news roundup

World
Wildlife endangered in Africa — 1000 tons of DDT is used each year in Zimbabwe. Dangerously high levels of DDT have been found in the area's dairy products, beef, and corn. Meanwhile, in Zambia, the Wildlife Conservation Society released a statement, "The situation is so critical that... many wild species of both plants and animals may be extinct before the end of this century" due to poaching.

Nation
Nancy Reagan deplores adolescent drug abuse — In a Wednesday visit to Phoenix House, the nation's largest drug rehabilitation center, Reagan criticized movies and television shows that he contended glamorized alcohol and drug use. Reagan also lambasted public officials for failing to provide positive role models. "If we don't do something, it seems to me we're going to lose a whole generation. It's the future of our country. I think it's the most serious problem. Their brains are going to be mush."

Senate Budget Committee chairman predicts budget deficit — Senator Peter V. Domenici (R-NM) claimed, "A balanced budget is going to be very difficult to achieve in 1984." According to Domenici, without additional budget cuts or new revenue measures, the deficit would grow to more than $60 billion for the current fiscal year, and $70 billion in the fiscal years 1983 and 1984.

In recession — The Commerce Department reported that the gross national product has declined at an annual rate of 0.6 percent in the third quarter. Officials expect it to continue dropping during the current quarter. President Reagan and his advisors have agreed that the economy has entered a slight recession. Prices during the last quarter rose at an annual rate of 9.2 percent.

Reagan clarifies nuclear policy — President Reagan declared that any rumors of plans for the United States fighting a nuclear war with the Soviet Union is an "outrageous deception." The President added, "It is a nuclear war, all mankind would lose."

Tobacco support program to continue — The House of Representatives decided to continue to set price supports and allocate acreage for tobacco growers. Last week, the House killed similar measures for sugar crops to handle payrolls, inventories, and similar items.

IBM introduces new computer — The 1981 model group K, 40 percent faster than the first model, was recently placed on the market by The International Business Machines Corporation. The new computer costs $4.3 million and has been manufactured to serve as a central computer for banks and government agencies to handle payrolls, inventories, and similar items.

General Motors replaces carburetor — Beginning in 1982 with the 150 cid, four cylinder engine, GM will introduce a "throttle body injector." It is not a carburetor or a fuel injection system, but a mixture of the two. Controlled by the same electronics which control spark timing, the new system delivers measured squirts of fuel to the engine, meanwhile adding two miles per gallon to fuel efficiency. According to a Pontiac engineer, the engine contains a memory circuit, "It checks things and then remembers what it had to do the last time at those conditions."

White House drafts proposal to tighten Freedom of Information Act provisions — In a 31 page draft proposal, the Reagan Administration has outlined provisions which would make it much easier for Federal officials to classify information so that public access to it would be much more limited. Although the proposal is undergoing a preliminary review by 35 executive agencies, opposition already has arisen.

Sports
Yankees 3, Dodgers 0 — The Yankees won the second game of the World Series on Wednesday night upsetting their lead to two games. The third game will be played this evening in Los Angeles.

Weather
Cloudy today with rain breaking out this afternoon. High temperatures in the low 60's. Rain tonight, heavy at times, with shifting winds and turning colder by morning. Lows near 48. Rain or showers continuing Saturday with colder temperatures and strong NW winds. Northern and western suburbs have a chance of snow flurries during the day with high temperatures in town only in the 50's. Cold Saturday night with showers ending and lows near 39. Mostly sunny but cold on Sunday with highs in the low 50's.

James Franklin

MIT Campus Police Chief James Oliveri commented, "It's an open campus. We can control access to buildings with great difficulty... We cannot control a group of 300 to 1000 people that decided to come on campus."

Rich Schreuer of AWOL declared, "Plans for the rally are still going ahead. We have no intention of calling off those plans."

Schreuer continued, "We're going to be grouping across from the Massachusetts Avenue gate. The rally is scheduled to begin at 5:30pm on October 30. Stroud estimated that the demonstration might draw between 500 and 1000 protesters.

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