

# News Digest

By The Associated Press

## Superpower missile talk

### Shultz calls U.S. nuclear arsenal 'awesome'

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State George P. Shultz, assuring the NATO allies that the United States has an awesome and flexible nuclear arsenal, said Thursday the West "shouldn't be afraid to take yes for an answer to our own proposal" for missile reductions.

In a move to persuade the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to approve the near-deal he worked out with Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev, Shultz held open the possibility of trying to eliminate even the 100 medium-range warheads the two sides have tentatively agreed to keep.

Similarly, President Reagan said in a statement that destroying all warheads was "the preferred outcome" of the United States and its allies.

The Soviets would keep the 100 warheads in Asia, targeted on Japan and other Asian countries that have pressured the United States to get them removed. The 100 U.S. warheads might be kept in Alaska, although the Soviets are fighting hard to shift them elsewhere in America.

Shultz last week delayed a final response to Gorbachev until the allies could consider the prospective U.S. pact with Moscow. Some NATO officials, as well as



several members of Congress, have expressed concern about not deploying new U.S. nuclear weapons in Western Europe.

Gorbachev offered also to destroy the 50 shorter-range launchers the Soviets keep in East Germany and Czechoslovakia, and indicated that another 80 launchers on Soviet territory also might be dismantled.

## Physicists say Star Wars needs decade's more research

WASHINGTON — Challenging Reagan administration assumptions about "Star Wars," a group of two American physicists said Thursday that at least a decade of research is needed to determine whether high-energy lasers and particle beams can be used to knock down enemy missiles in space.

In a 422-page technical study, 17 members of the American Physical Society delivered the sharpest scientific challenge yet to administration plans to deploy space- and ground-based ballistic missile defenses as early as 1984.

"On purely scientific and engineering criteria, one would not make a decision on early deployment. But in the international arena, there are other forces," said Kumar Patel, a physicist at AT&T Bell Laboratories and co-chairman of the study group.

Another author, Jeremiah Sullivan of the University of Illinois at Urbana, said deployment in the early or mid-1990s would be "a gamble."

"Even in the best of circumstances, a decade or more of intensive research would be required just to provide the technical knowledge needed for an informed decision about the potential effectiveness and survivability of lasers and other 'directed energy weapons,'" the report said.

**'...a substantial amount of research needs to be done before an informed judgment can be made about the effectiveness and the reliability and survivability of such weapons if and when they are deployed.'**

—Patel

A Pentagon critique said the report's conclusions were "subjective and unduly pessimistic about our capability to bring to fruition the specific technologies needed for a full-scale development decision in the 1990s."

The Pentagon's Strategic Defense Initiative Organization, which directs Star Wars research, said in a statement that recent breakthroughs have brought some high-energy devices closer to the weapons stage.

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## In Brief

### Boy undergoes third liver transplant

PITTSBURGH — Seven-year-old Ronnie DeSillers, his small body ravaged by a massive infection, pneumonia and pancreatitis, emerged from surgery today after undergoing his third liver transplant.

"Doctors are very pleased with the outcome of his surgery. It went very smoothly, and they're calling the organ a perfect fit," said Sue Cardillo, spokeswoman for Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Surgery began at 1:30 a.m. and ended around noon, and the youngster was listed in critical condition afterwards.

Ronnie received national attention in early February when President Reagan heard of his need for a liver transplant and sent him a letter. Later, after \$4,000 collected by his classmates at his Fort Lauderdale, Fla., school to help pay for the costly operation was stolen, contributions quickly poured in from around the country, including a \$1,000 check from Reagan.

### Boesky pleads guilty in trading scandal

NEW YORK — Ivan F. Boesky, a key figure in Wall Street's insider trading scandal, pleaded guilty Thursday to one count of violating federal securities laws.

He faces a penalty of up to five years in prison and up to a \$250,000 fine. The 50-year-old financier, looking subdued and exhausted, entered his plea in U.S. District Court in Manhattan before Judge Morris E. Lasker, who scheduled sentencing for Aug. 21.

Boesky was released on his own recognizance. It was the first court appearance for Boesky since he agreed six months ago to cooperate with federal investigators in implicating others in the snowballing scandal.

Boesky was charged for illegally using non-public information to profit from securities trades.

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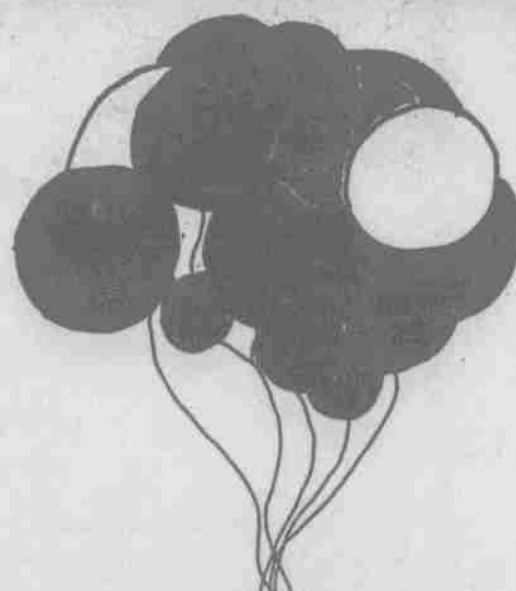
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