

# News Digest

By The Associated Press

## Soviets: Reagan preaches

MOSCOW — President Reagan is trying to instruct the Soviet Union like a teacher "preaching to a naughty boy" and may destroy chances for a nuclear arms agreement, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said Thursday.

Gennady I. Gerasimov was responding to a speech Wednesday in which Reagan asked the Kremlin to publish its military budget and the size of its armed forces and permit open debate on military policy. He said those actions would "greatly help out efforts to

reduce arms."

Gerasimov said at a briefing for foreign reporters that Reagan's address "literally abounds in demands of what the Soviet Union must or should do. Does it benefit the head of the administration, whose reputation has been so stained by the Irangate scandal and who has been repeatedly found to be violating constitution and laws, to put forward such demands?"

"It has become almost a rule that before every important Soviet-American meeting, the American side starts to play up the hostility," he said. "Now, unfortunately, the president has started to do it."

Moscow's decision to take the offen-

sive appeared aimed in part at dampening optimism created by Chancellor Helmut Kohl's announcement about 72 aging Pershing I-A missiles belonging to West Germany, whose warheads are controlled by the United States.

Kohl said Wednesday that West Germany would dismantle the missiles if the Soviets and Americans destroy all their intermediate-range missiles — weapons with ranges between 300 and 3,000 miles.

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## In Brief

### Korean officials vow to crush violent leftists

SEOUL, South Korea — The government vowed Thursday to crush leftists who incite strikers to political violence and said a Justice Ministry team was arresting agitators disguised as workers.

Strikers and riot police fought in the southern port city of Masan and in Inchon, the west port of Seoul. Hundreds of strikes around the country continued to impair auto production, shipbuilding, electronics, mining, transportation and many other industries.

### Sen. Nunn won't seek 1988 nomination

ATLANTA — Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia announced Thursday that he will not run for president in 1988, although he said "I felt like the chances of winning were really there."

Nunn, chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said his Senate and family responsibilities came first. His decision ended a year of speculation and disappointed Democrats who thought he would be a candidate who could attract crucial votes in the conservative South.

### Aquino's office, residence sealed from attack

MANILA, Philippines — Troops sealed off the earea around President Corazon Aquino's office and residence early Friday after what an "apparent attack" by mutinous soldiers, said military Chief Gen. Fidel Ramos.

He said troops loyal to the president were in control of the situation and Aquino was safe.

### Canadian rail strike talks break down

TORONTO — Talks in the four-day-old national strike by 48,000 rail workers broke down Thursday, paving the way for the government to introduce back-to-work legislation in Parliament.

The workers for federally-owned Canadian National and privately-run CP Rail are seeking increased job security ahead of planned deregulation of the transport industry next January.

### Poindexter asks for rank up in retirement

WASHINGTON — Rear Adm. John P. Poindexter, the former national security adviser who resigned the wake of the Iran-contra affair, has submitted a request to retire from the Navy this fall with the rank he held while working at the White House — vice admiral — instead of the rank he holds now.

The two-star admiral made the request "as a matter of principle," believing he is entitled to the extra star in retirement because of his service in a three-star job at the White House, said a Pentagon source, who agreed to talk on the matter only if not identified. Such a request ultimately would have to be approved by President Reagan and confirmed by the Senate.

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## Kelp forms new home

LOS ANGELES — Twenty-four sea otters that could become the nucleus of a new breeding colony were put into ice-cooled kennels Thursday and flown to a new home in kelp beds near an island off the southern California coast.

The furry, bewhiskered animals had been rounded up Monday and Tuesday about 200 miles to the north of central California by scientists trying to remove

the playful sea otters from a list of threatened species.

The otters were moved before dawn, when temperatures are coolest, from the Monterey Bay Aquarium to San Nicolas Island, 75 miles off Los Angeles.

Before the creatures left, federal wildlife officials gave them clean bills of health and determined they were capable of handling the physical trauma of the trip from the sea to air.

"We have watched for physical signs of stress and all appeared to be ready to make the trip," said Diane Hoopler, spokeswoman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The animals were to be put in floating pens to recover from the stress of the journey for a few days and get used to their surroundings before they are freed in the kelp beds surrounding the 27-square mile island.

The otters are the first of 70 expected to be transferred this year. Scientists hope to establish a breeding colony of 150 within five years.



Michelle Miklos/Daily Nebraskan

## How to Spend Money During This School Year:

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## 18,000 miners fired after vote to continue strike

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The nation's largest mining company Thursday fired more than 18,000 striking black miners, including 3,000 who staged a sit-in a mile underground, after their union voted to continue an 18-day walkout.

The country's largest black labor federation, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, said it was considering a national strike and other "solidarity action" unless the mineworkers' wage demands were met.

Anglo American Corp., the company worst hit by the strike, said it fired about 18,400 gold and coal miners for defying back-to-work ultimatums. Anglo last week fired 7,000 strikers, and

said 14,000 more face dismissal if they do not return to work Saturday.

Among those dismissed were 3,000 men who staged an 18-hour sit-in inside Anglo's western Deep Levels gold mine. Anglo did not say why the men staged the protest, but the national Union of Mineworkers said the men were forced underground Wednesday night by mine security.

The strikers were brought to the surface Thursday afternoon, given their final pay checks and driven off the mine compound in buses, some of the miners said.

The mass dismissals came after union members voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to reject an industry proposal that offered slight improvements in benefits but no additional pay.

## Iran-contra testimony: North didn't hear his rights

WASHINGTON — Lt. Col. Oliver North pointed out to Attorney General Edwin Meese last fall that Meese had not read him his rights against self-incrimination before North acknowledged the diversion of Iran arms profits to the contras, according to testimony released Thursday.

Marine Lt. Col. Robert C. Early, who worked as North's aide on the White House national security staff, also said North had told him of asking Meese for a delay of 24 to 48 hours in Meese's initial investigation last November.

Early, in his testimony, said that in North's interview with Meese on Sunday, Nov. 23, North

was confronted with evidence of the diversion. North, according to Earl, related that he asked the attorney general, "Since you didn't warn me of my rights . . . does this count?"

Early also described helping secretary Fawn Hall conceal other documents in her clothing to sneak them out of the White House.

"I erred on the side of destruction," Earl said. Earl testified under a grant of limited immunity, meaning his words cannot be used against him in any court case. His testimony was obtained in four private depositions last May with staff lawyers of the congressional Iran-contra committees and was released in a censored, declassified form. Also released was testimony by another North aide, Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Craig Coy, given in March and June.

## Reagan thanks contras, promises to seek aid

LOS ANGELES — President Reagan told leaders of the Nicaraguan contras Thursday that "we intend to see that you have adequate funding" until a cease-fire is achieved.

Reagan, seated with members of the directorate of the rebel force at a round table in the Century Plaza Hotel, said, "We have much to thank you for. The political and military pressure you've applied, I think, is showing results.

## Correction

A story on bookstore credit cards in Wednesday's Daily Nebraskan incorrectly described the University Bookstore's credit card.

The card requires no annual fee, but has a 14 percent rate if bills are not paid on time. The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.