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Chernenko appears likely

MOSCOW - The Soviet Union, in mourning

for President Yuri Andropov, prepared for his

funeral Sunday and Konstantin Chernenko, the man in charge of organizing his burial, appeared the most likely successor. The field of

potential candidates remained large, however,

and the Communist Party Central Committee is expected to decide the issue at an emer-

gency meeting today. Chernenko, 72, beaten by Andropov for leadership of the Communist

Party after the death of Leonid Brezhnev, heads the committee organizing Andropov's

funeral and was first Saturday in the line of

Politburo mourners. A year ago he was seen as a man with no future after failing to succeed as

Brezhnev's heir apparent. He re-emerged as party number two in June. Chernenko's latest

appointment indicated that his position was

strong; Andropov headed Brezhnev's funeral

successor for Andropov



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Officials: Relations change unlikely

committee.

WASHINGTON — Two senior American officials said Sunday they do not expect any dramatic changes in U.S.-Soviet relations because of the death of Soviet Leader Yuri Andropov. In separate appearances on television interview programs, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Jeane Kirkpatrick and Undersecretary-of-State Lawrence Eagleburger downplayed the prospect of an early summit meeting between President Reagan and the new Soviet leader. "No dramatic change (in relations) is likely," Kirkpatrick said on CBS television's Face the Nation program. Eagleburger, in an appearance on ABC television's This Week With David Brinkley, said the administration continues to believe a summit should take place only if it is well prepared and likely to produce "substantive success."

"It is not sensible to have a summit if all you do is just sit there and talk to each other," Eagleburger said.

Irag begins shelling in retaliation

BAGHDAD, Iraq - An Iraqi communique Sunday reported shelling Iran's Bandar Khomeini port and petrochemical complex and said it had scored "successful and effective hits." A High Command communique said, "Iraq will continue striking these installations until fully destroying them" in retaliation for the Iranian shelling of Iraqi cities and towns Sunday. Iraq has hit the \$3.5 billion complex before in its 40-month old war with Iran and has said it does not guarantee the safety of Japanese workers there. Iraqi artillery also shelled specific targets in the west Iranian towns of Guilan-Ghard and Sar-e-Pol-e-Zahab, the statement said. Iraqi helicopter gunships scored effective hits on troop concentrations in the north, inflicting losses in men and equipment, and all units returned to base safely, it added. The Iranian shelling of Basra in southern Iraq killed 13 people and wounded 85, destroyed 13 houses and four stores and damaged 11 cars, it said.

Syria — U.S. bombing unjustified

DAMASCUS, Syria — A Syrian official said Sunday Syria could not exercise self-restraint indefinitely in the face of U.S. Sixth Fleet bombardments of civilians in Lebanon and it called for the withdrawal of the multinational force from Beirut. "While Syria exercises self-restraint vis-a-vis the destructive bombardment of Lebanese positions and civilians by its warship New Jersey and the Sixth Fleet, its self-restraint is limited and cannot continue indefinitely," acting information minister Farouq al-Sharie told a news conference. He said the New Jersey's bombardments were unjustified but he refused to say when Syria's patience would run out or what the Syrian response would be.

Dancers fall through floor; 68 hurt

LONDON — Dozens of dancers crashed through the floor of an East London apartment early Sunday after 300 people squeezed inside for a Valentine's Day party. Police said 68 people were hurt, two seriously. All were treated in hospitals, seven for broken bones. Witnesses said some dancers landed on partygoers who had made their way from the first floor flat into an empty shop below.

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