

News Digest

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Summit standoff

Reagan defends SDI; second summit uncertain

WASHINGTON — President Reagan said Monday night that his Iceland summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev left the superpowers "closer than ever" to an unprecedented cut in nuclear arsenals, but he said he would not trade away his futuristic anti-missile plan for an accord.

The summit almost produced an unprecedented agreement to eliminate all long-range nuclear missiles "from the face of the earth by 1996," Reagan said in a broadcast address from the Oval Office. He said talks ended when the Soviets insisted on confining Star

Wars research to the laboratory.

The next step is up to the Soviets, he said. "There was no indication from Mr. Gorbachev as to when or whether he plans to travel to the United States" for a follow-up summit, the president said, adding:

"Our invitation stands. We continue to believe additional meetings would be useful. But that's a decision the Soviets must make."

Reagan said, near the conclusion of his 20-minute address, "if there is one impression that I carry away with me

from these October talks, it is that, unlike the past, we are dealing now from a position of strength."

"... SDI is America's insurance policy that the Soviet Union would keep the commitments made at Reykjavik. SDI is America's security guarantee if the Soviets should, as they have done too often in the past, fail to comply with their solemn commitments. SDI is what brought the Soviets back to arms control talks at Geneva and Iceland. SDI is the key to a world without nuclear weapons."



... NATO's reaction

BRUSSELS, Belgium — America's NATO allies expressed disappointment Monday that promising arms reduction initiatives were derailed at Reykjavik by a dispute over "Star Wars," and urged the superpowers to move quickly toward reaching agreement.

The allies, briefed on the weekend superpower summit on Monday by Secretary of State George P. Shultz, expressed

particular disappointment that an agreement was blocked to rid Europe of medium-range U.S. and Soviet missiles.

Shultz flew to Brussels from Reykjavik early Monday and met with North Atlantic Treaty Organization foreign ministries and other allied representatives for about three hours.

The secretary of state acknowledged there was disappointment with the outcome of the summit, telling a news

conference, "Of course people would like to have had final closure" of the agreements on medium-range missiles and a 50 percent cutback on long-range weapons.

Shultz, however, was not optimistic about prospects for a second full-scale superpower summit, which many Europeans had hoped would be arranged in Reykjavik. He said no date was set and "No active planning is being made."



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Americans win Nobel prize for discovery made 30 years ago

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — An Italian-American biologist and an American biochemist won the 1986 Nobel Prize in medicine Monday for their discovery of key proteins that appear to orchestrate the body's growth from the first moments in the womb until degeneration and death.

The prize was awarded jointly to Rita Levi-Montalcini, director of the cellular biology laboratory at the National Council of Scientific Research in Rome, and Stanley Cohen of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tenn.

The Nobel Assembly of Stockholm's Karolinska Institute said their discov-

ery of substances regulating cell growth "opened new fields of widespread importance to basic science."

As a result, the Nobel committee said, "we may increase our understanding of many disease states such as developmental malformations, degenerative changes in senile dementia, delayed wound healing and tumor diseases."

The two researchers will share a cash stipend of \$290,000.

Ms. Levi-Montalcini, 77, and Cohen, 63, worked together in the 1950s at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. At the time, she was a biology professor and he was her assistant, said univer-

sity spokesman Fred Volkmann.

"I lucked out," Cohen told a news conference in Nashville. "I made them (the discoveries) while I was studying something else."

Ms. Levi-Montalcini, who holds dual American and Italian citizenships, said she was "so very happy." She said she would continue to work and give the prize money to young scholars of neurobiology.

Before this year's award, 59 Americans had won the medicine prize alone or jointly since it was first awarded in 1901.

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Earthquake victims recover

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Homeless Salvadorans set up makeshift shelters in fields, the Maternity Hospital delivered babies in the parking lot, and survivors Monday went about burying the nation's 890 known earthquake dead.

President Jose Napoleon Duarte put the number of injured in last Friday's catastrophe at 10,000 and the homeless at 150,000.

Rescue workers intensified searches for victims trapped under tons of twisted rubble, as aftershocks continued Monday.


The devastation was confined mostly to this capital city of 800,000 people, and Duarte told El Salvador in a broadcast Sunday night, "We are practically going to have to reconstruct all of the city."

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Arkansas man tops rich list of Americans

NEW YORK — There are du Ponts and Rockefellers, and even a Perdue. But the annual Forbes magazine list of the wealthiest people in America is topped by an Arkansas retailer who is proof that the rich often do get richer.

Sam Moore Walton, 68, founder of the Wal-Mart discount stores, has more money than any other American, according to the annual "Forbes 400." His \$4.5 billion is impressive. Last year, when he also topped the list, he had a paltry \$2.8 billion.

The list, which will appear in the Oct. 27 issue of Forbes, also includes some famous newcomers including a talk show host, an ageless rock 'n' roll cheerleader, a clothing designer and a chicken king.

It took at least \$180 million to make this year's list, up from \$150 million last year.

Television producer and former talk show host Merv Griffin was listed at \$235 million. Dick Clark, also a television producer and host of "American Bandstand" is worth \$180 million. Ralph Lauren was listed at \$300 million. And Frank Perdue's chicken empire brought him \$200 million.

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