

# News Digest

By The Associated Press

## Reagan says pact not likely from talks

WASHINGTON — President Reagan said Monday the superpowers still face "difficult issues" before reaching an arms agreement, and the White House cautioned it was unlikely a missile accord or summit date would result from talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze this week.

On the eve of Shevardnadze's visit to the White House, Reagan instructed U.S. negotiators to present a new draft treaty on intermediate range forces, known as INF. It calls for elimination of all medium-range nuclear missiles, with a range of about 600 to 3,000 miles, within three years, and abolishing shorter-range missiles, with a range of about 300 to 600 miles, within one

year. The Soviets have proposed a timetable of five years for dismantling medium-range weapons and one year for shorter-range missiles.

"With these new actions taken by the United States, it is now up to the Soviet Union to demonstrate whether or not it truly wants to conclude a treaty eliminating this class of missiles," Reagan said in a speech to the National Alliance of Business.

He said the proposed treaty contained the toughest-ever measures against cheating — a fact the administration cited in minimizing chances for an imminent announcement of a missile accord or superpower summit.

Reagan's speech and the new treaty draft set the stage for three days of meetings between Shevardnadze and Secretary of State George P. Shultz that could be crucial to the fate of an INF agreement.

Shultz and Shevardnadze will begin with three hours of talks at the State Department Tuesday and then go to the White House. There, they will sign a previously negotiated agreement to set up "nuclear risk reduction centers" in Moscow and Washington to lower the chance of accidental war.

Accompanied by Shultz, Reagan will confer with Shevardnadze in the Cabinet Room and then meet with him over lunch.

Shevardnadze and Shultz then will go back to the State Department for more talks, and confer again Wednesday and Thursday. The discussions may be extended to next week when both attended the special U.N. General Assembly session in New York.

In a statement announcing the treaty draft, Reagan said the superpowers "have come a long way" toward an agreement and that a historic agreement . . . is now within reach.

While crediting the Soviet leadership with some "positive steps" in human rights, Reagan said "they coexist with ominous indicators of possible future tightening on emigration and a growth of anti-semitism in some Soviet quarters."

### Backwoods lifeworks

## Author touts 'freelancing'

SIDE LAKE, Minn. — Freelancers, Peter Leschak calls them. Meaning friends and neighbors who maintain their backwoods lifestyle in the face of tough economics by, well, remaining flexible.

"A lot of people are free-lancing up here," Leschak said while sipping freshly ground coffee in his log home. "They plant trees or fight fires in the springs. They do a little construction. Whatever it takes. But they don't need much to get by."

"Most people heat with wood, so you just have to figure on putting 40 to 80 hours a year of backbreaking work in. And if your truck breaks down, you don't just run it in to the Ford garage. You're going to get down on your belly and try to fix it."

The flip side is the payoff, he said.

"We do things as a matter of course that people pay big bucks to do," he said, spreading his hands. "There are half a dozen saunas around here we can use. What's better on a summer night than taking a sauna and hitting the lake?"

Leschak himself did a bit of free-lancing this spring, including fighting fires for the Department of Natural Resources. But his true calling in the world of free-lancing is writing about his experiences. He has developed a regional, and now a national, audience.

The 36-year-old Chisholm native is the author of "Letters From Side Lake: A Chronicle of Life in The



Christina Geiger/Daily Nebraskan

North Woods," released in May by Harper and Row.

In the 196-page book, Leschak paints a lively portrait of rural northern Minnesota life.

Leschak and his wife, Pam, who's also a writer, built their log home on 40 acres of land near the tiny village of Side Lake. It's a comfortable space, both rustic and refined. Snowshoes, dried herbs and quilts hang from the walls above the highly

polished hardwood floors.

He writes of heading the volunteer fire department on sub-zero runs and of the high seriousness his loose-knit community applies to properly flooding a skating rink.

"I wanted to live in the woods, and it was really that simple," Leschak said. "It sounded great, you know, sit in a log cabin and write books. And it is great. It works."

## Iraq tells U.N. chief Iran should be punished

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Monday it was Iraq's turn to demand that the United Nations punish Iran, its foe in the Persian Gulf war.

Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz urged U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar to take "punitive measures" against Iran for failing to respond to a Security Council resolution calling for a cease-fire in their 7-year-old war.

The day before, Iranian President Ali Khamenei had told Perez de Cuellar in Tehran that the United Nations had to brand Iraq as the aggressor and punish it before there could be a settlement of the war.

Each side accused the other of starting new fighting Monday to wreck Perez de Cuellar's peace mission, but there was no independent confirmation of this.

Baghdad radio gave the only official account of Monday's one-hour talks. It said Aziz demanded that the Security Council implement its July 20 resolution which calls for sanctions, including an arms embargo, on whichever country fails to comply with the provisions.

The resolution calls for an immediate, unconditional cease-fire; withdrawal of troops to internationally recognized borders; and an exchange of prisoners. Iran would have to withdraw from Iraqi territory.

Baghdad radio said Aziz reiterated Baghdad's "firm and clear stand of welcoming the resolution" and called for "prompt action to implement the resolution and take punitive measures against Iran for its rejection of abiding by the international will."

Secretary of State George P. Shultz said last week Washington would press for sanctions against Iran if Iran did not give Perez de Cuellar a definite acceptance.

The U.N. chief arranged to meet President Saddam Hussein of Iraq before returning to New York Tuesday. Perez de Cuellar flew to Baghdad from Tehran Sunday night after two days of talks with Iranian leaders.

Both sides have observed an undeclared truce in the so-called tanker war since Thursday, and Iraq has reigned in its marauding fighter-bombers.

## Pope visits sick children, attacks abortion, euthanasia

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Pope John Paul II held a tiny premature baby in his arms Monday, then denounced the "great evil of abortion and euthanasia" and repeated his condemnation of any form of test-tube fertilization.

He also reserved time during his one-day stop in this Southwestern state for a talk with the original owners — American Indians.

The pontiff's first stop after arriving from San Antonio, Texas, was at St. Joseph's Hospital, where he visited

three children in their rooms and stopped in a playroom to see 10 others.

"Johnny, can you wake up and open your eyes for a minute? There's someone here to see you," said Hope Adrian, whose 15-year-old son, Johnny, was in the first room to be visited by the pope. There was no response from the boy, who has been diagnosed as having an inoperable brain-tumor.

In the second room, the pope took 2 1/2-month-old Brooke Johnson from her mother and held her briefly.

## Governor: Midwest must market

GALENA, Ill. — Midwest states must work together to market the region and claim a bigger share of federal funds if Rural Renaissance is to become a reality for the heartland, Iowa Gov. Terry Brandstad said Monday.

"I think there's a new realization that the Midwest must pull together as a region," the Iowa Republican said as the annual Midwest Governors' Conference got underway. "The region has not gotten as much in terms of federal funds as some of the other regions of the country, and we've not been as aggressive in marketing the region for growth."

The theme of the conference, "Rural Renaissance," is a historical anachronism, said sociologist Paul Voss from the University of Wisconsin.

"More than 90 percent of the popu-

lation increase in the United States since 1980 has occurred in the south and west," he said. "The Rural Renaissance of the 1970s has effectively ended in the 1980s."

Gordon Eaton, president of Iowa State University, said most of his school's graduates leave the state when they are graduated.

But Ohio Gov. Richard Celeste, a Democrat, said the region's vast productive and natural resources could spell good things for the future.

Gov. Kay Orr represented Nebraska at the conference.

## Research council report calls space station plan risky

WASHINGTON — NASA's plan to build a space station with the shuttle will be difficult and risky, and could lead to the loss of still another space shuttle orbiter, a National Research Council committee said in a report released Monday.

The study said the space agency's plans to build a space station by the mid-1990s "rank as the most ambitious and lengthy task NASA has ever undertaken," and that to be successful it cannot be constructed "on the cheap."

Using the space shuttle to build the station, the report said, would pose about a 60 percent probability of the loss of another orbiter. It said the

National Aeronautics and Space Administration should prepare for that loss by planning to build still another reusable spacecraft.

"We should expect to lose an orbiter — not necessarily with accompanying loss of life — about once every five to eight years," the report said.

In a reply to the report, NASA disagreed that use of the shuttle to build the station would be risky. NASA said it has recently redesigned the deployment plan for the space station and has "a high degree of confidence that the space station can be successfully deployed with the current shuttle system."

### In Brief

#### Dole quits Cabinet for husband's campaign

WASHINGTON — Elizabeth Dole announced Monday she is resigning as transportation secretary and plans to "do everything I can" to help her husband, Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kans., win the presidency next year.

After meeting with President Reagan for nearly 15 minutes, Mrs. Dole told reporters she will leave the Cabinet Oct. 1 and begin full-time campaigning for her husband with a 12-state swing through the South.

#### Company researches nearly smokeless cigarette

NEW YORK — R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company announced Monday it is developing an almost smokeless cigarette that does not burn tobacco and greatly reduces the production of substances linked to health concerns.

The cigarette is lit like a normal cigarette, but a carbon heat source at its tip generates warm air that passes through tobacco extract, flavorings and glycerine to form smoke that tastes like cigarette smoke.

#### Gov. Orr will attend Bush dinner in Omaha

Gov. Kay Orr will be a guest today at a \$1,000-per-person fund-raiser in Omaha for Vice President George Bush, a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 1988.

Gubernatorial aid Bob Cochrane said the governor's presence does not indicate a departure from her neutral position on the candidates. "It's just more of a courtesy visit," he said.

#### Wall Street 'raiders' infiltrate French dictionary

PARIS — Straight from Wall Street, "raider" has elbowed its way into the 1988 edition of Petit Larousse, a French dictionary that acts as a mirror of contemporary life and language.

The just-published edition includes 73 new words, 20 new meanings to words, nine new expressions and 27 new proper nouns, including Philippine President Corazon Aquino, tennis star Ivan Lendl, and Chernobyl, site of the world's worst commercial nuclear accident.

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