

## In Brief

### Sandinistas launch offensive against Contras

WASHINGTON — Nicaraguan forces, using aerial bombardment and heavy artillery, launched a major offensive Tuesday against Contra rebels in the northern part of the country and sent troops into neighboring Honduras, U.S. and Contra officials said.

"They have overrun certain of our positions," said Ernesto Palazio, director of the Contra's Washington office.

Palazio estimated that about 3,500 front line Sandinista forces aided by 4,000 backup troops were involved.

The operation occurred less than a week before the rescheduled resumption of cease-fire talks.

### Convicted murderer put to death in Florida

STARKE, Fla. — Convicted murderer Willie Jasper Darden went to his death Tuesday proclaiming his innocence and thanking people around the world, from Andrei Sakharov to Jesse Jackson, who aided his 14-year battle to escape the electric chair.

For the widow of the man he shot between the eyes, Darden's execution on an unprecedented seventh death warrant offered hope, finally, for peace of mind.

"I think it's long overdue," Helen Turman Baum said minutes after the execution about 7 a.m. at the Florida State Prison. "He did it to himself."

Among 1,600 telephone calls Monday, the majority protesting, was one from Jackson. Nobel Peace Prize winner Sakharov and Amnesty International also called for a halt to the execution.

### Orr says she won't be Republican running mate

OMAHA — Gov. Kay Orr says if the Republican presidential nominee asks her to be his running mate, she will refuse.

"Give me credit for being a smart lady," she said Monday after speaking to an honor roll program at Northwest High School. "I'm going to stay here in Nebraska, where I enjoy living."

U.S. Rep. Jack Kemp, R-NY, who dropped out of the presidential race last week, said in February that he would have considered Mrs. Orr as his running mate.

Asked by the Omaha World-Herald if she would refuse the second spot on the 1988 GOP ticket if asked by either George Bush or Bob Dole, Mrs. Orr said, "That's right, plain and simple."

### Karnes reprimands staffer who met with Arafat

OMAHA — U.S. Sen. David Karnes said Tuesday that he had reprimanded a member of his staff who met with Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat.

Baker Spring, a foreign policy assistant for the Nebraska Republican, met with Arafat in Baghdad during a trip to Iraq in January. Karnes said he was not aware of the meeting before it occurred.

Spring and the others went to Iraq under the sponsorship of a private group, the National Council of U.S.-Arab Relations, and Karnes said he approved the eight-day trip because it "provided an opportunity for expanding trade with Iraq."

However, the meeting with Arafat was not on the agenda. Karnes said the meeting was arranged after the group already was in Iraq and that Spring had no opportunity to contact him.

## Bush rolls to victory in Illinois

CHICAGO — George Bush won a ringing victory Tuesday in the Illinois primary, but Sen. Bob Dole vowed, "we're staying in the race" for the Republican presidential nomination. Sen. Paul Simon led Jesse Jackson in the battle between Democratic favorite sons.

In the separate contest for convention delegates, Bush hoped to pad his seemingly insurmountable lead and Jackson bid to narrow the gap between himself and front-runner, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis.

The Simon-Jackson battle made third place worth winning to the rest

of the Democrats, and Dukakis bid to claim it over Sen. Albert Gore Jr. and Rep. Richard Gephardt.

CBS News, relying on polling-place interviews with the voters, said Simon would be the Democratic winner.

Simon was rated the slight favorite on the Democratic side as he sought a victory he said was essential to sustain his candidacy. He campaigned as the man to represent Illinois at the bargaining table of what he said would be a brokered Democratic National convention in Atlanta.

Returns from 12 percent of the

Illinois precincts showed Bush with 59 percent of the vote to 34 percent for Dole. Former television evangelist Pat Robertson was gaining slightly less than the 5 percent he said he needed to justify remaining in the race.

Democratic returns from 13 percent of the precincts showed Simon with 49 percent of the support. Dukakis had 23 percent to 19 percent for Jackson — but there seemed no question Jackson would finish at least second once the votes from the predominantly black precincts of Chicago were counted.

## Study finds loss of protecting ozone

WASHINGTON — High-altitude ozone, which protects humans from skin cancer, shows an unexplained thinning of about 2.3 percent since 1969 over mid-latitudes of the Northern hemisphere — an area that includes most of the United States, scientists said Tuesday.

The decline, which is at least twice as large in winter at high latitudes, was almost certainly the result of human use of ozone-destroying chemicals, the researchers said, in what is believed to be the most defini-

tive report on ozone concentrations to date.

Ozone, a pollutant at ground level, makes possible life on earth by blocking the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun at high altitudes. The Environmental Protection Agency has estimated that every 1 percent decline in ozone overhead means an eventual increase in skin cancer of 5 percent to 6 percent.

Satellite data from 1978 on are consistent with a similar shrinkage in

the Southern Hemisphere, according to the report of a panel assembled by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The satellite data show a similar unexplained decline in ozone around the middle of the globe in both hemispheres of about 0.5 percent to 1.8 percent from 1978 to 1987. The actual decline is larger, about 2.5 percent, but most of it results from variations in the output of the sun, the panel said.

## Differences not bridged in peace plan

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State George P. Shultz said Tuesday he was unable to bridge differences with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir over a U.S. plan for opening Mideast peace negotiations by May 1.

But he called the first of three days of talks with Shamir constructive and said "we feel encouraged to continue our efforts to work with Israel and others in the Middle East."

Shamir underscored one of the main differences. He said that in Israel's view, the Middle East peace conference Shultz wants to convene

next month to set the stage for negotiations could not play "any positive role."

President Reagan sought, meanwhile, to reassure Shamir he would not be put under U.S. pressure to agree to any particular solution to Israel's 40-year dispute with the Arabs.

But Reagan stressed that "making progress toward peace in the Middle East not only serves mutual interests, it is urgent."

In a speech to the United Jewish Appeal, the president said he would

tell Shamir at the White House on Wednesday that "peace will not be imposed by us or anyone else."

"We haven't found our way to bridge all of the differences," Shultz said. "I see quite clearly what the nature of the differences are and what they aren't."

Shultz did not offer any details, but Shamir restated his opposition to an international forum that would include the Soviet Union and China, which do not have diplomatic relations with Israel and usually support Arab positions.

## Correction

In an editorial (DN, Mar. 15), it stated incorrectly that various advisory boards, the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Association are allocated student fees. The DN regrets the error.

## First black archbishop named

ATLANTA — Bishop Eugene A. Marino, named Tuesday as the first black Roman Catholic archbishop in the United States, said his appointment as head of the Atlanta archdiocese is "a great sign of hope to all our people."

The appointment by Pope John Paul II comes more than two years after Marino and other black bishops wrote a pastoral letter calling on the church to increase the number of blacks in official positions.

"The church has spoken but has the church listened to itself?" said the letter, suggesting that in the absence of a major appointment such as a black archbishop in a big city, "the church's commitment to black leadership may be seen a half-hearted and superficial."

The Atlanta archdiocese has only 10,000 blacks among its 156,000

## Gorbachev visits Yugoslavian plant

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Mikhail Gorbachev on Tuesday toured a factory that exports industrial robots to the United States and the Soviet Union, and he met with workers who run the plant under Yugoslavia's local-management system.

The reform-minded Soviet leader is on a five-day visit to Yugoslavia, getting his first look at this independent Communist country's less centralized economy.

Soviet officials said Gorbachev was "very satisfied" with his first two days of talks with Yugoslav leaders and seeks ways of developing closer relations with the country Moscow once denounced for "revisionist" policies.

President Josip Broz Tito broke with Josef Stalin in 1948, defying the

Catholics. Of 52 million Catholics nationwide, 1.3 million are black.

Marino said he could see in his appointment "a sign of hope to all men and women of good will that the church recognizes its wealth within its own ranks . . ."

"I think that this appointment is a sign of hope to all minorities that the church in general" and the pope in particular are sensitive to the needs of blacks, Marino told reporters.

Marino, 53, is one of 12 black bishops in the United States and has served as an auxiliary bishop in the Washington, D.C., archdiocese since 1974. In 1985, he was elected secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, the first black to hold an office in the organization. He is a member of the Society of St. Joseph, formed in the late 1800's to work in the black community.



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## Shelter found in freezer

NORTH PLATTE — A North Platte woman found shelter from a blinding snowstorm and frigid temperatures by crawling into an abandoned freezer, authorities said.

Sue Hettinger, 52, suffered from exposure and bruised her fingers trying to escape from the freezer, where she apparently spent the whole weekend. She was listed in stable condition Tuesday at Great Plains Regional Medical Center, a spokeswoman said.

Mrs. Hettinger, dressed in a down-filled coat and other winter clothing, left her home Friday morning to go for a walk, her husband, Henry, said Monday.

She apparently was disoriented when she set off into the near-blizzard conditions Friday, authorities said.

When she hadn't turned up by early Friday afternoon, Hettinger reported his wife missing.

Searchers combed the area over the weekend, but they began to expect the worst, said Chief District 9 Probation Officer Dave Wegner, one of the searchers.

A Union Pacific worker heard someone yelling for help and saw a hand sticking out of an old commercial-style chest freezer Monday morning.

"Apparently she had gotten in the freezer to get out of the weather and the door had blown shut and she remained there until she was discovered this morning," said Police Lt. Rick Ryan.

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