

# News Digest

By The Associated Press

## Weapons debate

### Soviets say arms accord must include all weapons

MOSCOW — Foreign Minister Edward A. Shevardnadze accused the United States on Monday of trying to "erode the ground reached in Reykjavik." He demanded anew that a superpower arms accord include a ban on space weapons.

Shevardnadze said that Mikhail S. Gorbachev and President Reagan agreed during their Oct. 11-23 Iceland summit to steps that would eliminate medium-range missiles from Europe within five years and all strategic nuclear weapons within a decade.

But he said Shultz outlined a revised and watered down version of the agreement in principle reached by the two leaders.

"We had set on the table before us an amazing assortment of papers which actually canceled everything achieved by the sides in Reykjavik."

"The United States wanted to record positions that would erode the ground reached in Reykjavik."

Shevardnadze said he presented Shultz with a framework agreement that the two of them could have signed and passed on to arms negotiators in Geneva for working into the text of an arms control treaty.

The package restated the Soviet side's understanding of the Reykjavik agreements on strategic and medium-range missiles and called for a commitment by both sides to observe for 10 years the provisions of the 1972 anti-ballistic



missile treaty.

U.S. administration officials have refused to enter into an accord that would restrict research and development into Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative for a space-based defense system, dubbed "Star Wars."

In Washington, meanwhile, White House spokesman Larry Speakes, said published reports that the United States will exceed limits of the SALT II arms agreement this week by making a new cruise missile-carrying bomber operational are "premature." Speakes said plans are to make the bomber operational "before the end of the year."

### U.S. supports Common Market actions

## Europeans impose sanctions on Syria

LONDON — European Common Market nations declared sanctions against Syria on Monday for alleged support of terrorism and demanded that it end all backing for terror groups.

Greece dissented, but the 11 other members agreed to ban all arms sales, suspend high-level official visits and increase surveillance of Syrian missions and operations of Syrian airlines.

President Hafez Assad's government is the Soviet Union's main Middle East ally. The effect of the arms embargo is expected to be more symbolic than practical, since Syria gets most of its

weapons from the Soviets.

The Socialist government of Greece said it was not convinced Syria was involved in the attempt to smuggle a bomb onto an Israeli airliner at Heathrow Airport in London last April. That case caused Britain to break relations with Syria last month and ask the Common Market to join in other sanctions.

In Washington, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said in announcing the Reagan administration's approval of the decisions: "We believe that steps by the members of the EEC, whether collective or individual, are important

in making clear that Syrian support for international terrorism is unacceptable."

The United States and Canada recalled their ambassadors from Syria shortly after Britain broke relations with Damascus on Oct. 24. Belgium later followed suit, the only Common Market member to do so.

Libya urged Arab nations to join in an economic boycott of any European country that participates in sanctions against Syria. Its official news agency JANA called the London meeting part of "a mad campaign" against its ally.

## In Brief

### Caller says French hostages released

BEIRUT, Lebanon — An anonymous telephone caller claiming to speak for the Revolutionary Justice organization said the Moslem extremist group has released two French hostages in west Beirut.

The report could not be confirmed. The caller told the Beirut newspaper An-Nahar shortly before midnight that the two captives, whom he did not identify, were set free in Moslem west Beirut's Ramlet al-Baida residential district at 7:30 p.m. (1:30 p.m. CST)

An-Nahar said it received the call at 11:45 p.m. (5:45 p.m. CST) but scores of reporters at the Beaurivage Hotel in Ramlet al-Baida, where it had been reported earlier that the hostages would be freed, said no captives had appeared there.

### Official: U.S. didn't lose Vietnam War

LINCOLN — The adjutant general of the Nebraska National Guard told State Penitentiary inmates who are veterans of the armed services that they should be proud of their military duty in Vietnam.

James Carmona told the inmates that those who served in Vietnam should be as proud as those veterans who served in any of the wars in the history of the United States.

Carmona spoke at a prison symposium on Sunday, two days before Veterans Day. He took issue with some group members' T-shirts, which proclaimed that they took second place in the "Southeast Asia War Games."

Carmona served two tours in Vietnam and said he doesn't remember losing in a military action.

### Nebraskan says bottle crosses ocean

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb. — A teen-age boy says a bottle he dropped into the Missouri River more than a year ago was found half the world away in Northern Ireland.

Guy Durr, a junior at Nebraska City Lourdes High School, said he forgot about the bottle until last week, when he received a four-page letter from a 16-year-old girl named Rachel from near Downpatrick, Northern Ireland.

Durr said he wrote his name and address on a piece of paper that he stuffed into a small glass Coca-Cola bottle in August 1985, he screwed on the top and tossed the bottle into the Missouri south of Nebraska City.

Durr said it's possible the bottle floated down the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico and across the Atlantic Ocean. Estimates from maps put that journey at about 7,000 miles.

Jeffrey Peake, associate professor of geography-geology at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, said currents could have taken the bottle across the ocean, although the chances of that happening were slim.

"I'd hate to put odds on it," he said. "He's got a one-in-a-million shot, or one in 10,000."

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## Iceland will seek to prosecute sledge hammer-wielding saboteurs

REYKJAVIK, Iceland — Sledgehammer-wielding saboteurs wrecked Iceland's only plant for processing whale oil and other byproducts during the weekend, and on Monday an international environmental group claimed responsibility for the attack.

The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, which earlier took responsibility for the sinking of two of Iceland's four whaling ships before dawn Sunday, said it had infiltrated Iceland's whaling industry in an effort to save the whales.

Iceland said it would seek to extradite any foreign saboteurs involved. The Sea Shepherds operate primarily out of the United States and Canada but have followers in other countries.

No one was injured in the forays early Sunday,

but heavy damage was done.

The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society has accused Iceland of conducting illegal commercial whaling in the guise of scientific research. Although Iceland abides by the International Whaling Commission's decision to halt commercial whaling until 1990, the North Atlantic island permits the killing of 200 whales a year for research.

Joanna Forwell, a spokeswoman for Sea Shepherd, said in Vancouver that the same saboteurs carried out both attacks and then left Iceland. She said they opened bottom valves on the two 430-ton boats, Hvalur 6 and Hvalur 7, in Reykjavik harbor.

## Soviet scientist urges comprehensive nuclear test ban

LA JOLLA, Calif. — A private agreement for U.S. and Soviet scientists to monitor both nations' nuclear test sites is a sincere attempt to eliminate all nuclear weapons testing and is no propaganda ploy, a Soviet scientist said Monday.

"I would like to tell the American people that without nuclear testing we can live more peacefully and more successfully than with nuclear testing," said Igor Leonovich Neresov, a seismologist from the Soviet Academy of Sciences' Institute of Physics of the Earth.

Last May, the academy and the Washington-based Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group, agreed to install seismometers to monitor earth tremors from underground nuclear bomb tests at the main testing sites in the Soviet Union and the United States.

The agreement is meant to show it is possible to verify compliance with any future comprehensive test ban treaty and with the unratified treaties that limit underground bomb tests to 150 kilotons, said Thomas Cochran, senior staff scientist for the U.S. group.

In July, American scientists serving as consultants to the U.S. group installed seismometers at three locations around the principal Soviet test site near Semipalatinsk, about 1,800 miles southeast of Moscow. They plan to return next January to install more sophisticated seismometers.

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