

# News Digest

By the Associated Press

## Summit round-up Superpower leaders tell their story

WASHINGTON — President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev blamed each other Tuesday for their inability to strike an arms reduction deal in Iceland, but agreed that too much is at stake to fold the arms control bargaining table.

Recalling his description of Iceland as a base camp leading to a summit, Reagan said, "I believe there exists the opportunity to plant a permanent flag of peace at that summit, and I call on the Soviets not to miss this opportunity."

"The American people don't mistake the absence of a final agreement for the absence of progress. We made progress. We must be patient. We made historic advances. We will not turn back," Reagan said in a speech.

Reagan said the Kremlin overplayed its hand in seeking to get him to scrap "Star Wars," the system known formally as Strategic Defense Initiative, which the president says is vital to America's defense.

Reagan said the Soviet proposal to confine Star Wars research to the laboratory "would have given them an immediate one-sided advantage, and a dangerous one." Gorbachev talked of possibly having to counter the Star Wars program.

"Soviet people know this, and all people around the world should know this as well," he said. "But we are opposed to a power play. This is an extremely dangerous undertaking in the nuclear missile age."

At the Pentagon, a top U.S. arms control strategist

said the Soviet Union may well have wished to protect some its own breakthroughs in Star Wars-type research when it demanded that the United States give up non-laboratory testing of America's space-based missile shield concept.

Richard N. Perle, assistant defense secretary for international security policy and a member of Reagan's negotiating team in Reykjavik, also suggested that the Soviets advanced their unacceptable demands to limit "Star Wars" research in hope of stopping all U.S. research in space, including work on new communication systems and sensors.

Earlier, Reagan, briefing members of Congress on the superpower arms discussions, said, "Don't think this is the end of the book." He won bipartisan support for efforts to put talks back on track.

Reagan, greeted by standing applause from the lawmakers in the Cabinet Room, accused Gorbachev of derailing the talks by insisting that all agreements "will be held hostage to a non-negotiable demand that the United States forego once and for all our right to develop a strategic defense" against missiles.

In nearly 11 hours of talks, Reagan and Gorbachev reached agreement on sweeping reductions in long-range nuclear missiles, and medium-range missiles in Europe and Asia. However, the accord unraveled because of Soviet insistence on restricting Reagan's "Star Wars" plan for a space-based missile defense system.

## In Brief

### U.S. naval maneuvers

HAIFA, Israel — The commander of the 6th Fleet said Tuesday the American and Israeli navies will hold joint exercises in the Mediterranean this month, including anti-submarine maneuvers.

"The United States is very anxious to increase cooperation with Israel. We all learn from it," said Vice Adm. Kendell Maranville.

Israeli and U.S. vessels conducted their first joint maneuvers in 1984 in what was then seen as a boost for U.S.-Israeli relations.

In September and October, aircraft and ships of the 6th Fleet took part in an unsuccessful search for the Dakar, an Israeli submarine which disappeared in the eastern Mediterranean in 1968.

### Reagan delays Soviet expulsions

WASHINGTON — All 25 Soviet diplomats the Reagan administration is expelling from the United States will have left American soil by Sunday, the State Department said today.

The deadline for the departure was to have been today but the Soviets requested — and were granted — an extension until Sunday for the five diplomats who are still in the United States, press officer Pete Martinez said.

The 25 diplomats, all based at the United Nations, have been described by administration officials as spies. The United States has ordered the departure of 105 U.N.-based Soviet diplomats by April 1, 1988, contending that the Soviet U.N. mission is excessively large and engages in spy activities.

The Soviets reacted angrily to the U.S. decision, calling it an illegal action. Two weeks ago, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said "major" retaliatory steps will be taken unless the order is rescinded.

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## Rival parties fail to end disputes

JERUSALEM — Wrangling over political appointees delayed the long-planned job swap Tuesday between Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

The two leaders failed to resolve their differences at a 45-minute meeting, and it was unclear when they would go through with their agreement to rotate positions.

The surprise delay appeared to be an effort by Peres' left-leaning Labor Party

to wrest what concessions it could from Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc before ceding leadership of the government.

Shamir had been scheduled to present his Cabinet to Parliament and be sworn in as Israel's ninth prime minister. He was to hand over the foreign ministry to Peres in keeping with a September 1984 accord which followed an electoral stalemate leaving each party too weak to govern without the other.

Shamir told reporters there had

been "no change" in the rival parties' positions as he emerged from the session at the prime minister's office. He declined further comment.

Officials in both parties said the central dispute was over Labor's demand that a chief aide to Peres be named ambassador to Washington, in exchange for meeting Likud's demand to reinstate an outspoken former Likud minister whom Peres fired from the Cabinet.

## FBI says crime rises

WASHINGTON — The number of serious crimes reported to police rose 8 percent in the first half of 1986, the biggest increase in six years, the FBI reported Tuesday.

Criminologists linked the upward movement to more frequent reporting of crimes to police by victims, population trends and possibly to drug use.

"Overall increases were recorded universally throughout the nation," FBI director William Webster said in a statement.

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