

Arms treaty summit scheduled

Bush grants aid to Soviets

WASHINGTON - President Bush said Wednesday he and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev will meet Feb. 11-13 in Moscow for a summit at which they hope to sign a long-awaited treaty reducing their nuclear arsenals.

In a more immediate gesture of friendship with a former foe, Bush also announced up to \$1 billion in agricultural credits and other economic assistance to help the Soviets through a winter of "tough times."

Although both sides had talked about a superpower summit in Moscow in early 1991, Bush's announcement was the first official word.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III, standing with Bush and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze at the White House, made it clear that technical problems still

remain to be resolved on the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty to reduce long-range nuclear weapons.

But Bush said, "I'm pleased with the great progress we've made on START and hopeful that we'll be ready to sign a treaty" at the Moscow summit.

In the meantime, the president said he was waiving, through June 1991, longstanding trade restrictions against the Soviet Union, enabling the Soviets to buy U.S. food on credit. Baker said the program would cover from \$500 million to \$1 billion in food shipments.

At the same time, the president said he was sending technical and medical assistance to help the Soviet Union "cope with immediate shortages."

He also said he was calling on the World Bank and its sister agency, the International Monetary Fund, "to give the U.S.S.R. access to its considerable financial expertise."

"The Soviet Union is facing tough times, difficult times. But I believe that this is good reason to act now in order to help the Soviet Union stay the course of democratization and to undertake market reforms," Bush said.

In temporarily waiving the Jackson-Vanik trade restrictions, the president opened Soviet access to U.S. credit to help it buy the food it needs to offset severe shortages.

He stopped short of recommending that the Soviet Union also be granted most-favored-nation trade status, but hinted that a complete normalization of trade might come later.

Rush-hour trains crash under streets of Boston

BOSTON - An Amtrak train derailed and slammed into a rush-hour commuter train Wednesday, injuring 264 passengers in an underground crash so violent it jolted cars into the tunnel ceiling and buckled the road above.

"All the lights went out, people started screaming, the place was filled with smoke, a few people were trapped under seats," said Chris Good, a passenger on the suburban Stoughton Line train.

About 1,500 gallons of diesel fuel spilled and ignited after the impact, sending a dense smoke into the cars that passenger Joe Povoas said "you could grind with your teeth, you could spit it out."

Many passengers, dazed and covered with soot, wandered out of the station, some crying, many assisted by emergency personnel.

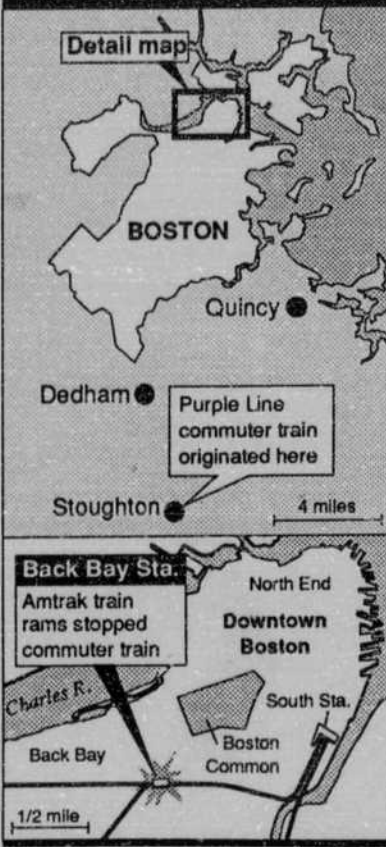
One elderly woman, her face black with soot and wearing no shoes, asked police: "Where's my luggage? Where are my shoes?"

Ten people were in critical condition, including the engineer of Amtrak's Night Owl train from Washington, D.C., said Jon Fasana, director of the city's emergency services.

Overall, 264 people, including four rescue workers, were hurt, said Thomas Glynn, general manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. The injured passengers were among 190 aboard the Amtrak train and about 900 on the commuter train. They suffered from cuts and bruises, smoke inhalation, broken bones and head injuries.

An Amtrak trainee was in the locomotive with a regular engineer, said Dawn Soper, an Amtrak spokeswoman. She said the unidentified trainee suffered a broken back, broken collar bone and facial injuries. She did not know if the apprentice was running

Train Collision in Boston



Albanians cheer non-Communist party

VIENNA, Austria - Thousands of Albanians chanting "Democracy, democracy" on Wednesday hailed the foundation of the tiny Stalinist country's first non-Communist political party.

Albanians reached by telephone said thousands of people surged into University Square in Tirana, Albania's capital, to support students who won unprecedented concessions from the Communist leadership in several days of protests.

The developments appeared to herald the end of one-party rule not only in the Balkan nation, but in all of Europe. Albania, a country of just over 3 million, has been the last on

the continent to cling to one-party Communist rule.

President Ramiz Alia addressed the nation late Wednesday and asked for calm.

He called on "the political and patriotic conscience of you all to avoid mistakes which could have consequences for the entire country." His taped radio message was monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp. in London.

Alia and his Communist leadership declared Tuesday that they would allow formation of non-Communist parties in Albania, which was isolated for decades by its hard-line rul-

ers.

The crowds cheered wildly Wednesday as students and others announced formation of the Democratic Party of Albania, according to a Tirana engineer reached by telephone from Vienna.

Zamira Koleze, a reporter for Albania's official radio, said students would try to register the party today at the Ministry of Justice.

The huge peaceful crowd chanted "Democracy, democracy," "We want Albania to be like Europe" and "We want democratic Albania," the engineer said. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

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