

U.S. cuts arms shipments

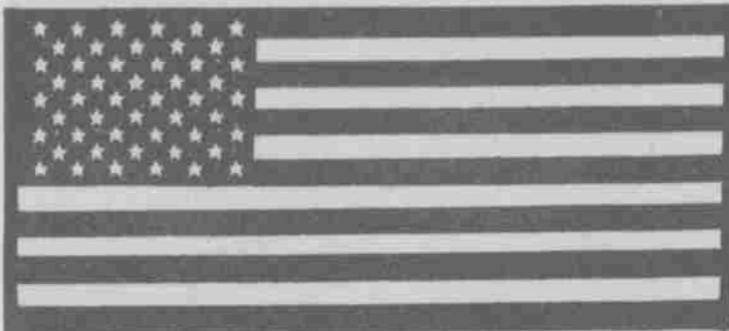
Reagan says no more weapons deliveries to Iran

WASHINGTON — President Reagan said Monday he has "absolutely no plans" to send more arms to Iran, although his spokesman said the president's authorization for the weapons shipments technically remains in effect.

Reagan was asked if there would be more U.S. arms shipments to Iran like those he confirmed last week after numerous published reports of secret U.S.-Iranian dealings. "We have absolutely no plans to do any such thing," Reagan told reporters. Nor, he said, would he be firing Secretary of State George Shultz or any other top foreign policy advisers as a result of public controversy over the covert operation.

Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes, meanwhile, said Reagan had told him there would be no further arms shipments but that the "intelligence finding," a Jan. 17 document authorizing the weapons and spare parts sales, is technically "still in effect" because it carried no time limit and has not been rescinded.

The spokesman also said the Iranians paid cash for the military supplies they received under Reagan's order, although neither the amount nor the precise weaponry



supplied has been disclosed. The Iranians long have been seeking a variety of weapons and spare parts for their U.S.-made planes and equipment ordered and paid for during the reign of the Shah of Iran.

Reagan has insisted that although the United States sought Iranians' help in freeing the hostages as a measure of their willingness to deal with the United States, there was never a ransom paid for the three hostages who were released during the period the secret diplomacy and arms shipments were taking place.

S.African police, strikers clash at General Motors

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa — Police used dogs and rubber whips to disperse strikers outside the General Motors plant Monday, and the company said those who stay off the job will be fired.

The automaker gave strikers a deadline of 9 a.m. Tuesday to return to work. The walkout began Oct. 29 in this depressed industrial city on the Indian Ocean, where GM is the largest employer.

Police said about 300 strikers were intimidating workers who wanted to go to their jobs inside the plant.

Employees struck over demands for compensation from the American parent company after General Motors announced plans to sell its South African operation to local management.

Although the strike began as a wildcat action, the National Automobile and Allied Workers Union has endorsed the workers' demands. GM says it will not discuss the issues until the strike ends.

A police spokesman said about 1,000 people were outside the plant when officers arrived and ordered them to disperse. He said many moved away, but about 300 stayed, chanting slogans and interfering with workers trying to enter the plant.

"We then had no alternative but to disperse them, using police dogs and sjamboks (rubber whips)," he said. "Two policemen were stoned and suffered slight head injuries."

North Koreans deny leader's reported death

SEOUL, South Korea — A South Korean announcement of reports that archenemy President Kim Il Sung of North Korea was shot dead brought strong denials from his overseas envoys Monday but only silence from his Communist nation.

After a weekend of rumors, the South Korean Defense Ministry announced Monday that North Korean loudspeakers along the 151-mile demilitarized zone separating the two countries had broadcast statements that Kim was shot to death.

Defense Minister Lee Ki-Baek later went to the National Assembly, where he said to lawmakers, "Judging from all such circumstances, it is believed that Kim has died or a serious internal power struggle is going on there."

According to reports in Seoul, Kim had set into motion plans to relinquish power to his 44-year-old son, Kim Jon Il, creating the first Communist dynasty. The reports said senior military commanders in the north opposed the succession.

The elder Kim, 74, came to power in 1948 with the backing of the Soviet Union after the peninsula was divided at the end of World War II.

Kim, known as "The Great Father Leader," has created one of the world's most closed societies. No Western reporters are known to be based in Pyongyang, the capital.

In Brief

Teacher's coffee spiked with LSD

EUGENE, Ore. — Three high school students accused of spiking a teacher's coffee with LSD will be expelled if convicted or if they admit responsibility, their principal says.

Police arrested the boys after Lou Hammer, an industrial arts teacher at the school, became disoriented and was taken to a doctor Friday afternoon. A student told school officials that he heard LSD, a hallucinogenic drug, had been put in Hammer's coffee.

The boys were charged with second-degree assault, unlawful possession of a controlled substance and furnishing a controlled substance. In addition, one of the boys was charged with first-degree burglary. Two of the boys were lodged at a juvenile detention center, and the other was released to the custody of his parents.

Two of the boys were ages 14 and 15; the age of the third was not available. Their names were withheld because they are juveniles. Hammer said Saturday that he felt "shaky" but was recovering.

Superpowers set tentative session

WASHINGTON — The United States and the Soviet Union have reached a tentative agreement to have their senior arms control negotiators meet early next month in Geneva over the stalemate in nuclear weapons reductions, an administration official said Monday.

The special talks were requested by Moscow and represent a "de facto" extension of the negotiating round that ended last week in the Swiss city without an agreement, the official, who demanded anonymity, said.

Ambassador Max M. Kampelman and the two other U.S. negotiators, Ron Lehman and Maynard Glitman, will represent the United States at the Dec. 2-5 session. The Soviet delegation is expected to be headed by Viktor P. Karpov, the chief Soviet negotiator.

Assassins kill Renault president

PARIS — Georges Besse, president of the state-run Renault automobile company, was shot to death Monday night near his home in Paris, officials said.

The 58-year-old Besse was felled by several gunshots about 8:25 p.m. on Boulevard Edgar Quinet, almost in front of his home.

The Agence France Presse news agency said Besse was shot by a man and a woman passing by in a car.

Reagan signs water projects bill

WASHINGTON — President Reagan on Monday signed a \$16.3 billion water projects bill requiring states and local governments to pay a higher share for the popular projects.

The Water Resources Development Act of 1986, the first omnibus waterworks measure in 16 years, authorizes 300 Army Corps of Engineers projects across the nation.

The projects include development of ports and inland waterways, as well as flood control, erosion protection and other conservation measures.

The act forces state and local governments to pay an average 25 percent of project costs.

NASA plans space shuttle liftoff rehearsal, crew escape

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Astronauts will board a space shuttle Tuesday for the first time since the Challenger accident for a practice countdown that will help launch teams maintain proficiency during a long flightless period.

Five veteran space travelers will settle into the cabin of Atlantis, perched on launch pad 39B, for the final two hours of a rehearsal that will end with simulated ignition of the main engines.

On Thursday, a team of seven rookie astronauts will board Atlantis to participate in an emergency crew escape exercise.

The drills will conclude seven weeks of launch pad tests for Atlantis, which will be moved back to a hangar on Saturday.

The exercises mark the last chance that astronauts and launch teams will have to sharpen their skills with a shuttle on the pad until Discovery is rolled out of storage to be readied for the next shuttle launch, now set for Feb. 18, 1988.

The three remaining shuttles have been grounded since Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff last Jan. 28, killing the crew of seven.

The five astronauts who board Atlantis on Tuesday will be the same ones who flew the last successful shuttle mission, that of Columbia, which ended just 10 days before the Challenger tragedy.

They are commander Charles Gibson, pilot Charles Bolden and mission specialists George Nelson, Steven Hawley and Franklin Chang-Diaz. Two non-astronauts who flew



on that flight, Rep. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., and RCA engineer Robert Cenker, will not take part.

Thursday's crew-escape test will last about three hours as the seven astronauts and dozens of fire and rescue workers run through every aspect of emergency pad operations.

During the exercise, a launch emergency will be declared and some of the astronauts will feign injury. Workers will pull the astronauts from the cabin and take them from the pad to nearby helicopters.

The astronauts participating in the escape test will be commander Frank Culbertson, pilot Stephen Oswald, mission specialists Carl Meade, Kathryn Thornton and G. David Low and payload specialists Pierre Thuot and Jerome Apt.

Survey: Nebraskans prefer rock music over country; state's musical tastes differ from national average

LINCOLN, Nebraska — Nebraska, land of pickup trucks and cowboy boots, would appear to be natural territory for country music. But a survey found rock 'n' roll is the favorite music of the Cornhusker state.

A Research Associates poll for the Sunday Journal-Star showed rock was the favorite type of music for 24 percent of the people surveyed. Twenty-three percent preferred country, 20 percent chose easy listening and 12 percent favored classical.

Although the margin between rock and country was thin, rock's popularity with all Nebraskans is likely to be even higher than the poll indicates because only registered voters were surveyed, a researcher said.

The poll's findings are surprising when compared with a national survey sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts released earlier this year. It found country-western to be by far the favorite music, chosen by 23 percent of the



public compared with 15 percent for easy listening and 14 percent for rock. The national survey also interviewed only those 18 years of age and older.

When the national survey asked if listeners liked the various types of music, country was on top with 58 percent. But rock rose to 48 percent.

Churches pledge to pursue hostage release efforts

LONDON — Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite, flanked by three American former hostages, said Monday that news of secret U.S. arms supplies to Iran and arguments over it complicated his efforts to free other captives in Lebanon.

Waite addressed a crowded news conference after a meeting with the ex-hostages and with five American representatives from the Episcopal, Presbyterian and Baptist churches.

He denied he has been a tool of the U.S. administration and said he had been shuttling to and from the Middle East on hostage-release missions unaware of the arms supplies.

"We in the churches stand clearly together to continue our work no matter what comes our way," Waite said.

"But the revelation of that fact (arms supplies to Iran) . . . has at this

point made the job of a mediator such as myself complicated."

Waite acted in hostage negotiations as personal envoy of Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie. Runcie accompanied at the news conference.

The three ex-hostages, the Rev. Benjamin Weir, the Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco, and David Jacobsen, former head of the American University in Beirut, paid tribute to Waite and prayed for the release of remaining captives.

The meeting appeared mainly an attempt to refocus attention on humanitarian release efforts, which have been overshadowed by President Reagan's acknowledgment last week, after days of speculation, that he sent arms supplies to Iran. Reagan denied the arms were a trade for hostages.

He said many of his contacts in Lebanon "have now gone to ground and they may not surface again."

Correction

The Daily Nebraskan incorrectly reported (Monday, Nov. 17) the Red Star women's basketball team that lost to Nebraska 67-62 Saturday night was from Czechoslovakia. The story should have reported that the team was from Yugoslavia. The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.

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