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Afghan pilot's defection to Pakistan with plane planned, guerrillas say

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — An Afghanistan air force pilot flew his MiG-21 jet fighter to a Pakistani air base Thursday and asked for asylum, officials said. Afghan guerrillas said the defection was planned weeks in advance.

A government statement confirmed that the Soviet-built fighter of the Afghan air force landed at the Kohat air base about 40 miles from the border with Afghanistan. Government officials said the pilot's application for asylum was being considered.

They said the flier took off from the Kabul area for combat patrol over eastern Afghanistan, then changed course for Pakistan. The jet was under guard at Kohat and the pilot was being questioned, the officials said.

World and Nation

Afghanistan's embassy in Islamabad declined

First word of the defection came from a spokesman for Yunis Khalis, one of the Moslem guerrilla groups fighting Afghanistan's communist government and the estimated 115,000 So-

viet troops that support it.

He identified the pilot as Lt. Mohammed Daoud, based at the Bargramhair air base just outside Kabul, the Afghan capital.

Daoud had been in touch with guerrillas in Kabul, the Afghan capital in Kabul, the Afghan capital in Kabul, and the Afghan capital in the Afghan capital in the Afghan capital in

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People receiving Social Security to get small raise

tion's 37.4 million Social Security beneficiaries next January will find the smallest raise ever in their checks: 1.3 percent, or \$6 a month for the typical retired worker.

Most of the elderly will find their "take home" pay from the retirement program going up even less than that because of a \$2.40 increase each month for Medicare coverage.

And some 8.5 million people earning more than \$42,000 will have to pay up to 4.3 percent more payroll taxes in 1987 to help cover the \$2.6 billion cost of the increase. The 1.3 percent raise became offi-

cial Thursday when the Labor Department announced the Consumer Price Index for September. It means the average monthly

benefit for all retired workers will rise from \$482 to \$488. For an elderly couple, the average payment will go up by \$11. The maximum Social Security benefit for someone retiring in 1986 at age 65 will climb by \$9, from \$760 to \$769.

The boost matches the inflation rise from the third quarter of 1985 through the third quarter of this

Social Security beneficiaries would have gotten no increase at all for 1986 had not Congress and Pres-ident Reagan abolished a provision in the law that ruled out benefit

annual rate of 3 percent.

It marks the fourth straight year in which Social Security's cost-of-living adjustment has dipped to, or stayed at, a record low. It is the smallest increase by far since benefits were buffered against inflation in 1975.

The 1983 and 1984 benefit hikes were both 3.5 percent. The 1985 increase, which showed up in checks last January, was 3.1 percent.

Inflation has abated sharply since 1980, when Social Security benefits

soared 14.3 percent.

But the elderly, who comprise almost three-quarters of all Social Security beneficiaries, are getting no break from inflation on some medi-

The government announced pre-viously that the monthly charge for Part B coverage of Medicare, which pays some doctor bills and other outof-hospital costs, will jump 15.5 per-

And Medicare patients will have to pay \$520 out of their own pockets for their first day in the hospital in 1987. That is up by \$28, or 5.7 percent, from this year.

That Medicare charge would have jumped to \$572 — more than 16 percent — had not Congress and Reagan mitigated the increase.

World Briefs

Daylight-saving time ends this weeken

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's nearly time to fall back into the sack and get back that hour of sleep lost last spring.

Standard time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, when clocks should be set back to 1 a.m.

That provides an extra hour of sleep - a boon to everyone ex-cept night-shift workers who

wind up working an extra hour. Standard time continues until April 5, 1987, when daylight-sav-

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U.S. plane disappears in Mediterrane

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Fleet, the American American and Israeli teams said. Israel radio re searched the eastern Mediterranean on Thursday for a missing U.S. submarine-hunting plane with a four-man crew. An Israeli officer said it would have great intelligence value in the wrong bands.

Both American and Israeli teams were trying to find the S3A Viking assigned to the 6th statement.

the Cyprus coast at about Tuesday.

The plane had been to return to the carr Kennedy at 6:15 p.r from a routine patrol Egypt, the embassy said

1986 budget deficit hits \$220 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. budget deficit for 1986 soared to a record \$220 billion, easily topping last year's \$212 bil-lion shortfall but \$10 billion short of the Reagan administration's projections, Budget Director James C. Miller said Thursday.

Higher-than-anticipated revenues near the end of the year and lower spending by federal age-nices were cited as causes for the

unexpected savings.

Miller's spokesman, id 0 also said that projections by White House's Office of Maxment and Budget suggest the deficit will fall by \$50 bills 1987, to the vicinity of \$10 lion, even if Congression. further spending cuts.
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