

News Digest

By The Associated Press

Soviets call on U.S. to withdraw warheads

WASHINGTON — The Soviet Union on Tuesday called on the United States to clear away the "last obstacles" to an agreement banning medium-range nuclear missiles by withdrawing 72 Pershing 1-A warheads from West Germany.

But U.S. officials said the warheads were not subject to negotiations with the Soviets because the missiles that carry them belong to the West Germans.

"We have said consistently that third-country systems are not part of the negotiations," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said in Santa Barbara, Calif., near President Reagan's ranch. "We stand by that position."

A State Department official, who demanded anonymity, said the warheads would be withdrawn from West Germany only after the missiles were dismantled.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl offered last Wednesday to scrap the Pershing 1-A missiles, which have a range of 465 miles, after a U.S.-Soviet treaty is ratified and put into effect.

Both the United States and the Soviet Union welcomed the offer as a step forward. But it is not clear whether Kohl's schedule was acceptable to Moscow or posed a problem in completing the treaty.

At a news conference here Tuesday, a Soviet

deputy foreign minister, Vladimir F. Petrovsky, insisted on removal of the warheads, which are under U.S. control.

"If the United States would agree to remove the 72 nuclear warheads, the last obstacles to the double-zero option would be removed," Petrovsky said.

The Soviet official referred to the dismantling of two categories of intermediate-range missiles in what would be Reagan's first nuclear arms control agreement with Moscow.

In all, 332 U.S. missiles would be withdrawn from West Germany, Britain, Italy and Belgium while the Soviets scrapped 442 rockets aimed at

Western Europe and an additional 121 missiles targeted on China and Japan.

"It is very necessary for the United States now to give a clear answer," Petrovsky said. "Seventy-two nuclear warheads are part of double-zero."

On another arms control issue, Soviet Col. Gen. Nikolai Chervov offered to permit the United States to conduct a nuclear weapons test on Soviet territory in order to check the accuracy of American verification methods.

Chervov, an adviser to the Soviet general staff, said "we are prepared now to enter large-scale negotiations on the matter."

Iraq, Iran trade fire in continuing gulf war

MANAMA, Bahrain — Rockets fired by an Iranian speedboat started a fire on a Spanish supertanker Tuesday, and Iraq said its planes hit four ships and Iranian industrial targets. Iran claimed it shot down three raiding aircraft.

A convoy of U.S. Navy warships and two reflagged Kuwaiti tankers arrived safely in the emirate's waters. Kuwait and Iraq, which has been at war with Iran since September 1980, are neighbors at the head of the Persian Gulf.

The ships started up the gulf Saturday, the day after raids were renewed in the waterway after a six-week lull. The only incident reported during the 550-mile trip was the rescue of a downed Iraqi pilot.

Iraq reported air raids Tuesday on four ships in the gulf and five industrial and oil targets in its air war on Iran's economy.

Iran reported retaliatory raids on military and industrial targets in Iraq.

In Washington, the State Department said the U.N. Security Council should draft sanctions unless Iran agrees to a cease-fire by the end of the week.

Soviet officials urged that diplomacy be given more time.

Dispatches from Iran's news agency quoted Prime Minister Hussein Musavi as saying Iran would make its position clear soon on the Security Council truce resolution of July 20. Iraq has agreed to observe the resolution if Iran does.

Radio monitors said the 300,078-ton Spanish supertanker Munguia sent a distress signal when attacked by one or two Iranian speedboats 55 miles northeast of Bahrain, an island emirate in the central gulf.

Correction

The picture that ran on the front page of the Daily Nebraskan Tuesday about the disposal of chemical waste should not be confused with the story, which was about nuclear waste. Disposal of chemical and nuclear waste are two different procedures.

In Brief

Korean students clash with riot police

SEOUL, South Korea — Universities reopened for the fall term Tuesday and immediately became battlegrounds for police and anti-government students. One campus fight with rocks, firebombs and tear gas lasted three hours.

Students, demanding the ouster of President Chun Doo-hwan, hurled stones and threw firebombs that exploded in orange showers of blazing gasoline. They shouted, "Let's finish the military dictatorship" and "Down with the murder regime."

FDA approves cholesterol-lowering drug

WASHINGTON — the Food and Drug Administration announced approval Tuesday of a prescription drug called lovastatin designed to lower cholesterol levels in the body.

In clinical studies, the FDA said lovastatin reduced total cholesterol by 18 percent to 34 percent, depending on dosage, and reduced the particularly dangerous low-density lipoprotein by 19 percent to 39 percent.

Jewish leaders, pope discuss several issues

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy — Jewish leaders held unprecedented talks with Pope John Paul II Tuesday and said the Vatican has decided to issue a major document on anti-Semitism and the Holocaust.

The 75-minute talks were sought by Jewish leaders angered by the pope's June 25 meeting with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim. Controversy over the meeting has threatened to disrupt the papal visit to the United States next week.

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