

# News Digest

By the Associated Press

## Shevardnadze calls superpower summit 'realistic'

UNITED NATIONS — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze accused President Reagan Tuesday of harboring "evil designs" for a first strike with the Star Wars system, but he said a "realistic possibility" still existed for a superpower summit.

In an address to the 41st General Assembly, Shevardnadze called President Reagan's U.N. address of Monday "regrettable" and "propagandistic."

He mixed conciliation with an attack on U.S. strategic arms policies.

"Whatever is done to conceal it, the so-called defensive space shield is being developed for a first strike," She-

vardnadze charged.

"Evil designs are being passed for good intentions, and a sword for a shield," he said.

Before his speech, the Soviet Foreign Minister had an unscheduled 45-minute meeting with Secretary of State George P. Shultz, apparently to discuss the confinement of American reporter Nicholas S. Daniloff in Moscow on spy charges.

Neither side issued a statement afterward.

Shevardnadze did not mention Daniloff in his speech, but the Soviets have been saying without elaboration that

Daniloff, Moscow correspondent for U.S. News & World Report magazine, could be freed "very rapidly" if the U.S. administration took the right course.

Shavardnadze addressed the General Assembly on the second day of its so-called "general debate," an annual event which gives heads of state and government, foreign ministers and other officials of the 159-member world body a chance to deliver policy statements for their governments. Tuesday's speakers included British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe and Japanese Foreign Minister Tadashi Kuranari. Both expressed the hope for another super-

power summit this year.

Striking a conciliatory note, Shevardnadze said in his address:

"Lately, encouraging outlines of meaningful agreements have been emerging. A summit meeting is also a realistic possibility. We could move forward rather smoothly, if that is what the U.S. side wants."

Shevardnadze urged Washington to follow up its words about reducing the threat of nuclear war "with practical deeds."

"I am authorized to state that the Soviet Union is prepared to sign at any time and in any place a treaty on a total

prohibition of nuclear weapons tests," he said.

Shultz sat grim-faced through Shevardnadze's speech. He later told reporters he welcomed the Soviet proposal for eliminating nuclear weapons, "something President Reagan has long advocated."

Shevardnadze countered Reagan criticism of Soviet foreign policies by attacking U.S. policies in North Africa, Central America and elsewhere.

He said the U.S. administration was "raising the stick of neoglobalism over the Meditterran" and had used it "with barbaric cruelty in Libya."

## Israeli jets bomb Lebanon targets; Syrian president warns of retaliation

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Israeli jets divebombed Palestinian guerrilla bases in the hills east of Beirut Tuesday, setting at least four targets ablaze, police said.

The raid came one day after Israel massed troops along the border with Lebanon in an apparent warning to Shiite Moslem guerrillas to cease their attack in south Lebanon, near Israel.

Syrian President Hafez Assad was quoted as threatening a "stunning

retaliation" if Israel invades Lebanon.

Police said huge clouds of smoke billowed from the bluffs of Bayssour, Keyfoun, Eitat and Shimlan, 12 miles east of Beirut, after strikes that began at 5:30 p.m.

Israel's military command in Tel Aviv said all planes returned safely and reported hitting bases used for attacks on Israel by the Abu Moussa guerrilla faction and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

The Abu Moussa Fatan-Uprising, which broke away from PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's Fatan, said in a communique in Beirut that its bases east and southeast of Beirut sustained considerable damage in the air raid.

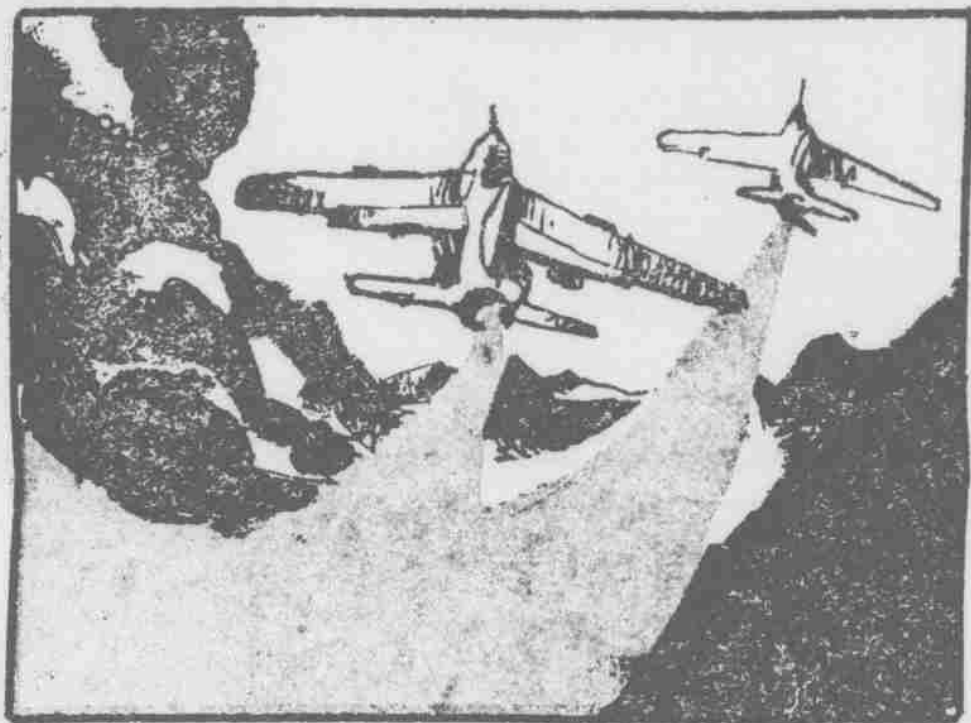
The Israeli planes made at least four bombing runs in 40 minutes, with eight jets taking part in each sortie, police said. The pilots released red balloons that distracted the guerrillas' shoulder-fired, heat-seeking SA-7 missiles.

Beirut International Airport was closed for 30 minutes during the attacks, with one commercial flight diverted to Cyprus and four other flights delayed, aviation officials said.

But tension lessened Tuesday at the Israel-Lebanon border. Israeli troop and tank reinforcements rushed there Monday, poised for a thrust into south Lebanon to put down a surge of guerrilla attacks by Iranian-backed Shiite extremists.

The threat raised fears of a new military collision between U.S.-supplied Israel and Soviet-equipped Syria on Lebanese soil for the second time in four years.

"If it (Israel) attempts a new invasion, the retaliation will be stunning. It will be a surprise to all," Assad was quoted as saying by the leftist Beirut newspaper Al-Hakika.



## Federal judge appeals for acquittal

WASHINGTON — Abandoning calm testimony in his own defense, federal Judge Harry E. Claiborne beseeched the Senate impeachment Committee Tuesday to acquit him if it believes he was the victim of the "brutal errors" of income-tax preparers.

Asked by Sen. Mitch McConnell why a convicted tax evader should be exonerated in his impeachment trial, Claiborne leaned into a microphone and pleaded for acquittal, "if you honestly feel in your heart I got a raw deal."

Claiborne, serving time in a federal prison while still carrying the title, and salary, of chief U.S. district judge for Nevada, testified for the second straight day in his 6-day-old trial.

The trial followed a unanimous House impeachment vote earlier this year.

**'If you honestly feel in your heart that I got a raw deal and honestly disclosed all my income to my preparers, and they made brutal errors in my return for which I was not responsible. . . if that is what you think, you must vote with me.'**

—Claiborne

The committee of 12 senators hearing evidence will later hand the case to the full Senate for a verdict on whether Claiborne can keep his lifetime job on the federal bench.

In addition to urging a favorable decision so he could restore his own battered life, the 69-year-old Claiborne maintained that the independence of the federal judiciary would suffer if judges could be "literally chased from the bench for any reason."

Launching into his theme that he

was framed by vengeful federal prosecutors, the judge said, "The biggest danger I can see to the federal courts is if, ever there be created a buddy relationship between the federal judiciary and the executive branch of government."

Claiborne was convicted by a federal jury of failing to pay taxes on \$106,651 in legal fee income earned in 1979 and 1980. Described in news stories as a colorful judge, Claiborne depicted himself Tuesday as an extremely hard-working man who loves the outdoors and is as "colorful and flamboyant as a cold mashed potato sandwich."

McConnell, a freshman Republican senator from Kentucky who has listened intently but asked few questions before Tuesday, quickly ruptured the relative serenity of the judge's testimony by asking how he could explain to voters back home a vote for Claiborne's acquittal.

The judge launched into an emotional appeal of several minutes, concluding:

"If you honestly feel in your heart that I got a raw deal and honestly disclosed all my income to my preparers, and they made brutal errors in my return for which I was not responsible. . . if that is what you think, you must vote with me."

Continuing a theme he developed during his testimony Monday, Claiborne said, "I never pled guilty to being dumb," but said he did trust his hired tax preparers because he was so busy as a judge that "I didn't have time to breathe."

"I didn't have time for personal affairs, and I neglected my personal affairs terribly," said Claiborne, who added that he also gave up some of his beloved outdoors life because he was exhausted from his work.

## Armed fugitive kills two; three-state dragnet ensues

WRIGHT CITY, Mo. — A fugitive who allegedly killed two people and abducted several others during a three-state rampage eluded a dragnet Tuesday, and authorities said a third slaying might be the work of the same gunman.

Some residents of this small town kept their doors locked and guns loaded, as more than 100 heavily armed officers using dogs and helicopters conducted the hunt for Michael W. Jackson, 41, of Indianapolis.

Jackson had vowed not to be taken alive, the Indianapolis Star said. He was believed to be armed with a sawed-off shotgun and a pistol.

Missouri Highway Patrol Capt. John Ford said there had been few leads. But he said authorities suspected Jackson was still in the area because there had been no reports of stolen vehicles and Jackson apparently fled on foot after a gun battle with a local police officer.

"We've got nothing, but everyone is still out and that will continue until he's caught or it's determined that he's out of the area," Ford said.

Officers carrying automatic weapons stopped cars and searched passing freight trains. A man with an appearance similar to Jackson's was picked up hitchhiking in the area, but later was cleared and released.

Police announced that a man initially thought to have died of head injuries when his car crashed into a light pole along Interstate 70 late Monday in St. Peters, about 20 miles east of Wright City, had actually been shot to death.

Investigators said further examination found that Earl D. Finn, 47, of O'Fallon, had suffered fatal gunshot wounds to the head, said Lt. Mark Grimmer of the St. Peters Police Department.

Authorities said Jackson, who has a history of mental problems and a lengthy criminal record, shot and killed a federal probation officer and a store clerk in Indianapolis early Monday. He later made his way across Indiana and Illinois and into eastern Missouri by commandeering cars and trucks.

Police said he abducted six people along the way, robbed a woman in suburban St. Louis and wounded a Wright City police officer during a gun battle before escaping on foot in the wooded, rolling hills about 45 miles west of St. Louis.

## In Brief

### Star Wars proposal rejected

WASHINGTON — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has rejected President Reagan's proposals for an agreement on space based missile defenses, insisting that both sides abide by the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty for a 15-year period, an informed U.S. official said Tuesday.

At the United Nations, meanwhile, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze charged that the administration's Strategic Defense Initiative, popularly known as Star Wars, is an attempt to gain a military advantage over Moscow.

Reagan has proposed a seven-year period in which space-based defenses couldn't be deployed, but during which research, testing and development of space-based missile defenses could proceed. The Soviets take the position that testing and development is banned by the ABM treaty.

### Poll: Growing up is hard to do

WASHINGTON — Three out of four American adults think the problems facing today's children are more severe than when they were growing up, and even more are willing to pay higher taxes for better schools, drug treatment, and other services for kids, according to a Louis Harris survey.

The first national survey of public attitudes toward the problems of children found that drug abuse is perceived as the most serious, with 52 percent of adults putting that at the top of the list. The survey showed the vast majority believes a wide range of other problems facing kids, including hunger, kidnapping, sexual assault, parental abuse, suicide and prostitution, have increased in recent years.

The survey, commissioned by the Westinghouse Broadcasting Co.'s Group W, found that less than half of the public believes that most American children are basically happy (48 percent), or get a good education (40 percent), or live in a safe neighborhood (36 percent).

Other findings in the July 20-August 7 survey: Teen-agers are perceived as particularly at risk, with half of the public believing that most teen-agers have sex at least occasionally, 43 percent believing that most teen-agers use alcohol, and 31 percent believing that most use drugs regularly. And only 41 percent of those surveyed said American teen-agers read and write adequately.

Majorities of adults said they would be willing to increase taxes for programs to trace missing children (86 percent), for drug prevention programs (83 percent), for public schools (76 percent), for day care programs (73 percent) and for parks and recreation programs (70 percent). And 70 percent said they at least "somewhat approve" of the government providing birth control services for teen-agers.

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