

news roundup

World

Brezhnev calls for arms reduction — Soviet Communist Party Chairman Leonid I. Brezhnev Wednesday proposed a two thirds cut in both American and Soviet medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe by 1990. Brezhnev went on to claim that the "situation has not been so serious since World War II" and that the United States was avoiding any kind of nuclear reduction talks.

United States not to send troops to El Salvador — The White House declared yesterday that the United States has no plans to send American troops to fight in El Salvador, despite the decaying position of the present government there. This announcement statement followed an earlier statement by Secretary of State Alexander Haig claiming that the US will do "whatever is necessary" to prevent the overthrow of Jose Napoleon Duarte's government.

Nation

Shoplifters go on spree — Three high school students in Wheeling, Illinois received a lesson in public apathy this week. The owner of a large department store paid the three to shoplift for three hours in front of his customers. Not surprisingly to the store owner, not a single person reported the would-be crooks.

JFK bugged White House — Recently a 29 page log with extensive documentation of tape recordings meetings in the White House during the administration of President John F. Kennedy was found in Boston's Kennedy Library. Beginning in July of 1962, President Kennedy made tapes of 325 meetings and 275 personal telephone conversations. The tapes seem to be mostly concerned with the events surrounding the Cuban Missile Crisis and may provide much historical insight. It is believed that all of the tapes were made without the knowledge of those recorded.

Representatives vote for no work — Yesterday, the House of Representatives set an official meeting for 3pm on Wednesday with an agenda of "no legislative business is scheduled." The IRS ruled recently that Congressman can take a \$75 deduction on all days on the year unless Congress has been adjourned for 5 days or more. Because Congress was not in session on Thursday or Friday, this ruling was the only loophole through which the representatives could get their tax deduction for the week.

Judge cracks down on senior citizen gamblers — Eight retired men playing cards for nickels and dimes were recently fined \$75 and put on 30 days of probation. According to their lawyers, the men were mostly disabled and the poker games were their major source of social interaction. The men were arrested November 4th by Florida vice squad officers.

Local

MBTA to consider cuts in fares — Due to declining subway ridership, the MBTA has proposed a reduction in rapid transit fares from 75 to 60 cents. The MBTA Advisory Board has approved a new supplementary increase of \$16 to \$20 million, as well. The MBTA is also considering several service improvements, including the extension of Sunday service to 1AM, contingent upon the proposed budget increase.

Locke still confident — Less than one day after being convicted of conspiracy to commit bribery and larceny, Barry M. Locke, former State Transportation Secretary and former Chairman of the MBTA Board of Directors, is still insists he is innocent. Locke is to be sentenced on February 17. **Howard Trachtman**

Weather

Some sunshine this morning will give way to increasing cloudiness during the day. Winds will be light out of the northeast and temperatures will be in the middle 30's. Rain along the coast and freezing rain inland will begin late in the evening tonight, as temperatures remain in the 30's. Light rain is likely to continue much of the day on Saturday until late when clearing will begin and temperatures start to fall. Overnight lows Saturday will be near 20. Mostly sunny, windy and cold Sunday with highs near 30.

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