

# World and Nation

## U.S.- Soviet arms talks to resume

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soviet and U.S. arms negotiators will meet again soon to follow up on just-concluded Moscow talks that the Reagan

administration called "a good step" but not a breakthrough, the White House said Wednesday.

Deputy press secretary Larry Speakes said the talks, probably in Washington, would continue with basically the same top-level negotiators who held 11 hours of meetings during two days in Moscow this week.

Speakes called the Moscow discussions "serious, substantive and businesslike" and said they were "a good exchange." He declined to say

whether they narrowed the differences on arms issues.

The meetings, focusing on strategic and space weapons, are intended to set the stage for a Sept. 19-20 conference between Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and pave the way toward the next superpower summit between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

A senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Moscow talks basically in-

volved a presentation by both sides of the arms offers they have made recently.

"It takes a lot of time to present your ideas, and of course to get a definitive response takes more time," the official said. "So I don't think there was any expectation that this meeting was going to produce any immediate breakthrough. It's a good step."

The official said the session involved more "atmospherics" and "attitudes" than any serious movement on arms control differences.

### Berlin Wall anniversary celebrated

BERLIN (AP) — East Germany celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Berlin Wall, the embodiment of political division, with a huge rally and military parade Wednesday that the West called violations of Allied agreements.

The mood in West Berlin was somber, and people placed wreaths in memory of those who died trying to cross the wall. Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany called the eastern ceremonies "filled with cynicism."

In a statement on behalf of the Western Allies, the U.S. mission to West Berlin called the parade "deplorable."

### Origin of Tamil refugees unknown

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland (AP) — Where 152 Tamil refugees came from was as foggy Wednesday as the coastal waters where they were found adrift, but officials indicated they can stay in Canada if they prove their nationality.

They claim to be from Sri Lanka, where Tamil rebels are fighting the majority Sinhalese for an independent homeland, and that they left southern India by ship July 7 after

paying passage of up to \$5,000 each.

A naturalized Canadian Tamil who has acted as an interpreter since the refugees were picked up in two lifeboats Monday said he suspected they came from temporary detention camps in West Germany, but a spokesman for the group denied it.

Although the Tamils have been granted provisional entry to Canada, officials said their route could affect

whether they are given permanent residence.

Under Canadian immigration regulations, anyone already granted refugee status in another country cannot become a resident here.

Unconfirmed reports from West Germany indicated that the Sri Lankans were held in detention camps near Hamburg and their cases were still pending.

## News Briefs

### Market advances as interest rates drop

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market staged a broad-based advance in active trading today, aided by a drop in interest rates on the credit markets.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials rose 9.00 to 1,844.49. Gainers outpaced losers by

more than 2 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange. Big Board volume totaled 156.4 million shares, against 131.71 million in the previous session.

The NYSE's composite index rose 1.81 to 141.83.

### White oil producers lose in court case

AUSTIN (AP) — White oil producers lost again in a dispute between oil and gas producers in the Panhandle Field.

The 3rd Court of Appeals Wednesday upheld an Austin trial court judgment which basically affirmed a Railroad Commission order prohibiting the

counting of white oil as crude oil for well-classification purposes.

A white-oil attorney said the ruling would be appealed to the Texas Supreme Court. The case involves oil and gas revenues estimated at \$10 billion to \$27 billion in the Panhandle Field.

### House OKs two anti-defense measures

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House ignored a veto threat Wednesday and dealt President Reagan two more defeats on national defense policy by voting to continue a ban on tests of anti-satellite weapons and deciding by a teller vote to ban production of new chemical weapons.

The Democratic-controlled chamber approved the anti-satellite (ASAT) ban and an amendment blocking the Pentagon from building nerve gas weapons next year.

No U.S. chemical weapons have been produced since 1969.

### Escaped convict back on death row

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A condemned murderer was back on death row Wednesday after he escaped from a county jail last week and was treated for injuries suffered during his recapture, officials said.

Richard Donald "Stony" Foster was hospitalized for several days for bruised ribs, cuts to his head as well as other abrasions and bruises, Texas Department of Corrections spokesman David Nunnelee said.

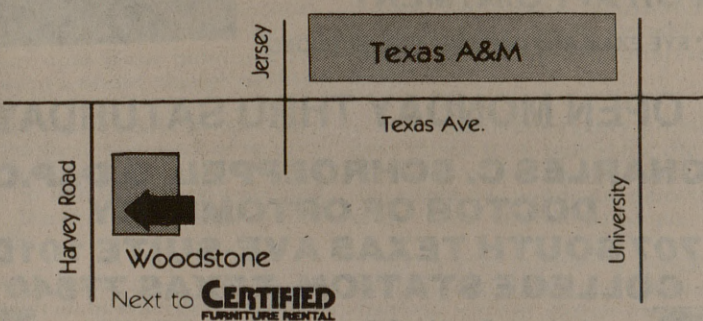
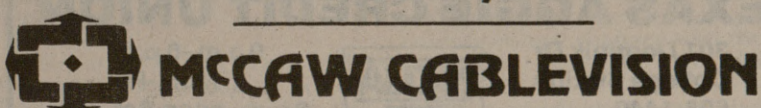
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