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National Briefs

Shuttle may miss June 2 launch date

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Manufacturing delays and testing problems have slowed delivery of hardware for the space shuttle Discovery, and some engineers say NASA could miss its scheduled June 2 launch date by several months.

The biggest bottlenecks could be the delivery of the primary propulsion units — the three large main liquid-fuel engines and the segments of the solid fuel booster rockets.

"Given (that) those current delivery dates are met, and given that we do our job the way we expect to do it, the June (2) launch is still makeable," said Bob Sieck, shuttle launch director at the Kennedy Space Center.

The booster rocket segments, which originally were due from the Morton Thiokol plant in Utah in December, are to reach here a month late, and four weeks has

been allotted to assemble them. The main engines have fallen behind in testing at a site near Bay St. Louis, Miss., and they are not expected here until late December and early January, a couple of weeks late.

John Thomas, manager of the booster redesign team at Marshall Space Flight Center in Alabama, attributed the booster segment delay to "manufacturing-type difficulties that we ran into on the nozzle" and a crack detected in one of the motor segments.

A faulty joint in one of Challenger's two boosters allowed flame to escape and triggered its destruction and the loss of its seven crew members 73 seconds after launch on Jan. 28, 1986.

Testing of a redesigned joint has gone well at Morton Thiokol, but the second full-scale test firing in Utah has been delayed about a month until Dec. 19 for various technical reasons.

Schroeder denounces news media

CORONADO, Calif. (AP) — Rep. Patricia Schroeder said Sunday that America isn't ready for a woman president and female candidates are "trivialized" by the news media.

Schroeder, who abandoned a bid for the Democratic presidential nomination, complained to a conference for women legislators that reporters seized on the fact that she cried as she announced Sept. 28 that she would not seek the nomination and ignored the reasons she detailed.

"I will never apologize for my tears," Schroeder said. "I say, 'No tears, no heart.'" The Colorado Democrat told this to several hundred people in her first major speech since withdrawing from the race.

Schroeder said she managed to end up in second or third place in polls, but acknowledged a female presidential candidate faces a tough task convincing voters to accept her.

"If I had to say all of America was ready, I'd say no, it's not quite there yet," she said.

Schroeder said she failed at presenting herself as a candidate for president who happens to be a woman, instead of a woman running for the high office, and said the news media played a role in that.

"You'd be there talking about a nuclear test ban treaty and (someone would ask), 'If you get elected, would your husband have to give his tuxedo to the Smithsonian?'" she said.

World Briefs

Shultz: Missile treaty nearly complete

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — Secretary of State George P. Shultz said Sunday the United States and the Soviet Union had agreed to station inspectors at each other's nuclear missile sites for 10 years after banned weapons are scrapped.

Shultz arrived Sunday night in Geneva to try to wrap up a missile treaty. Shultz said "some operational details" remained to be worked out.

"The treaty is virtually complete," Shultz said. "All of the main things have been agreed to."

The treaty to ban U.S. and Soviet intermediate-range nuclear missiles is the centerpiece for President Reagan's summit beginning Dec. 7 with General Secretary Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

Shultz scheduled meetings today and Tuesday in Geneva with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze.

Shevardnadze said he was confident the treaty will be completed "despite the fact that certain difficult questions continue to exist."

Ireland completes memorial service

ENNISKILLEN, Northern Ireland (AP) — Thousands of Catholics and Protestants joined with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in Enniskillen Sunday to complete the war memorial service that was devastated two weeks ago by an IRA bomb.

Thatcher, who flew in unexpectedly, stood in the rain without an umbrella, remembering the dead of two world wars and the 11 Protestant civilians who were killed as they waited for the original memorial service to begin Nov. 8.

Sunday's ceremony was organized as an act of solidarity among the 13,000 people of this town near the border of the Irish Republic.

The ceremony was also held as a show of peaceful defiance against IRA violence.

The overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republican Army, fighting to rid Northern Ireland of British rule and unite it with the Irish Republic, has expressed regret at the loss of civilian life.

Iran says it fired on U.S. helicopters

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iran's navy commander claimed Sunday his forces fired on four U.S. helicopters that tried to stop a gunboat from intercepting a Greek freighter in the northern Persian Gulf.

U.S. Navy officials in the gulf denied the attack. But shipping executives, speaking on condition of anonymity, said an Iranian

gunboat fired on the 29,108-ton Greek vessel Jimilta and searched it for suspected Iraqi-bound cargo. No damage or casualties were reported.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, claimed the U.S. helicopters "dispersed" after the shooting Saturday. It did not say if any were hit.

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