European nuclear weapon talks open - Soviet-American talks on limiting nuclear weapons in Europe opened yesterday in Geneva. Both Soviet Premier Leonid Brezhnev and President Regan have called for reductions in theater nuclear weapons. State Department officials expect that the conference will first try to decide what weapons to include in the negotiations.

Dozens die in Syrian blast - Sixty-four people died on Sunday when a car packed with explosives blew up outside a school in Damascus. Walls and windows of local apartments were torn away by the blast. The ruling Baath Socialist Party blamed the outlawed Modern Brotherhood group, while the "Front for the Liberation of Lebanon From Ussurpers" has claimed responsibility for the explosion.

South Pole drug bust - New Zealand customs officials have confiscated and opened mail bound for American research stations in Antarctica, claiming they found package containing marijuana and other drugs. News of the bust has depressed morale among the Americans on the South Pole. National Science Foundation officials threatened to move operations to Australia, but the State Department has told Americans to cooperate with the searches.

Polish students on strike - About 500,000 students went on strike last week in Poland to protest the appointment of a rector at an engineering college in Radom. About half of Poland's colleges and universities were affected by the strike. The striking students claimed that the rector was appointed in violation of principles the government agreed to after student protests last winter.

The spy who loved her - Edward Scott, a retired British diplomat, admitted that he loved his lover for an embryonic ate years in Yugoslavia with Czechoslovak agents. Scott was the second-ranking British diplomatist in Prague from 1936 to 1938. Scott denied being a spy, claiming that he approached the foreign agents in an attempt to get his lover out of Czechoslovakia.

Allen takes a leave - Richard V. Allen, the White House national security adviser, will take a paid leave from his job while the Justice Department investigates his receipt of $1000 from Czechoslovak agents. Scott received the cash. He has claimed that he did "nothing wrong," but did use "false judgements" in not immediately reporting that he received the cash.

We need students to sponsor our summer cottages! - Screams the Youth Group here. For information and application forms, call Julie 1-800-368-2006.

The Ball will coincide with a weekend of events being planned around the Dedication of the new Athletics Center, to which the MIT community is invited. The dedication itself will be held in the Ice Rink starting at 3:00 pm on Friday, December 4. That will be followed immediately by a Reception in the Poyer of the Athletics Center.

At 5:00 pm on Friday, there will be an exhibition of figure skating in the Ice Rink. Starting at 1:00 pm on Saturday, December 5, there will be a gala of intercollegiate athletic events presented by track and field, basketball, wrestling, and ice hockey teams.

The President and the Provost's Ball honoring the Academic Deans will be the culmination of the weekend. Tickets for the Ball may be obtained in the Information Center, Room 7-121, Extension 3-4795, beginning November 21.

We hope you will be able to join us at the weekend events, and we look forward particularly to seeing you at the Ball.

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