

# World and Nation

## North Korean leader seen on TV; death, problems not mentioned

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea showed its "great leader," President Kim Il Sung, on television Tuesday while ignoring reports in rival South Korea that Kim died or was embroiled in a serious power struggle.

A Defense Ministry spokesman in Seoul acknowledged North Korean news media reports that Kim was alive and added: "We are closely watching whether these developments in the North have resulted from a serious internal power struggle or its (the North's) high-level psychological warfare hiding a sinister plot for military provocation."

An Asian diplomat in Pyongyang, reached by The Associated Press by telephone from Peking, said he saw the 74-year-old Kim at Pyongyang Airport on Tuesday "and he is in absolutely good health."

The diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity, added: "Everything is all right in this

country; the situation is absolutely normal. . . . There seems to be nothing correct about these reports (of an assassination or power seizure). . . . It is absolutely normal; there is nothing wrong. He is absolutely normal; he is in good health."

Questions about Kim were raised Monday when the ministry said North Korean propaganda loudspeakers along the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea announced that Kim was killed in a shooting incident.

North Korean embassy officials at various posts abroad denied Kim was dead, but official North Korean media kept silent through Monday.

On Tuesday, Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency said Kim had gone to Pyongyang Airport to welcome Mongolian President Jambyn Batmunkh and that cheers for Kim of "Long live the great leader!" burst forth from

the thousands of people on hand. The report was monitored in Tokyo.

Japanese television stations showed rare segments from North Korean television of Kim, in a dark overcoat and cap, walking up a gold-bordered red carpet to meet Batmunkh, shaking hands and embracing him.

The two walked together back down the carpet. Crowds lining one side cheered as soldiers stood at attention holding rifles with fixed bayonets.

Earlier Tuesday, the South Korean Defense Ministry said North Korean loudspeakers were blaring that O Jin U, North Korea's defense minister, had seized power. There were no details.

The South's defense minister, Lee Ki-baek, said that as of 10:04 a.m. Tuesday, the loudspeakers were playing somber funeral music and saying "The nation's great star has fallen. Let us glorify his great achievements."

## Judge orders AIDS victim back to class

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 5-year-old AIDS victim should be back in kindergarten within a week, a school lawyer said after a federal judge ruled that the boy, who bit a classmate, is not a health threat.

"We are very happy," Robin Thomas said Monday as he held his son Ryan and answered reporters' questions.

U.S. District Judge Alicemarie Stotler, granting a preliminary injunction sought by the American Civil Liberties Union, said, "The overwhelming evidence presented to this court shows there is nothing to fear from this child."

Asked if he was anxious to return to school, Ryan nodded.

Attorney Frank Fekete, representing the school district, said he thought it was unlikely school officials would appeal the order.

## Reagan's '88 budget may include record cuts, increased defense

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's proposed budget for the next fiscal year may seek up to a record \$54 billion in spending cuts and other savings, a 6 percent increase in defense spending and no new taxes, administration officials said Tuesday.

Those figures, confirmed in part by budget director James C. Miller III and in part by other administration officials, would be included in a budget document designed to pare the federal deficit to \$108 billion in the fiscal year that begins next Oct. 1.

Miller said "judicious trimming of bloated programs," along with new user fees, sales of federal assets and loan portfolios and some program eliminations would be proposed to meet the \$108 billion level, which is the fiscal 1988 target of the Gramm-Rudman budget-balancing law.

In a speech to the National Electrical Association, Miller said the White House still intends to meet the

target, despite recent talk by Democratic congressional leaders of easing it.

One administration source, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the Office of Management and Budget headed by Miller is considering resubmitting many of the same proposals it proposed unsuccessfully this year, but with some major modifications and exceptions.

For instance, the administration has abandoned its proposals to eliminate the Small Business Administration and Amtrak subsidies, although will likely recommend large cuts in both programs, the source said.

But so far, Miller indicated the administration isn't making much headway toward coming up with the size of budget savings that will be needed.

Speaking with reporters after his speech, Miller confirmed that all but two federal agencies — the Education and Energy departments — had

submitted preliminary spending requests exceeding White House targets.

He said this was not unusual so early in the budget process, a view echoed by White House spokesman Larry Speakes.

The requests will be returned to the agencies for reworking in early December, Miller said.

The budget will be submitted to Congress in late January or early February.

The budget director also said in his speech that he is likely to recommend to Reagan a "real" defense spending increase of 3 percent above the \$289.7 billion appropriated by Congress for this year.

OMB spokesman Edwin Dale Jr. said this would translate to an actual increase of 6 percent once inflation was calculated into the formula, suggesting a defense spending request in the neighborhood of \$308 billion.



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