

West Germans honor Roskens

The West German government today will honor NU President Ronald Roskens with its Commander's Cross Order of Merit, the university announced Wednesday.

A representative from West Germany's consul general in Chicago will present the award to

Roskens during an invitation-only dinner, according to United Press International.

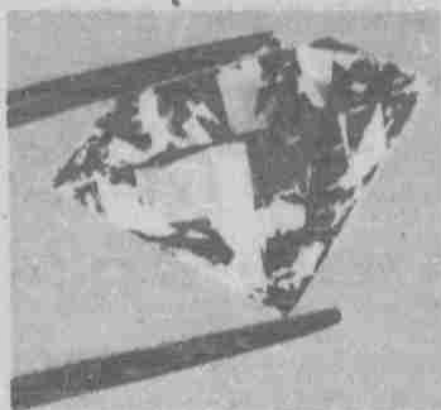
The award recognizes Roskens' "unstinting efforts to foster international understanding," the university said in a statement Wednesday.

Roskens has visited West Germany, the People's Republic of

China and other nations to seek expanded educational exchanges of faculty and students, the university said.

According to United Press International, Hans Brisch, Roskens' executive assistant, said the award is "quite significant" and, "we believe the first ever made to a Nebraskan."

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U.S. missile deployment to continue, adviser says

WASHINGTON — President Reagan's national security adviser said Sunday the United States would not unilaterally halt the deployment of nuclear missiles in Western Europe to foster progress at arms talks with the Soviet Union.

Robert McFarlane, speaking on CBS television, said the upcoming negotiations, which will be planned by Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in Geneva in January, will be aimed at achieving an arms balance. Even with the deployment of U.S. Pershing 2 and cruise missiles that has already occurred at the request of NATO allies, the Soviets still have a 10-to-1 advantage with their missiles aimed at Europe, McFarlane said.

Officials in Washington and Moscow announced the resumption of talks last week almost exactly a year after the Soviets ended them because of the U.S. missile deployment.

The Soviet Union had insisted that the United States stop deploying the missiles as a condition for the arms talks and agree to a moratorium on space weapons in advance, steps that Washington refused to take.

Salvadoran leaders, rebels to meet

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — The archbishop of San Salvador said Sunday that a second round of peace talks between the U.S.-backed government and left-wing guerrillas would take place Friday.

Archbishop Arturo Rivera y Damas said both sides have agreed on a date and place. But he said he would not disclose the site of the talks for security reasons.

Guerrilla leaders and government officials, including President Jose Napoleon Duarte, first met for church-mediated peace talks in the Salvadoran town of La Palma on Oct. 15. Duarte is not expected to attend the second round of talks.

The La Palma talks were the first direct talks between the government and the insurgents in five years of civil war.

Ortega calls for 'urgent meeting'

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Nicaraguan President-elect Daniel Ortega said the ruling Sandinistas had underestimated the seriousness of U.S. intentions against them and he called for an urgent meeting with President Reagan to ease the tensions between Washington and Managua Saturday.

Relations between Managua and Washington reached a crisis level early this month, shortly after Ortega won the first national election held in Nicaragua since the Sandinistas came to power in 1979. The crisis flared after U.S. officials charged that Soviet weapons were flowing to Nicaragua in amounts far exceeding its defensive needs. Nicaragua denied this.

Relations between the two countries have long been tense, as Washington has accused Managua of trying to spread Marxist revolution throughout Central America and of shipping Cuban and Soviet bloc arms to left-wing guerrillas fighting the U.S.-backed government in El Salvador.

Chilean troops, police patrol slums

SANTIAGO, Chile — In an apparent bid to deter participation in anti-government protests, troops and police patrolled four slums of the Chilean capital Sunday and arrested dozens of people.

Witnesses said the soldiers arrived on foot and in military trucks, rounding up dozens of men to check for criminal records. They said at least 70 people had been detained Saturday and Sunday. Local priests said the patrols appeared to be aimed at deterring people from taking part in the protests Tuesday and Wednesday, called by the opposition in defiance of a state of siege imposed nearly three weeks ago. The operations were reported Sunday in Santa Julia, Lo Hermida, El Salto and Villa Francia — all neighborhoods where protest calling for a quick return to democracy have been staged over the last 18 months.

Most of Santiago suffered a one-hour blackout this morning as President Augusto Pinochet celebrated his 69th birthday with pledges of unswerving loyalty from the army. Spokesmen for police and the electricity company said the blackout was due to a technical failure. The phrase previously has been used after bomb attacks on power lines. The frequency of such attacks was the main reason given for the 11-year-old military government's decision to impose a state of siege almost three weeks ago.

2nd artificial heart transplanted

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A plastic and aluminum artificial heart was implanted in a 52-year-old man Sunday and hospital officials said the seven-hour operation, the second of its kind, went extremely well.

The Humana Heart Institute International and the Kentucky Medical Center, where the surgery was performed, said the patient, William Schroeder of Jasper, Ind., was in good shape following the operation. Doctors said Schroeder, who was considered a poor candidate for a human heart transplant, would have lived for less than a week without the experimental surgery.

A team of more than 20 doctors and nurses led by Dr. William DeVries, who performed the first artificial heart implant two years ago, began the operation on Schroeder shortly after 7 a.m. EST Sunday. They implanted the type of manmade heart that kept Barney Clark of Seattle, Wash., alive for 112 days.