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U.S. removes rockets from bases in accordance with treaty signing

FRANKFURT, West Germany demonstration in several cities that drew hundreds of thousands of peo-(AP) - Five years after West Europeans took to the streets in massive anti-missile protests, the United States on Thursday began removing its intermediate-range rockets in accordance with a superpower treaty signed last year.

A truck convoy hauled nine Pershing 2 missiles from a base near Stuttgart, and U.S. officials said they would remove the remaining 420 medium- and shorter-range missiles from Western Europe in the next 36 months.

"This is an important event in post-war history," West German government spokesman Friedhelm Ost said during a news conference in Bonn.

The stationing of the missiles had sparked huge protests in Western Europe, including a coordinated

ple in October 1983. Deployment of the missiles began the following month.

But the anti-missile fervor waned, and by the time President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed their treaty banning intermediate-range nuclear missiles in December, only a handful of protesters was still active in West Germany. A group of anti-missile activists

who came to witness the removal applauded as the 15 U.S. Army trucks carrying the missiles left the Heilbronn site in southern Germany, about 35 miles north of Stuttgart.

A rocket motor explosion at Heilbronn in January 1985 killed three U.S. soldiers and injured 16 others. West German news reports said the accident led then-Defense Minister Manfred Woerner to promise resi-dents that Heilbronn would be the first site from which missiles would be removed.

U.S. Navy Cmdr. Gerry Ryan of European Command Headquarters in Stuttgart told the Associated Press: "It's the first time that U.S. intermediate-range missiles have been withdrawn in Europe.

"The remainder of the U.S. Army European-based, intermediaterange nuclear missiles are scheduled to be removed over a 36-month period," he said.

The Soviet Union began removing its missiles from Czechoslovakia and East Germany in February, before the U.S. Senate had ratified the treaty

East Germany's official news agency ADN said in March that the Soviets had completed the removal many.

of all 54 shorter-range SS siles, but said nothing about SS-23 missiles also covered treaty The official Czechoslovak

agency CTK reported in Jul of the 39 SS-12 shorter-rar siles based in that country removed in February and Ma Original NATO plans of 572 intermediate-range nude siles in five West Europeand

to counter the Soviet rockets at the West. But the United States ul deployed only 429 missiles in Germany, Britain, Italy and B

after plans to station the root the Netherlands were scrappe Of those deployed, 108 Pe 2 missiles and 96 cruise missile stationed at four bases in West

higher than expected

when combined with the \$5.

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'We started fiscal year '88

Moslem guerrillas strike Pakistanis in violent attack

Investigators search

for clues about crash

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) -Moslem guerrillas launched rockets mat said on condition of anonymity. at Kabul and its airport Thursday, and Afghan fighter planes struck deep into Pakistani territory in one of the most violent days of Afghanistan's 10-year-old civil war.

Western diplomats, quoting dis-patches from missions in the Afghan capital, said the airport was shrouded in thick black and gray smoke from the rocket attack.

Earlier in the day, Pakistani au-thorities said seven Afghan fighterbombers struck the deepest to date into Pakistani territory, killing one person and injuring seven.

Diplomatic dispatches from Kabul said the rockets started hitting the city around 2:55 p.m. at Kabul airport and significant parts of the city. "By 3:20 the fire was out of con-

trol," a dispatch from one western embassy said. "There were second-ary explosions and foreigners were ordered to evacuate (the airport)," it said

Kabul all afternoon," a U.S. diplo-The force of the explosion indicates it may have been an ammunition dump," he said.

Opposition units today were subjected to massive bombardment with ground-to-ground rockets the Kabul international airport area," the official Soviet news agency Tass said in a report from Kabul. "The rockets damaged depots and transport air-

The report added that several rockets exploded in residential districts of Kabul, and authorities had put out the resulting fires.

Reports said it was not clear how many rockets had fallen. There were no immediate reports of casualties and state-run Kabul radio, in its nighttime broadcast, made no mention of the attack

Both the Kabul attack and the bombing of villages near the Pakistani frontier city of Peshawar apd. "Rockets have been exploding in than any operations this year.

State ends deficit with positive balan WASHINGTON (AP) - Texas should end the new fiscal year on Aug. 31, 1989, with its biggest cash balance since 1984 —\$600

million, State Treasurer Ann Richards said Thursday. Richards closed the books Thursday on fiscal year 1988 with the state posting a cash balance of \$113 million, which was the first positive balance in two years, she

the largest deficit in the history, and we have en \$113 million to the good. "This is further evidence of an

an \$858 million catch-up, should signal the rest of the improved Texas economy," Richards said. "Sales taxes have been try that Texas is moving a she said in a statement.

World briefs

Florida plans hunt to control alligator

CLEWISTON, Fla. (AP) it, though. I don't want, following me out there. Like tiny beacons at night, alligators' eyes reflect a brilliant red

when struck by a beam of light So flashlights, along with such items as harpoons and sharpened knives, were among key pieces of equipment being checked Thursday as more than 200 hunters, many of them novices, waited for the sunset opening of the first statewide gator hunt in 26 years.

"It's time to get some gators," John Swindle, 34, of Clewiston, on the south shore of Lake Okeechobee, said before the hunt began. "I'm not talking much about

With gator hides selling \$42 a) foot and meat runni

\$6 a pound, profits are as on the minds of the state-se hunters as adventure. The planned the 30-day hunts as one means of controlling population of the once-m gered alligator.

The money is the big fac said Rodney Crawford, a 19old cook from Lake Worth will seek gators with his fathe Lake George in Central Flori

High death toll forseen on long weeke

dents.

CHICAGO (AP) - At least 420 people will die in traffic accidents during the three-day Labor Day weekend that traditionally marks the end of summer, ex-

Last year, 441 people died ing the Labor Day weekend. The highest toll for the ho was logged in 1968, when people were killed in traffic

The average toll for a no

day three-day period at this

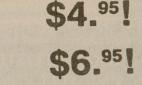
of year is about 410, safety

cil spokesman Terry Miller sa On average, the number of ffic deaths increases about

percent during holiday per council officials said.



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260-9020 693-2335 4407 S. Texas 1504 Holleman GRAPEVINE (AP) — Speculation centered on engine trouble as inves-tigators and manufacturers' rep-tigators and manufacturers' representatives today tried to determine the cause of a Delta Air Lines jetliner

crash that killed 13 people. Nearly 100 people, many leaping through thick smoke and blazing jet fuel, survived the crash of the Boe-ing 727 that broke open and burned during takeoff Wednesday morning at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

The same flight today taxied out for takeoff but then turned back to the terminal, Delta officials said from Atlanta.

"1141 did not take off from Dallas today and it has not at this point," Cindy Mullennix said at 9:51 a.m. CDT. The flight was scheduled to depart at 8:31 a.m. "I do know that they did taxi out,

and for whatever reason they turned from the National Transportation back," Mullennix said. "I do not Safety Board converged on the crash know what the problem was, and I site.

Survivors of Wednesday's flight, many suffering burns, crawled or jumped through gaping holes in the fuselage and clambered over red-hot wings to safety as black smoke billowed three stories high, witnesses said

"You heard the thing crumple, so you knew you were going to crash the whole time," passenger Penn Waugh, a lawyer from Dallas, said. "You were just looking for a way to get out of the plane. You're hoping you weren't going to die.

Ninety-seven passengers and a crew of seven were listed aboard the aircraft, Flight 1141 en route to Salt Lake City, but the exact count was uncertain because babies were not included on passenger lists. The flight originated in Jackson, Miss.

Nearly two dozen investigators

perts said Thursday. The National Safety Council estimates 420 to 520 people will die on the nation's roads during the long weekend.

For counting purposes the weekend begins Friday at 6 p.m. local time and ends at midnight Monday.

Helicopter crash kills 6 in California

BARSTOW, Calif. (AP) — A California Air National Guard helicopter crashed in a Mojave Desert mountain range Thursday, killing all six people aboard, authorities said.

The helicopter from Moffett Naval Air Station went down at 10:55 a.m., Tech. Sgt. Rick Corral at George Air Force Base said.

The bodies were discovered by a rescue team, Capt. Kent Knight

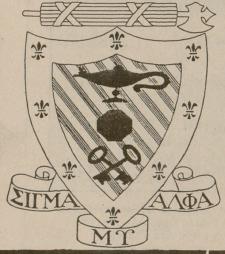
of the California Highway Pa said.

The rescue team dispatch helicopter to the scene. The crash occurred about

miles southeast of Barstowin Cinder Cone region of the man Mountains, San Bernard County sheriff's spokesman Bryant said.

Army medical personnels dispatched from Fort Irwinto scene

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