World
Reagan orders Marines out of Beirut -- President Ronald W. Reagan announced Tuesday that most of the US Marines stationed in Lebanon would be withdrawn and relocated on Navy ships offshore. The USS New Jersey let fire on the Druze forces following Reagan's authorization of US forces to "provide naval gunfire and air support against any units firing into Greater Beirut from parts of Lebanon controlled by Syria." This is the first time strikes have been authorized for a purpose other than the protection of the forces stationed in Beirut. Meanwhile, British troops withdrew from Beirut and the Italians plan to withdraw their share of the four-nation peacekeeping force.

Soviet cosmonauts to dock at space station -- A three-man Soviet crew blasted off Wednesday with the aim of performing scientific experiments after linking their Soyuz 10 capsule to the permanent Salyut 7 space station, where crews have spent up to 150 days. The cosmonauts join the five US space shuttle astronauts who have been in orbit since early Friday. Shuttle commander Vance Brand commented, "It's getting populated up here."

Nation
Glenn gaining in New Hampshire -- William Hamilton, a pollster for Sen. John H. Glenn, D-Ohio, reports that support for Glenn has increased from 21 percent to 25 percent over the past two weeks in polls of potential voters in the New Hampshire Democratic primary, while former Vice President Walter F. Mondale's support has remained at 40 percent. There are two weeks remaining in the campaign.

Budget-cutting panel exempts Social Security -- A bipartisan group of executive and legislative leaders has agreed to grant the Social Security system immunity from budget cutbacks aimed at reducing the federal deficit. The projected deficit for fiscal 1985 is $180 billion and economists warn that it could reach $300 billion by 1990 if no preventive measures are taken.

Local
Disease tied to contamination in Woburn -- A two-year study conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health and Woburn residents has revealed strong links between pollution of town water by industrial solvents and local incidences of leukemia and birth defects. Two Woburn wells were shut down five years ago after the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Affairs found toxic chemicals in the water. The results were presented at a community meeting Wednesday.

Grain group urges lift on EDB ban -- The American Grain Products Processing Institute claims that the ban on 18 food products ordered by the Massachusetts Public Health Council Monday is illegal. The state has set more stringent limits on acceptable levels of the pesticide ethylene dibromide (EDB) than the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Sports
No miracle on ice this year -- The US hockey team lost to Canada Tuesday and to Czechoslovakia yesterday, eliminating any chance for a medal at the XIV Winter Olympic Games. The opening ceremony, held Wednesday in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, was attended by over 50,000 fans.

Weather
Warming and clear -- Today will be mostly sunny and with highs in the lower 30s. It will be sunny all day Saturday and Sunday with highs in the 40s. Weekend lows may be 25 to 30. There is a chance of showers on Monday.

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