

News Digest

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Workers, police clash

SEOUL, South Korea — Riot police on Sunday fought hundreds of striking shipyard workers protesting the death of a fellow worker in a previous clash, news reports said. A policeman was reported seriously injured.

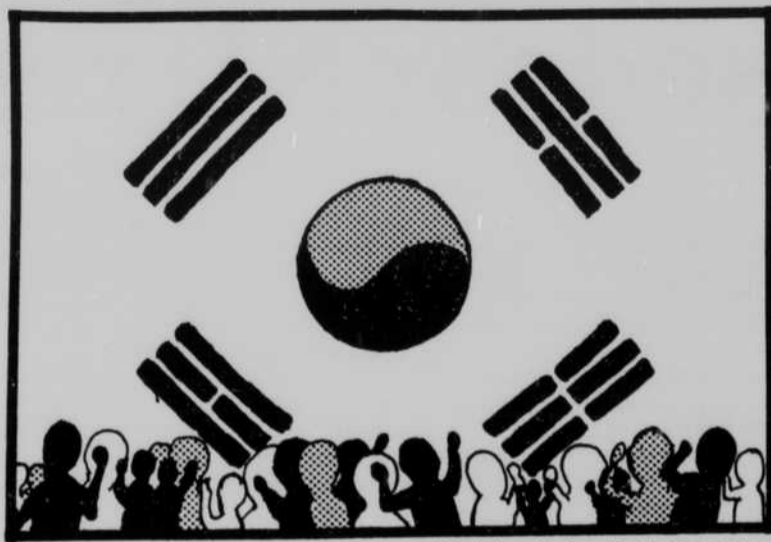
The death on Saturday of 22-year-old Lee Suk-kyu was the first in a month of national labor turmoil.

Bus service in Seoul returned almost to normal after a partial walkout Saturday, but foreign and domestic flights at Seoul's airport were delayed Sunday as 500 ground workers walked out for the second consecutive day.

In Koje on the southern coast, a police officer was injured in a clash when he tried to persuade about 500 workers to release Lee's body for an autopsy in another hospital, news reports said.

The workers were keeping watch over the body at a hospital mortuary. They had sealed off the mortuary with welding torches because they feared that police might try to forcibly take away Lee's body to destroy evidence, news reports said.

Lee worked at the shipyard, Daewoo Shipbuilding and Machinery Ltd. He was reported to have been hit by fragments of a tear gas canister in a clash between about 3,000



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workers and 1,300 police. Two dozen other workers suffered minor injuries.

Daewoo workers rioted Saturday after talks on higher wages and benefits broke down.

On Sunday police fired tear gas to prevent 1,000 workers from marching out of the Daewoo shipyard. After a one-hour protest rally, the state television KBS reported.

Labor protests began Aug. 8 at

Daewoo shipbuilding, a subsidiary of the big Daewoo group. Daewoo shut down the yard Friday after militant union members turned down a labor-management accord.

The agreement would have given the yard's 15,000 workers an additional \$18 a month, but the workers sought twice that figure. Daewoo workers make \$192 to \$387 a month depending on their skills and length of service.

Democrats trade jabs in state fair debate

DES MOINES, Iowa — Seven Democratic presidential hopefuls traded gentle economic jabs Sunday in a two-hour debate at the Iowa State Fair, with Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis at the center of much of the fire.

While the seven reserved most of their heavy blows for the Reagan administration, several pressed Dukakis to defend the centerpiece of his campaign: claiming credit for economic revival in his home state.

"The problem with what Gov. Dukakis said is it contains no specifics whatsoever," said Sen. Albert Gore Jr. of Tennessee.

"With all due respect to my friend from Massachusetts, we need some specifics."

Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri noted that there might be a link between the criticism and Dukakis' standing in the polls.

"If I get to 52 percent in the polls in New Hampshire, will you start attacking me like you attacked Gov. Dukakis?" Gephardt asked Gore.

Dukakis said he didn't "think anybody was picking on me."

"I like debate. I like discussions, one never knows what's going to happen," Dukakis said. "I thought it

was a good discussion, a good debate. This adventure is very unpredictable."

The exchanges came before more than 1,000 Iowans who took time out from the corn dogs and cattle shows at the fair.

The debate, sponsored by the Iowa Broadcast News Association, was the first of a series of meetings for the seven candidates in Iowa, with at least three more scheduled before the state holds its Feb. 8 precinct caucuses, the nation's first test of Democratic presidential strength.

The candidates said Sunday's debate was important both because it was broadcast statewide on Iowa Public Television and because it gave Democrats a chance to spell out their economic programs, an area where the party has been considered weak in past presidential elections.

Dukakis argued that the 1988 election will turn on pocketbook issues, and that he has the best record because he's taken his state from being "an economic and financial basket case" to the "Massachusetts miracle."

All seven candidates agreed to cut back on military spending, with President Reagan's "star wars" program the favorite victim of cutting.

Soviet leader plans to visit U.S.

LOS ANGELES — Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev plans to visit the U.N. General Assembly and meet with President Reagan next month, according to a published report.

Reagan and Gorbachev could use the meeting as a summit to sign an arms pact if Moscow and Washington can reach an agreement in stalled talks on banning short- and medium-range nuclear missiles, The Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

However, if no consensus is reached by late September, Gorbachev is prepared to come to Washington on a

lower-level working visit to personally negotiate an agreement with Reagan, the newspaper said.

In Washington, a highly placed U.S. official disputed the report.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press he knew of no direct notification by the Soviets that Gorbachev planned to attend the U.N. meeting.

The official conceded, however, that there was speculation within the Reagan administration that Gorbachev might indeed make a last-minute decision to attend the session, and that

such a step would cause concern to American policymakers.

The official noted a precedent for quick decisions by Gorbachev to seek a summit. Last year, Gorbachev requested a meeting with Reagan only weeks before the two leaders met in Reykjavik, Iceland in October.

The official said the United States does not particularly want to hold a summit unless it results in an agreement to eliminate intermediate nuclear forces and if Gorbachev arrives in New York in September negotiations on a pact might not be completed.

Truck accident kills 2 on parade route; minister driver cries for his parishioners

BOSTON — Etanislao Gonzales sat, head in hands, at his dining table Sunday, recalling how a pickup truck he was driving in a religious parade went out of control, killing two of his parishioners and injuring 29 others.

"I still see the scene of the accident in my mind. That's all I see all the

time," the 46-year-old Pentecostal minister said, his eyes reddened from crying.

The two who died, Idalia Cruz, 10, and Maria Otero Reyes, 21, were active in his small congregation of 75 at the Doors of Salvation Church.

The religious procession was moving

very slowly, Gonzales said, when he brought the truck to a complete stop as it approached Blackstone Park, the end of the two-mile parade route.

"We were stopped waiting for others when the (truck) just accelerated by itself. I tried to make it stop, very hard," he said, describing how he kept hitting the brake.

The narrow residential street lined with red-brick row houses was crowded with an estimated 2,000 people, most of them young children. Gonzales said there was nowhere to turn and the truck didn't stop until it came to rest against a flatbed being towed by a wagon about 20 feet ahead.

Police and state Registry of Motor Vehicles said they continued to investigate what caused the half-ton, year-old truck to lurch forward unexpectedly.

Funerals for the two victims are scheduled for tonight.

Correction

The Daily Nebraskan incorrectly listed the address of the Chartreuse Caboose in Thursday's Back to School issue. The restaurant is located at 1447 O St., not 1321 O St., its former location.

The Women's Resource Center was also listed incorrectly. It is located in Nebraska Union 117.

The Daily Nebraskan regrets the errors.

Damaged tanker Bridgeton leads convoy

MANAMA, Bahrain — The mine-damaged supertanker Bridgeton and two U.S. warship escorts Sunday steamed down the Persian Gulf far ahead of a convoy of three smaller, U.S.-registered Kuwaiti tankers and two warships.

"It was another successful exercise in subterfuge by the American Navy," said one Dubai-based salvage expert. U.S. officials are striving to keep convoy movements secret and unpredictable.

All the tankers left Kuwait together early Saturday. It was not clear whether the other tankers would catch up with the Bridgeton later for the dangerous

transit past Iranian anti-ship missile emplacements at the Strait of Hormuz, the gateway out of the gulf.

Iraq meanwhile said its warplanes Sunday bombed the Iranian petrochemical complex at Bandar Khomeini on the northern gulf coast for the second time in 24 hours and said Iranian shelling killed 12 civilians in Basra, southern Iraq. Iran did not comment on the report.

The 401,382-ton Bridgeton and the destroyer Kidd were spotted by a team from the NBC broadcast network aboard a helicopter about 100 miles southeast of the smaller tankers.

In Brief

Neb. hospitals follow AIDS guidelines

Hospitals and health workers in Nebraska are following National Centers for Disease Control guidelines to prevent the spread of infectious diseases such as AIDS, state health care authorities said.

"The current CDC guidelines are widely distributed and followed, especially at Omaha and Lincoln hospitals, which have treated AIDS patients, said Dr. Philip Smith, chairman of the Nebraska Infection Control Network.

The CDC added new guidelines Thursday, saying appropriate precautions should be taken any time "contact with the blood or any other body fluids is anticipated."

Thousands protest Soviet takeover pact

MOSCOW — Thousands of people in the Baltic capitals braved police barricades Sunday to protest the 1939 Hitler-Stalin pact that allowed the Soviets to take over Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, sources said.

Sunday was the 48th anniversary of the non-aggression pact between Nazi German dictator Adolf Hitler and Soviet leader Josef Stalin, which delayed Russian fighting in World War II and deeded control of the Baltic republics to the Soviet Union.

Poll shows many disagree with pope

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Most Americans think highly of Pope John Paul II but disagree sharply with many of his beliefs and those of the Roman Catholic Church, according to a Los Angeles Times poll released Sunday.

The survey of 2,040 adults, including 957 Catholics, found that while Americans express admiration for the pope, a majority disagree with his church's position on such subjects as birth control, artificial insemination and women in the priesthood.

Of the Catholics polled, 75 percent said they admire John Paul, who will visit the United States next month. Among Catholics 40 or older, the pope is well thought of by 89 percent.

Girl dies after 5 cars hit her; 3 drive on

TAMPA, Fla. — An 11-year-old girl was killed when she was struck by an automobile as she crossed a street, then run over by four more cars, three of which kept going, the Florida Highway Patrol said Saturday.

"The first and the fourth car stopped to help, the other three just kept driving," said patrol duty officer Nancy Fenton.

The girl, Kellie Leece, was crossing the suburban four-lane road alone about 11:40 p.m. Friday when she apparently stepped into the path of a car, Ms. Fenton said.

By early evening the patched-up supertanker, one of the largest in the world, was reported to be in international waters off the United Arab Emirates.

The USS Guadalcanal and its Sea Stallion mine-sweeping helicopters scouted the waters ahead, said gulf-based shipping executives and another group of reporters posted farther south along the gulf.

On July 24, a mine blasted a hole in the Bridgeton off an Iranian island in the northern gulf, but the vessel safely sailed through the same waters Saturday for the return journey.

The 81,283-ton Sea Isle City and the 79,999-ton Ocean City, both tankers, and the 46,723-ton Gas King, a liquefied gas carrier, anchored for 12 hours about 50 miles off Bahrain.

They sailed at 3 p.m. escorted by the destroyers Hawes and Klakring, said Brent Sadler, a reporter for Britain's Independent Television News who saw them leave.

Shipping and salvage experts said the U.S. command signaled the Bridgeton to steam ahead past the anchored tankers before dawn Sunday, but its progress was not spotted until later.

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