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Soviets scientists to choose sites or monitoring of weapons tests

logists will visit the United States November to select locations in fornia and Nevada for equipnt to monitor the Earth tremors m U.S. nuclear weapons tests, a

The visit is the latest step in an eement negotiated privately be-en U.S. and Soviet scientists that allowed Americans for the first e to begin such monitoring inside Soviet Union, said Thomas thran, senior staff scientist of the ural Resources Defense Council. lowever, the government won't mit the Soviet scientists to visit actual sites for the equipment bese they don't represent the Soviet ernment, he said

lochran, who initiated the disons with the Soviet Academy of nces that led to the agreement,

said at a news conference that both parties also have agreed to establish a computer link between the American and Soviet monitoring stations.

The agreement is intended to promote the signing of arms-control agreements by making it possible for Americans to verify that the Soviet

Union is observing any such agreements, Cochran said.

The three American monitoring stations now operating near the Soviet Union's principal nuclear test site near the city of Semipalatinsk, about 1,800 miles southeast of Moscow, are adequate to detect any viola-tions of the current Soviet moratorium on nuclear weapons tests, Cochran said.

"Our stations in effect cover their test site," he said. "We can monitor

explosions down to a few tons."

The stations also serve as proto-

types for the estimated 25 stations that would be needed inside the Soviet Union to monitor compliance with a comprehensive test-ban treaty, if one were negotiated, he

And they give American scientists and government officials the ability for the first time to "map" the geol ogy of the Soviet test site, thus allowing more accurate determination of the magnitude of any Soviet nuclear

tests, Cochran said. The Soviet seismologists, led by Igor Nersesov of the Institute of Physics of the Earth in Moscow, are scheduled to arrive in the United

States on Nov. 9. Because of conditions placed on their visit by the Reagan administra-tion, they will not be able to visit the monitoring sites in Nevada and California, each about 70 miles from the Nevada test site where U.S. nuclear weapons tests are conducted, Cochran said.

The conditions were that the Soviets witness a nuclear test and a demonstration of a system called COR-RTEX, designed to allow the monitoring of nuclear explosions.

The reason, Cochran said, is that the Reagan administration favors a limited test-ban treaty overseen by CORRTEX, while the Soviets favor a comprehensive test-ban treaty.

The Soviets declined to agree, and so they will not visit the proposed monitoring sites in Railroad Valley and Nelson, Nev., and Deep Springs, Calif.

"The Soviet position with respect to this is that this is the wrong cast of characters," Cochran said. "They are seismologists. They are not familiar with CORRTEX"

Crossing guard killed after 33 years of duty

CHICAGO (AP) — Evelyn Despenza spent most of her 73 years looking out for children, shepherding them safely across busy streets to school, watching them play from her living-room window, pushing their swings on the

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dow, pushing their swings on the playground.

After 33 years as a crossing guard, she was killed in the line of duty Monday when she stepped off a curb to help a child. She walked into the path of a car that struck her and sped away.

"The kids have accepted it."

"The kids have accepted it," Dian A. Cooper, principal at Warren School, said Tuesday. "The kids felt strongly about this, and we're going to try and get some kind of memorial, maybe a plaque, put out on her

Cooper was one of the first to reach Despenza, a widow who

"There was this guy bending over her and he was crying," Cooper said. "When he left, some-body said 'That was him, the driver.' One of my aides followed m in her car and got his license plate number.

Two hours later, Charles Da-vis, 35, surrendered to police and was charged with drunken driv-

ng well ahead of inflation.

ame period a year earlier.

ASHINGTON (AP) — Average annual pay

ases have fallen from 5 percent a year ago to ercent over the past 12 months, the govern-reported Tuesday, but workers still are

mual pay raises for white-collar workers av-

ed 4.1 percent over the 12 months ending I, while blue-collar workers received aver-

ncreases of 2.5 percent, the Bureau of Labor stics said.

hite-collar workers had received annual increases averaging 5.4 percent and blue-workers average raises of 4.3 percent over

coording to a survey of 4,200 businesses redearlier this month by the National Associa-

of Manufacturers, employers anticipate

Davis posted bond and was scheduled to appear in court Nov. 24. Knightly said that if Davis waited beyond three hours to surrender he could have been charged with a felony

Despenza was only the second crossing guard killed on the job since the police department initiated the program in August 1951, said Ramona Shiffer, crossing guard coordinator for the deing guard coordinator for the de-

"The fact that we've only lost two speaks well about our guards and . . . that the majority of mo-torists are careful when they ap-proach schools," said Shiffer.

"But there's still plenty of drivers out there who'll stop for a dog or cat, but just sit on their horn and keep going when they see a child or a crossing guard in the street," she added.

Patrolman Michael Fratto, who works in the South Side district that included Despenza's corner, said, "It's sad. I only saw her when she came in to pick up her check, but she was a real sweet-heart. You could just see that."

6 pay hikes small, but ahead of inflation

wage increases averaging 5 percent over the next

ers are faring pretty well in keeping ahead of in-

flation, according to employment cost figures re-leased Tuesday by the government.

Since June 1981, five months after President

Reagan took office, workers in private industry have seen their pay checks rise 28.8 percent, BLS economists said. During that same time, consumer prices have risen only 21.7 percent.

Including increases in non-wage benefits, total employer costs for labor have risen 33 percent since June 1981, including a 1.1 percent increase over the summer and a total 3.6 percent jump during the past 12 months, the BLS said.

Despite the smaller 1986 wage increases, work-

President requests support for GOP's '80 'cleanup crew'

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) -President Reagan, saying the nation's economy is headed for its second boom since his election, urged voters Tuesday to re-elect the "cleanup crew" of Republican senators swept into office with him in 1980.

Reagan said the alternative on Nov. 4 was Democrats "who in 1980 weakened our nation and nearly brought our economy to its knees.'

Reagan toured three Southern states in a whirlwind one-day effort to help Republican Sens. Mack Mat-tingly of Georgia, Jeremiah Denton of Alabama and James Broyhill of North Carolina, all three of them in tough races.

Reagan ended the campaign day with a sunset appearance in a hangar at the Charlotte-Douglas Interna-

at the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport at Charlotte.

The walls of the hangar were hung with campaign posters and hand-lettered signs with such messages as "This Is Reagan Country" and "Don't Turn Back. Stay On The Pight Track" Right Track. Reagan's speeches in the three

ing only the candidates' names.

Asked whether his efforts would keep the Senate in Republican hands, Reagan said, "I'm too superstitious to talk about that.

Reagan ended his Georgia speech by telling the audience that by voting for Mattingly, "You'll be winning one for yourselves, for Georgia and for America.

When someone in the audience called out "and for the Gipper," Reagan replied, "Yup.

The president depicted Mattingly as "part of the 1980 cleanup crew for the worst economic mess since the Great Depression.

Government figures show that six months after Reagan took office in 1981, the national economy plunged into a 17-month-long recession, with the number of people out of work rising to the highest level since the end of the Great Depression of the 1930s. Recovery from that recession began taking hold at the end of 1982, and the economy grew in robust fashion during the second half of 1983 and during 1984 before slackening to a lesser growth rate in

State and local government employees — led

by teachers with annual pay hikes averaging 6.1 percent over the past 12 months — are getting increases nearly 60 percent larger than workers

in private industry. Government pay raises aver-

aged 5.2 percent over the past year, down from 6.0 percent the previous 12 months.

Meanwhile, the average wage increase for workers in private industry in the two periods fell from 4.8 percent to 3.1 percent, the lowest since the BLS began calculating those figures in 1976.

Manufacturing wage increases fell from 4.4 percent to 3.2 percent while workers in the private service-producing sectors of the economy saw their pay increases drop from 5.3 to 3.1 per-

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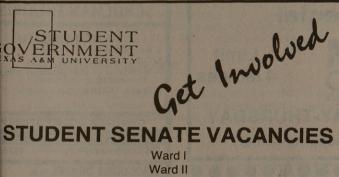
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