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Reagan seeking to discourage false hopes for summit meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan sought Monday to dispel what he termed "inaccurate speculation and false hopes" that his summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev will lead to new superpower agreements.

Reagan also said he would confront Gorbachev in Iceland this weekend on the Soviet Union's continued military operations in Afghanistan and human rights violations.

Meanwhile, House Democrats, saying they don't want to hamper Reagan's arms bargaining power at the summit this weekend, said they were willing to compromise on arms control restrictions added to a Pentagon budget bill.

"I believe we will be able to find a way to compromise," said House Majority leader Jim Wright, D-Texas. "We do not want to make his task more difficult, we want to make it easier."

He said Democrats are talking with Senate Republicans in an effort to "postpone any confrontation" over five major restrictions added by the Democratic-run House to a stop-gap budget bill.

Reagan, speaking to a business group meeting at the White House, said in the strongest terms since the

Gorbachev's wife to attend summit; move surprises U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration said Monday that Nancy Reagan will remain behind in Washington this weekend during the U.S.-Soviet summit in Iceland, despite a surprise announcement that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev will bring his wife.

The United States had no inkling that Raisa Gorbachev would accompany her husband to the hastily-called superpower summit, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said.

"It was our understanding that this meeting was to be brief, a limited number of people traveling," Speakes said.

"It was to be a straightforward business meeting with very little, if any, social activity connected with it."

President Reagan and his wife, when asked if the American first lady would now be in the U.S. entourage, said "No" in unison.

Unlike last November's Geneva summit, the two-day session in Iceland was billed by the administration as all work on arms control and other key issues, and no play.

Iceland summit was announced last week, that he viewed it as merely a preparatory session for the full-scale meeting he and Gorbachev envisioned after they first met in Geneva last November.

Officials in both Moscow and Washington have said both sides ap-

pear to be narrowing differences on ways to reduce numbers of medium and long range missiles, but Reagan said the purpose of the session in Reykjavik is planning and preparations, not treaty signing and publicity.

"I hope that in explaining all this I

have done something to dispel some of the inaccurate speculation and false hopes raised about the Iceland talks," he said. "I expect these talks to be useful and successful, but only as preparation for future summit conferences."

He added, moreover, "it would be simply unthinkable for world leaders to meet in splendid isolation even as the people of Afghanistan, Central America, Africa and Southeast Asia undergo terrible suffering as a result of Soviet intervention."

At the same time, Reagan brushed aside suggestions by conservative critics that by going to the summit, he is soft on communism.

"It was an extremely grave step but one that could hardly surprise us," he said. "After all, human rights violations in the Soviet bloc remain unceasing because they are institutionalized and sanctioned by the state ideology."

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Jury selection begins in new De Lorean trial

DETROIT (AP) — John Z. De Lorean was back in court Monday watching jury selection for his trial on federal racketeering charges that he defrauded investors in his automobile company out of \$8.9 million.

"This isn't exactly the homecoming I was expecting," the 61-year-old former General Motors Corp. executive said.

Howard Weitzman, De Lorean's chief lawyer, said later that the defense hoped to "get a jury like in California, one that will allow the truth to be heard."

De Lorean was acquitted of drug charges by a Los Angeles jury in 1984.

Referring to an FBI undercover operation that resulted in the cocaine distribution charges, De Lorean said, "They framed me in L.A., and they're doing the same thing here."

A grand jury last year accused De Lorean of diverting investments in his De Lorean Motor Co., which built stainless-steel sports cars in Northern Ireland, and using it for repayment of loans, purchase of jewelry and other personal purposes.

De Lorean faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and \$25,000 in fines.

De Lorean Motor Co., a Michigan corporation founded in 1975, fell into financial difficulty shortly after production began in 1981 and filed for bankruptcy the next year.

Supreme Court opens term, plans flier-distribution ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court, starting its 1986-87 term with a new look and a flurry of activity, said Monday it will decide whether government-run airports may prohibit people from distributing literature inside terminals.

The court agreed to consider reinstating such a ban imposed on Jews for Jesus, a religious group, at Los Angeles International Airport. Lower courts said the ban violates free-speech rights.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist sat in the center chair of leadership for the first time and newly installed Justice Antonin Scalia joined in as the court issued orders in more than 1,000 cases and began hearing arguments in disputes already under study.

In other orders besides the airport case, the court:

- Agreed to use an Illinois case to decide a key point in obscenity prosecutions: whether local or national sensitivities apply when judging whether material is "utterly without redeeming value."

- Refused to limit the number of school districts represented in a pending Philadelphia lawsuit seeking to force asbestos manufacturers to pay for removing many of their products from school buildings nationwide.

- Rejected the latest appeal by Dr. Jeffrey MacDonald, the former Green Beret physician serving a life prison sentence for the 1970 murders of his pregnant wife and two children.

- Refused to kill a lawsuit in which "pro-choice" individuals are seeking to have the Roman Catholic Church stripped of its tax-exempt status because of its anti-abortion lobbying.

- Cleared the way for NBC to collect more than \$250,000 from political extremist Lyndon LaRouche stemming from his unsuccessful libel lawsuit against the network.

- Turned away the Iranian government's attempt to recover a \$5 million loan made to Shams Pahlavi, a sister of the late Shah of Iran, by a Tehran bank 13 years ago.

- Agreed to decide in a pair of cases from Maryland and Pennsylvania whether Jews and Arabs are protected by federal civil rights laws banning discrimination based on race.

- Blocked thousands of former users of the Dalkon Shield from suing the contraceptive device's manufacturer anywhere but in Richmond, Va., where A.H. Robins Inc. is based.

- Ruled that Texas school districts may not ban teachers from discussing or participating in union business during school hours.

French hostages appeal for help

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Three French hostages said in a videotaped appeal for help Monday that they believe their government has abandoned them to a slow death and they cannot survive captivity much longer.

Islamic Jihad, the fundamentalist Shiite Moslem group that holds the Frenchmen and at least three Americans, said it would free them if Kuwait releases 17 prisoners convicted of bombing the U.S. and French embassies there in 1983.

Kuwait has refused to free any of the 17 prisoners.

The Islamic Jihad statement did not mention the American captives, but the group made the same demand in the past in exchange for their freedom.

Copies of the 20-minute videotape and the typewritten statement in Arabic from Islamic Jihad, whose name means Islamic Holy War, were delivered to offices of Western news agencies in Moslem west Beirut.

Hostage Jean-Paul Kauffmann, a journalist, appealed for Premier Jacques Chirac's government to use diplomacy similar to tactics the U.S. government used to gain the release of American journalist Nicholas Daniloff from the Soviet Union. All three Frenchmen were kidnapped early last year.

In a similar videotape from Islamic Jihad last Friday, two American hostages asked the U.S. to work as hard for their freedom as it did for Daniloff's.

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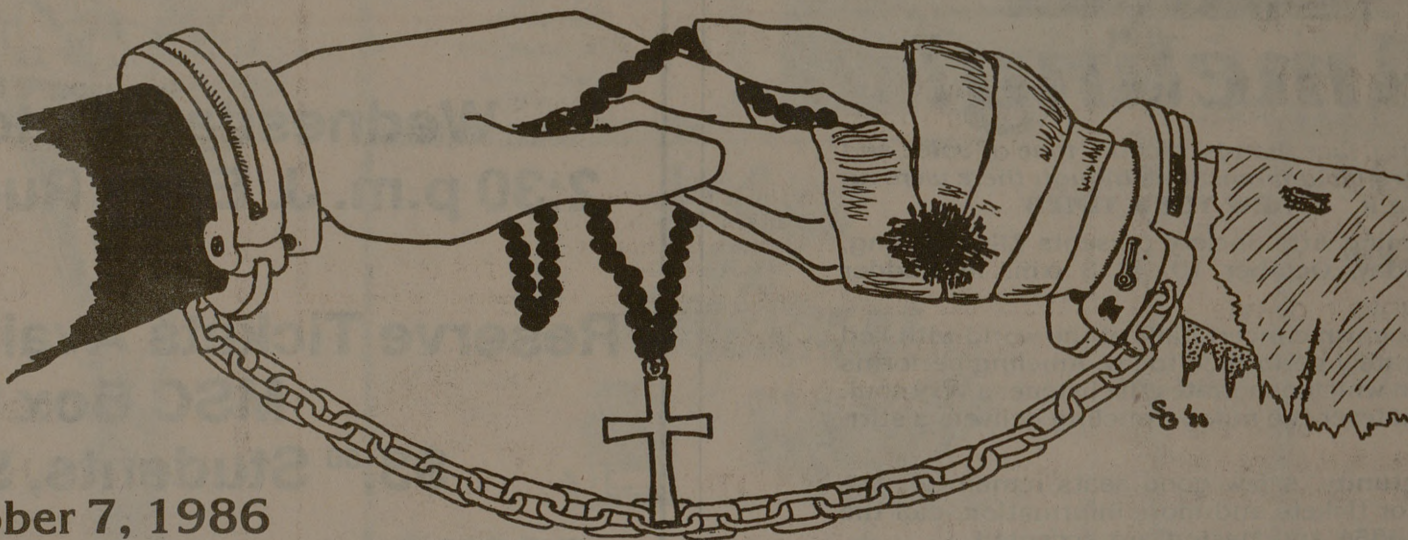
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