

News Digest

By The Associated Press

U.S., Soviets agree to 10-year missile inspections

SHANNON, Ireland — Secretary of State George P. Shultz said Sunday the United States and the Soviet Union had agreed to station inspectors at each other's missile sites for 10 years after banned weapons are scrapped.

Heading for Geneva to try to wrap up a missile treaty, Shultz said only "some operational details" remained to be worked out.

"The treaty is virtually complete," Shultz said.

The treaty to ban U.S. and Soviet intermediate-range nuclear missiles is the designated centerpiece for President Reagan's summit beginning Dec.

7 with General Secretary Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

Faced with that deadline, Shultz scheduled meetings Monday and Tuesday in Geneva with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze.

Talking to reporters aboard his U.S. Air Force jet before a refueling stop in Shannon, Shultz said he planned to seek Soviet support for an arms embargo against Iran and a timetable for withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

The United States has delayed

trying to push a weapons cutoff through the United Nations Security Council because of concern that the Soviets might block the move with a veto.

The council approved a cease-fire in the Iran-Iraq war July 20 with Soviet support.

An arms embargo would be designed to deprive Iran of many of its weapons and force it to negotiate an end to the conflict with Iraq, now in its eighth year.

On Afghanistan, after years of slow-moving negotiations through

the United Nations, the Soviets are hinting they have taken a decision to withdraw their troops.

Soviet Foreign Ministry Spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said last week a withdrawal could be carried out in seven months to a year once Moscow decided to act.

The arms treaty would eliminate nearly 1,000 nuclear missiles with ranges of 300 to 3,000 miles.

Except for 130 Soviet shorter-range rockets, they all would be dismantled over three years. The shorter-range missiles, about 50 of which are

in East Germany and Czechoslovakia, would be scrapped within 18 months.

Verifying the destruction, and that new missiles are not secretly installed, is the key unresolved problem.

The U.S. side wants access to a Soviet plant where SS-25 intercontinental ballistic missiles are assembled. The reason is the missiles in its first stage looks like the SS-20, which the treaty will ban.

Inspection would be a safeguard against Soviet conversion of the ICBMs into illegal medium-range rockets.

Cuban prisoners riot, hold hostages

OAKDALE, La. — Cuban prisoners who rioted after they found out they might be sent back to Cuba held more than 20 hostages in a smoldering federal detention center Sunday and demanded that they not be deported, authorities said.

The center was surrounded by hundreds of law officers after the riot left 23 people injured Saturday night.

"We haven't gone in. They are holding hostages. We are trying to

negotiate for their release," said Luenette Johnson, a spokeswoman for the center run by the Bureau of Prisons and the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Meanwhile, 17 Cuban inmates in Laredo, Texas, escaped from a medium-security detention facility early Sunday by climbing through a steel roof grating. Authorities recaptured all but three of the escapees within hours.

An armored car and busloads of officers in riot gear helped ring the 48-acre site outside Oakdale, a town of 7,000 in rural south-central Louisiana.

The Cubans seized 28 guards and staff members but released a few who complained of medical problems, said J.R. Johnson, warden of the complex built in 1985 as a minimum-security holding center for illegal aliens. Johnson did not say how many people were released.

Heart attack drug dissolves clots, cuts deaths in half

OMAHA — A new drug that helps dissolve blood clots in people having a heart attack could cut the death rate from heart attacks in half, according to the director of St. Joseph Hospital's coronary care unit.

"The greatest reduction in mortality comes if it can be given within the first hour," said Dr. Aryan Moss, who also is an associate professor at Creighton University.

The new drug, called tissue plasminogen activator, or TPA, will be available in Nebraska hospitals early this week, according to a spokesman for Genentech Inc. of South San Francisco, Calif., which developed the drug.

Recently licensed by the federal Food and Drug Administration, the drug occurs naturally in the body in small amounts. It attaches itself to a clot and activates an enzyme, causing the clot to dissolve.

To be effective the drug generally must be given within about the first four to six hours after symptoms of a heart attack begin. The sooner it is given, the better the results.

Doctors interviewed cautioned that the drug is not a cure-all and is not for everyone who has a heart attack. It also doesn't treat the underlying problem.

In Brief

Bride chooses NU-OU game day for wedding

OMAHA — The best man's father solved the problem by bringing a television set with him but other guests appeared to choose the Oklahoma-Nebraska football game over Beth Spangler's wedding. "I told her to pick a day (for the wedding)," said the bridegroom, Kevin Griencewic. "Boy did she pick a day!" Mrs. Griencewic said she chose the day because it was the only church date that would work. Besides, she said, "I'm not a fan myself. I think the whole thing is blown out of proportion." "At least I won't forget our anniversary," Griencewic said. "This is a day I'll remember. But I think Christmas Day would have been better."

G.O.P. chairman: Senate race may set record

OMAHA — Candidates for the 1988 U.S. Senate race could spend \$6 million, twice as much as Nebraska's most expensive political contest, state Republican Party Chairman Norman Riff said. "Before it's all over, the Republican and Democratic nominees could spend \$3 million each," Riff said Saturday. "That's a very good possibility." The record is the \$2.75 million Kay Orr and Helen Boosalis spent in last year's race for governor.

Van Pelt says Kennedy a good friend, competent

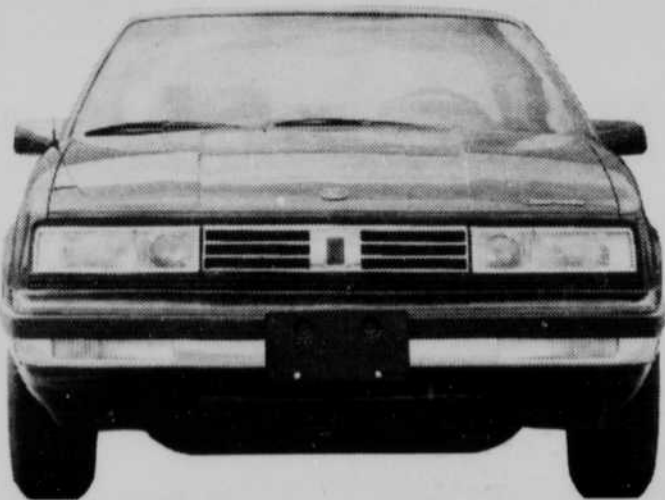
LINCOLN — Judge Anthony Kennedy, President Reagan's third nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court, is an excellent choice, Senior U.S. District Judge Robert Van Pelt says. Van Pelt said he has known Kennedy for 11 years and he respects him for his honesty, integrity and competence. Van Pelt met Kennedy in October 1976 when Van Pelt temporarily sat with the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Kennedy has been a 9th Circuit judge for the last 12 years. "I'm not claiming to be a bosom friend of his," Van Pelt said. "But I'm a good friend of his." "He's a fellow of high moral standards," Van Pelt said. "I think he's thoroughly competent."

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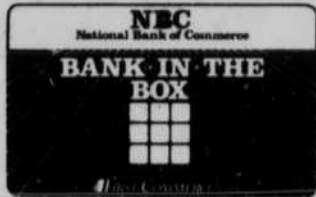


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