World

Canadian prime minister to resign — Canadian Prime Minister Pierre E. Trudeau announced Wednesday he will resign from office. Trudeau, who has headed his party for over 15 years, said his resignation will become effective as soon as the Liberal Party chooses a new leader. Trudeau was expected to take about four months to prepare for the leadership convention.

The Liberals have governed Canada for 16 of the last 20 years.

Iran-Iraq war spreds to Gulf — High placed American officials said they believe Iraqi fighter planes attempted Wednesday to sink an Iranian tanker in the vicinity of Iran's major oil port on Kharg Island. While Iran denied the attack took place, American AWACS planes spotted "a handful" of aircraft flying from Iraq to positions near Kharg, according to the officials.

Nation

And then there were five — Colorado Sen. Gary W. Hart defeated heavily favored Walter F. Mondale in New Hampshire's Democratic presidential primary Tuesday. Hart received 40 percent of the vote to former Vice President Mondale's 29 percent and Ohio Sen. John Glenn's 12 percent. The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, former South Dakota Sen. George S. McGovern, South Carolina Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, California Sen. Alan M. Cranston, and former Florida Gov. Reubin O. Askew followed in the balloting. The poor showing by Hollings, Cranston and Askew prompted them to withdraw from the race for their party's presidential nomination.

O'Neill to retire after next term — Speaker of the US House of Representatives Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., said Wednesday he will not run for office again after this fall's election. O'Neill, 71, who represents the congressional district that includes Cambridge and Boston's Back Bay, has been House speaker for the past seven years. He was first elected to Congress in 1915 when late President Kennedy moved to the Senate from the House.

Plane slides into water — A Scandinavian Airlines DC-10 with 177 people aboard skidded off a rain slicked runway both ways Tuesday at Kennedy International Airport in New York City. The front end of the plane wound up partially submerged in Jamaica Bay. At least 10 people were injured in the accident. Airline officials said the crash happened upon landing after a fight from Stockholm, Sweden. The accident was similar to one two years ago at Logan Airport, when a World Airways DC-10 skidded off a runway into Boston Harbor.

Michael Jackson dominates Grammys — Singer Michael Jackson won a record eight Grammy Awards Tuesday, including best album for Thriller, which recently replaced Saturday Night Fever as the top selling album of all time. He also won the best record award for "Beat It," and best male vocalist in the pop, rock, and rhythm and blues categories. The Police, who denied Jackson a complete awards sweep, won four times, including best group in both pop and rock categories, and best song for "Every Breath You Take."

Weather

In like a lion — Cold and mostly sunny today with brisk winds; high temperatures of 30 to 35. Frigid tonight with lows of 18 to 23, with a wind chill factor of minus 20. This weekend should be mostly sunny, cold and windy; highs both days of 35 to 40, with slightly lows near 20.

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