is difficult to see what Nicaragua can do to achieve

more leverage while Washington remains opposed to the disbanding of the contras.

The Honduran government has repeatedly said it will not disband Contra fighters against their will.

The Nicaraguan government has made clear it will keep up military pressure on the Contras, short of weapons and ammunition since the United States cut military aid.

Despite the failure to meet the Dec. 5 deadline, diplomats say some important steps have been taken towards the eventual disbanding of the Contras.

The Organization of American States and United Nations have formed a commission to oversee the process and the first of 625 U.N. observers, called for under the plan, were due in Central America last weekend.

But formidable obstacles, such as persuading the rebels to return to Nicaragua or arranging for other countries to accept them, remain.

Another western diplomat said the Sandinista government would probably not succeed in getting the contras disbanded by the Feb. 25 elections.

"But they will do their utmost to have at least the principle of Contra demobilization accepted by then," he said.

Ban on RP-flag ships 'absurd,' Rodriguez claims

PANAMA CITY, Panama (UPI) — President Francisco A. Rodriguez denounced the Bush administration last week for implementing an "unimaginative, absurd policy" that bans Panamanian-flagged vessels from entering U.S. ports.

Rodriguez, in an interview with United Press International, said the

move "is absurd" and "totally contrary ... to the North American government's own capitalist and commercial policy which advocates ... competence, efficiency without any type of discrimination."

"This is a highly political discrimination that affects the whole world, it affects our government, of

course, it affects the Panamanian people, it affects private business, both national and international," the president said.

"Any way you look at it, (the move) is absurd," said Rodriguez. "It is part of the unimaginative, absurd policy that the North American

government exercises over Panama."

Rodriguez said the move has angered shipowners, especially those in Asia, as many ships from Japan and Hong Kong are registered in Panama. U.S. shipowners are also against the ban, Rodriguez maintained.

Nicaraguan government denies visas to U.S. delegation

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (UPI) — A U.S. lawmaker accused President Daniel Ortega of "trying to get away from having a free election" last weekend after the Nicaraguan government denied visas to an American delegation trying to enter the country to observe political campaigning.

"I think this is a total setback in the democratic process," said Rep. G.V. Montgomery, D-Miss., the leader of the delegation. "It looks to me like they are trying to get away from having a free election."

Nicaragua denied visas Thursday

to Montgomery and three other congressmen who had planned to visit the country as representatives of an electoral observer commission named by President Bush. The commission includes 20 members of the House of Representatives and the Senate, Montgomery said.

Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto said the government denied visas to the congressional delegation because Congress continues to provide aid to the Contra rebels and to opposition presidential candidate Violeta Chamorro, who faces Ortega in the

Feb. 25 elections.

Congress has approved \$9 million to fund Chamorro and the Nicaraguan electoral process.

"No one in the world could reasonably contend that President Bush or his hand-picked commission are impartial when it comes to Nicaragua," D'Escoto said in a letter to Montgomery's delegation. "We might not be able to stop the U.S. government from violating our

sovereignty, our dignity and our rights under international law. But at least we can prevent them from doing so as our invited guests."

D'Escoto said the group could visit Nicaragua if they disassociated themselves from the presidential commission, Montgomery told a news conference in the Honduran capital.

"We have turned down this request," Montgomery said. "We represent the president."

Ban upsets world's tanker owners

OSLO, Norway (Reuter) — An international association of tanker owners criticized the United States last week for banning Panamanian-registered ships from U.S. ports as part of its bid to oust Panama's strongman Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

"Shipping should not be a pawn in international politics," said Kristian Fuglesang, spokesman for the International Association of Independent Tanker Owners (Intertanko).

"Intertanko regrets the American decision," he added.

The group, which claims to represent more than half the world's tanker fleet, had previously contacted U.S. authorities to seek assurances that shipping would not be affected by Washington's campaign to oust Noriega, Fuglesang said.

"This measure will deny Noriega and his puppet regime tens of millions of dollars of revenue," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Thursday.

"Noriega's cronies will also be deprived of millions of dollars of illegal income in the form of bribes and kickbacks," Fitzwater added.

In addition, trade specialists said the ban could increase U.S. shipping costs as firms scramble to change their vessel registrations.

"It's likely to have quite a large effect on Panama. People are going to begin to immediately shift their registration," said Mark Aspinwall, government affairs representative for the United Shipowners of America.

More than 13,000 U.S. ships of over 1,000 gross tons have Panamanian registry.

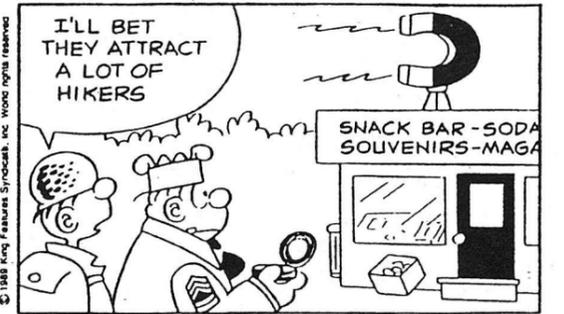
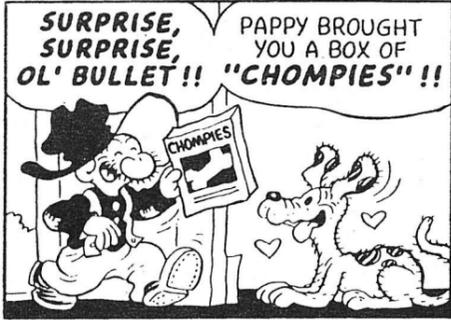


AID FOR CHAMORRO — U.S. aid to Nicaragua opposition candidate Violeta Chamorro, shown here with President Bush at the White House, was one reason cited by Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto for denying visas to a U.S. congressional delegation. (AP Laserphoto)

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 - 19 "My — and Only"
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 - 22 Swamp
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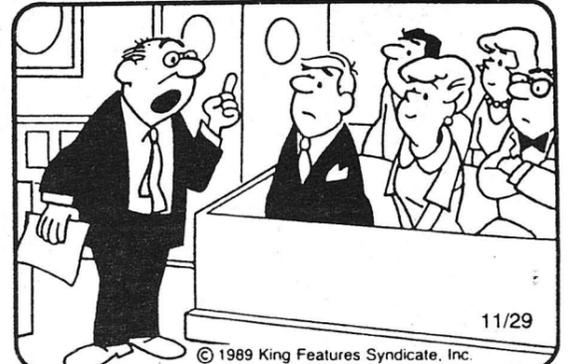


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"Drag the next one in."



"The fitness craze is over, Leonard. You can stop holding in your stomach."



"I'm glad to finally sell the house. I just hope my landlord doesn't find out about it."

Your Individual Horoscope

ARIES

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

It's not the time to quibble over small points. Accent charm and friendliness now with those on top. Today's financial developments should be positive.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20)

Partners work well together as a team. An invitation to visit friends at a distance comes now. Social life is a plus today, but don't let inconsequential upset you tonight.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

You have extra incentive today to go after what you want. You'll be opening doors for yourself in career matters. A disagreement with a friend is possible over a money matter.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

It's a good day to meet with

teachers about a child's progress. Joy comes through recreational interests today. Romance is a plus, providing you avoid p.m. moodiness.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

Business and pleasure combine to your advantage, but you could have minor difficulties with a co-worker now. Pay extra attention to details. Domestic interests prosper.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

It's not a good day to discuss what's wrong with your relationship. Accent the things that are going right and you'll achieve greater closeness now. Dating should be a plus!

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Your drive puts you a step ahead of the competition today. Income should improve. You may be entertaining some business colleagues at home this evening.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

A tendency to gloss over details should be avoided today. Be diligent lest you have minor errors to correct later. Dating and leisure pursuits are happily accented.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Getting things done around the house will be one of your objectives today. Shopping for the home and entertaining guests are favored now. Watch judgment after the noon hour.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Be less critical of a family member. Otherwise, this is a good day to make important phone calls and to communicate your thoughts. Travel and social life are pluses.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

You're on the go now and will accomplish what you set out to do. It

should be a productive time in business and other financial areas. A slight misunderstanding is possible tonight.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Except for a minor difference about money, things should go pretty much your own way today. Social life leads to romance and plans fall into place for travel.

YOU BORN TODAY work well with groups and are willing to assume responsibility for others. Always strive to better yourself and don't ever let yourself stay in a rut. You are in tune with universal principles and often achieve a notable success in the arts. You would make a fine teacher or adviser as well. Birthdate of: Joyce Kilmer, poet; David Brubeck, jazz musician; and Lynn Fontanne actress.

entertainment

TV guide

Tuesday

12:00 a.m. CNN Headline News
12:30 SCN Midday Report
12:40 Sports Machine
1:00 Donahue...What They Did For Love
2:00 Another World
3:00 Star Trek
3:48 CNN Headline Newsbreak
4:00 Encyclopedia

4:30 Guiding Light
5:15 General Hospital
6:00 SCN Evening Report
6:30 ABC World News Tonight
7:00 Jeopardy
7:30 Saturday Night With Connie Chung
8:30 St. Elsewhere
9:25 Community Bulletin
9:30 NBC Nightly News
10:00 Entertainment Tonight
10:30 Hill Street
11:20 SCN Late Night Report
11:30 NBC Tonight Show
12:30 Latenight With David Letterman

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Wednesday
5:30 a.m. CNN Headline News
6:00 CNN Headline News
6:30 NBC At Sunrise
7:00 NBC Today Show
9:00 Morning Stretch
9:25 Sesame Street
10:30 USA Today
11:00 Classic Concentration
11:30 Barney Miller
11:55 Community Bulletin
12:00 CNN Headline News

movies -- Tuesday

Howard

6 p.m. LICENSE TO KILL (PG-13) Timothy Dalton

8:40 p.m. LET IT RIDE (PG-13) Richard Dreyfuss
Clayton

6 p.m. DO THE RIGHT THING (R) Spike Lee
8:40 p.m. K-9 (PG-13) James Belushi

Amador

CLOSED

Quarry Heights

CLOSED

Davis

7 p.m. BATMAN (PG-13) Jack Nicholson

Adults \$1.50; Children \$1.00

clubs -- Tuesday

Naval Station O' Club - Live entertainment; Dining: turkey croissant; Lunch: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Naval Station Anchorage Club - Dining:

Chicken in the basket; Lunch: Grill sandwich bar; Breakfast: 6:30-11 a.m..

Naval Station CPO Club - A la carte dining; Games.

Bamboo Inn - Lunch: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Ft. Amador O' Club - Lunch: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bayview Room - Lunch

STRAC Club - Open, 4:30-10 p.m.

Clayton NCO Club - Lunch: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Quarry Heights O' Club - Available for special functions. Call 289-3506; Lunch: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Open for dinner.

Espinar Community Club - Available for special functions and parties only. Call 289-5160.

Albrook O' Club - Closed for maintenance.

military news

Salvador attacks reveal army deficiencies

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (Reuter) — A fierce guerrilla offensive in El Salvador has laid bare serious deficiencies in the U.S.-backed armed forces and sapped the credibility of U.S. policies here.

Diplomats and military analysts say the 56,000-strong security forces have been on the defensive, reacting rather than acting, since Nov. 11 when the leftist Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) launched its biggest assault in the decade-old war.

"The FMLN has had the military initiative throughout the fighting," said a European diplomat. "They made the army look incompetent."

In addition to training, arming, financing and advising the Salvadoran military, since 1981 the United States has provided an average of \$1.2 million a day in aid to El Salvador, turning the country into the third-biggest recipient of American assistance in the world.

Twice within three weeks, insurgents launched offenses, turning the wealthiest districts of the Salvadoran capital into battlegrounds and prompting the U.S. embassy to arrange the first mass evacuation of dependents since the war began in 1979.

Even the guerrillas appeared surprised by the ease with which they could attack, seize buildings, and slip away again when the army counter-attacked with superior forces.

One of the FMLN fighters who occupied parts of the Sheraton Hotel — with 70 guests, including Organization of American States chief Joao Baena Soares — told reporters: "None of us thought it would be so easy."

The Sheraton occupiers melted back into the night after two days of high drama. Residents of the exclusive Escalon and San Benito districts — rarely touched in 10 years of war — thought their nightmare was over.

Eight days later, the rebels struck again, turning elegant villas into

command posts and sniper nests.

With gunfire echoing through palm-fringed avenues, U.S. families fled to the fortress-like embassy to shelter there for the night before being flown home. Some 230 U.S. citizens — contract workers and wives and children of diplomats — were evacuated to safety in the United States.

The move contrasted sharply with repeated statements by U.S. officials that the government of President Alfredo Cristiani had the situation under control.

While the army had limited success in blocking the FMLN's urban offensive, human rights groups here reported that death squads linked to the military were back in action against suspected rebel supporters and left-wing sympathizers.

The Roman Catholic church and human rights groups blamed members of the security forces for the massacre of six Jesuit priests who were dragged from their beds and

shot in cold blood in the first week of the offensive.

The army's sluggish performance in combat apparently alarmed Washington. A day after U.S. citizens were airlifted to safety, the chief of U.S. military operations in Latin America, Gen. Maxwell Thurman, paid a lightning visit to El Salvador and had talks with army chief of staff Col. Rene Emilio Ponce.

According to diplomatic sources, Thurman urged the colonel to pursue more aggressive tactics and wrest the initiative from the guerrillas.

Military experts recalled that the United States had suggested — and the Salvadorans accepted — the need for different tactics after every major army setback in the war.

But the latest fighting provided clear evidence that the Salvadoran military still rely on superior numbers, greater firepower, and its U.S.-supplied air force to deal with the insurgents.

The FMLN offensive highlighted bad coordination between different army units, command-and-control problems, and faulty intelligence — all targets of U.S. criticism from the early 1980s.

Chief-of-staff Ponce admitted at a news conference the armed forces had not had solid information on the impending guerrilla attack until two days before it started. At least one embassy here cabled home details on assault preparations a full week earlier.

The offensive appeared unlikely to break the military stalemate which has kept the war going year after year. Neither side is capable of outright victory.

But the assault, diplomats said, could change the political landscape and complicate the already complex problems of El Salvador.

"There are three power centers in El Salvador," one ambassador said. "The army, President Cristiani, and the U.S. embassy. It will be interesting to see how their relationship develops over the next few months."

Support for the armed forces appears to be diminishing among many of the wealthy, conservative Salvadorans whose homes were in the line of fire during the battles in Escalon.

"I deplore that the Armed Forces were so slow in reacting," said Manuel Vides, a well-to-do businessman after the worst fighting. "The army did too little, too late."

The upsurge in the war apparently convinced many wealthy Salvadorans that the army could not protect them and the United States would not protect them, pulling out its own citizens and leaving their Salvadoran neighbors to their fate.

The criticism could provoke the army to redouble its efforts or might help convince it and the hardliners in Cristiani's right-wing National Republican Alliance (ARENA) of the need for negotiations with the FMLN — without insisting they first lay down their arms.



SAFETY STRESSED — Petty Officer Dan Labrie walks past a P3-Orion plane at the Brunswick Naval Air Station in Brunswick, Maine, last month. The planes were grounded at the base in response to the Navy's 48-hour shutdown of normal activities to stress safety procedures. (AP Laserphoto)

sports

Duran ready for Leonard's clowning

LAS VEGAS, (Reuter) — If Roberto Duran has his way, Sugar Ray Leonard will have to go to the circus to see the clowns.

Duran was asked after a workout Monday how he would react if Leonard put on one of his patented clowning acts when the two fight for Leonard's super middleweight title Thursday night.

"He can do what he wants," Duran said through an interpreter. "But to beat Roberto Duran, he's going to have to fight. I came to Las Vegas to fight.

"I'm a fighter not a clown. The clowns are in the circus."

It was Leonard's clowning and Duran's embarrassment over it that is generally seen as the big reason Duran quit in the eighth round of their second fight in 1980. Duran uttered perhaps the most famous words in boxing when he told the referee "No Mas" ("No More").

There is little reason to suspect that Leonard, a 2-1 favorite to win, will not taunt Duran again with his clown's repertoire.

The act includes winding up with one arm and then flicking out a slap with the other hand, mugging with his head outstretched, daring Duran to hit him, a fast shuffle with his feet and generally playing to the crowd.

Duran looked a lot better in his sparring session Monday than at his last outing Saturday. But almost anything would have been better, compared to his zombie-like approach to his work then.

Monday, Duran picked off many punches in three rounds of sparring against a boxer with a 5-1 record. He also landed a crisp three-punch

combination after slipping a punch.

But Duran, 38, will be fighting a 33-year-old Leonard who has won five world titles, is 33-1-1 and is considered to have been one of the top welterweights ever.

Leonard looks trim, as does Duran, who weighed about 195 pounds last June. They are expected to enter the ring at about 160 pounds.

Duran, who may go down as one of the two or three best lightweights ever, says he has more than a few incentives to win Thursday night in the outdoor ring next to the brand-new Mirage hotel.

"I don't know why Leonard made me wait so long (for a rematch), but that's the way God wanted it and now I'm going to make him pay," Duran said.

"I consider myself one of the greatest fighters ever, but here (United States) I never got the respect I deserve," Duran said intensely.

The Panamanian said he has fought the best fighters around to get his 85-7 record and yet he is not given enough credit.

The "No Mas" fight and his often sputtering comeback had more than a little impact on his reputation in the United States. Duran said that after he quit against Leonard his countrymen, "treated me very, very bad. They turned their backs on me. They insulted me.

"But after I beat Davey Moore (to win the WBA junior middleweight title in 1983), I won their applause," Duran said.



Sugar Ray Leonard, a 2-1 favorite in Thursday's fight with Roberto Duran in Las Vegas, is known for his clowning acts which Duran says won't bother him in the bout. (photo by Grover Matheny)

17 NFL teams still in playoff hunt

NEW YORK (AP) — After 13 weeks of the NFL season, 17 of the 28 teams — including Washington — have some shot at the playoffs.

Here's a division-by-division rundown:

AFC EAST

The Bills, 8-4 entering Monday night's game, had a two-game lead in the loss column over Miami plus the edge in any tiebreaker — they beat the Dolphins twice.

Moreover, Miami's "easy" finishing schedule has exploded in its face — with losses to Pittsburgh and Kansas City. The Dolphins could get a wild-card berth with three wins but they have New England and Kansas City at home and Indianapolis on the road, none of them guaranteed wins.

Give the Colts an outside shot at a wild card if they win their last three — Cleveland and Miami at home, New Orleans on the road.

AFC CENTRAL

Houston is in control at 8-5, particularly since they have two of three games at home. But the Oilers, a poor road team despite Sunday's 23-16 win in snowy Pittsburgh, have to play at 7-6 Cincinnati in two weeks. If the Bengals win and beat the Seahawks at home and Minnesota on the road, they win the division.

The Browns are 7-5-1 and fading — they've scored just 20 points in two losses and a tie the past three weeks and Bernie Kosar's elbow aches so

much he was replaced by Mike Pagel in the 21-0 loss to the Bengals Sunday. Nor do the Browns have it easy — they must go to Indianapolis and Houston and get Minnesota at home.

AFC WEST

Denver is fighting Buffalo for the home field while their loss to the Raiders put Los Angeles in the middle of the wild-card picture — they'd be the second AFC wild card if the playoffs started now. They'll also be favored in their next two games, against Phoenix at home and Seattle on the road before finishing against the Giants in the Meadowlands.

Kansas City, 6-6-1, may be wild-card sleeper. The Chiefs, who have won their last two, finish with Green Bay on the road, San Diego at home, then at Miami and could make it with three wins.

NFC EAST

Philadelphia and New York are tied at 9-4, but the Eagles have the tiebreaker edge because they've beaten the Giants twice and look to have only one more tough game — at New Orleans in two weeks. Their other games are home against Dallas and Phoenix.

The Giants, meanwhile, must play at Denver next week before closing at home against the Cowboys and Raiders.

The Redskins' outside shot is just that — if they finish in a wild-card tie with the Giants, for example, they lose because New York beat them twice.

NFC CENTRAL

Minnesota is tied with Green Bay at 8-5 and currently has the tiebreaker edge because it finished division play 6-2 and the Packers already have three division losses. But after entertaining 3-10 Atlanta at home next week, the Vikings play the Browns on the road and the Bengals at home, not the easiest of schedules.

The Packers, meanwhile, have Kansas City at home, then finish at Chicago and Dallas. The Bears, at 6-7 are probably out of it but would like nothing more than to be a spoiler against their most bitter rivals, the Packers.

NFC WEST

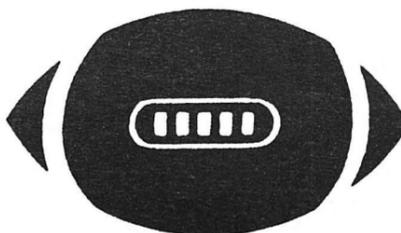
San Francisco, 11-2, can clinch the division with one more win or one more loss by the Rams, something the 49ers can take care of on their own when they play the Rams in Anaheim next Monday night.

Los Angeles, on the other hand, will be favored in its other two games — at home against the Jets and at New England. The latter could be troublesome — the Rams have been barely surviving lately and they're hardly a good cold weather team.

NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE				
East				
	W	L	T	Pct.
Buffalo	8	5	0	.615
Miami	7	6	0	.538
Indianapolis	6	7	0	.462
New England	5	8	0	.385
N.Y. Jets	4	9	0	.308
Central				
Houston	8	5	0	.615
Cleveland	7	5	1	.577
Cincinnati	7	6	0	.538
Pittsburgh	6	7	0	.462
West				
x-Denver	10	3	0	.769
L.A. Raiders	7	6	0	.538
Kansas City	6	6	1	.500
Seattle	4	9	0	.308
San Diego	4	9	0	.308
NATIONAL CONFERENCE				
East				
Philadelphia	9	4	0	.692
N.Y. Giants	9	4	0	.692
Washington	7	6	0	.538
Phoenix	5	8	0	.385
Dallas	1	12	0	.077
Central				
Green Bay	8	5	0	.615
Minnesota	8	5	0	.615
Chicago	6	7	0	.462
Tampa Bay	5	8	0	.385
Detroit	4	9	0	.308
West				
San Francisco	11	2	0	.846
L.A. Rams	9	4	0	.692
New Orleans	6	7	0	.462
Atlanta	3	10	0	.231

x-clinched division title



Seahawks shock Bills, 17-16 in Kingdome

SEATTLE (AP) — Dave Krieg and John Williams combined on Seattle's longest play of the season, a 51-yard touchdown pass with 5:38 remaining Monday night, lifting the Seahawks past the sputtering Buffalo Bills 17-16.

Krieg, making his first start after being benched for two games, avoided a heavy rush and lobbed the ball over linebacker Ray Bentley. Williams grabbed it at the 35, rumbled down the right sideline, got a block from Brian Blades and ran over Nate Odomes into the end zone.

Earlier, Krieg hit rookie tight end Travis McNeal on a similar play for 48 yards, the team's biggest play of 1989 until the game-winner.

The victory snapped Seattle's four-game losing streak and damaged Buffalo's chances of catching Denver for the best record in the AFC. The

Bills (8-5) still lead the AFC East by one game over Miami.

Seattle (5-8) clinched the victory — and Buffalo's fourth successive road loss — when M.L. Johnson recovered a fumble by Larry Kinnebrew.

Buffalo had taken a 16-10 lead on field goals of 32, 40 and 43 yards by Scott Norwood. But he missed from 48 yards just before Krieg hit Williams.

Earlier, defensive end Art Still made the first interception of his career to set up a field goal and Jim Kelly hit Andre Reed, the AFC's leading receiver, for a 61-yard score.

Seattle moved smartly to its opening score, a 29-yard field goal by Norm Johnson. Krieg hit Curt Warner for 13 yards and Steve Largent for 24, extending the NFL's all-time leading receiver's record

consecutive game streak with a catch to 174.

Then Krieg and McNeal combined on the 48-yarder. Krieg avoided a strong rush and lobbed the ball to McNeal, who caught it over Leonard Smith. McNeal cut across the field as three Bills missed him and was caught by Smith at the Buffalo 15.

Paul Skansi caught an 11-yard pass before Warner scored from the 1, just his third touchdown this season — he's averaged 10 in his five full seasons.

Largent continued his heroics when he ran left, untouched, into the end zone for the extra point after Norm Johnson stumbled.

Reed, now Buffalo's all-time

leading pass catcher, got the Bills back in it with the 61-yard TD. He beat Melvin Jenkins on a slant-in, eluded tackles by Eugene Robinson and Nesby Glasgow and sped to the end zone.

Buffalo moved to Seattle's 15 on its next possession, but Dwayne Harper leaped to break up a pass for Flip Johnson and tipped the ball to Robinson for an interception.

The Bills were right back in scoring position moments later when Harper Le Bel's high snap went off punter Ruben Rodriguez's hands and Buffalo recovered at the 10.

All the Bills got was Norwood's 32-yard field goal, tying it at 10 at halftime.

sports briefs

New Mavs coach

DALLAS (AP) — Richie Abubato, after several days of weighing an offer from the Dallas Mavericks, agreed to become coach of the NBA team for the remainder of the season, the club said Monday.

Yankees deal catcher

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The New York Yankees dealt catcher Don Slaught to the Pittsburgh Pirates Monday for right-handers Jeff Robinson and Willie Smith in the first trade of the winter meetings.

Eagles get lift

PHILADELPHIA (AP) —

Coach Buddy Ryan said he is counting on "all the baloney" from the recent bounty controversy to give his Philadelphia Eagles an emotional lift they may need Sunday against the Dallas Cowboys.

"It's hard to play emotional two weeks in a row," said Ryan, whose team is coming off a peak from a 24-17 triumph over the Giants Sunday.

ABC files suit

NEW YORK (AP) — Capital Cities-ABC Inc. filed suit against the Treasury Department on Monday, claiming the government was trying to block live television coverage of the 1991 Pan American Games in Cuba.

notas deportivas

Demanda de ABC

NUEVA YORK (AP) - El lunes la Corporación, Capital Cities - ABC Inc., interpuso una demanda contra el departamento del Tesoro, el lunes, alegando que el gobierno estaba tratando de bloquear las transmisiones de televisión en vivo de los Juegos Panamericanos de 1991 que se realizarán en Cuba.

Nuevo entrenador

DALLAS (AP) — Richie Abubato, después de varios días de meditar sobre una oferta del equipo Dallas Mavericks, se decidió aceptar el nuevo cargo como entrenador del equipo del NBA por el resto de la temporada

Cambio de jugadores

NASHVILLE, Tenn (AP) — Los Yankees de Nueva York acordaron intercambiar a Don Slaught con los Pirates de Pittsburgh con el mano derecha Jeff Robinson y Willie Smith en las primeras negociaciones de esta época de invierno.

Se animan los Eagles

FILADELPHIA (AP) - El entrenador Buddy Ryan informó que él está contando con "todos los rumores" de la reciente controversia para darle a su equipo, Philadelphia Eagles, un estímulo emocional el cual necesitaron el domingo al enfrentarse al equipo, Dallas Cowboys.

Racers give clues on handling stress

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Would-be super athletes who take on projects like bicycling across the country, are psychologically pretty much like the rest of us, but may offer some clues on handling daily stress, researchers say.

"We look at sports as a way to look at other things in life that are harder to study," said James Whelan, a Memphis State University psychologist and part of a team studying riders in the annual Race Across America.

Even though they voluntarily take on the grueling challenge, riders

aren't psychologically unusual, said Andrew Myers, the study director. "We thought we'd find that they were all crazy but the data just doesn't support that."

The racers ride for 10 days with one to two hours of sleep a night, conditions producing what Whelan and Myers say produces a unique source of study subjects under extreme physical and emotional stress.

"These people reported some rather serious psychological disturbances during the race," Whelan said.

Portland dumps Magic

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Sparked by its defense, the Portland Trail Blazers pulled away in the second half Monday night to defeat the Orlando Magic 121-95.

The Trail Blazers outscored Orlando 66-44 in the second half to push its record to 13-4 — second best in the NBA. Jerome Kersey scored 22 points and Kevin Duckworth had 19 for Portland.

Orlando was led by Reggie Theus' 17 points. Terry Catledge added 16 and Jerry Reynolds 13.

Portland led 55-51 at halftime. But Kersey had 11 points as Portland outscored the Magic 29-14 in the first eight minutes of the third quarter to take an 84-65 lead.

Portland's swarming defense made the difference, cutting off the Magic's inside game in the second half. The Trail Blazers also got its running game going, scoring 26 points on fastbreak opportunities after intermission.

Catledge scored only two points in the second half, while Theus had four.

Besides Kersey and Duckworth, Portland got double-figure scoring from Clyde Drexler with 18 points, Buck Williams and Terry Porter each with 16 and rookie Cliff Robinson with 15.

Kersey hit 10 of 16 shots and had nine rebounds. He started the game hitting 38.6 percent from the field.

Hurricanes new No. 2

NEW YORK (UPI) — Miami claimed the No. 2 spot in the college football ratings Monday, giving the Hurricanes the best shot at the national title should No. 1 Colorado stumble in the Orange Bowl.

Colorado, 11-0 and the nation's only undefeated team, stayed in the No. 1 spot it inherited last week while the Hurricanes, 10-1, moved into the No. 2 spot vacated by Alabama, which lost 30-20 to Auburn. The Crimson Tide tumbled to No. 7.

Colorado, Miami, No. 3 Michigan, 10-1, and No. 4 Notre Dame, 11-1, were idle and each moved up a spot as did No. 5 Florida State, 10-2, after beating Florida 24-17.

Colorado and Notre Dame meet in the Orange Bowl, with the Buffaloes virtually assured their first title if they beat the Fighting Irish. Miami plays Alabama in the Sugar Bowl, and Florida State faces No. 6 Nebraska, 10-1, in the Fiesta Bowl. Seven teams with one loss are playing in Jan. 1 bowls.

The Buffaloes received 42 of 47 first-place votes for 697 of 705 possible points from the Board of Coaches to lead Miami by 50 points. Three coaches failed to vote. The Hurricanes, with 647 points, received four first-place votes, with Florida State receiving the remaining first-place ballot.

Illinois, 9-2, stayed at No. 11 followed by Southern Cal, 8-2-1; No. 13 Clemson, 9-2 and No. 14 Virginia, 10-2.

No. 15 Texas A&M, 8-3, improved two places with a 21-10 victory over Texas, sending No. 16 Brigham Young, 10-2, and No. 17 West Virginia, 8-2-1, down one place. Penn State, 7-3-1, stayed 18th and

Hawaii, 9-2 with one game left against Air Force, remained 19th but was joined in a tie by returnee Texas Tech, 8-3.

Leaving the rankings were Arizona and Ohio State. Schools ineligible for the Top 20 are Cincinnati, Houston, Memphis State, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State.

College Top 25

by The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in the Associated Press Dec. 4, 1989 preseason college basketball poll, with total points based on top 25 inverse points:

Team	Points
1. Syracuse	1,535
2. Kansas	1,443
3. Georgetown	1,425
4. Missouri	1,325
5. UNLV	1,265
6. Duke	1,246
7. Illinois	1,139
8. Michigan	1,080
9. LSU	1,051
10. Arkansas	1,031
11. Louisville	888
12. Oklahoma	797
13. UCLA	761
14. Indiana	687
15. St. John's	468
16. Memphis St.	460
17. North Carolina	459
18. Georgia Tech	448
19. N. Carolina St.	428
20. Arizona	407
21. Alabama	285
22. Pittsburgh	281
23. Temple	275
24. Oregon St.	203
25. Florida	180

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Bush vows to keep significant force in Europe

BRUSSELS, Belgium (UPI) — President Bush, promising adherence to Western formulas for disarmament, assured NATO allies Monday that the United States "will maintain significant military forces" in Europe even as reform in Eastern Europe lessens the risk of war.

Meeting with them at NATO headquarters, Bush said "good thinking" dictates the West remain strong to guarantee the "new era" of peace he proclaimed after a weekend summit with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Bush, flush with success from the shipboard summit in Malta, told the allies he and Gorbachev will not rush forward in a euphoric atmosphere of good will to consider deeper arms cuts in Europe than those now being negotiated.

While able to "look forward to a utopian day" when U.S. troops might not be needed, he said, "What we don't want to do is send the signal

of decoupling, the decoupling of the United States and Canada from NATO, particularly at this highly sensitive time."

"Mr. Gorbachev understood that," Bush told a news conference at NATO headquarters before wrapping up his four-day trip and going home.

Asked by reporters aboard Air Force One why he was in such a rush to leave Brussels, Bush said, "Because I want to be on time for dinner with my wife."

Air Force One landed at Andrews Air Force Base in suburban Washington at 7:07 p.m. EST, and Bush arrived at the White House aboard a Marine helicopter 17 minutes later. He was greeted by cheering staff members and a smiling first lady Barbara Bush.

Over the last few weeks, Bush was

dogged by speculation that in a bid to seize the initiative with Gorbachev he might suggest deeper or follow-on cuts to those on the table at the Vienna Conference on Forces in Europe.

That sparked warnings from British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in particular that the West must remain on its guard until certain of the permanence and long-term ramifications of the changes in Eastern Europe.

To assuage those concerns, Bush said Monday that he and Gorbachev spoke only "very broadly about our aspirations for further arms control" and did not go beyond the reductions in troops, tanks, aircraft and artillery being discussed at the CFE talks.

Asked about the notion of a "CFE II" accord, Bush said: "I'd like to get a CFE I in the bank first, get it locked

up, get those troops out, move down to equal levels."

"I, the president of the United States, will kick our bureaucracy and push it as fast as I possibly can," Bush said.

Noting he had discussed the issue only the night before with Gen. John Galvin, the commander of U.S. forces in Europe, Bush said: "I'm convinced that I must do more to keep it on schedule and I encouraged the other allies to do the same. I don't think there was any resistance to that."

NATO General Secretary Manfred Woerner underscored the need to not leapfrog ahead of the current negotiations in telling reporters that "we only want to get the concrete results which are possible now to the first step before you consider others."

Environmental groups file suit

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Five environmental groups sued the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Monday, charging the agencies have failed to protect the

Chase follows tour for Rio Mar visitors

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — Four shots were fired at an Army van during a high-speed chase incident that occurred late Sunday afternoon on the Arraijan-Chorrera bypass.

At the time of the incident, the van and its four passengers were returning from an Army-sponsored one-day trip to Rio Mar. Just past the toll booth on the four-lane highway, a blue Nissan car with tinted windows passed the van and began to signal and maneuver it off the road.

When the van pulled to the side of the highway, two men emerged from the car and moved toward the van. Thinking their manner suspicious, the driver of the van backed up, maneuvered around the car, and sped off down the road.

The car followed, and the resulting high-speed chase lasted until the van reached the turnoff to Howard Air Force Base. During the chase, the passenger in the right front seat of the car fired four shots. Two of the shots hit the differential of the van. There were no injuries.

endangered gray wolf and threatened grizzly bear in Flathead National Forest in Montana.

The groups charged the Forest Service is violating the federal Endangered Species Act by building too many roads in the park, one of the most important refuges for grizzly bears and gray wolves in the continental United States.

The lawsuit was filed in federal court in Montana by the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, along with four local environmental groups, the Swan View Coalition, Resources Limited, Friends of the Wild Swan, and Five Valleys Audubon Society.

"Despite the repeated assurances of the Forest Service and the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service that the Flathead National Forest will close roads in occupied grizzly bear and gray wolf habitat in order to protect the bear and wolf, the Forest Service has failed to meet its obligations under the Endangered Species Act," said Keith Hammer, spokesman for the Swan View Coalition.

Hammer said rather than closing roads, the forest service was building more roads, which he said force bears and wolves out of important habitat and lead to more killings of animals that encounter humans.

He said the fish and wildlife service has failed to conduct required studies on the impact of the forest service's logging plans on endangered species.

noticias breves

Por la Prensa Internacional

Condenan acción

Moscú — El líder Soviético Mikhail Gorbachev y los líderes de Bulgaria, Alemania Oriental, Hungría y Polonia condenaron la invasión de 1968 de Checoslovaquia que fué encabezada por los Soviéticos en una reunión de las superpotencias en la cumbre.

Amenaza de huelga

PRAGA, Checoslovaquia — Líderes de la reforma que se dirigen a la multitud de protestantes en la Plaza de Wenceslas, amenazaron con una huelga nacional si el Partido Comunista no renunciaba al control del gobierno.

Ex-secretario en líos

WASHINGTON - El Departamento de Justicia anunció el lunes que conducirá investigación de las posibles actividades criminales del ex-secretario de Vivienda, Samuel Pierce, el cual conducirá al nombramiento de un fiscal especial.

Renunció M.D. Wall

WASHINGTON — M. Danny Wall, el más alto funcionario de la economía nacional, renunció el lunes con propósito de "evitar el escándalo" producido por el mal manejo del banco de ahorros y préstamos de California.

Continúan batalla

MANILA, Filipinas — Soldados rebeldes lucharon hoy por mantener el control del distrito financiero de la capital, con pérdidas de millones de dólares afectando la economía nacional. El ejército proclamó que el más violento desafío contra el Presidente Corazón Aquino fué un fracaso.

Acusan a palestino

STOCKHOLM, Suecia — La corte del distrito anunció el lunes que un palestino acusado de una serie de bombardeos en Escandinavia y de los países bajos de Holanda, es también considerado sospechoso en la explosión del avión de la Aerolínea PanAm en 1988 en Lockerbie, Escocia.

Embassy warns of hostilities

MANILA, (Reuter) — The U.S. embassy in the Philippines today urged Americans living near Manila's rebel-held financial district to evacuate their homes immediately because of possible increased hostilities in the area.

The embassy issued the emergency alert shortly after forces loyal to President Corazon Aquino deployed troops and tanks near the Intercontinental Hotel in the Makati business district in what diplomats said was an apparent preparation for an attack.

"There is a possibility of increased hostilities," the embassy said in a statement broadcast repeatedly on the U.S. military's television network.

The embassy said Americans living in seven exclusive districts around the embattled area "should immediately leave their residences and proceed to areas removed from Makati."

As dawn broke, explosions and intermittent machinegun fire could be heard from in front of the Intercontinental Hotel where around 400 Filipino and foreign guests were bottled up.

Costa Rica to host Central American summit

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala (UPI) — This weekend's Central American summit, which El Salvador's president vowed to boycott if it were held in Nicaragua, will be held in Costa Rica with all five regional leaders present, officials said Monday.

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega has agreed to participate in the meeting, which will take place in Costa Rica Dec. 10-12, two days later than scheduled, said Carlos Anleu, a spokesman for Guatemalan President Vinico Cerezo.

The summit had been set for Friday and Saturday in Managua, Nicaragua, but Salvadoran President Alfredo Cristiani said last week he would not attend, citing a recent heightening of tensions between El Salvador and Nicaragua.

Cristiani, Cerezo and Honduran President Jose Azcona Hoyo have confirmed they will attend the summit in Costa Rica. The host will be Costa Rican President Oscar

Arias, the Nobel Peace Prize-winning architect of the now-foundering Central American peace accords.

"President Ortega believed there was more security in Costa Rica than in Guatemala, and for that reason agreed to a summit in that country," Anleu said, describing Ortega's telephone conversation with Cerezo.

Guatemala also had offered to host the summit.

Cristiani suspended diplomatic and commercial ties with Managua on Nov. 26, accusing the Nicaraguan government of sending powerful anti-aircraft missiles and other weapons to the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, known by its Spanish-language acronym FMLN.

The FMLN has waged a decade-long armed struggle against the U.S.-backed Salvadoran government in which more than 72,000 people have been killed, most of them civilians.

The United States and El Salvador

frequently have accused Cuba and Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government of helping the FMLN.

"The topics that will be dealt with (at the Costa Rican summit) will be the bloody war of El Salvador and the demobilization of the Contras, the two important problems in Central America," Anleu said.

Between 9,000 and 12,000 U.S.-backed Contras camped inside Honduras along the Nicaraguan border were supposed to be dismantled by the first week of December under an accord signed by five presidents last August.

The voluntary demobilization of the Contras has been endangered by Ortega's decision last month to suspend a 19-month unilateral cease-fire.

The Contras have insisted that they will not return to Nicaragua unless the Sandinista government guarantees basic rights and fair national elections, scheduled for Feb. 25, 1990.