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# World and Nation

## Salvadoran leader, Reagan push peace

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan welcomed Salvadoran President Jose Napoleon Duarte to the White House Wednesday and they agreed there can be no lasting peace in Central America without democratic rule throughout the region.

Some administration officials have been privately critical of Duarte for signing the peace agreement, contending that it does not address key questions, such as Soviet-Cuban military ties with Nicaragua's leftist government.

Reagan was effusive in his praise for Duarte, a close ally whose country has received hundreds of millions of dollars in U.S. economic and military aid over the past six years.

Duarte was offered an enthusiastic official reception as he began a state visit and he showed his appreciation for U.S. support by kissing an American flag displayed on the White House south lawn.

After a ceremony that featured full military honors, Reagan said peace prospects for Central America have been enhanced because of the agreement Duarte and four other area presidents signed two months ago.

Salvadoran government and rebel leaders met last week to discuss ways to end their 8-year-old conflict, but the two sides remain far apart. If a truce cannot be negotiated before the deadline, Duarte has said he will declare a unilateral cease-fire in order to comply with the peace agreement.

The conflict is believed to have claimed more than 60,000 lives.

"If peace is to prevail, so must democracy," the president said, adding that a successful outcome of the Aug. 7 accord remains "far from certain." Duarte, in a similar vein, said Cen-

## Two Americans share chemistry Nobel Prize

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Two Americans shared the Nobel Prize in chemistry with a French researcher Wednesday, and a West German and a Swiss scientist won the prize in physics for a breakthrough in superconductors that could lead to faster computers and speedier trains.

of the Universite Louis Pasteur in Strasbourg, France, won the chemistry prize.

They developed molecules that can link up with particular other molecules, a principle now used in medical testing. Their work could lead to an endless supply of energy by extracting hydrogen from water, academy member Bo Malmstrom said. It also could give insight into crucial biological reactions.

The discoveries that led to both prizes came by accident when the scientists were looking for something else, said members of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, which chose the winners.

Each Nobel carries a cash prize of about \$340,000, which is divided if more than one laureate is named for each prize.

West German Georg Bednorz and Swiss K. Alex Mueller won the physics prize for developing ceramic material that can act as a superconductor at a higher temperature than before.

Superconductors conduct electricity without losing current to resistance. Their application has been limited because they must be chilled well below minus 400 degrees Fahrenheit.

Chemists Donald J. Cram of the University of California at Los Angeles; Charles J. Pedersen, retired from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Jean-Marie Lehn

## Government: Deficit shows slight decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's persistent trade deficit showed its first decline in five months as it narrowed slightly to \$15.7 billion in August, but an unexpected dip in U.S. overseas sales clouded the improvement, the government said Wednesday.

ports, was down from the record \$16.5 billion gap posted in July.

Despite the one-month improvement, acting Commerce Secretary Bruce Smart said the deficit "continues on an unacceptably high plateau," with the United States still buying nearly twice as much as its sells.

The Commerce Department said the merchandise trade deficit, the shortfall between imports and ex-

ports, was down from the record \$16.5 billion gap posted in July.

For the first eight months of 1987, the trade deficit has been running at an annual rate of \$171.1 billion.

## Doctors: Eating vegetables will help reduce stroke risk

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A diet rich in potassium from fruits and vegetables protects arteries from the ravages of high blood pressure and dramatically lowers the risk of stroke, animal studies show.

sium, especially among blacks and young people who may consume a lot of fast food.

"I'm worried about the young singles or marrieds so involved in their careers that they just pick up their junk food after another," he said. "I think there's going to be a price paid down the line."

"You get tremendous protection from strokes by eating more fruits and vegetables," Dr. Louis Tobian of the University of Minnesota said Wednesday.

A single extra helping of fruits or vegetables daily might cut stroke risk by as much as 40 percent over an extended period, Tobian said at the American Heart Association's annual meeting on high blood pressure.

Tobian and his colleague, Tokuchiro Sugimoto, showed in stroke-prone rats that high blood pressure damages the endothelium, a single layer of cells lining arteries in both rats and humans. That damage can lead to obstruction or rupture of arteries.

Explosion injures 25 in Chinatown

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An explosion rocked a Chinatown restaurant at lunch hour Wednesday, showering glass and debris over a crowded street and injuring 25 people, authorities reported.

The three-alarm fire at the Canton Tea House was extinguished within a half-hour, but authorities remained at the scene treating injured people as a crowd developed in the busy neighborhood.

There was no immediate word on what caused the explosion. Witnesses said the fire began in the back of the building near the kitchen and spread to the front.

Fire Chief Ed Phipps said the cause was under investigation. Asked if it could be anything but a gas explosion, he replied: "I don't think it was a bomb."

Paramedic Robert Navarro said 25 people were injured. Four were in critical condition with burn injuries and 16 were hospitalized in all.

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