

# Airman gets 25 years for spying

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — A military judge on Thursday sentenced to 25 years in prison an airman found guilty of passing classified Air Force documents about his spy plane unit to FBI agents posing as Soviets.

Lt. Col Harold Sweeney also reduced Airman 1st Class Bruce Ott to the lowest in rank in the Air Force, ordered forfeiture of pay and gave him a dishonorable discharge.

Ott will be imprisoned at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Sweeney gave him 259 days' credit for time already served.

The conviction and sentence will be reviewed by Lt. Gen. James E. Light Jr., commander of the 15th Air Force, headquartered at March Air Force Base in Riverside, Calif.

The case will also be reviewed by the Air Force Court of Military Review in Washington, D.C.

If the conviction is upheld, the case then will go to the U.S. Court of Military Appeals in Washington.

# World and Nation

## Defectors: Reaching U.S. like 'a walk on the moon'

MIAMI (AP) — A husband-and-wife team of Soviet tightrope performers who defected to the United States said their first step on American soil Thursday was like Neil Armstrong's walk on the moon.

Nikolai Nikolski and Bertalina Kazakova, stars of the Moscow Circus, slipped away from their hotel Monday to the U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires and flew to Miami awaiting an answer on their request for asylum.

"We like America," said Kazakova, who learned to speak broken English by reading books and listening to radio broadcasts. "It's our dream to live in America, dream all our life."

The 35-year-old high-wire artists kept their intentions secret from Kazakova's brother and his sister, who are part of the five-member troupe led by Nikolski.

Their only possessions in America are a black briefcase, two photo bags

and two plastic shopping bags. "Not a lot of our things, and a lot of hope," Nikolski said through an interpreter.

Esther Shatkhin, a Soviet emigre who acted as their interpreter, translated, "They said that when they stepped the first time on American earth, they don't know what Armstrong felt when he walked on the moon, but they thought they felt the same."

The couple toured Cuba three years ago with the circus and "knew Florida was across the water," said Shatkhin, who was summoned by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. "They would dream about going to Florida some day, and their dream came true."

Their immediate plans were to find a hotel, await word from Washington and contact a circus to begin performing again. Kazakova said they had read about the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus

when the America circus toured Moscow about 12 years ago.

Ringling Bros. is interested in interviewing the couple, and Perry Rivkind, regional director of the immigration service, said, "a bunch of circuses have called — half a dozen," adding that the performers "are thrilled beyond belief."

Kazakova said, "We want to be free, free people. We don't like our Soviet life. I don't like the political Soviet Union."

She added in an interview before leaving Buenos Aires: "We don't have the right to decide in what cities we live. We can't negotiate our contracts, we can't even decide what acts we are going to perform."

"That's on the professional side," said Nikolski through the interpreter. "On the personal side, in the Soviet Union, the only way you can live is think one way, speak another way and act a third way."

## World Briefs

**Dow Jones shows moderate advance**

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market staged a moderate advance in quiet trading Thursday.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials rose 6.75 to 1,786.28, bringing its gain since the start of the week to 22.64 points.

Analysts said hopes were apparently increasing among traders that the market could gather strength after the completion of the Treasury's quarterly financing.

**FDA OKs dyes causing cancer in rats**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration gave final approval Thursday to external, commercial use of two drug and cosmetic dyes known to cause cancer in laboratory animals.

It agreed with an industry petition that the actual risk to the public "is, indeed, trivial."

A public health organization said that the FDA decision would be challenged in court as a violation of the federal Delaney Clause which bars agency approval of cancer-causing ingredients.

**Scientists a step closer to fusion power**

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — Scientists have heated a rarified gas to a record 10 times hotter than the core of the sun, a big step toward harnessing the "fusion" nuclear reaction that powers the stars, researchers said Thursday.

The gas temperature inside a doughnut-shaped reactor in several mid-July experiments reached 360 million degrees Fahrenheit, said Harold Furth, director of the Princeton University plasma physics laboratory.

**Advances slow artificial heart program**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Once on the forefront of heart research, Dr. William C. DeVries is having trouble finding patients for his experimental artificial implant program because of advances in technology.

But DeVries and other doctors don't expect the artificial heart to fade away and say it has stimulated research that eventually will help keep people with ailing hearts alive longer.

Because of medical improvements and more available donor hearts, patients who at one time would not qualify as heart transplant candidates are being accepted with success. That means fewer patients are available for artificial hearts.

## Congress 'can't meet' Gramm-Rudman in '87

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional economists on Thursday projected a record \$224 billion budget deficit this year that is below the Reagan administration estimate, but said the 1987 shortfall will be worse than the White House predicts.

The Congressional Budget Office said Congress will miss its Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction targets in fiscal 1987 even if every promise in the budget is carried out.

The new CBO prediction is \$6 billion below the White House estimate but \$12 billion above the record set last year.

CBO director Rudolph G. Penner said part of the problem was that the anticipated rebound in the economy

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## Jury finds tobacco heir guilty in murder of mother, brother

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — A tobacco heir was found guilty Thursday of setting pipe bombs that killed his mother and adopted brother and wounded his sister in a bid to gain control of a \$10 million family fortune.

The jury returned after 1 1/2 days of deliberation in the month-long trial and found Steven Wayne Benson, 35, guilty of all nine counts: two counts of first-degree murder, two counts of felony murder, one count of attempted murder and four counts of arson.

Benson, 35, will receive either the electric chair or life in prison with a minimum of 25 years before parole.

Benson was convicted of killing his mother, Lancaster Leaf Tobacco Co. heiress Margaret Benson, 63, and her adopted son, Scott Benson, a 21-year-old aspiring tennis pro.

## Donahue TV series sidelines religion

NEW YORK (AP) — Questions posed on the program — "Who are we?" "Why do we act this way?" "Why do we love?" "Why are we so violent?" "Can we change?" — are typical religious queries about humanity.

But a five-part NBC-TV series that explores these puzzling aspects of human nature mostly sidelines the religious impulse of the human species.

Donahue says that even so, the scholars participating enhanced "my own sense of the divine."

"For millions of Americans, faith is a central part of their lives and should be reflected in popular culture more than it is," Donahue said.

Donahue, a Roman Catholic, said in an interview that his 20 years of tackling social issues in front of a participatory studio audience had helped shape the series.

Donahue has frequently criticized the entertainment media for presenting a shallow, distorted image of American life that can have harmful effects.

After a "sex bombardment scene" and a rock-song appeal to "give me your body," he says of the young: "On the one hand, we'd like them to postpone sex. On the other hand, we're selling them sex every day, in every way."

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