

News Digest

By The Associated Press

Soviets propose to cut short-range missiles Superpowers anticipate nuclear arms talks in Washington

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Secretary of State George P. Shultz expressed optimism in Moscow about reaching an accord in eliminating medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe and flew to Brussels to consult with NATO allies.

"We will consult, and I am sure, come to a good conclusion," Shultz said before leaving Moscow, where he held three days of meetings with Soviet officials, including Kremlin leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev, who made new arms proposals.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze told Shultz on Wednesday the Soviets would eliminate their shorter-range missiles in the Soviet

Union within a year after Senate ratification of a proposed treaty on medium-range missiles.

The Soviets have 80 shorter-range missiles on their territory.

The Soviets have about 50 medium-range launchers — with a range of 350 to 600 miles — in East Germany and Czechoslovakia. They would be scrapped on the signing of a treaty to rid Europe of hundreds of U.S. and Soviet medium-range missiles, which have a range of 600-3,000 miles.

Gorbachev made the proposals, which could remove a major obstacle to a treaty on medium-range missiles, during a 4 1/2-hour meeting Tuesday with



Shultz in the Kremlin.
"Very considerable headway had been made, and it should be possible to work

out an agreement in this field (medium-range missiles) with hard work and creative effort," Shultz said in a Moscow news conference.

Shultz and Shevardnadze met for several hours Wednesday afternoon before the news conference, and the Soviet officials said later that chances for a Washington summit were "rather good."

The United States also offered a compromise on strategic, or long-range, nuclear weapons, he said, proposing that the superpowers honor the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty for seven more years while reducing strategic weapons by 50 percent.

Hospital: No vacation for Hinckley

WASHINGTON — Officials of a mental hospital today withdrew their request that presidential assailant John W. Hinckley Jr. be given a 12-hour pass to visit his family over the Easter weekend.

The hospital said it needed time to study "writings and other materials" discovered in a court-ordered search of Hinckley's room Tuesday night.

U.S. District Judge Barrington D. Parker accepted the hospital's decision and said he would rule later on a request by the U.S. attorney's office to seal documents and writings taken from Hinckley Monday.

Parker had been reviewing Hinckley's letters and papers to determine his mental condition in the wake of revelations he had corresponded with Florida killer Theodore Bundy.

The hospital did not specify the terms of the proposed visit, saying only that the time and location would be set by St. Elizabeths. Hinckley's parents have a residence in suburban northern Virginia, where Hinckley presumably sought to go during the 12-hour furlough.

Parkinson's disease: Neurosurgeons develop new treatment Brain graft patient pleased with surgery

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A victim of Parkinson's disease who last week became the first person in the United States to undergo brain graft surgery said Wednesday she is optimistic about the novel treatment.

"I'm not shaking at the moment; you do not know how grateful I am," said Dickye Baggett, an insurance clerk who lives in the Nashville area.

Baggett, 42, wearing a white turban to cover marks of the brain surgery, appeared at a news conference at Vanderbilt University Medical Center less than a week after the five-hour operation.

She said she first developed symptoms of the degenera-

tive disorder 10 years ago. Parkinson's, which causes tremors and a loss of balance, afflicts nearly 1.5 million Americans.

"It affects your thinking, your moods," she said. "You wake up thinking, am I going to shake today as bad as I did yesterday?"

Brain graft surgery is a breakthrough in treatment of central nervous system diseases, said Dr. George S. Allen, professor and chairman of the department of neurosurgery at Vanderbilt.

Baggett said she'd advise other sufferers of the disease to "go for it" if they could undergo the procedure.

Police search for motive in courthouse bombing

KOKOMO, Ind. — Robert Gray told his mother he couldn't bear a long stretch in prison, but she's as puzzled as anyone about why he brought a bomb into the county courthouse and killed himself in the blast.

Fifteen other people, including the sheriff and Gray's defense attorney, were injured Tuesday. Hours earlier, a judge had summoned attorneys to discuss reports that Gray had threatened suicide.

"I don't have an idea about what went through my son's head," said his

mother, Betty McKinley, of Marion.

Gray, 42, was on trial on two counts of selling LSD, and faced a maximum prison term of 100 years on each count if convicted. An autopsy on his body was being conducted Wednesday.

Police said they had not determined where Gray obtained the explosives.

Mrs. McKinley received a letter from her son on the day of the blast which said in part: "I love you . . . I'm sorry but I couldn't see the rest of my life in prison. Why they want me so bad I don't

know. I've been trying to be good the last few years."

Gray's attorney, Charles Scruggs, said he believed his client intended to detonate the bomb in the Howard County courtroom, but changed plans when Sheriff John D. Beatty became suspicious about the briefcase.

Scruggs said Wednesday that the sheriff called him and Gray into his office because he suspected Gray was carrying a weapon or bomb.

"At that time I noticed the toggle

switch on the briefcase," said Scruggs. "I just had time to turn but I didn't have time to take a step. (Gray) said, 'We might as well all go now.' And he detonated the bomb. It blew me through the door and into the other room face down."

Scruggs was in good condition at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo. Sheriff's deputy John Howard and Walter Adams of the Kokomo Police Department were in good condition, said hospital spokeswoman Mary DeVecchio. The others injured were treated and released.

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