World

Human rights conditions worsen — The Reagan Administration reported to Congress that the situation in Central America and several African nations is worsening, but claimed "there was a downward trend in political violence" in El Salvador. The Administration also criticized Soviet involvement in Afghanistan and Poland.

Weinberger blasts Soviets, urges trade restrictions — Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger accused the USSR of violating biological weapons treaties. His annual report to Congress recommended curbs on the trade, credit, and technology that "help preserve the Soviet Union as a totalitarian dictatorship." These comments were made as justification for Weinberger's proposed $1.6 trillion, five-year military buildup.

French Communists support Soviets — The French Communist Party reaffirmed its support of the Soviet Union and the military crackdown in Poland as its annual congress. Georges Marchais, the party's leader, was elected secretary-general.

Haig refuses to rule out force in Caribbean — Secretary of State Alexander Haig refused Friday to rule out the use of military force in the Caribbean, and denied the existence of parallels between the growing US involvement in El Salvador and the American entry into the Vietnam conflict.

Polish primates terms Poland "sick" — Archbishop Josef Glemp, Roman Catholic primate of Poland said in a sermon Sunday that Poland is sick, that Poles are overcome by anger, and that Solidarity should be included in his talks with Pope John Paul II about the situation in Poland.

Deng reported to be taking it easy — Deng Xiaoping is reported to be retiring from day-to-day bureaucratic work, but retaining decision-making control over important matters. Western analysts differed on the meaning of this move.

Nation

Reagan proposes 1983 budget — The Reagan Administration has released its budget proposals for fiscal year 1983, which include Reagan's "New Federalism," large cuts in education funding, and $13.6 billion more than this year for defense. If the Administration projected economic conditions hold true, this budget would result in a deficit of $91.5 billion.

Reagan campaigns in Midwest — President Reagan is campaigning in Minnesota, Iowa, and Indiana this week to gain support for his "New Federalism" and to raise funds for Republicans running for office this fall. Each of these states has a Republican governor and two Republican senators.

Medicaid abortions feared doomed — Supporters of the right to choose fear that President Reagan's decision to nationalize Medicaid as part of his New Federalism will lead to the end to government-financed abortion.

Former medic claims radiation exposure data faked — Van R. Brandon, a former Army medic, claimed he was ordered to enter false data to hide the fact that soldiers present at four atomic tests in 1956 and 1957 were exposed to dangerously high levels of radiation. Brandon said he was threatened with treason charges if he disclosed the information.

Local

Dukakis leads in delegate battle — Former Governor Michael Dukakis won about 65 percent of the gubernatorial delegates in Democratic caucus voting Sunday, according to unofficial results. Current Governor Ed King received only between 22 and 32 percent of the delegates, and Lieutenant Governor Thomas O'Neill garnered a mere 5 to 10 percent of the vote.

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