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## Personal income rises 1.1%

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' personal incomes rose a modest 1.1 percent in the first three months of the year, and residents of 10 states actually suffered declines in earnings, the government reported Monday.

The Commerce Department said energy and farm states were the hardest hit, with Alaska enduring a 9 percent income plunge, the biggest of any state. Since January, 115,000 jobs have been lost in the oil and gas industry as companies have cut back sharply on drilling plans because of the dramatic fall in oil prices.

The weak income numbers cut a swath across the farm belt as well, led by a 6.1 percent fall in North Dakota, one of eight farm states that had declines in earnings during the first three months of the year.

The 1.1 percent overall increase was down from a 1.9 percent rise in the final three months of 1985.

## World and Nation

### 6 Soviet units to exit Afghanistan

Gorbachev announces partial withdrawal

MOSCOW (AP) — Kremlin leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev announced the first Soviet troop withdrawals from Afghanistan on Monday, but he tempered the gesture with a stern warning that Moscow won't quit the 6½-year-old war until "outside interference" stops.

Gorbachev said in a televised address that the Soviets would pull out six regiments by the end of the year to stimulate talks aimed at ending the fighting in Afghanistan.

He did not give a specific timetable or say how many of the Red Army's estimated 115,000 soldiers in Afghanistan were involved. But Western diplomatic sources estimated there were 5,900 to 10,000 soldiers in the six units.

The Soviets contend the United States and Pakistan control the rebel forces and demand the two countries guarantee an end to the rebel-

lion. U.S. and Pakistani officials say the Soviets should withdraw before reconciliation can be attempted.

Gorbachev said the troop withdrawal "must be answered by the curtailment of outside interference in the affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan."

Given the small scale of planned withdrawal, Gorbachev's move appeared to be more a goodwill gesture than a change in the Soviets' policy.

## World Briefs

### Striking city workers vote on contract

DETROIT (AP) — Thousands of city workers lined up at ballot boxes Monday for a contract vote that could restart buses and reduce a mountain of garbage built by a 13-day municipal strike.

But some striking members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Em-

ployees were unhappy with tentative agreement.

The three-year contract raises contingent on the financial condition during the two years of the agreement, a demand that leaders of the member union initially res-

### Negligence ruled in well contamination

BOSTON (AP) — W.R. Grace Co. was responsible for contaminating two drinking wells in the industrial suburb of Woburn, a federal jury decided Monday, setting the stage for a second trial to determine if the pollution caused leukemia that killed six people.

The jury cleared another defendant, corporate giant Beatrice Foods Co., of any liability in case.

The six jurors found that polychlorinated biphenyls and tetrachloroethylene were dumped negligently at the Grace site after Oct. 1, 1980.

### Scientists say Titanic unsalvageable

WOODS HOLE, Mass. (AP) — Scientists who explored the Titanic returned to port Monday convinced the liner is unsalvageable and toting 57,000 photos and more than 50 hours of videotape of the wreckage of the world's most famous sea disaster.

"I hope that through the efforts that we accomplished in the

last few weeks that it will satisfy the curiosity of everyone... that there will be no real need to go back, and that the Titanic can finally rest in peace," said chief scientist Robert Ballard.

Ballard, who also led the expedition that found the ship, said he had no desire to return to the

### Stock market has 'blue Monday' loss

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market started off a new week with another "blue Monday," falling sharply in selling attributed to interest-rate worries and program trading.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials fell 36.14 to 1,773.90,

for its seventh largest point drop ever and its biggest since it took record 61.87-point drop on July 7.

Volume on the New York Stock Exchange came to 127.2 million shares, against 131.9 million on Friday,

## S. Africa threatens to close schools if boycott persists

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — The government rejected demands by black students that troops be withdrawn from school grounds and said Monday it may close schools where boycotts persist.

Gerrit Viljoen, minister of education and development aid, told reporters boycotts and unrest increased in the past when troops were withdrawn. He said they would remain at black schools to protect lives and property "from a minority of hooligans" until the situation returned to normal.

About 300,000 black students are believed to have ignored an ultimatum to halt boycotts and re-register for classes by last Friday or face expulsion without appeal.

The government Bureau of Information said eight blacks were killed Sunday, one of the higher daily casualty tolls under the nationwide state of emergency imposed

June 12. That brought the official death toll in the period to 188.

Britain's foreign secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, met with the leaders of two black homelands and several politicians in his attempt to start negotiations toward an end to the apartheid race policy through which South Africa's five million whites dominate the 24 million blacks.

Howe, who is to meet President P.W. Botha for the second time Tuesday, dismissed suggestions that his seven-day mission to southern Africa was faltering.

Viljoen said his department would close schools only as a last resort, but if unrest continued "the department would divert such facilities to schools where education continued normally."

The government has said more than 80 percent of the 1.7 million black students returned when classes resumed July 14.

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