

## In Brief

### West Berlin woman suspected in 1986 bombing

BERLIN — Police suspect a West Berlin woman working for Palestinian terrorists planted the bomb that killed two U.S. soldiers and wounded 229 people in a West Berlin discotheque, authorities said Sunday.

### Panamanian leader tests opponents with trip

PANAMA CITY, Panama — Strongman Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega returned Sunday after a one-day trip to Santo Domingo that sparked joyful demonstrations at home by opponents who thought he would never come back, officials said.

### Northrop criticized for guidance system failures

WASHINGTON — The guidance systems used for aiming the MX nuclear-tipped missiles are continuing to fail in tests at an alarming rate, the House Armed Services Committee said Sunday.

The report by the Democratic-controlled panel was critical of Northrop, which is building the guidance system, known as an inertial measurement unit (IMU).

According to the report, only 18 of the 30 MX weapons that have been deployed are still on alert. The other dozen do not have guidance systems because of IMU problems.

## Nine wounded in Palestinian protest

Israeli troops turn back youth with bullets and tear gas

KHAN YUNIS, Occupied Gaza Strip — Palestinian youths stoned cars and blocked roads with burning tires Sunday and Israeli troops responded with gunfire and tear gas and deployed armored personnel carriers in a major show of force.

Palestinian sources said Israeli soldiers in the Gaza Strip shot and wounded nine people including an 8-year-old boy, and injured dozens of others in at least half a dozen clashes. Scattered protests also were reported in the occupied West Bank and many merchants closed their shops in both areas.

Palestinian nationalist groups ordered another general strike in the occupied territories for three days starting Monday and said it would be enforced by patrols.

About 1.5 million Palestinians live in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank,

which Israel captured from Egypt and Jordan in the 1967 Mideast war and which has been rocked by more than a month of rioting.

The official death toll in the rioting rose to 28 after the army confirmed Sunday that a 65-year-old man from the Gaza Strip city of Rafan died over the weekend of gunshot wounds sustained in protests last month.

The Arab-run Palestine Press Service said a 35-year-old pregnant woman, identified as Wigdan Fari, had a miscarriage and died at a Khan Yunis hospital Sunday after being overcome by tear gas fired into her house by Israeli soldiers. Hospital officials refused to comment, saying they were not allowed to talk to reporters.

Army spokesmen said they were checking the casualty reports.

Soldiers backed by armored personnel carriers patrolled Gaza City,

Khan Yunis and Rafan on Sunday and sealed off refugee camps throughout the strip after massive weekend clashes in which troops fatally shot two Arabs.

"We are firm in our decision to impose order," Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin said during a tour of the area. "We shall make use of all our power and force within the framework of the law."

Israel has cracked down hard since the riots began last month. Nearly 2,000 people were detained and nine ordered deported. About 900 detainees have been released, while the rest are standing trial in military courts.

The riots began when a truck driven by an Israeli hit two Arab cars and killed four passengers in the Gaza Strip Dec. 8. Rumors spread that the collision was to avenge the fatal stabbing of an Israeli.

## Oil still chokes river

WHEELING, W. Va. — City officials on Sunday cautiously resumed pumping water from the Ohio River even though it was still choked by a million-gallon diesel oil spill crawling by at less than a mile an hour.

Sponge filters were put over water intakes before water was drawn from the river to be mixed with water stored in a reservoir, Assistant City Manager Nancy Vapner said.

Most businesses remained closed Sunday in an effort to conserve water, except for several restaurants that arranged to have water trucked in. The effort appeared to be working.

The water level in the city's main reservoir rose about a foot overnight because of increased pumping capacity within the city's makeshift emergency water system, said Tom Somol,

administrator for Ohio County.

The city used three barges with a million-gallon capacity each to bring water to the water treatment plant, Somol said.

The leading edge of the spill had moved about six miles south of the city by noon Sunday, Somol said. But officials were unable to predict when the slick, moving at an estimated half-mile an hour, would finish passing or when normal water service would be resumed.

The fuel spilled Jan. 2 into the Monongahela River south of Pittsburgh after a 40-year-old Ashland Oil Co. tank crumpled as it was being filled. The slick has traveled more than 100 miles on the Monongahela and the Ohio through Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.

## Project may revive downtown

OMAHA — ConAgra's decision to locate on the downtown riverfront may reverse a trend of business moves to suburban office parks, some city and development officials said.

"I predict it will make the downtown something it hasn't been for many years — a primary development area," said City Planning Director Mary Shukert.

The 60-acre riverfront redevelopment site, known as Central Park East, is expected to attract \$175 million in development, anchored by ConAgra's \$50 million headquarters and laboratories.

The Omaha Development

Foundation estimates ConAgra will employ 1,100 people in the area and that other developments should draw an additional 1,000 workers.

Shukert said the city is projecting even bigger things for the downtown Omaha economy. Over the next 10 years, he said, the city could gain about 7,500 downtown jobs.

Central Park East could compete with suburban office parks for new companies that move to Omaha or existing companies that want to expand, said Ted Clauff, president of Dial Enterprises Corp.

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