

Reagan visits South Carolina

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — President Reagan, hoping to parlay outrage over the Soviet downing of a Korean airliner into new support for a U.S. military buildup, visited South Carolina Tuesday to raise campaign money for Sen. Strom Thurmond.

Reagan, in remarks prepared for a fund-raising dinner for the 81-year-old conservative senator, said the United States should respond to what he has termed the "murder of innocent civilians" by Moscow by reaffirming his drive to "rearm America."

"The savage attack against the unarmed Korean airliner reminds us; we live in a dangerous world with cruel people who reject our ideals and who disregard individual rights and the value of human life," Reagan said.

With votes looming on Capitol Hill on his plans for the MX missile and other defense matters, Reagan suggested anger over the Soviet attack and the resulting deaths of 269 people be channeled into support for his policies.

"We can only keep our families safe and our country free and at peace when the enemies of democracy know America has

the courage to stay strong," he said. Reagan praised Thurmond and reviled critics during a round of events that helped raise more than \$300,000 for Thurmond's unofficial reelection campaign.

Thurmond, the senior Republican in the Senate, is an unabashed hawk on military matters and advocates an aggressive foreign policy of the type Reagan said he has shaped.

"Under our administration," Reagan said, "this nation is through with hand-wringing and apologizing."

State Republican officials said the event was one of the most successful Republican fund-raisers ever held in the Southeast. A group of community activists countered it with plans to set up a soup line nearby to protest Reagan's domestic policies.

Showing no desire for a ceasefire in the war of words between Washington and Moscow, Reagan said: "We don't imprison political and religious dissidents in mental hospitals. And we don't cold-bloodedly shoot defenseless airliners out of the sky."

While urging bipartisanship in foreign affairs, Reagan's denounced critics of his economic policies.

Airline pilots reject new salary proposals

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HOUSTON — Continental Airlines pilots and flight attendants rejected the troubled company's proposed pay and productivity concessions, and Continental withdrew its related employee stock ownership offer, spokesmen said Tuesday.

The two largest employee groups did not meet a Monday deadline for acceptance of \$18.5 million worth of stock, options on additional stock and 25 percent of company profits in exchange for \$150 million worth of concessions.

Concessions requested included pay cuts, increases in working hours and more flexible work rules for management. Continental has lost \$400 million since federal airline deregulation in 1979, and is still in the red.

Representatives of the Los Angeles-based Union of

Flight Attendants, an independent union representing the 2,300 Continental attendants, met in Houston Monday with Continental management and presented a counterproposal.

Flight attendants' spokesmen said their union bylaws prohibit acceptance of contract changes without a full vote of the membership, which would take at least two weeks.

The company argued that the union leadership could accept the package.

"The company was well aware of the balloting rules involved in the flight attendant contract," said Debbie Powell, a member of the UFA negotiating committee.

Members of the Washington-based Air Line Pilots Association met in executive session Monday, but did not meet with company management, said pilot Dennis Higgins.

"There have been ongoing

meetings since the proposal was made," Higgins said. "But no meetings took place Monday."

After more than eight months of negotiations during 1982, the 1,400-member pilot group signed a new contract the company said gave it more than \$80 million worth of productivity and pay concessions through September 1984.

The company's new "cost restructuring" proposal last week called for \$60 million more in concessions from pilots, \$40 million from flight attendants, \$30 million from ticket agents and \$20 million from the machinists.

The International Association of Machinists had its concessions imposed unilaterally by the company when it went on strike against Continental Aug. 13. Some 800 jobs were eliminated when the strike started. Talks are suspended.

Other airlines have imposed cost restructuring plans involving employees.

Commissioners bar Soviet ships, cargo

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ORANGE — Orange County Navigation and Port of Orange District Commissioners have voted to bar Soviet ships and Russian-bound cargo from the port because of the Soviet downing of a Korean airliner with 269 people aboard, an official said Tuesday.

Port Director Stephen Pomeroy said port officials on

Monday unanimously passed a resolution condemning the Soviet Union conduct and "its belligerent attitude or no regret for its actions."

A five-member board of port officials voted to bar Soviet ships and Russian-bound cargo from the port until further notice.

Pomeroy said the board's action was "just a good American gesture."

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Summer ends with cold front

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 A late-summer cold front plunged temperatures 50 to 60 degrees from the Rockies to the nation's central reaches in a matter of hours Tuesday. Record lows threatened a frosty night.

"People were wondering if summer was ever going to end and now they're wondering if there's going to be a fall," said Rick Cundy, meteorologist at the National Severe Storms Forecast Center in Kansas City.

But the dying summer burned on along the East Coast. A second day of record high temperatures in the mid-90s appeared certain. By early afternoon, it was already a record 94 at Boston and a record 90 at Providence, R.I., and the Baltimore-Washington Airport.

Gulf air pushed northward all the way to New England and cold Canadian air swept south and eastward through Montana to account for the wildly differing bands of weather.

The death count in rain torrents which swept Texas with up to 7 inches rose to four when the body of a 14-year-old boy was found lying face-down in the mud along a flooded Houston bayou. He was swept from a

homemade raft when the bayou rose Monday.

Two other boys died in Houston and a mother died when flood waters pulled her from a bridge in San Antonio.

Winds up to 50 miles an hour rushed the cold into Colorado, Kansas, and parts of Missouri and Oklahoma. Temperatures went into 60-degree spins in eastern Colorado and western Kansas.

Denver's high of 86 Monday vanished before record low of 28 degrees Tuesday. The reading at Lamar, Colo., plummeted from 97 to 39. Goodland, Kan., chilled off 50 degrees to a record 33.

It was 22 degrees at Alliance, Neb.; a record 16 at Casper, Wyo., and another record of 26 at Scottsbluff, Neb. None of them could equal the rock-hard zero at West Yellowstone, Mont.

As the cool front pushed eastward, the temperature spun down 12 degrees in an hour to 55 at Chicago at midday.

Up to 17 inches of snow fell in Montana during the cold's advance and there were traces of snow as far east as Nebraska.



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