



## News... in a Minute

### McFarlane's memoir asserts plot

WASHINGTON—Former national security adviser Robert McFarlane says an Israeli official proposed assassinating Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini in mid-1985, a period when the Reagan administration made the fateful decision to engage in arms-for-hostages deals with Iran.

In a new book, McFarlane asserts that David Kimche, the director general of the Israeli foreign ministry, urged that Khomeini be killed, as part of a plan to have more moderate forces take control in Iran.

"We cannot engage with you in an enterprise in which anyone's purpose is to assassinate the Ayatollah," McFarlane says he told Kimche. McFarlane writes of the meeting in his newly released memoirs, "Special Trust."

Kimche has denied McFarlane's assertion, telling CBS' "60 Minutes" that the subject of killing the Ayatollah "never came up" in the July 1985 discussion at the White House.

### Pope pushes peace

ZAGREB, Croatia—A frail but determined Pope John Paul II pushed ahead Sunday on his pilgrimage of reconciliation to the former Yugoslavia, urging Croatians to make peace with Muslims and Serbs.

A crowd of at least 800,000 people turned out for an open-air Mass at a race track in Zagreb, capital of predominantly Roman Catholic Croatia, and the only stop on what the pope had planned as a wider tour to help heal the wounds of three years of bloodshed in former Yugoslavia.

He repeated a promise to visit Sarajevo "as soon as circumstances allow."

### Dinosaurs to rise again

NEW YORK—Director-producer Steven Spielberg plans a sequel to "Jurassic Park," one of the biggest box-office successes of all time, but fans will have to wait more than two years, Forbes reported Sunday.

The magazine made the disclosure in its Sept. 27 issue cover story about the Top 40 best-paid entertainers, which Spielberg led with estimated 1993-94 gross earnings of \$335 million.

Forbes said the dinosaurs-come-back-to-life thriller was a major contributor to Spielberg's wealth, grossing \$900 million at the box office. Sales of Jurassic Park-related merchandise generated an additional \$1 billion.

### Astronauts test shuttle steering

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.—Discovery's astronauts fired their steering jets Sunday at the longest boom ever extended from a space shuttle, an eight-story-tall arm used to measure damage from engine exhaust.

"It's an awesome sight," astronaut Susan Helms said of the 82-foot boom suspended over the shuttle cargo bay.

Instruments at the end of the boom measured the pressure and heat of the jet exhaust as well as contaminants, any of which could ruin solar panels, radiators and other large structures on a space station.

The first shuttle-station docking is scheduled for next May, when Atlantis flies to Russia's Mir. Shuttles also would have to dock frequently with an international space station that's supposed to be built in orbit beginning in 1997.

Discovery's nine-day mission is due to end next Sunday. NASA will add a 10th day for science purposes if power permits.

### Cuban exodus halted

HAVANA—The ranks of boat people fleeing Cuba dwindled Sunday as police banned the building of homemade rafts and prepared to halt the exodus altogether.

"We're lucky, we're the last," said Maria Rodriguez, munching bread while her fellow rafters hauled their vessel of inner tubes and welded metal into the surf.

Cuba and the United States settled their differences last week over the thousands of Cubans who have fled hunger and poverty in their Communist country this year.

Under the deal reached Friday, the U.S. administration will admit at least 20,000 Cubans a year. In return, Cuba promised to halt the flight of boat people and gave rafters until Tuesday to remove their crafts from the beach.

Rodriguez said she was leaving with 14 other people, including her 18-year-old son. She has not seen her husband since he fled Cuba in 1980 and took up residence in Puerto Rico, although they still talk on the telephone.

## Clues discovered in wreckage

PITTSBURGH—Investigators are checking whether the right engine of a USAir jet suddenly went into reverse and caused the crash that killed 132 people, a safety official said Saturday night.

The Boeing 737 dropped rapidly from 6,000 feet and crashed Thursday night in a thick forest six miles short of Pittsburgh International Airport.

On Saturday, one of six thrust reverser activators on the right engine was found to have deployed—a possible indication of why the pilots lost control of the plane, National Transportation Safety Board member Carl Vogt said.

A pilot uses thrust reversers to slow the plane during landings. They can only be deployed by the pilot, Vogt said.

"If a thrust reverser deploys in the air—this has happened on one aircraft several years ago, and resulted in an accident—it can have catastrophic consequences," Vogt said at a news conference. "Any evidence that there was a deployed thrust reverser in flight demands serious attention."

"In layman's terms, if you are flying along with two engines and both are going forward and one of them suddenly reverses—if it were uncontained,

you would lose control of the aircraft," he said.

A Boeing 737 has 12 thrust reversers. The activator in question was found with five others; four of which were not deployed and one with a status that could not be determined. Investigators will continue to search for the other activators.

Investigators also found the rudder on the plane's tail was turned 4 to 8 degrees to the right, Vogt said. They are trying to determine if that turn occurred before or after the crash.

A United Airlines 737 that crashed nose-first in Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1991 appeared to have problems with its rudder, although the exact cause of that crash has not been determined. All 25 people aboard were killed.

The Colorado Springs crash prompted the Federal Aviation Administration to order tests on all Boeing 737 rudder controls. The Boeing 737 that crashed Thursday had been checked several times since then and no problems with its rudder were found.

A speedometer in the cockpit indicated the plane was traveling at about 303 mph when it hit the ground, Vogt said.

Witnesses who saw the plane in the

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air said it rolled over on its belly to the left and went down nose first. Vogt said one witness reported seeing the plane go down in a corkscrew pattern.

A group of witnesses at a nearby auto dealership reported hearing a surging noise of thrust, followed by silence and then a whining noise as the aircraft fell, Vogt said. One witness saw a puff of smoke, he said.

## Christopher: invasion in 'nation's interest'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Warren Christopher stressed Sunday that U.S. credibility is at stake in restoring democracy in Haiti, and that President Clinton is moving ahead with military plans despite the current opposition of most Americans and members of Congress to sending U.S. forces into Haiti.

"Sometimes a president has a responsibility. He has to do what is in the nation's interest," Christopher said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Christopher and U.N. Ambassador Madeleine Albright made clear, again, the administration's message that it has run out of patience with the military leaders who ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide from power in a September 1991 coup.

"Their days are numbered," Albright said on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley."

But there appeared some discrepancy over whether Gen. Raoul Cedras and other top officials would have to leave Haiti before the United States would call off its invasion plans.

The restored democracy could deal

with Cedras if he stays, Christopher said. "The important thing is not what he does next, it is that he steps down, relinquishes control of the government to the constitutional powers, as he should."

Albright, however, said Cedras and his associates "have to leave. That has been made very clear. We have delivered the message."

Christopher also strongly denied that the administration hoped to make political gains by staging an invasion shortly before the November congressional elections. "Let me tell you that those charges are just pure baloney. There is just no partisanship in this situation."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a leading critic of the proposed use of U.S. force in Haiti, said he agreed that Clinton would not launch an invasion for political reasons.

But he warned that Christopher's prediction that most U.S. forces would be replaced by a U.N. peacekeeping force within a few months were overly optimistic. "I believe that Cedras and his people would melt into the population. We would see popular uprising

and the kinds of scenarios that we saw between 1915 and 1934," when U.S. troops occupied Haiti, McCain said.

"He had better not do it (invade) without some assurance that he'll receive the backing of Congress and the American people. Otherwise, over time, we will find that confidence eroded and perhaps a very embarrassing withdrawal."

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., appearing on CBS' "Face the Nation" said the Republicans will offer amendments in the coming weeks challenging Clinton's authority to use military force. "The president would lose because he has not made the case" for invasion, Dole said.

Christopher and Albright confirmed that several countries outside the hemisphere, including Belgium, the Netherlands and Israel, have agreed to join a U.N. peacekeeping force that will move into Haiti after U.S.-dominated forces restore democracy.

He said the U.N. peacekeepers, to be comprised mainly of non-Americans, could be out by early 1996, following presidential elections at the end of 1995.

## You Can't Drink to Your Baby's Health!

Alcohol can have a bad influence. Especially on an unborn baby. The Arc, a national organization on mental retardation, warns that drinking alcohol during pregnancy may cause birth defects.

You wouldn't put alcohol in your baby's bottle. Why put it in your unborn baby?

For more information on how you can help prevent mental retardation, call your local chapter of The Arc.

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