

News Digest

By The Associated Press

Canada Summit begins Free-trade, acid rain problems top agenda

OTTAWA — President Reagan arrived in Ottawa Sunday for meetings with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney at a summit where the two leaders plan to discuss trade and acid rain pollution.

Both sides said in advance that no agreements or joint statements would be produced during Reagan's 24-hour visit.

"I don't expect any major breakthroughs on a dozen different fronts," Mulroney said Sunday in an interview on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press." "What I expect is solid, continual progress."

At Parliament Hill, a short distance from the airport, where Air Force One touched down, more than 5,000 demonstrators gathered with banners and balloons to protest Reagan's visit. The protesters complained about the Canada-U.S. free-trade talks, acid rain and Reagan's Central America policy.

Over two days, Reagan and Mulroney will hold two rounds of talks and meet at a state dinner Sunday night and a luncheon at the prime minister's residence Monday. Reagan also will address a joint session of Parliament on Monday and meet with opposition leader John Turner.

The agenda for the talks was virtually unchanged from



Reagan's three previous summits with Mulroney: acid rain, trade and Canada's claim of sovereignty over the Northwest Passage, which the United States maintains is an international waterway.

Reagan took some of the sting out of the acid rain dispute when he pledged last month to seek \$2.5 billion over five years for projects aimed at curbing polluting emissions from coal-burning facilities.

In Brief

Interstate bridge collapses in N.Y.

AMSTERDAM, N.Y. — An interstate highway bridge over a rain-swollen creek collapsed Sunday, sending at least three cars and a tractor-trailer plunging 80 feet into swirling, muddy water.

It was not immediately known how many people might have been killed or hurt when the span collapsed about 11 a.m., said state police Troop T Commander Edward Vanderwall.

The more than 50 rescuers had trouble reaching the vehicles because of the "boiling water" of the Schoharie Creek, said Thruway Authority spokesman Arthur D'Isabel.

The bridge is on the New York State Thruway, Interstate 95, just west of Amsterdam, about 34 miles northwest of Albany, an area flooded by heavy rain the past two days.

Sen. Chambers: Surrogate parenting bill needed

LINCOLN — Following a New Jersey court decision upholding a surrogate parent contract, Sen. Ernest Chambers of Omaha said he wants the Legislature to consider his bill to declare such contracts invalid.

Chambers called the contracts, under which a woman is paid to bear a child for a couple and is artificially inseminated with the man's sperm, "unwholesome" and "a detriment to the concept of the family."

Chambers' bill, LB674 would not make surrogate parenting arrangements illegal, but it would declare such contracts void.

The measure was advanced to the full Legislature by the Judiciary Committee last month.

Pope backs Chilean workers; calls for jobs, higher pay

CONCEPCION, Chile — Pope John Paul II on Sunday told more than 250,000 people at a Mass in this economically depressed region that he supports their calls for more jobs and higher pay.

His visit to Chile was finally free from the violent anti-government demonstrations that plagued papal appearances since his arrival Wednesday.

Concepcion is a southern industrial city of 270,000 people that has been hard hit by factory closures. It

is the center of a region with an unemployment rate of 16 percent, the highest in Chile.

Police said about 500,000 people were on hand for the Mass.

The worshippers applauded the pontiff and waved white handkerchiefs, a traditional Chilean symbol of approval. Some local bishops seated behind the pope also clapped.

John Paul is to fly to Argentina Monday, the last stop of a two-week three-nation tour that included a one-day stay in Uruguay before coming to Chile.

Israel: Open U.N. war crime files

UNITED NATIONS — Two large safes in a building 16 blocks north of United Nations headquarters hold 8,000 sealed files containing a wealth of detail on Nazi war criminals and their crimes.

The sealed U.N. War Crimes Commission files had been all but forgotten for 40 years. They list the names of 36,000 Nazi war criminals, suspects and witnesses and background on the workings of the Nazi extermination machinery used against the Jews during World War II.

The Nazi war crimes list in the files is closed. Access to the secret files is permitted to U.N. member governments



only, who request the names of specific suspects about whom they seek information.

The names listed make up a veritable "Who's Who in Nazi Germany." The files

have become a focus of controversy over whether they should be opened to Israel and to Holocaust scholars.

The name that sparked the current controversy was an obscure ex-first lieutenant in Hitler's Wehrmacht — Kurt Waldheim. In postwar years, he rose to become Austrian foreign minister, U.N. secretary-general and, ultimately, president of Austria.

At a news conference in New York on March 24, Ambassador Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel said he had asked the U.N. chief and 16 former commission members, including the United States, to reconsider their ruling on access to the files.

Scandal plagues N.Y. legislature

ALBANY, N.Y. — The stain of the corruption scandal that toppled several of New York City's leading political figures and led to the suicide of the Queens Democratic boss has spread up the Hudson River to the state Capitol.

The 211-member New York State Legislature, whose annual budget of \$137 million is second only to the California Legislature's \$148 million, is the center of a no-show job scandal that threatens one of its top leaders.

Investigations have been opened by at least seven district attorneys, federal prosecutors from New York City and Syracuse and the state Board of Elections.

The investigation centers on state Senate Minority Leader Manfred Ohrenstein's use of the legislative payroll to hire campaign workers.

While admitting that last year's efforts to help Democrats gain control of the State Senate were unsuccessful, Ohrenstein has maintained it wasn't illegal and that every legislative leader has political operatives on the public payroll.

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—Ohrenstein

"We have nothing to hide," said Ohrenstein, a Manhattan Democrat and member of the Senate since 1960. "There's nothing sinister here."

"I don't think the funds allocated to the Legislature are (intended) to pay people to work on a campaign," said Albany County District Attorney Sol Greenberg. "It's stealing public money."

Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau has said he also is looking at other hiring practices of the Legislature and has subpoenaed the personnel records of the 12 members, all Democrats, of the Manhattan delegation to the state Assembly.

Civil War group stages Shiloh battle

SHILOH, Tenn. — Six thousand Civil War buffs turned into Sunday soldiers on the green field near Shiloh Church for a re-creation of one of the bloodiest battles between the North and the South.

Billed as the biggest Civil War remake ever, the show restaged the first day of the battle, in which Northern forces barely held off a surprise attack by Southern forces.

Requirements for proper period dress and weapons were strictly enforced, with organizers estimating equipment costs at more than \$6.5 million. The soldiers, wearing replicas of Civil War uniforms, were armed with 1860s-era weapons or replicas. Cavalymen provided their own mounts.

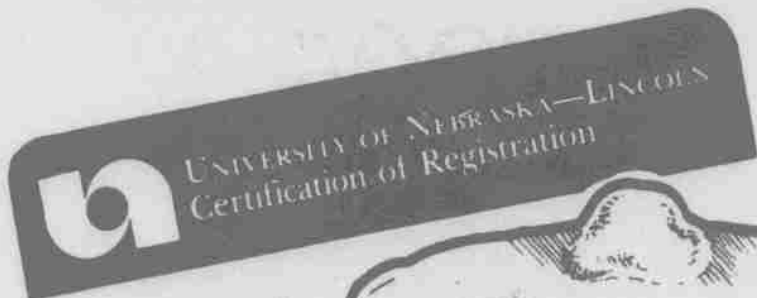
Up to 30,000 spectators were expected, the Shiloh Re-Enactment Association Inc. said.

The event marked the 125th anniversary of the battle of Shiloh, where 100,000 soldiers clashed in 1862 in the largest battle fought on American soil to that time. After a two-day struggle in which Northern forces drove back the Confederate Army, more than 23,000 men had been wounded or killed.

The location for the re-enactment was a 600-acre field near the original battleground, now a national park about 100 miles east of Memphis.

On Saturday, the participants from 47 states and five foreign countries practiced marching, turning, advancing with fixed bayonets and other period war tactics.

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