

# World and Nation

## East-West agreement adopted

### 35 nations move toward improved superpower relations

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — A 35-nation conference on Monday formally adopted the first East-West security agreement since SALT II, and diplomats said it could be a step toward improved superpower relations.

The conference did not deal with mutual disarmament or nuclear weapons.

The goal was to reduce the risk of a military surprise attack or conventional war breaking out by misunderstanding in Europe.

Delegates toasted the agreement with champagne, ending 32 months

of prolonged deliberations among the United States, Canada, the Soviet Union and all European countries except Albania.

The accord is politically binding and when ratified will come into force Jan. 1, 1987.

Agreement was reached late Sunday when Soviet and U.S. negotiators compromised on arrangements for notification, observation and on-site inspection of military maneuvers.

It was the first East-West security agreement this decade, the first during Ronald Reagan's presidency,

and the first since the still-unratified U.S.-Soviet strategic arms limitations accord in 1979.

The 35 countries are scheduled to review the results of the Stockholm conference and other offshoots of the 1975 Helsinki Accords at a follow-up meeting in Vienna, starting Nov. 4.

During the final session Monday morning, the conference clock remained at 10:56 p.m., the time it was stopped last Friday, Sept. 19.

Friday midnight was the original deadline for the conference. Delegates had to "freeze" time because is-

ssues remained unresolved.

"We have taken an important step toward reducing the risk of military confrontation," Robert L. Barry, chief U.S. negotiator at the talks, said in a statement.

Oleg Grinevsky, Barry's Soviet counterpart, also praised the agreement, but said much work still had to be done in reducing war risks.

The measures agreed upon allow NATO, the Warsaw Pact and neutral countries to monitor each other's troop movements closely, thus increasing mutual confidence and lessening suspicion between blocs.

## Officials hope SAT plateau only temporary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Educators expressed hope Monday that the standstill in Scholastic Aptitude Test scores for the Class of 1986 will turn out to be just a pause in the rebound that began five years ago.

Experts agreed that one reason for optimism is that 23,000 more seniors took the SAT last year at a time when high school enrollments are shrinking. Scores tend to drop when a larger percentage of a high school class takes the college entrance exam.

The SAT scores have been closely watched as a barometer of school performance for the past decade. Last year, when the average SAT score jumped a record nine points to 906, President Reagan attributed it to the success of the school reform movement that his administration has pushed.

Education Secretary William J. Bennett said in a statement Monday: "Clearly, the education excellence movement has been having an effect, and we're holding the ground we've gained. But now we must push ahead with these education reforms to ensure that we pick up steam again."

## Black South African miners disrupt memorial service

EVANDER, South Africa (AP) — About 200 black miners, shouting union slogans and tribal chants, disrupted a company-sponsored memorial service Monday for 177 men killed in a mine fire last week.

"We're not going to pray with whites today," miners shouted. "We've never been allowed to pray with whites. We'll have our own rites."

Holding clubs and steel rods over their heads, they ran through the

outdoor service 10 times, drowning out sermons by white and black preachers. Hundreds of other workers who came for the service poured out of bleachers and chairs to join the dissidents.

After the service, they continued to race around a field near the No. 2 shaft of Kinross gold mine until officials from the National Union of Mineworkers calmed them down.

A fire in the shaft last Tuesday killed 172 black and 5 white miners,

and injured 235, mostly blacks.

Regional union organizer Tshidiso Muthupi said the union would hold its own memorial Wednesday at nearby Secunda.

In Johannesburg, the United Democratic Front said in a statement it joined trade unions in holding the mine owners "fully responsible for this tragic loss of 177 precious lives, lives that have made possible the millions in riches that the mining bosses have today."

## Hotlines get thousands of calls for information on new AIDS drug

WASHINGTON (AP) — Since the announcement of the first therapeutic drug to help AIDS sufferers, thousands have called hotlines to get more information, health officials said Monday.

Federal authorities announced Friday that an experimental drug found to cut the death rate and improve quality of life of some AIDS patients would be made more widely available.

They stressed, however, that the

drug was not a cure, and that it could have serious side effects.

The National Institutes of Health said a special telephone hotline, which operates between 8 a.m. EDT and midnight seven days a week, was established to answer questions about the drug and has received more than 3,500 calls between Friday and Monday. The special toll-free number is 1-800-843-9388.

Unlike other purported devel-

opments involving treatment of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, inquiries about azidothymidine, or AZT, have not been as frantic as in the past, operators of the hotline say.

A spokesman for the Whitman Walker Clinic here, a clearinghouse for AIDS information, said it has been receiving calls about AZT, but said these inquiries have not been as urgent as in the past.

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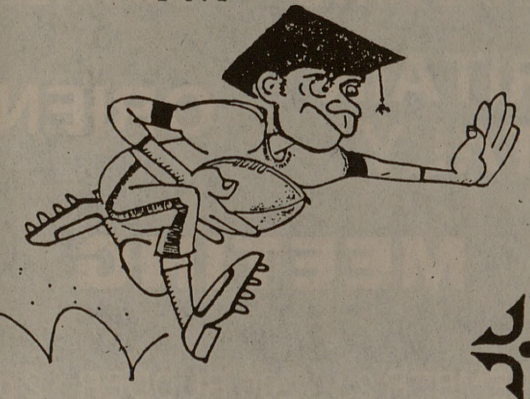
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