

News Digest By The Associated Press

Refuseniks and journalists roughed up in Soviet Union

MOSCOW — Hundreds of burly men in civilian clothes roughed up refuseniks and journalists Sunday and knocked down and detained U.S. TV newsman Peter Arnett during rival demonstrations on the eve of the U.S.-Soviet summit.

At least 100 refuseniks — Soviets denied permission to emigrate — planned to take part in a protest against Soviet restrictions on emigration.

But at least 27 were detained en route to the Moscow demonstration, and the others were overwhelmed by about 200 plainclothes KGB agents and about 100 members of the officially supported Soviet Peace Committee.

The agents jammed Smolensky Square and jostled refuseniks who managed to get through police cordons blocking all entrances to the protest site, a small triangle of grass

opposite the Foreign Ministry.

They shoved and occasionally threw punches at refuseniks and Western journalists trying to photograph the clash.

It was the clearest indication in the weeks leading up to the Dec. 8-10 Washington summit that Soviet authorities will not tolerate public expressions of dissent, even under Mikhail S. Gorbachev's policy of "glasnost," or openness on certain

topics.

It appeared that authorities went to considerable lengths to quell the refuseniks' protest.

Alexander Feldman, a refusenik and would-be demonstrator, told The Associated Press he spent Saturday night at his sister's apartment in an attempt to avoid Soviet authorities.

But when he left his sister's home Sunday morning to go to the demonstration, Feldman said three men put

him into a waiting sedan and drove him to a police station 40 miles outside Moscow. He said he was released about 2:30 p.m., two hours after the protest was over.

About 15 minutes into the refusenik protest, plainclothes agents knocked down and struck Arnett, the Moscow correspondent for Cable Network News, and then hustled him into a bus and drove him to a nearby office.

In Brief

Study: Cohabiting couples divorce more often

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Couples who lived together before marrying have nearly an 80 percent higher divorce rate than those who didn't, according to a study by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

"As a practical matter, it appears that careful screening before marriage has displaced in part the willingness to make adjustments after marriage as the supposed key to promoting successful unions," said Neil Bennett, one of the study's three authors.

The results are based on a 1981 survey of 4,996 Swedish women.

Report: Welfare fraud may cost \$1 billion a year

WASHINGTON — Fraud in the federal government's major welfare program for mothers and children could be costing \$1 billion a year according to a report by the Department of Health and Human Services' inspector general.

The report estimates that federal and state governments could save \$800 million a year just by placing more emphasis on weeding out unqualified applicants before they start receiving benefits after their initial qualification.

Iranians hit 2 neutral-flagged tankers in gulf

MANAMA, Bahrain — Iran launched unusually devastating gunboat attacks Sunday on two neutral-flag tankers in the Persian Gulf, killing a Danish sailor aboard one and igniting the highly volatile naphtha cargo of another.

The abandoned Singapore-flagged ship Norman Atlantic was still burning more than eight hours after it was attacked in early afternoon in the Strait of Hormuz, the gulf's only gateway.

Teen-age Omaha girl found strangled

OMAHA — A woman whose body was found near Omaha was strangled, an autopsy showed.

The nude body of Kathryn Huber, 17, was found down an embankment along U.S. 75 north of Omaha Friday by a jogger.

The autopsy did not reveal how long Huber had been dead, Douglas County Sheriff's Lt. Gary Hammer said.

Investigators have interviewed a number of people, and "so far there's nothing new, nothing good that will get this thing solved right away," he said.

Autopsy results and evidence at the scene indicate Huber was not killed where she was found, Hammer said. It appears her body was dumped along the road after she was killed, he said.

Her father, Thomas Huber of

Bellevue, said his daughter telephoned less than an hour before she disappeared and told her parents she wanted to move back home. She was living in an apartment with two roommates.

Later that day, her friends called to say they were worried because Huber had not returned home after saying she was going to a nearby store and would be right back, her father said.

Senators weigh tax increase to cut federal budget deficit

WASHINGTON — For the third time in six years, the Senate is about to decide whether taxes should be raised to reduce the federal budget deficit.

Senate leaders hope to take a final vote this week on a \$23 billion tax increase that is the centerpiece of a plan to slash the deficit by \$76 billion over the next 22 months.

The framework for the anti-deficit measures was worked out by President Reagan and congressional leaders in a much-publicized effort to show that the partisan differences can

be put aside in the national interest.

Nevertheless, there is opposition to the plan from those who are against any tax increase and from others who say the spending cuts are much too timid.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, chairman of the Finance Committee, which wrote the tax bill, predicted it will pass because it is "as painless as possible" — meaning the impact will hardly be felt by typical taxpayers. The burden will fall almost entirely on corporations and upper-income individuals.

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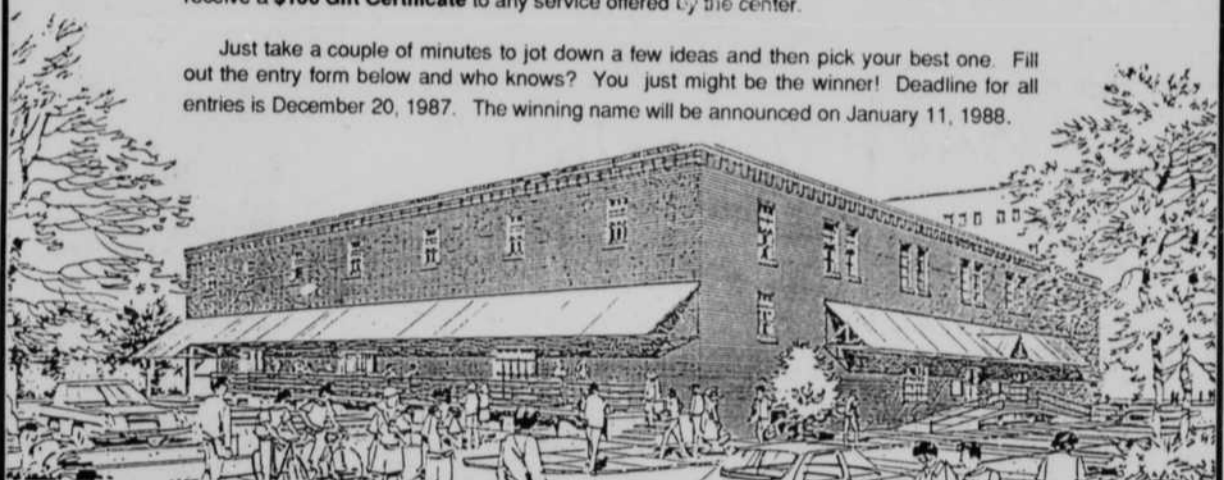
Get a \$100 gift certificate just for doing a little name calling.

Beginning in March of 1988, the University of Nebraska will have a new campus student center located at 16th and "W" streets. The student center, formerly the OMC building, will house an atrium-type food court including six different restaurants, a dry-cleaning service, banking services, sundries, a copy center, a casual clothing store, a video rental store and other retailers.

There's only one problem with the new student center, it doesn't have a name. That's why we need your help. Since the new facility is primarily for students and faculty, we thought you should have some voice in what it should be called. So, we've decided to have a "Name Calling" contest.

Hardy Building Corporation, the developer of the the center, wants you to submit any ideas you might have for naming the facility. If you come up with the winning name, you'll receive a \$100 Gift Certificate to any service offered by the center.

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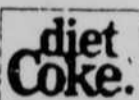
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