World

Soviets offer new SALT proposal — The Soviets recently advanced a new strategic arms limitations plan which apparently is more reasonable to the US. Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko has dropped insistence on range limitation on the US air-launched cruise missile — which he refused before — but continued to urge acceptance of the Backfire bomber. It is hoped that this and remaining issues can be settled this weekend when US Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Gromyko meet in six weeks, accord can be achieved.

Karpov wins world chess title match — Soviet grandmaster Anatoly Karpov, 27, emerged as the champion from a three-month title match against the Soviet defector, 47-year-old Viktor Korchnoi. Korchnoi, who complained of psychological trickery, resigned after the 32nd game. Both Keczhnol, a resident of Switzerland, and Karpov, winner of the match and of $400,000, are scheduled to play soon at the chess olympiad in Buenos Aires.

Nation

Federal government to pay for Maine Indian claims — The Federal government, not the state of Maine, will pay $27 million to the Maine Indian tribes — the Penobscot and the Passamaquaddy — as well as 40,000 hectares of land worth $10,000,000. Agreement was finally reached after the 10-year-old land claims on almost 3 million hectares of land and $12 billion in retributions was settled last Wednesday.

Local

King lead over Hatch decreasing. — With 18 days left until the election, Democrat Edward King has a substantially lower margin over the other major contender, Republican Francis Hatch Jr. In the Clark poll taken earlier this week, of those who were "highly likely" to vote, King had a 40% to 39% lead with 21% undecided. This sharply contrasts the polls taken three weeks before, where King was ahead by 25%-32%.

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