

Bush, Gorbachev plan shipboard summit

WASHINGTON -- President George Bush announced Tuesday he will hold a shipboard summit in the Mediterranean with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev Dec. 2 and 3 "to put up our feet and talk" informally prior to a full-blown superpower meeting next year.

Bush described the weekend meeting as an open-ended discussion with no fixed agenda. He said neither he nor Gorbachev "anticipate that substantial decisions or agreements will emerge" on arms control or other matters.

The talks will take place on U.S. and Soviet naval ships on alternate days. The precise location was not announced, but a site off Italy appeared likely since Gorbachev is to visit there from Nov. 29 to Dec. 1.

Bush acknowledged he originally had opposed the concept of a get-acquainted meeting, favoring instead a well-planned meeting with assurances of concrete results.

However, he decided that with dramatic democratic changes sweeping across Eastern Europe, the leaders of the two superpowers "should deepen our understanding" of each other.

"I don't want to have two gigantic ships pass in the night because of failed communication," Bush said. "I just didn't want to -- in this time of dynamic change -- miss something, something that I might get better firsthand from Mr. Gorbachev."

The president said he expected "a lot of

discussion" about Eastern Europe.

The summit was jointly announced in Washington and in Moscow, where Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said the talks between the two leaders were "aimed at allowing them to know each other better" and would "contribute to broadening the changes taking place in the Soviet-American relationship."

Shevardnadze said the meeting "should be regarded as the most important stage in preparing negotiations which will take place during the official state visit by Mikhail Gorbachev" to the United States next year.

Much of the planning appeared still to be done.

White House chief of staff John Sununu, asked what country Bush would use as the staging area for the talks, said, "We don't know yet."

Officials also said they did not know which ships would be used or whether first ladies Barbara Bush and Raisa Gorbachev would accompany their husbands.

Bush said he decided to meet on a ship so "we can do it without too much fanfare . . . where there's a relatively few number of people, not a lot of crush of bodies out there and a chance to put our feet up and talk. . . . I think it's easy logistically for both sides."

It will not be the first shipboard summit.

Minimum wage hike agreed upon for House vote today

WASHINGTON -- The White House and congressional leaders Tuesday agreed to raise the minimum wage to \$4.25 an hour by April 1991, ending a lengthy political stalemate and clearing the way for the first boost in the base wage since 1981.

Both sides made significant concessions to reach the deal, which for the first time would create a subminimum wage for teen-agers with little or no job experience.

The compromise was struck between White House chief of staff John Sununu and House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash. Other lawmakers who have in the past been involved in the issue agreed to it, although some complained of being kept out of the discussions.

The compromise measure is to be put to a House vote today. Senate approval likely would follow rapidly.

"No side will get the victory for this," said Rep. Augustus Hawkins, D-Calif., chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee. Hawkins, the House author of a \$4.55 minimum-wage bill President George Bush vetoed earlier this year, said he was not involved in the talks that led to the deal.

Rep. Austin Murphy, D-Pa., author of the latest Democratic proposal, said he would reluctantly support the compromise.

"I think we could have done a little better if we'd held their feet to the fire," he said.

The deal was reached even as Bush told a morning news conference he would again veto the Democratic bill if it was not changed to meet his standards.

But a short time later, the compromise was presented to the House Rules Committee as a bipartisan substitute for the Murphy bill set for debate in the House today. The agreement ends a nearly nine-year fight by the Democratic congressional leadership and organized labor against the Reagan administration and now the Bush administration.



Andy Manhart/Daily Nebraskan

Arizonan carves elaborate eggs

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. -- At the turn of the century, Karl Faberge created treasured art by adorning eggs with jewels, gold and fine fabrics for the Russian czars. Bob Hoke of Scottsdale has taken the art of the egg to a new level.

Hoke carves the surface of ostrich eggs and eggs of other large birds with high-speed dental equipment, creating detailed images surrounded by swirls, flowers and other background decoration.

The finished product on the eggs, some with shells only one-sixteenth of an inch thick, resembles porcelain, with detailing similar to that found in some ivory carvings.

"As far as I know I am the first one to do this," Hoke says. "Faberge cut a doorway into the egg and would find ways to decorate it, but I know of no one who has used the egg to do relief work."

Hoke's work is receiving some recognition. He traded one egg with a family's coat of arms on it for a Jeep. Ripley's Believe It or Not bought two eggs last year for \$600 to place in its museums in the Virgin Islands and Grand Prairie,

Texas. Hoke also sent an egg to former President Ronald Reagan.

The highest price paid for one of Hoke's works so far is \$1,200 for a carved goose egg which was on display at the Valley National Bank Building in Phoenix last spring.

Jo Ann Johnson, concourse events coordinator for the Valley Bank Center, says Hoke's work "is part of a larger show that has been going on every Easter for nine years. Many of the eggs have ethnic designs, such as Polish art, or are painted. But on the other hand Bob carves his eggs with his own designs. I think his eggs are quite beautiful."

Hoke says one egg can take anywhere from 180 to 400 hours to complete, depending on the type and the design.

"I believe this is absolutely on par with the great masters in terms of hours spent on the actual art," he says. "When I take a blank egg shell, it's like a blank canvas, but it's so much more difficult to work with."

Hoke, 37, used to sell water

softeners. Now he delivers pizza. He says he "dropped out of life" about three years ago, around the time he bought some dental equipment with the idea of doing some etchings on glass or steel.

"I didn't really like working with all those micro-bits of glass, so I started playing around with eggs," says Hoke, who had once seen a goose egg with some basic flowers carved in it.

He began to work on goose eggs and then moved to rhea and ostrich eggs. Hoke buys the unfertilized eggs from the Phoenix Zoo.

"The bigger eggs are quite durable," he says. "You can actually stand on them."

Hoke's process of turning an egg into art begins when he cuts a hole in the bottom of an egg and drains it. He draws the design on the egg before beginning the tedious task of carving background designs and adding the detail relief work.

"Let's face it," he says, "we all come from eggs. In some cultures the egg is very spiritual. I take that meaning and add another meaning of my own and create unique art."

Two more bodies found in rubble of Interstate 880

SAN FRANCISCO -- Workers searching the twisted wreckage of Interstate 880 found the bodies of a woman and a man in separate vehicles, some two weeks after the earthquake, a police spokesman said Tuesday.

The body of Joyce Ann Mabry, 31, of Berkeley, Calif., was found around 7 p.m. Monday, said Alameda County Sheriff's Sgt. Jim Knudsen. Around 7 a.m. Tuesday, searchers found the body of James J. Flores, 39, of Rohnert Park, Knudsen said.

'We have no reason to believe there are any more bodies there.'

--Knudsen

"We're checking the vehicles for personal belongings," Knudsen said. "We have no reason to believe there are any more bodies there."

The discoveries raised the death toll in the quake's worst disaster to 41 and the overall number of people who died in the quake to 66.

Mabry was the mother of a 3-year-old boy and Flores had a teen-age child.

Those who survived the catastrophe struggled to recover from their injuries.

Cathy Scarpa, 37, remained hospitalized Tuesday with multiple fractures in both legs and a crushed hand suffered when her carpool van was smashed in the collapse of Interstate 880. Five of the University of California-San Francisco co-workers who were with Scarpa were killed in the van.

Jubilant residents shout victory

Israel takes down barricades

BEIT SAHOUR, Occupied West Bank -- The army took down the barricades around this Palestinian town Tuesday, ending 42 days of seizing cars, furniture and other goods to crush a tax boycott. Jubilant residents took to the streets to shout victory.

Buts hundreds of townspeople waved "V" signs and sang, military authorities said they had succeeded in breaking the revolt, seizing the equivalent of more than \$1.5 million to make up for unpaid taxes.

"We are always collecting taxes. We have always collected taxes. We are the authorities," said Brig. Gen. Shaikhe Erez, head of the West Bank military government.

Hanan Banura, a 25-year-old mother of two whose husband is in jail for refusing to pay taxes, said the town's defiance strengthened the 22-

month-old Palestinian uprising against occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"We won something here," she said. "We did what we wanted to do, not what they wanted."

The bulldozers that pushed away the earthen mound blocking off the Christian Arab town of 10,000 people ended Beit Sahour's unlikely role as a symbol of the revolt against occupation.

It is a town of large, prosperous-looking homes of sun-bleached stone located down steep, winding roads from Bethlehem. Until recently its middle-class residents were derided as "rich revolutionaries" by poor Palestinians in refugee camps who fought Israelis with stones and fire-bombs.

Of the more than 600 Palestinians killed in clashes with soldiers or ci-

vilians in the uprising, only one died in Beit Sahour.

But Beit Sahour, known mostly for the fields where shepherds first learned of Christ's birth, kept up the boycott of Israeli taxes ordered by the PLO-backed leaders of the uprising long after most other Palestinians gave in to Israeli pressure.

Much to Israel's consternation, the tax revolt has gotten as much publicity as the uprising's persistent violence. Journalists who sneaked into Beit Sahour described refrigerators, rugs, cars, televisions and all manner of goods being hauled away.

On one side, townspeople complained against "taxation without representation." On the other, Israel claimed it was seizing goods only to collect taxes to support schools, roads and other services.

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