News Digest

By The Associated Press

Middle East conflict

Israelijet shot down; guerrilla bases raided

plane during raids on Palestinian guerrilla bases near this or the loss of the U.S.-built Phantom F-4E. ancient port Thursday, the day after a bloody grenade attack in Jerusalem.

Journalists saw the plane explode after the missile struck and crash into a valley four miles southeast of Sidon, and some reporters said the wreckage still smoldered 90 minutes later. One of the two pilots was reported taken prisoner and the other was reported killed.

It was the first Israeli plane lost over Lebanon in three

State-run Beirut radio said bombs and rockets killed four people and wounded 10 at the Mieh Mieh Palestinian refugee camp on the city's southeastern outskirts.

Israel's military command still had not commented hours lem, killing one person and wounding 69.

SIDON, Lebanon - A missile destroyed an Israeli war- later either on the 40-minute attack on Palestinian targets

A Shiite Moslem militia commander said the two pilots bailed out and landed in an olive grove, one alive and one dead. Abu Jamil Ghaddar of the Amal militia said the survivor was captured in the grove between Shiroubieh and Andoun, suburbs of this city 25 miles south of Beirut.

Guerrillas brought the Phantom down with a shoulderfired Soviet Strella missile at 4:25 p.m., 35 minutes after the onset of Israel's 13th air attack into Lebanon this year, a police spokesman said.

The warplanes hit Mieh Mieh less than 24 hours after two grenades were hurled into a crowd of Israeli army recruits and their families near the sacred Wailing Wall in Jerusa-

In Brief

Death-row inmate to be executed

LINCOLN - The execution of death-row inmate John Rust has been scheduled for Dec. 15 by the Nebraska Supreme Court, a State Penitentiary official said Thursday.

Rust has been on death row longer than any other inmate, said Charles Hohenstein, administrative assistant to the warden. Rust was convicted of first-degree murder in Douglas County and sentenced to the death penalty on Oct. 30, 1975.

Rust shot and killed a man while fleeing from an Omaha supermarket he had robbed.

The last person executed in Nebraska was mass murderer Charles

Starkweather in 1959. With the sentencing Thursday of cult member Michael Ryan to the

death penalty, 14 inmates will be on death row in Nebraska.

Four executions have occurred north of the Mason-Dixon line since the U.S. Supreme Court reinstituted the death penalty, said Mel Kammerlohr, senior assistant attorney general. In all four cases, the defendant decided not to pursue appeals that were available, Kammerlohr said.

Nobel winner to speak in Omaha

OMAHA - Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel is scheduled to give a public lecture in Omaha April 29, according to the sponsoring groups.

The appearance of the 58-year-old author, who was named Tuesday as the winner of the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize, will be sponsored by the United Christian Ministries of Omaha and the local Jewish Cultural Arts Council.

Samuel Fried, a cultural arts council member, said the sponsors are seeking a lecture location to accommodate the greatest number of people. Both Wiesel and Fried were inmates of the Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II. Although neither recalls meeting the other in the Nazi death camp, they became acquainted after immigrating to the

United States.

Soviet dissident arrives in U.S.

WASHINGTON — David Goldfarb, an ailing Soviet "refusenik" and friend of American reporter Nicholas Daniloff, left Moscow Thursday with American industrialist Armand Hammer and headed for freedom in the United

The geneticists' wife, Cecilia, also was suddenly liberated after a two-year unsuccessful effort to emigrate to Israel. Their son, Alexander, had gone to the superpower summit last weekend in Iceland to appeal for their release.

Goldfarb, 67, reportedly rejected a and he has on board my parents." KGB overture in 1984 to frame Daniloff. His son said Goldfarb and the industrialist had left Moscow, cleared Soviet airspace, refueled in Iceland and was due to land at Newark, N.J., airport in early evening. The plane belonged to Hammer.

The son, Alexander Goldfarb, an assistant professor at Columbia University, said Hammer had called him "and said that he has just left Moscow tion of this case."

In Moscow, Goldfarb's daughter, Olga, said she was delighted and stunned by the development. "I know I sound a little bit crazy, but this was all so quick," she told The Associated Press. "We said farewell and it was very emotional. Now we're just sitting here and thinking what will happen next."

A State Department spokesman, Pete about 9:30 a.m. EDT from the plane Martiniz, said "we welcome the resolu-

Nigerian becomes first African to win Nobel literature prize

inka of Nigeria, a master of poetic others. I don't want to think for a single drama who writes in English from the moment it's because of my political myth and ethos of his people, was named Thursday as the first African to win a Nobel Prize in literature.

critic who was jailed in the late 1960s during the Nigerian Civil War. He ex-

stand."

Also Thursday, the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Science was awarded Soyinka, 52, is an impassioned social to American professor James McGill Buchanan for theories advocating strict rules to keep national budgets balpressed hope Thursday that the award anced. Buchanan, 67, filled a gap was not given "because I have been a between pure economics and political ary awards.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden - Wole Soy- vigorous critic of my government and science with his work, the citation

Announcement of Soyinka's selecsixth and final one in this year's Nobel

essayist was quoted by the Nigerian newspaper Vanguard last month as saying he prefers the less notorious liter-

tion as the literature laureate was the interviewer after becoming the third African ever to win honorary membership in the American Academy and The dramatist, poet, novelist and Institute of Arts and Letters. "This kind of award nobody bothers about because there is no money involved."

This year the prizes established and

"I don't like the Nobel thing. I like inventor of dynamite, are worth about the ones (where) you are sitting quietly \$290,000. They will be presented forand the letter comes," he told the mally on Dec. 10, the anniversary of his

When asked in Paris, where he arrived Thursday morning, what effect the award might have on the literature of his continent, Soyinka said: "African literature has always been very vigorendowed by Alfred Nobel, the Swedish ous and very varied.

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Soviets: U.S.-Soviet arms talks depend on space weapons dispute

MOSCOW — The Kremlin is willing to discuss medium-range missiles separately at the Geneva arms talks, but will not sign an accord that doesn't settle the space weapons dispute, a Soviet spokesman said Thursday.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman, Gennady Gerasimov, discussed the Soviet Union's arms control policy after a Soviet emissary in London appeared to contradict Mikhail S. Gorbachev's assessment of the Reykjavik summit and the future of U.S.-Soviet arms talks.

There have been some conflicting signals from the Soviets about whether they are willing to make separate agreements on medium-range missiles or whether they would insist on a link between any arms agreements and "Star Wars," the American plan for a space-based defense shield.

In Bonn, Max Kampelman, senior U.S. arms negotiator, said the Soviets were sending mixed signals and need to "get their act together" on arms control.

The Politburo's No. 2 secretary, meanwhile, heated up the post-summit campaign against President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative at a gathering Thursday of top Soviet scientists.

"It has been most clearly established that the Washington administration does not wish a real agreement, but is out to ensure military super-

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iority over the U.S.S.R.," said Yegor K. Ligachev. "That is why is it is important today as never before that scientists should take an active part in the fight for peace, for strengthening the

country's defense capacity," he said. The dispute over space weapons is at the center of the U.S.-Soviet stalemate at the summit in Iceland, which broke up Sunday when the two leaders could not agree on the future of the U.S. space-based program.

Before that, Gorbachev and Reagan reported they reached virtual agreement on eliminating medium-range missiles from Europe, limiting those weapons in Asia, and slashing strategic arsenals by 50 percent in each of the three categories - land-based ICBMS, submarinelaunched missiles and bomber-carried weapons.

After the summit, Gorbachev told a news conference that the Soviet proposals on those issues and Star Wars were a package deal.

But the issue became confused on Tuesday, when Viktor Karpov, the chief Soviet negotiation at the Geneva Arms talks, told a news conference in London that a separate "solution" on mediumrange nuclear missiles was possible.

Then on Wednesday, Gorbachev was quoted as suggesting to President Raul Alfonsin of Argentina that the arms control proposals outlined in Reykjavik were an inseparable parcel.

Ryan sentenced to death

FALLS CITY — Former cult leader Michael Ryan was sentenced to death Thursday, but his attorney predicted the decision will be over-

Ryan, convicted of first-degree murder in the torture killing last year of cult member James Thimm, was sentenced to die in the electric

Richardson County District Judge Robert Finn had the alternative of sentencing Ryan to life in prison. Finn said the heinous nature of Thimm's death and Ryan's history of violent crimes were "sufficient to justify the imposition of a sentence of death in this case." Ryan, 38, showed no emotion when he was sentenced to death.

Three cult members pleaded guilty to reduced charges in exchange for their testimony against Ryan and his 16-year-old son, Dennis. Dennis Ryan was convicted of second-degree murder in Thimm's death and sentenced to life in prison.