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**World and Nation**

**Reagan to join Western allies at NATO summit**

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — President Reagan, urging Western solidarity in arms talks with the Soviets, arrived Tuesday for the first NATO summit in six years. After Air Force One touched down on the tarmac at Brussels Zaventem Airport in windy conditions, Reagan was reunited with Secretary of State George Shultz, who had arrived from London, and met briefly with Belgian officials.

In a gesture of reassurance given in a departure statement Tuesday morning at the White House, Reagan pledged that American troops will remain in Europe "so long as Europeans want them to stay." He also promised to protect NATO's interests in any arms deals with the Soviet Union. "We will never sacrifice the interests of this partnership in any agreement with the Soviet Union," he said.

Posing for pictures at the airport, Reagan said he was still troubled by congestion and cold-like symptoms that had bothered him in Washington.

"The allergies are still bothering me," Reagan said, adding in an aside to Shultz that his ears were stopped up after the long flight. Reagan coughed loudly as reporters were ushered from the room. The two-day meeting at NATO headquarters in Brussels, beginning

Wednesday, brings together the heads of state or government of the 16-member North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In his departure statement, Reagan hailed the newly signed treaty to abolish U.S. and Soviet intermediate-range nuclear missiles (INF), but said, "the purpose of this summit is not self-congratulations." "Our first priority is to maintain a strong and healthy partnership between North America and Europe, for this is the foundation on which the cause of freedom so crucially depends," he said.

Reagan said the United States will continue to press for a 50 percent reduction in strategic nuclear weapons and a global ban on chemical weapons.

Beyond that, he said the NATO leaders will try "to give negotiations on conventional forces a new start, as well."

On the eve of the summit Alton G. Keel, the U.S. NATO ambassador, said he thought the leaders would likely declare that NATO places a high priority on negotiating conventional arms stability in Europe.

Alliance sources, declining to be identified publicly, have said that such a declaration may be in addition to an overall statement which will boil down to a renewed pledge of confidence in NATO policies and goals.

**Theory links acid rain to colon cancer rates**

NEW YORK (AP) — The pollutants that cause acid rain may be indirectly responsible for elevated rates of colon cancer in parts of the United States, researchers said Tuesday.

The theory, which has not yet been tested, is an attempt to explain why colon cancer and other cancers are more common in the north central and northeastern United States than in other parts of the country, said Cedric Garland of the University of California, San Diego and his brother Frank of the Naval Health Research Center in San Diego.

According to their theory, sulfur dioxide, one of the principal contributors to acid rain, absorbs certain ultraviolet rays in sunlight that trigger

the skin to produce vitamin D. Studies by Cedric Garland and others have suggested that vitamin D may help protect against colon cancer.

The Garlands, who described their research at a press conference Tuesday morning and at an afternoon symposium at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, said that vitamin D aids the absorption of calcium, and that calcium and vitamin D together appear to lower the risk of colon cancer.

The Garlands also cautioned that people should not spend more time in the sun to increase their vitamin D production, because exposure to sunlight increases the risk of skin cancer.

**World Briefs**

**Delvalle tries to create cash-flow crisis**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Panama's president in hiding, Eric Arturo Delvalle, called on all Panamanians Tuesday not to engage in any financial transactions with the authorities who seized power from him last week.

The proclamation contemplates a series of steps aimed at creating a cash-flow crisis for the new government, which Delvalle regards as unconstitutional.

The document, made public by Delvalle's ambassador in Washington, Juan B. Sosa, states that payment of debts, taxes and other

obligations should be withheld until constitutional government is restored in Panama.

The Panamanian National Assembly, dominated by forces loyal to military strongman Manuel Antonio Noriega, deposed Delvalle last Friday after the president had attempted to fire Noriega as defense chief.

Panamanian opposition leader Gabriel Lewis, a former ambassador to Washington, said legal steps were being taken to freeze Panama's assets in the United States.

**Rioting in Soviet city prompts curfew**

MOSCOW (AP) — Authorities have clamped a curfew on a southern city where weekend rioting broke out and tensions are still running high because of a territorial dispute between ethnic groups, a Soviet official said Tuesday.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady I. Gerasimov suggested that the Sunday unrest in Sumgait, as well as demonstrations and other violence elsewhere in the Caucasus region in which at least two people died, were due to "mistakes" made 65 years ago when a territory composed

largely of Armenians was made part of neighboring Azerbaijan.

He told a government news briefing that "there were certain injuries" in Sumgait, an industrial city of more than 160,000 people in Azerbaïdzhán, where hoodlums were blamed for torching off the Sunday riot.

"The situation is calm there today, but it is tense," Gerasimov said.

The official was peppered with questions about the civil unrest in the southern Soviet republics of Armenia and Azerbaïdzhán.

**Pageant ends three bizarre weeks**

EL PASO (AP) — The Miss USA pageant Tuesday capped three bizarre weeks in which two contestants quit because of police records, animal-rights activists protested the awarding of fur coats and the co-host was attacked in a hotel elevator.

Actors Tracy Scoggins and Alan Thicke were signed as co-hosts for the program, to be televised by CBS.

Ten semifinalists were chosen last week. The judges were to score each semifinalist on the

swimsuit, evening gown and interviews and the five highest scorers would become the finalists.

The late departures of two contestants, both from Minnesota, opened a spot for Julie Nelson, 20, of Minneapolis, but the lateness meant she arrived about a week after the other contestants.

About 25 animal-rights activists picketed Tuesday outside the El Paso Convention Center to protest the awarding of furs to the winner.

**Koop seeks education to slow AIDS**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Surgeon General C. Everett Koop told a White House panel Tuesday he is concerned about the spread of AIDS among teen-agers and expressed outrage at suggestions the disease cannot be spread through heterosexual intercourse.

Reiterating his call for sex education beginning at elementary grade levels, Koop said, "I think it is quite possible to raise a generation of adolescents down the road that would be far less sexually active than the present one."

He emphasized that such programs should involve parents and

incorporate moral and social values along with anatomical studies.

But in the best of future worlds, he said, "that leaves the teen-agers of today."

"Many people are discouraged about teen-agers because some of them are so sexually active," he said.

While it is important to recommend abstinence, Koop said, "I think it is also realistic to understand that sexually active teen-agers are unlikely to reverse their pattern . . . and therefore prevention for them has to be our thin line of defense."

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