

# News Digest

By The Associated Press

## Reagan on Tower report: I take full responsibility

WASHINGTON — President Reagan acknowledged Wednesday night that his once-secret Iranian initiative "deteriorated" into an arms-for-hostages deal and said, "It was a mistake."

In a speech prepared for delivery from the Oval Office, Reagan said that "as president, I cannot escape responsibility."

Echoing criticism issued by the Tower commission, Reagan said he did not ask enough questions of his aides about the specifics of the Iran initiative.

However, in remarks prepared for his nationally broadcast speech, he insisted anew that he

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— Reagan

did not know about the alleged diversion of profits from the arms sale to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

"As the Tower board reported," Reagan said,

"What began as a strategic opening to Iran deteriorated in its implementation into trading arms for hostages. This runs counter to my own beliefs, to administration policy and to the orig-

inal strategy we had in mind.

Noting the publication of the Tower report last week, Reagan said, "I'm often accused of being an optimist and it's true I had to hunt pretty hard to find any good news in the board's report."

"I take full responsibility for my own actions and for those of my administration," Reagan said. "As angry as I may be about activities undertaken without my knowledge, I am still accountable for those activities. As disappointed as I may be in some who served me, I am still the one who must answer to the American people for this behavior."

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## U.S. presents draft treaty for nuclear missile elimination

GENEVA — U.S. arms negotiators offered a draft treaty Wednesday for removing medium-range nuclear weapons from Europe and challenged the Soviets to agree on eliminating them worldwide.

The American presentation, ordered by President Reagan, came on what was to have been the last day in the seventh round of the U.S. — Soviet arms talks that began two years ago.

U.S. spokesman Terry Shroeder said teams dealing with medium-range missiles would continue meeting indefinitely. He said the other two negotiating groups, on long-range (strategic) weapons and the combined fields of defense and space, would continue through Friday.

Maynard Glitman, who leads the U.S. team on medium-range arms, said the American proposal embodies tentative

agreements reached in Reagan's summit with Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev in Iceland last October.

Glitman added that the United States also would like to eliminate the remaining 100 weapons on each side if the Soviets would agree. That point was not included in the draft, he said, but "if the other side wanted to go further, I'm more than positive that we'd be more than happy to do so."

## Ex-Navy intelligence man gets life in prison for selling U.S. military secrets to Israel

WASHINGTON — Former civilian Navy intelligence analyst Johathan Jay Pollard was sentenced Wednesday to life in prison for selling Israel hundreds of secret U.S. military documents in what prosecutors termed one of the nation's worst spy cases.

"No, no," screamed his wife, Anne Henderson-Pollard, and she collapsed to the floor after U.S. District Judge Aubrey Robinson announced the life term for her husband.

His wife, 26, received a five-year prison term for conspiring to receive embezzled government property and being an accessory after the fact to possession of defense secrets.

Federal prosecutors said Pollard, 32, gave Israel thousands of pages of classified documents, which could fill a room the size of a large closet.

"This defendant has admitted that he sold to Israel a volume of classified documents 10 feet by 6 feet by 6 feet,"

Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles Leeper told the judge.

Henderson-Pollard sat with her head bowed wiping tears from her eyes during most of the sentence hearing. Her husband, wearing a black three-piece suit, sat impassively across the defense table from her.

After the sentencing, Henderson-Pollard's screams from a holding cell could be heard in the courtroom.

## Fourth Witness says Demjanjuk Ivan the Terrible

JERUSALEM — An inmate who shaved women's heads before they were gassed at Treblinka testified Wednesday that John Demjanjuk was the guard "Ivan the Terrible," but the elderly man's memories of the Nazi death camp were confused.

Gustav Boraks, an 85-year-old native of Poland, said he recognized photographs of the former Ohio auto worker as Ivan because the guard "had a full face, a high forehead and small eyes."

On Tuesday, 60-year-old survivor Josef Ozarny also identified Demjanjuk as the Ukrainian guard through a photograph, but he said Ivan had large eyes.

Four witnesses now have identified the 66-year-old defendant as Ivan.

Demjanjuk was born in the Soviet Ukraine. He is accused of being the sadistic guard who gouged out eyes, beat and stabbed prisoners, shoved them into the death chambers and turned on the gas.

About 850,000 Jews died at the concentration camp in Nazi-occupied Poland during 1942-43.

Defense lawyer Mark O'Connor said during cross-examination that officials of Israel's Holocaust memorial, Yad Vashem, decided in December 1967 not to take Borak's testimony because he became confused and could not remember the name of his youngest son, who was killed at Treblinka.

### Correction

The story, "Summer Nebraskan to publish weekly," Daily Nebraskan, March 4, incorrectly stated that the Publications Board voted to extend through next year the Sun Newspaper's contract for printing the Daily Nebraskan. The story should have stated that Dan Shattil, DN general manager, said the UNL Purchasing Department is considering the legality of asking the Sun Newspapers for a contract extension. The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.

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