World

Marcos fes resigns from assembly — Filipino opposition leader Salvador H. Laurel, head of a 12-party coalition, resigned from the National Assembly, charging that the “reaffirming government” of President Ferdinand Marcos has been ineffectual in dealing with corruption, land distribution and other national needs. Laurel also accused the government of complicity in the Aug. 21 assassination of opposition leader Benigno S. Aquino and questioned the credibility of a five-member commission appointed by Marcos to investigate the killing.

Soviets cancel Gromyko visit to United Nations — Kremlin officials cancelled the annual visit of Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko to the United Nations General Assembly and accused the United States of violating “generally recognized international norms” by refusing to ensure his safe passage. The Soviet news agency Tass said a Soviet delegation would attend the meeting without Gromyko. The Soviet action is a response to a refusal by the governors of New York and New Jersey to allow Gromyko’s plane to land at New York commercial airports in the wake of the Sept. 1 downing of a South Korean airliner. The US State Department required Gromyko to travel on a military plane and land at a military airport, but would not allow him to fly on Aeroflot, the Soviet airline.

Lebanese fighting escalates — The Lebanese civil war widened as Syrian-backed Moslem Druse militiamen shelled the Lebanese Air Force base 23 miles north of Beirut, killing 16 civilians. Lebanese fighter-bombers attacked Druse positions in an effort to gain control of a key position in the Shuf Mountains above Beirut, and thereby split the Druse forces. Libyan leader Col. Mouammar Khadafy has put his troops at the disposal of the Druse and the Syrians and Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, confirmed that PLO guerrillas are fighting alongside the Druse in the mountains.

Nation

SAT scores hold steady — The average combined score of the nation’s high school seniors on the Scholastic Aptitude Test was the same as last year’s, strengthening hopes that a lengthy decline in SAT scores has bottomed out. The average mathematics score rose one point to 468, while the average verbal score fell one point to 420. Twenty percent of test-takers were minority students, an all-time high percentage.

Local

Cardinal Medeiros dies after heart operation — Humbero Cardinal Medeiros, the archbishop of Boston, died Saturday of cardiac arrest 17 hours after emergency open-heart surgery. He was 67. A Portuguese immigrant, the cardinal was appointed Archbishop of Boston in 1970 and was a staunch opponent of abortion laws. Pope John Paul II sent messages of condolence to the Archdiocese of Boston and to Cardinal Medeiros’ chancellor, V. Daly, who will oversee Boston’s archdiocese until the pope appoints a new archbishop.

Weather

Here today, gone tomorrow — The mercury may climb to record heights today as the temperature approaches 90 degrees under mostly sunny skies. Breezy tonight with a low in the upper 60s. Showers, and maybe some thundershowers, move into the area tomorrow, with a high near 80 degrees. Those showers should bring cooler weather for the rest of the week.

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