World

Argentine cruiser damaged by British torpedoes — The Argentine cruiser General Belgrano was severely damaged Sunday by torpedoes fired from a British submarine 230 miles southwest of the Falkland Islands. A British government statement said the Argentine cruiser "posed a significant threat" to the naval task force enforcing the British blockade of the South Atlantic islands. A peace plane drafted by US Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Peruvian President Fernando Torry was rejected yesterday by Argentina. The General Belgrano, formerly the USS Phoenix, was purchased by Argentina from the United States in 1951; it was the only US ship to survive the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. An Argentine submarine and patrol boat were damaged earlier by the British.

Militia disperses Polish protesters with tear gas, water — Riot police in Warsaw, Poland used tear gas and water cannons to disperse 15,000 Poles demonstrating in support of the independent trade union, Solidarity. Chants of "Down with the junta" and "Free Lech Walesa" were replaced by cries of "Gestapo" in the streets of the Polish capital as militiamen arrested demonstrators.

Reagan to sell arms to Jordan — President Ronald W. Reagan announced yesterday the planned sale of F-15C fighter planes and Stinger anti-aircraft missiles to Jordan. The sale will proceed unless Congress vetoes the plan.

Nation

Exxon quits synthetic fuel project — The Exxon Corporation is withdrawing from the Colony shale oil project in Colorado, the company announced Sunday. Exxon has a sixty percent share of the $5 billion project. Exxon's partner in the venture said it "cannot prudently" continue the project alone. Exxon blamed increasing costs for its action.

NASA budget 25 percent military — A report prepared for Senator William Proxmire (D-WI) by the General Accounting Office said about one-fourth the budget of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration supports military programs. NASA Administrator James M. Beggs will testify before the Senate Appropriations Committee Wednesday, and Proxmire indicated he will address the issue of increased militarization of space research at the expense of civilian science and technology.

World's Fair opens in Knoxville — 87,659 people attended the opening day of the 1982 World Fair at Knoxville, Tennessee, Saturday, but organizers were disappointed with Sunday's turnout of only about 30,000. Officials remain confident, however, that 11 million people will visit the $173 million fair before it closes in late October.

Marijuana arrest nets $9 million in pot — Four persons, including three from the Boston area, were arrested in Farmingdale, New York, Sunday as they were allegedly loading seven tons of marijuana into a truck. Police staked out the warehouse holding the marijuana for 24 hours before making the arrests.

Local

Gypsy moths hotline in place — Massachusetts Environmental Affairs Secretary John Bewick is expected to announce a new gypsy moth hotline to aid residents beginning this week. The moths are expected to destroy 1.5 million acres of trees in Massachusetts this year.

Sports

Lakers take Western Conference semifinals; Celtics, Sixers, Sonics lead series — The Los Angeles Lakers advanced to the Western Conference finals in the National Basketball Association playoffs. The Boston Celtics, Philadelphia Seventy-Sixers, and Seattle SuperSonics all hold 3-1 leads in their best-of-seven series.

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Governor orders more than 500,000 redwoods planted — Washington Governor John R. Spellman on Saturday ordered state agencies to plant more than 500,000 redwoods this year. The governor asked the state Department of Natural Resources to plan for planting one million acres of trees in Massachusetts this year.

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