World

Israel angered at Reagan proposal — The Israeli cabinet has react ed angrily to a letter from President Ronald W. Reagan calling for a freeze on new settlements in Israeli-occupied territories on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Reagan restated his opposition to the creation of a Palestinian state, however, and omitted any reference to a role for the PLO in negotiations. In a nationally-titled television speech Wednesday, the President promised more active US participation in future talks. "A clearer sense of America's position on key issues is necessary," Reagan said.

Mexico nationalizes banks — Outgoing President Jose Lopez Portillo Wednesday the Mexican government would nationalize private banks to prevent the flight of private capital during Mexico's financial crisis. Lopez Portillo also declared new exchange controls would be imposed, and announced all banks would be closed until next Monday. Mexican currency has declined 75 percent in value over the past year.

US clarifies pipeline penalties — The Reagan Administration has decided to ease penalties against companies supplying equipment for the Siberia-West Europe natural gas pipeline, describing the original total embargo order as "perhaps ... a little too sweeping." Previously, sweeping sanctions had been imposed on British and European companies defying the US boycott of the Soviet project. President Reagan said the changes are not a relaxation, but a "clarification."

Chinese Congress to make changes — The 12th Congress of the Chinese Communist Party new meeting in Peking is expected to authorize "significant" amendments to the party's constitution. The changes are seen as part of party leader Deng Xiaoping's move to create a more moderate and pragmatic political environment. Purges of party members installed during the Cultural Revolution are expected, as well as the retirement of some members of the aging Chinese hierarchy. If implemented, the changes will amount to the most extensive non-violent transformation in the party's history.

Labor movement set back in Philippines — The Philippine military arrested 23 union leaders in Manila Wednesday, in a crackdown against the labor movement. Five of the 23 have been released follow ing "investigation and character identification." The remainder are being detained under emergency regulations ordered by Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, who is currently visiting the US.

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Nation

National Enquirer not sued by Justice Department — The Justice Department decided not to sue The National Enquirer for publishing a poem entitled "Bloody Love" sent to it by John W. Hinckley, who shot President Reagan and three other men March 30. Attorneys for ac
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