News Digest

By The Associated Press

Philippine coup attempt fails

MANILA, Philippines — The gov-ernment said it foiled a coup attempt Acting Manila Sunday after rebel soldiers stole an armored vehicle. President Corazon necessary" despite continuing insta- from a campus staging area.

The rebels stole the personnel carrier from army headquarters and drove it undetected to Santo Tomas University despite a full military alert. The six-man crew abandoned the vehicle about a mile from the president's residence and escaped with a machine gun confidence after 53 people died in a ousted President Ferdinand Marcos.

Acting Manila Gov. Jejomar Binay said renegade Lt. Col Reynaldo Caing on condition of anonymity, said bauatan had planned to launch an atrebels planned to mount a "military Aquino said martial law was "not yet tack on the presidential compound operation" but it failed after someone

> Cabauatan, sought since a coup attempt in January, denied any role in the theft.

Presidential spokesman Teodoro

coup attempt Aug. 28.

Another opposition source, speak-

tipped off pro-government forces.

Troops and tanks rushed to the presidential palace and the university area, and security was increased at military installations in the capital.

The August military mutiny was Benigno said the incident could have the gravest threat to Mrs. Aquino since been staged to embarrass a govern- she was swept to power in a February ment still seeking to restore public 1986 civilian-military rebellion that

In Brief

More customers are using gasohol in 1987

Gasohol consumption is on the rise again after a sickly 1986 showing. Nebraskan's use of gasohol rose by 8.6 percent during the first eight months of 1987, and the eight-month total of 159.6 million gallons is 46.7 million gallons short of the amount sold last year.

Baby fights for life after landmark surgery

LOMA LINDA, Calif. - A baby born with a lethal heart defect was in critical but stable condition Saturday on his second day of life, a milestone doctors said he would not have reached except for a heart transplant hours after birth.

Surgeons, led by Dr. Leonard Bailey, labored 4 1/2 hours Friday to erform the transplant, just three hours after Paul Hold was delivered by Caesarean section. He was the youngest person ever to undergo an organ

West African president killed in bloody coup

OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso — Capt. Thomas Sankara and 12 other officials were executed and buried Friday after Sankara's chief adviser ousted him as president of this impoverished West African nation, an official source said.

Capt. Blaise Compaore, leader of a bloody coup, declared a national holiday. A statement read on national radio called Sankara a "madman."

First lady expects full recovery from surgery WASHINGTON — Doctors told President and Nancy Reagan on Sunday that the final tests from her breast cancer surgery show there has been no spread of her cancer and that the "prognosis for full recovery is excellent," a White House spokesman said.

Doctor's removed the first lady's left breast and several lymph nodes

from under her arm on Saturday following a needle biopsy that revealed

a quarter-inch malignant tumor.

U.S. calls Iranian missile a 'lucky shot'

MANAMA, Bahrain — The Iranian missile that wrecked a U.S.flagged tanker was "a lucky shot" that could have hit Kuwait's oil terminal complex or several other ships in the area, U.S. military sources said Sunday

Kuwaiti officials lodged a formal protest with Tehran, Iran's foreign minister virtually acknowledged Iran launched the missile Friday and

In Tehran, Iranian officials accused U.S. forces of torturing four wounded Iranian sailors detained in a clash in the gulf this month. The four were repatriated to Iran through neutral Oman on Saturday.

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Swedish prisoner escape opens door to debate

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Con- rity forces, already under fire for their victed spy Stig Bergling did not need a failure to catch Prime Minister Olof prison. Knowing the liberal prison murder. system, he simply walked away. The

ban Stockholm apartment Oct. 8. He put some hotels to shame. had been serving a life sentence for

hacksaw to escape from Swedish Palme's assassin 20 months after the

The latest scandal also fueled de-Bergling, 50, fled with his wife bate about the liberal penal system, after being left unguarded during an where serious criminals often serve overnight conjugal visit at his suburmild sentences in prisons that would

Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson, selling defense secrets to the Soviet calling the affair "extremely serious," ordered a top-level investigation and His escape further tarnished the canceled an oversees trip to monitor image of the Swedish police and secu- the chase.

Shultz continues peace mission

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State George Shultz indirectly chided alternative to the status quo.' right-wing Prime Minister Yitzhak His remarks in a speech the risk to explore new options for

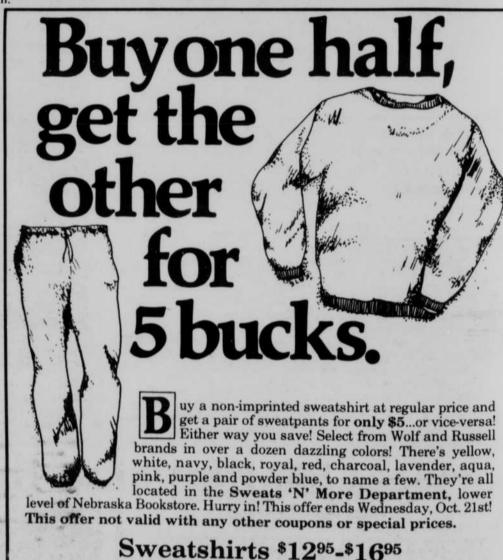
or even revisit old ones have an obliga- refused to meet him.

REHOVOT, Isreal - Secretary of tion to offer something different as an

His remarks in a speech at the Shamir on Sunday, urging him to take Weizmann Institute in Rehovot were seen as a prod to Shamir.

"No one helps the chance for peace by doing nothing," Shultz said. "Those began Friday, met with a setback when who are reluctant to explore new ideas a group of eight Palestinian leaders





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