

# News Digest

By The Associated Press

## Top Nazi war criminal reported willing to surrender in Syria

MUNICH, West Germany — Alois Brunner, one of the world's most wanted Nazi war criminals, says he is ready to surrender after living for years in Syria, a West German magazine reported Monday.

The magazine Bunte reported the 73-year-old Brunner, who was an associate of Adolf Eichmann in the Nazi SS and the deportation of Jews to death camps, said he would give himself up for trial on condition he not be sent to Israel.

The Israelis captured Eichmann in Argentina and took him to Israel where he was tried, convicted and put to death in 1962 for crimes against Jews during World War II.

Brunner is considered the most

wanted Nazi war criminal since the discovery this year in Brazil of a body believed to be that of concentration camp doctor Josef Mengele.

Nazi hunters such as Beate Klarsfeld have alleged that Brunner was responsible for the deaths of at least 100,000 Jews.

The magazine Bunte quoted the Nazi fugitive as saying that in his escape after World War II, he received official documents under a false name from American authorities and worked for the U.S. Army as a driver.

"I am ready to go and respond before an international court," Bunte quoted Brunner as saying.

Norbert Sakowski, Bunte deputy chief editor, said in a telephone interview

with The Associated Press that Brunner set the condition that he "not be handed over to the Israelis."

In Vienna, Austria, Simon Wiesenthal, who has tracked many Nazi war criminals, said the reported offer by Brunner is "rhetoric." Wiesenthal said, "There is no such (international) court. He wants to surrender to a non-existent court of justice."

Sakowski said the Austrian-born Brunner "is extremely sick and old." The magazine article said Brunner showed "no remorse" for his crimes.

Bunte said it had found Brunner in Damascus, where it said he has lived for many years under the assumed name "Dr. Georg Fischer."

## Arafat, Hussein reassess moves

AMMAN, Jordan — King Hussein and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat met for three hours Monday to reassess

their relationship and the future of their faltering joint bid to make peace with Israel.

Arafat and eight other top officials of the Palestine Liberation Organization went to the royal palace for meetings with Hussein, who told reporters last week that he was reconsidering his relations with the PLO after a new cycle of violence and diplomatic setbacks. Further talks are scheduled for today.

The king also had said it was up to the Palestinian people to decide whether the PLO should continue to represent them.

Hussein said at a news conference last Thursday he was "reassessing the entire situation" of his relations with the PLO in the light of recent events.

Those include the Sept. 25 slaying by PLO guerrillas of three Israelis aboard a yacht in Cyprus, Israel's retaliatory bombing of PLO headquarters in Tunis on Oct. 1 and the killing of an American passenger aboard an Italian cruise ship hijacked by Palestinian gunmen.

Hussein also was upset by the cancellation of a meeting between British Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe and senior PLO officials, an encounter that had been intended to ease the way for eventual contacts between the PLO and the United States.

The Feb. 11 agreement between Hussein and Arafat called for peace with Israel in return for its withdrawal from all land occupied in the 1967 war and the creation of a Palestinian state. This plan called for details to be worked out at a conference sponsored by the United Nations.

## Peres peace initiative wins vote of confidence

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Shimon Peres urged the political right not to oppose his peace efforts, and easily won a vote of confidence Monday night for a plan that allows an international forum to be involved in negotiations.

The vote came after seven hours of debate in the Knesset, and was 68-10 for the Peres plan, with 10 abstentions. The prime minister presented his peace proposals in a speech last week to the U.N. General Assembly in New York.

He indicated willingness in that speech to consider an international conference involving the Soviet Union if the Kremlin renewed diplomatic relations with Israel. The Israeli position previously had been firm opposition to such a conference.

Only one member of a party in the ruling coalition revolted against the leadership and opposed — David Magen of the right-wing Likud bloc. He is closely identified with Industry Minister Ariel Sharon, a leading Peres critic within the government.

Peres spoke for 30 minutes to open the debate. Then opposition legislator Geula Cohen announced that the prime minister had met secretly in Paris with King Hussein of Jordan before outlining his peace plan to the General Assembly last Monday.

Cohen said the director of Peres' office, Avraham Tamir, also traveled to Amman in recent months.

"We have every reason to fear... promises were made that not only touched on procedures but on substance, too," said Cohen, a member of the nationalist Tehiya Party, which pressed the motion of no confidence.

Peres said in a television interview Sunday night that some aspects of his diplomatic maneuvers have been secret. His spokesman, Uri Savir, however, denied that Peres met secretly with Hussein.

In his U.N. speech, Peres called on Hussein to "continue to act with us in order not to miss the opportunity that has been created."

## Budget cut package sent to Legislature

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Appropriations Committee on Monday formally accepted and sent to the full Legislature a \$19.9 million package on budget cuts that alone wouldn't prevent a looming deficit caused by faltering revenue collections.

On an 8-1 vote, the panel advanced LBI with a committee amendment calling for the \$19.9 million in reductions, which consist of an average 3 percent across-the-board cut in many agencies and state aid programs.

The bill was introduced by Speaker of the Legislature William Nichol of Scottsbluff on behalf of Gov. Bob Kerrey. It contained Kerrey's proposed \$18.1 million, 3 percent across-the-board cut to help resolve fiscal problems blamed primarily on Nebraska's slumping agricultural economy.

Acceptance of the \$19.9 million in

cuts would fall \$29.5 million short of a \$49.4 million target set by the committee in necessary spending cuts, tax increases, or both to avoid a deficit at the end of fiscal 1985-86 and provide a 3 percent overlevy.

Sen. Glenn Goodrich of Omaha cast the opposing vote to advancing LBI, saying the proposed spending scale backs wouldn't slash deeply enough in some agencies while it would damage higher education.

"If we're not going to get everybody, let's not get 3 percent out of higher education," Goodrich said.

Goodrich declined to name agencies that he thinks should bear greater reductions in order to minimize reductions forced upon the University of Nebraska and the four state colleges.

He said the university and the state colleges at Kearney, Wayne, Chadron

and Peru should be strapped with 1.5 percent reductions rather than 3 percent cuts.

Several agencies would be hit with cuts exceeding the 3 percent average under the committee's proposal, including the Department of Economic Development and the Department of Agriculture.

Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, has proposed one percentage point surtax on the individual and corporate income taxes, retroactive to Jan. 1, 1985.

Warner said budget cuts alone wouldn't prevent further fiscal problems for lawmakers in the regular 1986 session, which starts in January. He said an income tax surcharge would ease the state's economic woes.

## In Brief

### Father, son plead guilty to espionage

BALTIMORE — John Anthony Walker Jr. and the sailor son he recruited into spying for the Soviet Union pleaded guilty to espionage charges Monday in an arrangement that will mean the father must serve at least 10 years of a life prison sentence and his son more than eight years.

For the deal to stand, John Walker must cooperate fully with the government in future proceedings, including the espionage trial of his Navy buddy Jerry Whitworth. That trial is scheduled Jan. 13, 1986 in San Francisco.

"The reason we entered into this agreement is because John Walker has something of vital interest to this country," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Schatzow. "We need to know what has been broken and what needs to be fixed."

The principal beneficiary of the arrangement is the 22-year-old Michael, who was subject to two life terms plus 30 years if he had been convicted in a later trial.

The agreement specified that the sentences, to be imposed later by U.S. District Judge Alexander Harvey II, will be two life terms plus 10 years for John Walker and two 25-year terms plus three 10-year terms for Michael.

The sentences will be served concurrently making John Walker eligible for parole in 10 years and his son after eight years and four months.

### Fleeing guru arrested in N. Carolina

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Federal agents arrested Indian guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh on immigration charges Monday after his jet touched down here for a stop on what authorities called an attempt to flee the country to Bermuda.

Eight followers of the 53-year-old Rajneesh, whose Oregon commune has been a center of controversy, also were arrested, said U.S. Marshal Ray Abrams.

In Portland, Carl Houseman, regional director of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, said Rajneesh was named Thursday in federal indictments charging him with conspiracy to make false statements to immigration officers and with harboring aliens illegally in the United States.

Rajneesh is the spiritual leader of a sect that claims up to 500,000 adherents, mainly in the United States, Western Europe and Australia.

Ed Brigham, assistant agent in charge of the INS in Charlotte, said the arrest was requested by the U.S. attorney of Oregon involving "an investigation concerning Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and various other people relating to the violation of immigration laws."

### South Africa death toll at 334

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — South Africa completed its first 100 days under a state of emergency Monday, with the death rate from rioting more than double that of earlier months.

A total of 334 people have been killed in the 100 days of the emergency, a rate of 3.34 per day, according to the South African Institute of Race Relations. That compares with 509 people who died in the preceding 323 days of unrest — a rate of 1.54 per day — between Sept. 1, 1984, and the beginning of the emergency decree, the institute's records show.

Jennifer Shindler, a researcher at the institute, said Monday the figures were based on press clippings and police reports. She also said that 845 people have been killed in South Africa's racial violence since mid-1984, well above the figure of 761 disclosed early this month by President P.W. Botha.

The government says about one-third of the victims were killed by other blacks, mainly because they were suspected of being collaborators and informers, while about two-thirds were shot by police in the continuing violence.

### State flu season here, official says

Influenza season has begun in Nebraska, and people in danger of complications from the illness should be vaccinated, a state health official said.

"We're beginning to see cases of the flu now, but we don't usually get excited until November," said Christine Newlon, coordinator for Nebraska's immunization program at the state Department of Health.

"The peak incidence is normally in January and February, but to protect themselves, people should get those flu shots now."

"Influenza can be serious, even in healthy individuals, and in those high-risk groups, a bout with the flu can be extremely dangerous."

She said people 65 years of age and older and those with chronic health problems should get flu shots.

### K.C. fans still celebrating Series win

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — About 300,000 baseball fans lined downtown streets, hung out of windows or perched in treetops to greet the world champion Kansas City Royals on Monday as the city threw a two-hour ticker tape parade that littered the town with a snowstorm of confetti.

The downtown area remained jammed with traffic following the parade and accompanying rally as a steady procession of cars decorated with streamers, balloons and bows sounded their horns in celebration of the city's first World Series victory ever.

Players, team officials and others rode the two-mile route along Grand Avenue to Liberty Memorial, beaming and waving as 40,000 pounds of shredded paper drifted from downtown office buildings.

Fans along the route, still celebrating Sunday's 11-0 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 7, skipped school or were given an extended lunch hour to take part in the hoopla. They hoisted themselves on bus stop shelters, bill boards, light poles and others' shoulders to catch a glimpse of the new champs.

The mood was different in St. Louis, where the Cardinals returned home unceremoniously as airport festivities and a ticker tape parade were called off. A few die-hard fans who showed up at the airport anyway found a stand set up on a designated parking lot vacant and the gate locked.

## Newsmakers

### A roundup of the day's happenings

**Former automaker** John Z. DeLorean was hospitalized for an irregular heartbeat Monday after complaining of dizziness and palpitations while preparing for a court appearance in his bitter divorce trial. He was listed in stable condition in the coronary care unit at New Jersey's Somerset Medical Center. His former wife, television hostess Cristina Ferrare Thomopoulos, immediately called the couple's children, but doesn't intend to visit him in the hospital, her attorney says.

**The sight of an ill-fitting helmet** atop Prince Charles' head brought fits of giggles from Princess Diana on the royal couple's first full day on an official visit to Australia.

Charles donned the too-small plastic safety helmet during a visit to a new multimillion-dollar aluminum smelter. The giggles prompted Charles to turn to smelter workers and ask: "Does your wife laugh at you when you put a hat on?"

**Former U.S. President** Jimmy Carter was described by a Nepalese Sherpa guide as "a strong guy" after he climbed an 18,900-foot peak on the southern side of Mount Everest.

**The countdown has begun** for Wednesday's launch of the space shuttle Challenger on an international science mission with a record eight astronauts.