World

Poland asks US for economic aid. — A request for $3 billion in emergency assistance faces probable denial by the Administration, despite chances of a Soviet invasion of the economically-crippled nationing a short-term relief measure, have been proposed, though it is unclear how the Soviet Union will react to any of the proposed plans.

Nation

Democrats block tax cut. — Despite pledge to cooperate with Republican leaders, Senate Democrats pressed for a budget revision and blocked Republican tax-cut proposals. The proposals were rejected by the House Ways and Means Committee and opposed by President Carter.

Stock markets soar to reflect "Reagan rally." — The Dow Jones Industrial Average jumped 20.90 points to 964.93 Wednesday, the largest gain in more than six months. Reagan's policies of boosting business and defense spending and the belief that interest rates may soon peak may have influenced the high volumes of trade, especially in defense and energy stocks.

Alaskan lands bill approved. — Congress passed legislation mandating conservation of over 104 million acres of land in Alaska this week. One of the most critical environmental bills adopted by Congress, the final legislation sets aside 63.8 million acres for national wildfife refuges, and details zoning restrictions for the federally-owned land. Environmentalists had to settle for a compromised final version.

Local

BB&N fined $706,000. — Bolt, Beranek and Newman, the locally-based research firm, was fined in US District Court for overcharging the federal government on contracts from 1972 to 1978. BB&N pleaded guilty to the charge, although company president Stephen Levy said, after the ruling, that "all costs charged by BB&N to the government were actually incurred" and the firm wanted to "end the controversy" by pleading guilty. One of the overcharges resulted from BB&N's hiring to analyze the 18-paragraph gap on one Watergate tape.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today with scattered showers. Southwesterly winds this morning will shift to the northwest during the day. Highs will be 47-51. For tonight, continuing cloudiness with a few showers. Lows in the upper 30's. A slow clearing may then begin, and Saturday should be partly sunny. Highs in the mid to upper 40's with light northwesterly winds. Chance of rain 60 percent today, 30 percent tomorrow.

Former hurricane Jeanne, now a tropical storm, is expected to reach the northern Texas coast today. Highest winds are about 70 mph near a rather disorganized center.

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