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# World and Nation

## Iraqi warplanes attack tanker; 1 aboard killed

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Iraqi warplanes raided a Greek-owned ship Monday, killing at least one crewman in their ninth attack in a week on tankers either leased by Iran or trading with it.

In Iran, the leader of that country's Revolutionary Guards said Iran now produces 70 percent of its own equipment for the 7-year-old war with Iraq, including advanced wire-guided missiles and multiple rocket launchers.

Four Kuwaiti tankers, flying the American flag and under U.S. Navy escort, meanwhile were reported to have reached Bahrain. The island of Sheikdom is the halfway point on the 550-mile route from the Persian Gulf entrance at the Strait of Hormuz to Kuwait, Iraq's western neighbor at the head of the gulf.

In Beirut, the capital of Lebanon,

a pro-Iranian group of Iraqi Kurds said it kidnapped three Italian engineers in northern Iraq and demanded that Italy withdraw its warships from the gulf.

Iraq said its jets hit "a large naval target," its customary description for a tanker, at midday Monday.

Shipping sources identified it as the Greek-owned Maranthi M, a 21,166-ton oil products tanker that flies the Panamanian flag and is chartered by Iran.

Lloyd's Shipping Intelligence Unit in London reported an "air-and-sea" attack, but shipping executives based in the gulf, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said they knew only of aircraft being involved.

The Maranthi M, said in one report to be ablaze, sent a distress call

from 60 miles southeast of the Iranian port of Bushehr.

In Athens, the owners said crewman was killed and one injured. Iraqi jets have ranged the Gulf of Iran's 600-mile Persian Gulf recently, trying to destroy the ports with which Iran finances war effort. Iraq raids Iran's oil tankers and tankers shutting them.

At least nine ships were hit in a past week. Monday's raid raised the number of people killed to at least seven.

Two crewmen were reported killed and four missing when the 239,435-ton Liberian-flag tanker, in an attack late Saturday.

In the other, two Surface-to-Air Missiles (SAMs) were downing Exocet missiles hit the 215,925-ton Merlin.

## Soviets try to establish ties with economic community

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The Soviet-led economic group, Comecon, has undertaken a "charm offensive" to establish relations with the European Economic Community after ignoring the world's largest trading bloc for 30 years.

But the EEC, which was first to propose diplomatic ties 12 years ago, is in no hurry to welcome Comecon into its midst.

The president of the Supreme Soviet, Lev Tokunov, underscored the new East bloc attitude on his arrival in Brussels Oct. 6 for a weeklong series of talks with members of the European Parliament.

"There is not a moment to lose," he said. Countered Niels-Peter Albertsen, a spokesman for the Danish government, "Relations with Comecon are not on top of our agenda."

Denmark is currently president of the EEC. When the Soviet delegation arrived in Brussels, at the invitation of the Socialist group in the European Parliament, there were no messages of welcome from either the EEC's governing Council of Ministers or its executive Commission.

Led by Tokunov, the 10-member delegation of top Soviet politicians made it clear its goal was to help open a new era of East-West business diplomacy.

EEC diplomats say the Soviets also are conducting a quiet campaign in Common Market capitals to speed up

talks on a joint declaration of mutual recognition. Willy De Clercq, the EEC's top trade executive, he is unimpressed with what he calls Moscow's "charm offensive."

In a speech last summer, he said the EEC was "preparing to throw 30 years of caution to the wind and jump into bed with Comecon."

Moscow's Comecon partners are East Germany, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Mongolia, Vietnam and Cuba.

While the EEC wants diplomatic relations with Comecon — which stands for the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance — its main goal is bilateral ties with individual Comecon members.

De Clercq told the European Parliament recently he did not believe the EEC and Comecon would sign a trade pact. They probably would limit themselves to a statement of mutual recognition and cooperation in such areas as exchanges of economic statistics.

The reason, he said, was that bloc-to-bloc trade implied condoning the separation of Europe.

Also, it would give Comecon equal status with the EEC as a supranational organization. The EEC has maintained Comecon has no common trade pact.

Until recently, the main issue holding up a series of mutual recognition was Comecon's unwillingness to accept West Berlin as EEC territory.

## 'New' Jackson begins campaign with appeal to mainstream areas

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Jesse Jackson's 1984 presidential race posed a dilemma for black political leaders that was as stark in Alabama as anywhere in the nation.

That dilemma — whether to stand by the first black man to run for president or support a more electable, white candidate — literally split apart Alabama's black community. Elsewhere, black leaders were also torn between Jackson and Walter F. Mondale, the Democratic front-runner with a long history of support for black causes.

As Jackson begins his 1988 campaign, he paces the Democratic field, at least in the public opinion polls, and the "new" Jackson is running a mainstream campaign and striking a more conciliatory tone.

"1984 is behind us," Jackson said Friday night at a reception in Montgomery designed to heal some of the wounds left by his first campaign. "1984 has nothing to do with tonight. 1988 can stand on its own legs."

In 1984, Alabama's black political caucus, the Alabama Democratic Conference, endorsed Mondale because Jackson was late entering the race and lacked a strong organization. Jackson ended up third in Alabama behind Mondale and Gary Hart.

The ADC's decision split the powerful caucus. Older, politically experienced members maintained their allegiance to the group while Jackson's supporters — mostly young and middle-aged professionals — left

to form a new political network, the Alabama New South Coalition.

Jackson's 1988 campaign in Alabama includes many New South members, but Friday night he attempted to pick up ADC support attending an informal reception with more than 100 members.

ADC Chairman Joe Reed said, "I'd like to think whatever happened in 1984 has been resolved for the better."

Tuskegee Mayor Johnson backed Mondale in 1984 because, said, Jackson had no chance.

"This time," he said, "I'm looking at a new Jesse Jackson, much more mature and he's appealing to a broader base — not just class whites."

## Japanese researcher receives Nobel Prize for medical discovery

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Susumu Tonegawa, a Japanese researcher working in the United States, won the Nobel Prize in medicine Monday for discovering how the body makes millions of kinds of antibodies to fight disease.

His findings could help improve vaccines and make organ transplants safer, said the Nobel Assembly of the Karolinska Institute, which awards the prize.

Hans Wigzell of the institute said Tonegawa's research also may be significant in fighting such diseases as acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS, which destroys the body's immune system.

At the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, where he has worked since 1981, the 48-year-old Tonegawa told reporters: "The problem of how our body can respond to so many different kinds of pathogens was one of the most hotly debated issues in immunology. We did not understand how that happened."

"It turned out that, contrary to what many people thought, genes can change during the life cycle of the individual. That finding was un-

expected to many, and yet it answered one of the mysteries of immunology."

Asked what impact his work might have on AIDS research, the scientist said: "What we have done and are doing is not designed specifically to solve the problem of AIDS, but it's probable that the information we get will be useful in solving it."

Wigzell, a professor of immunology, said Tonegawa's work could play an important role in understanding diseases such as AIDS, but "it would be too simple" to say there was an immediate bearing on finding a cure for the deadly disease.

Tonegawa, the first Japanese to receive the medicine prize, answered a question that has been debated for years: How can the body's 100,000 genes produce a billion different antibodies? Goran Holm, a member of the Nobel Assembly, said.

Antibodies are important tools in identifying viruses and bacteria that invade the body, and in preparing the immune system for attacking the intruders. Each is targeted by nature on an invading virus or bacteria.

## Forbes reports rich Americans worth billions

NEW YORK (AP) — America's 400 richest people are worth \$220 billion — a whopping percent jump from last year — enough money to wipe out the 1986 U.S. budget deficit, Forbes magazine reports.

No. 1 on the list for the year is retail king Sam Walton whose assets from his Wal-Mart discount stores nearly doubled to \$8.5 billion. That is more than the gross national product of many Third World countries.

Walton is one of 49 billionaires to top the list, nearly twice as many as appeared there last year. Among the 23 newcomers are lionaire ranks are a record candy-bar fortune hater and migrant cruise-line owner and at least nine dabblers in corporate takeovers.

Rising stock prices and real estate values played key roles in swelling the ranks and lifting the wealthy, the magazine said in its latest list of the 400 richest Americans.

The U.S. budget deficit for the year was \$205 billion, the trade deficit was \$156 billion, and the Pentagon budget was \$135 billion.

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