

News Digest By The Associated Press

Arms negotiations resume Superpowers begin weapon talks in Geneva

GENEVA — Superpower nuclear arms talks resumed Thursday with a luncheon meeting between U.S. delegation head Max Kampelman and his new Soviet counterpart, Yuli Vorontsov.

The two delegation leaders met privately at Soviet request, instead of heading a meeting of all three top negotiators from each side, which normally marks the beginning of a round.

The talks have been bogged down from the start by disagreement, among other things, over U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative research for a space-based defense against nuclear attack, popularly called "Star Wars."

U.S. spokesman Terry Shroeder said he had no information on when the next session in the seventh round of arms talks would be. "I have nothing for the news media on this as yet," he said.

Asked about the results of Thursday's session, which was the two men's first meeting, he said, "it went fine." He declined further comment.

In a separate development, the Soviet ambassador to Switzerland, Evgeny Makeyev, and the State Department in Washington announced that U.S.-Soviet talks on nuclear weapons testing would resume Jan. 22 in Geneva.

When Kampelman arrived at the Soviet mission, he and



Vorontsov greeted each other warmly in front of reporters. They declined to say what they planned to discuss.

At a news conference later, Alexei Obukhov, deputy head of the Soviet delegation, said the two men planned to discuss substantive and procedural questions and to get to know each other during the lunch.

The Soviet news agency Tass on Thursday quoted Vorontsov as saying the Soviets see their principal task in Geneva as making progress in the talks.

In Brief

Planes collide near Salt Lake City

SALT LAKE CITY — County Fire Marshal Frank Brown said firefighters saw two planes collide Thursday near Airport No. 2 in a suburban area. He said five bodies had been recovered and "we're picking them up all over."

The commuter plane was Skywest Flight 834 inbound from Pocatello, Idaho, to Salt Lake International Airport, 10 miles north of the crash site, said Dick Meyer of the Federal Aviation Administration in Seattle. He said the passenger plane can carry 18 passengers and two crew members, but he did not know how many were aboard.

About 30 firefighters in nine trucks rushed to the crash site about 15 miles southwest of downtown Salt Lake City. Authorities said there were no fires.

Police arrest TWA hijacking suspect

FRANKFURT, West Germany — Police have arrested a suspect in the 1985 hijacking of a TWA jetliner to Beirut, which involved the murder of a U.S. Navy diver, the Frankfurt prosecutor's office said today. The Lebanese man was carrying what authorities suspected were explosives.

In Washington, a Justice Department spokesman said the U.S. government will attempt to have the man brought to the United States and put on trial for air piracy.

Police declined to identify the suspect, but senior Interior Ministry officials gave his name as Mohammed Ali Hamadi.

The suspect is in investigative custody and has not been formally charged.

Trident 2 missile scores success on first test flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A Trident 2 missile roared off a land launch pad Thursday in a successful first test flight of a submarine weapon said to be powerful and accurate enough to destroy nuclear-hardened missile silos and command centers.

About 25 anti-nuclear protestors who had vowed to stop the announced test wailed, beat their heads and fell to the

ground as the 44-foot missile blasted off at 10:25 a.m. and sent a dummy warhead to an Atlantic Ocean target several thousand miles to the southeast.

A Navy spokesman, Lt. Cmdr. Bob Prichard, said the missile scored "a complete success. It operated as advertised."

The Trident 2 can carry up to 10

independently targetable nuclear warheads, two more than the earlier Trident 1. Each Trident submarine carries 24 missiles.

The test Thursday was the first of 20 scheduled from a land pad, with one planned about every 40 days. That series of tests will be followed by 10 submarine-launched tests before the missile becomes operational in 1989.

The Trident 2, or D-5, is an intercontinental-range missile capable of striking targets up to 6,900 miles away. It is much more accurate than its undersea predecessors, Polaris, Poseidon and Trident 1. The Navy says it can match the targeting ability of land-based missiles even though it is launched from a submerged, moving submarine.

Astronaut: Challenger is with us

HOUSTON — The astronauts named to NASA's first post-Challenger flight crew said Thursday they are eager to lead NASA back into space and plan to visit manufacturing plants so spacecraft technicians can meet "eye to eye" with the people whose lives ride on their work.

"The spirit of Challenger is with us," said Navy Capt. Frederick Hauck, chief of the five-man crew. He said NASA is "stronger, wiser," than before last Jan-

uary's accident, but cautioned that another disaster could end manned U.S. manned space flight.

Hauck and his crew met with reporters to discuss their mission, a four-day flight aboard Discovery that is scheduled to begin Feb. 18, 1988.

"We're all extremely pleased to be named to this crew. It's what we joined NASA to do," said Hauck. "We're looking forward to getting back to the business of flying in space."

He said space flight carries inherent risks, and that another accident could doom the program.

"I really think that might be the end of the manned space program" he said, referring to the possibility of another accident.

Hauck acknowledged that the February 1988 launch data was an optimistic one and might slip. "It's going to be very difficult to make the Feb. 18 launch date and I think any of the managers would say that," he said.

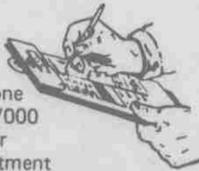
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Americans remember, pay tribute to leader who had 'a dream'

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was remembered on the anniversary of his birth Thursday in cities around the country as an inspiring leader whose non-violent campaigns helped free both blacks and whites from a legacy of racism.

"He never reached his 40th birthday, yet during his short life span he touched the lives of every American and helped dismantle the legal vestiges of discrimination and racism," President Reagan said in a television address made available to schools nationwide.

King, leader of the civil rights movement of the late 1950s and early '60s, was assassinated in April 1968 in Memphis, Tenn., at the age of 39. For spearheading the movement, the Baptist minister was awarded the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize.

Although King's birthday was Thursday, the federal holiday and many state holidays in his honor will be observed Monday. It is the second year for the federal observance.

The anniversary of King's birth was marked in cities around the nation with speeches praising King and calling for continuation of his work, with showings of films about the civil rights movement, with wreath-layings, concerts and plays, and with prayer gatherings.

A plaza at the city-county office complex in Omaha, Neb., was dedicated to King; members of the Tennessee Senate observed a moment of silence; a 12 hour program of music, prayer and speeches in King's memory was scheduled at a Columbus, Ohio, church; and at a Buffalo, N.Y., elementary school, students sang "Happy Birthday" at an assembly on King's contributions to America.

In his speech, Reagan said the memory of King "should serve not just as an inspiration to black Americans, but to each and every one of us, to stand firm for our principles and to strive to better ourselves and our country."

