

World Briefs

Shultz questions Moscow peace role

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze on Sunday staked out an active role for his government in the U.S. drive to set up Arab-Israeli peace talks.

Secretary of State George P. Shultz has questioned whether the Soviets are eligible, given their record on human rights, Sunday, he took time after his first day of an official visit in Moscow to talk with dissidents.

But Shevardnadze, as he opened two days of talks with Shultz, said the Soviets already intended to be more of a factor.

The issue of Soviet participation is one of the key items on Shultz's agenda during his Moscow talks.

Another subject is the progress of arms control talks in Geneva aimed at producing a treaty to cut in half the superpowers' strategic nuclear arsenals.

Pan Am, workers resume strike talks

NEW YORK (AP) — Talks between Pan Am Corp. and representatives of 4,500 Teamsters workers continued past a 12:01 a.m. Sunday strike deadline after workers overwhelmingly authorized a strike, officials said.

Pan Am said that in case of a strike, it would maintain service by using replacement workers for the union members, who are employed as reservation clerks, customer service agents and in various clerical positions.

William Genoese, director of the airline division of Teamsters Local 732, said that despite the resumption of talks, there was a good chance of a strike. "They waited too long. They dragged their feet," he said.

"These people are fed up," he said of the workers. Genoese said the negotiations over Pan Am's demands for wage cuts and work-rule changes could go on indefinitely.

The Teamsters union contends it has made sufficient concessions to aid the airline.

Early Sunday, the counting of strike authorization ballots was completed and Genoese announced that the workers had overwhelmingly authorized a strike, although he refused to release figures on the vote.

The 12:01 a.m. deadline marked the end of a 30-day cooling-off period mandated by the government.

Swaggart confesses sex scandal sin

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Television evangelist Jimmy Swaggart, who reportedly was photographed with a prostitute, confessed Sunday that he had sinned and said he would stop preaching until church officials complete an investigation.

"I do not plan in any way to whitewash my sin or call it a mistake," he told his faithful but apparently forgiving congregation. "I call it a sin."

The Assemblies of God denomination has been investigating Swaggart, reportedly for allegations of sexual misconduct. A church official said the evangelist had shown "true humility," and another minister said the door

was open for Swaggart to remain in the ministry.

Swaggart, who a year ago had scathingly denounced fellow Assemblies of God evangelist Jim Bakker for committing adultery, did not describe his misconduct.

Forest H. Hall, secretary-treasurer of the Louisiana District of the Assemblies of God, told the 7,500 people at Swaggart's family worship center that the evangelist had confessed to "specific incidents of moral failure" to church officials and to his family.

Officials of Swaggart's ministry asked reporters to check their tape recorders and cameras at the door.

Search for U.S. Marine turns violent

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Iranian-backed Hezbollah extremists clashed Sunday with Shiite militia searching for a kidnapped U.S. Marine and declared support for his abductors.

A Hezbollah leader said he believed Lt. Col. William R. Higgins had been smuggled out of south Lebanon.

"We declare solidarity with, and full support for, the struggle against America who confront the plots of the great Satan," said a statement from Hezbollah, or the Party of God. "The demands of the Organization of the Oppressed on Earth are just."

The Organization of the Oppressed on Earth on Friday claimed responsibility for Higgins' kidnapping, charging he was a CIA spy.

U.S. and U.N. officials denied the charge.

Higgins, a decorated Vietnam veteran and a one-time military assistant to former U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, heads a 76-man observer group attached to a U.N. peacekeeping force in south Lebanon.

He was kidnapped on Wednesday near the ancient port city of Tyre.

Palestinians call for more protests

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli soldiers killed two Arabs Sunday in clashes in the West Bank. Palestinian organizers called for stepped up protests to coincide with the visit of U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz this week.

The army said soldiers shot and killed the Arabs in separate confrontations in the West Bank city of Nablus and the Deir Ammar refugee camp. Nablus hospital officials said 17 Arabs were wounded.

The army initially reported a third Arab shot and killed in Nab-

lus but later retracted the statement. Nablus hospital officials said the man, Ahmed Abu Salhiye, in his 50s, died of a heart attack after being overcome by tear gas.

The latest deaths brought the number of Palestinians killed by Israelis since the protests began Dec. 8 to 61, according to United Nations figures.

Officials in the Economy Ministry said the government had spent \$330 million to finance the crackdown on the protests.

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cent opposed it and 17 percent were uncertain.

Students showed a lack of faith in the Social Security system, with 62 percent of those polled saying they did not think the system would be around when it came time for them to retire. On a related topic, 54 percent of the respondents favored a national health-care insurance plan, while 41 percent opposed such a program.

Fifty percent of the college students polled supported further development of SDI, commonly called "star wars," while 32 percent opposed it. And an overwhelming 79 percent of those surveyed said the minimum wage should be increased.

Political Forum conducted a poll of its own in a mock election in the MSC Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. A total of 267 A&M students cast ballots for their favorites in the presidential election, with 122 of the participants voting for Democrats and 145 voting Republican.

According to the A&M poll, Gov. Michael Dukakis was the clear winner in the Democratic party with 50 percent of the vote, while Republican Vice President George Bush received 49.6 percent of his party's vote.

The rest of the Democratic vote by the A&M respondents was split fairly evenly between the other candidates, with Richard Gephardt receiving 14.8 percent of the vote, Albert Gore receiving 12.3 percent, Jesse Jackson with 10.7 percent, Paul Simon with 7.4 percent and Gary Hart with 3.3 percent.

Sen. Robert Dole posed a little more threat to Bush as he garnered 24.1 percent of the A&M poll's Republican vote. The Rev. Pat Robertson followed with 13.7 percent and Jack Kemp received 10.3 percent.

Democrat Bruce Babbitt and Republican Pete DuPont, who have withdrawn from the race, received 1.6 percent and 2.1 percent of the A&M poll vote, respectively.

After Thursday's Democratic debates, four of the Democratic candidates — Gary Hart, Jesse Jackson, Michael Dukakis and Albert Gore — appeared on the College Satellite Network's Election '88 program to answer questions from college stu-

dents in the audience and over phone lines.

Student posed questions on a wide spectrum of issues including domestic and foreign problems.

Hart was asked about the recent Supreme Court Hazelwood decision. He said he considered it a bad decision, and that it points out the importance of Supreme Court ideology. He said no president should stack a court ideologically and accused President Reagan of doing just that with his nomination of Robert Bork for the Supreme Court.

Jackson responded to a question on human rights, saying they are vital in U.S. relations with foreign countries.

"If you don't support human rights, you support inhuman rights," he said, "and that's tyranny."

Jackson also blasted recent efforts to make English the national language in the United States, calling it "a mean-spirited proposition" that would weaken the United States.

When questioned about the recent Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty, Dukakis said he is "cautiously optimistic" about Soviet-U.S. relations, but added that the president's Star Wars program is the biggest obstacle to the advancement of those relations.

"I think Star Wars is a fantasy," he said. "I think it's a fraud. I don't think it's in our best interest."

Dukakis also blasted Reagan's economic policy, charging that the nation has been "living on a credit card for the last seven years."

Gore addressed the issue of equality in education. He said the problem used to be worse, but is still bad. One of the next president's top priorities, he said, must be to work toward eliminating prejudice in the United States.

"Prejudice is an old way of thinking," he said.

Republicans Robert Dole and Pat Robertson didn't show up at Friday's debates, leveling charges that the audience was stacked with Bush supporters and that questions had been leaked to the vice president.

Neither Bush nor Kemp answered questions from college students, although Bush did appear briefly on the Election '88 program to ask for support.

Editor's Note: Battalion reporter Tom Eikel contributed to this story.

Governors ask for relief from federal red tape at association meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's governors appealed to the White House on Sunday for relief from 163 federal rules and regulations and heard a former governor call for a constitutional convention to restore states' rights.

New Hampshire Gov. John H. Sununu, opening the National Governors' Association's winter meeting, said that the time had come to press for a new division of authority between the states and Washington.

"There has been an erosion of the fundamental balance struck 200 years ago in Philadelphia," Sununu, the NGA chairman, said at a news conference before calling the first plenary session to order.

James C. Miller III, director of the Office of Management and Budget, told the governors the Reagan administration had carried out nearly 50 of 80 recommendations the NGA made 16 months ago to reduce red tape and administrative burdens on state and local governments.

Eying the new stack of 163 recommendations, Miller said, "There's a lot more out there that needs to be done. It's hard to do." But he added, "There is no question that our federal system of shared power between

the federal and state governments... is healthier today than it has been in years."

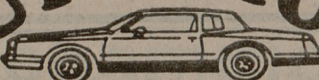
The governors heard just the opposite from former Georgia Gov. George Busbee, who warned, "We are about one recession away from a complete breakdown of domestic government in this country."

Busbee, an Atlanta lawyer who governed Georgia from 1975 to 1983, urged the governors to press for a constitutional convention "to break the gridlock, sift through the blue smoke and mirrors and restore a sense of order and accountability in American government."

The federal government is raiding state and local revenue sources and dumping unfunded mandates on the states, Busbee said, and most of the presidential candidates are talking of new federal initiatives in such areas of traditional state control as education, welfare, economic development and criminal justice.

"Begging Congress or the administration to pay attention to federalism is, in my opinion, a waste of time," said Busbee, a Democrat. "Governors and legislators are not treated much differently from the 'National Association of Ball Peen Hammer Producers' — except that (they) have a PAC (political action committee) and you don't."

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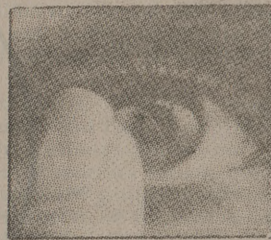
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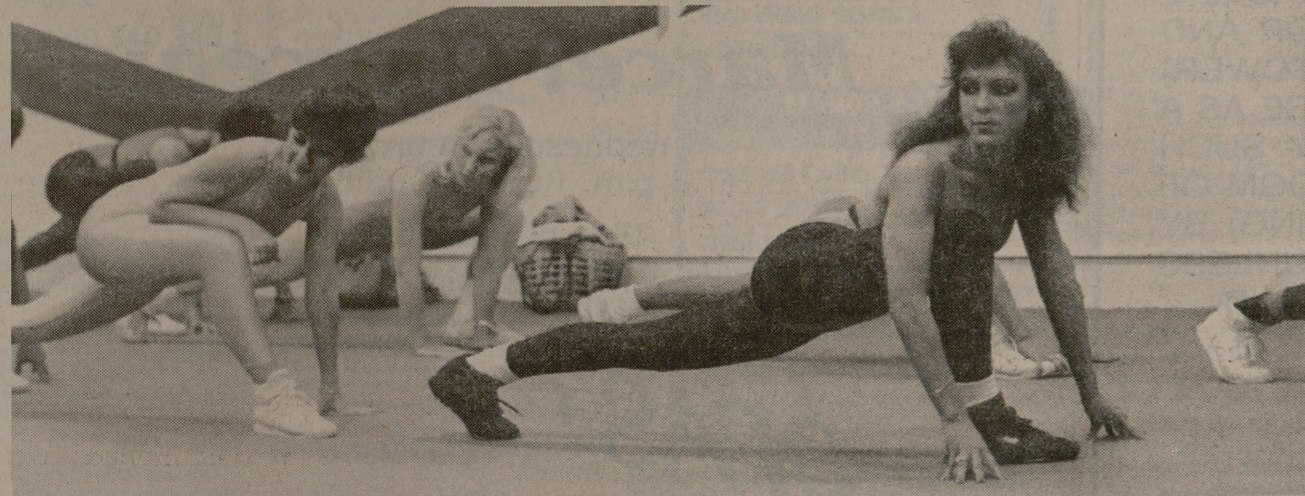


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