

# WORLD AND NATION

## FDA warns of contaminated dairy products

**Associated Press**  
 WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration warned consumers Thursday that Mexican-style cheese and other dairy products distributed in 13 states spanning the continent may contain deadly bacteria.

The FDA said the products were produced by Cacique Fine Foods Inc., of City of Industry, Calif., near Los Angeles, and may be contaminated with the bacteria *Listeria monocytogenes*, the same bacteria involved in another cheese recall last month.

Listeriosis, an illness caused by the bacteria, has been blamed for 61 deaths and stillbirths and 187 illnesses in California and six other states, although health officials say the origin of some of the cases remains unknown.

"We're warning all consumers in 13 states to avoid Cacique Fine Foods Mexican-style cheese and dairy products because of possible contamination," said William Grigg, the FDA's chief spokesman.

He said the products were distributed in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Texas and Washington state.

Grigg said the recall includes all Cacique products except three types of cheese that have been processed more recently under state supervision to ensure proper pasteurization. They are Queso Blanco Fresco, Panela and Ranchero cheeses carrying expiration or "pull" dates after Aug. 17.

The Cacique recall was ordered after FDA scientists in California discovered *Listeria* bacteria in samples of Cacique cheese. It follows a similar recall last month of cheeses produced by Jalisco Mexican Products Inc. of Artesia, Calif., which also was contaminated with *Listeria* bacteria.

Health officials in both cases blamed the contamination on use of unpasteurized milk.

Cacique president Gilbert de Cardenas has said no unpasteurized milk was added to his company's products. But California Health Director Kenneth Kizer said Wednesday that unpasteurized milk was responsible for contaminating Cacique cheese.

## SHOE



## Funky Winkerbean



## Budget negotiations stalled over social security dispute

**Associated Press**  
 WASHINGTON — Despite President Reagan's efforts to prod a compromise, congressional budget negotiations remained stalled Thursday while Senate leaders worked to contain a GOP rebellion over the president's about-face on Social Security.

Republican leaders conceded they were having a hard time selling to fuming GOP senators the budget "framework" embraced by Reagan the day before — a plan that would give the nation's 35 million Social Security recipients full cost-of-living increases next year.

The budget passed by the GOP-led Senate — and earlier endorsed by Reagan — had called for a one-year freeze in the benefit increases while the budget approved by the Democratic-controlled House protected the increases.

Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., said the so-called compromise is no compromise at all. "It may be a compromise between President Reagan and the House," he said. "But it is no compromise from the standpoint of the Senate."

Sen. Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, said, "There's a lot of negative talk around."

"There's some anger. They're mad. They don't know what to think about it," Domenici told a breakfast session with reporters.

Asked about the criticism by GOP senators of Reagan's change of position, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said the president had always been opposed to tampering with Social Security, and only supported the Senate freeze on benefits as a last resort.

Although Reagan had intended to get the stalled budget talks going again, there was no effort Thursday to reconvene the House-Senate conference committee on budget charged with hammering out the final spending document.

Also blocking resumption of talks was a sharp dispute between Domenici and House leaders over the size of additional spending cutsbacks that have been removed from consideration.

Domenici claimed that abandoning the cost-of-living freeze opened a \$28 billion hole in congressional efforts to reduce federal spending by nearly \$300 billion over the next three years — and House members would have agreed to much deeper cuts in domestic programs.

## Injuries plague western firefighters

# Weather affecting control of fires

**Associated Press**  
 Cooler, moist air Thursday helped firefighters battle a 13,500-acre brush fire in northern California and evacuees started returning home, but lightning menaced other parts of the West where blazes in 14 states have scorched about 1 million acres.

Pauline McGinty of the Boise Interagency Fire Center in Idaho said, "Our fire weather reports say hot, dry weather, with dry lightning. Southern California will receive lightning also, and we really don't want to hear that."

"What's happening is every day we're getting new fires. As soon as we get control of one, we demobilize and have another fire to move them to." — Paul McGinty of the Boise Interagency Fire Center in Idaho.

The agency, a firefighting logistics support center, saw no sign of a respite for firefighters, who have suffered hundreds of broken bones and other injuries. State forester Tess Albin-Smith said at least 345 firefighters have been hurt in the past two weeks in California alone.

Seventeen-thousand firefighters, including some from New England and Alaska, have been battling the stubborn flames. Spokesman Scott

Brayton said, "It's the largest force of firefighters ever assembled in the United States."

In San Luis Obispo, Calif., where a 75,000-acre fire was contained just outside the city limits Wednesday, residents hoisted a banner Thursday that read: "We love firefighters. Thank you for saving our city."

More than 1,000 fires burned in the United States and Canada, scorching lands in at least 14 states.

In California alone, wildfires that charred 308,260 acres since June, Albin-Smith said.

The fires' only fatalities were three residents of the Baldwin Hills section of Los Angeles where flames destroyed 48 homes last week.

Near Los Gatos, 173 firefighters were hurt battling the 13,500-acre Lexington Reservoir arson fire the under-dry Santa Cruz Mountains.

The Lexington fire was 50 percent contained and 20 percent controlled Thursday as cooler temperatures and moisture-laden air helped 1,800 firefighters gain the upper hand.

"The weather is really helping us," Albin-Smith said. "If we can't handle on the fires today, there should be doing all right."

# Ambassador: U.S. sanctions hurting innocent Lebanese

**Associated Press**  
 WASHINGTON — Lebanon's ambassador said Thursday that U.S.-imposed sanctions against the Beirut airport are playing into the hands of Middle East terrorist groups because the sanctions hurt America's friends who are innocent of wrongdoing in the recent hijacking.

Abdallah Bouhabib accused the Reagan administration of taking action against Lebanon because it hesitated to act against those responsible for terrorism in the wake of the hijacking of TWA Flight 847, during which 39 Americans were held hostage for 17 days.

"The United States does not want to face reality in the Middle East," Bouhabib said. "Why hit us? We are being hurt. Innocent Lebanese are being hurt."

He said "Lebanon is a theater" where outside forces play out their violence and terrorist acts.

Bouhabib said Lebanon would cooperate with the United States in trying to apprehend and interrogate suspects in the hijacking, in which one hostage was killed. But he said Lebanese authorities don't know the identity of the hijackers, and he doesn't think the Americans do either.

The administration announced after the hostages were released that it wanted the airport closed because it had become a haven for terrorists. It banned all American flights to Lebanon and flights by Middle East Airlines and other aircraft from Lebanon to the United States. U.S. officials also said they would discourage other nations from using the Beirut airport.

However, there has been virtually no international support for the American action, and some Arab nations are talking about a counter-boycott against U.S.

airlines. The administration in recent days has indicated it is having second thoughts by softening its criticism of Lebanon.

Vice President George Bush, at a National Press Club luncheon, was asked why Lebanon should be punished for the actions of a few extremists. He replied that Lebanon had a responsibility to "safeguard travelers in international airports."

"We would like to see Lebanon bring that important airport into an ordered way," Bush said. "We would like to see it safe. We would like to be able to tell American travelers, you can go there at minimal risk. But, we can't do that now."

Bouhabib earlier had registered a formal protest of the action on behalf of his government.

He said in an interview Thursday with the Associated Press Radio network, "We do realize that Beirut airport is a security risk. However, these measures that are being taken by the United States are not going to stop the insecurity, are not going to limit terrorism. In fact, isolating Lebanon would increase terrorism and would strengthen the terrorists."

Bouhabib acknowledged that the American action has prompted the Lebanese government to improve security measures at the airport. But he said the same incentive could have come from the United Nations without the pressure of a U.S. boycott.

Asked what retaliation would have been appropriate in the wake of the Beirut hijacking, Bouhabib said probably nothing because the administration doesn't want to violate international law and endanger the lives of hostages.

"With this policy, I don't think you can do anything," he said.

## Soviet fighter crashes while pursuing jet

**Associated Press**  
 STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Soviet air force pilot was believed killed when his SU-15 jet fighter crashed in the Baltic Sea after pursuing a Swedish fighter plane monitoring a Warsaw Pact naval exercise, the Defense Staff reported Thursday.

The incident occurred Sunday when a Swedish Air Force fighter approached a Warsaw Pact naval exercise in international waters southwest of the island of Gotland, Defense staff press officer Jan Tuninger said Wednesday.

Tuninger told The Associated Press both the Swedish and the Soviet pilots were following routine procedures and a spokesman for Sweden's Foreign Ministry said that no diplomatic repercussions were expected.

The cause of the accident was not immediately known, Tuninger said.

Tuninger said that Sweden had not released news of the accident "because we have no reason to tell of other country's crashes. The Soviet Union seldom reports military accidents, Tuninger said."

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