**World**

Reagan to meet with Chinese leaders — President Ronald W. Reagan is scheduled to meet today with General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party Hu Yaobang and Chinese Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang on the second day of his six-day visit to the People's Republic of China. Tomorrow Reagan is scheduled to meet with Deng Xiaoping, the de facto leader of China, and the meeting is expected to cover issues relating to the Soviet Union. In a press conference concerning Reagan's trip to China, James A. Baker III, White House Chief of Staff, asked if he had ever traveled to a Communist country, replied "Well, I've been to Massachusetts."

**Nation**

Mondale disbands delegate committees — Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale ordered his independent delegate committees to disband. Three committees, which were composed of Mondale's convention delegates, were able to solicit contributions and spend money independently of Mondale's official campaign. Democratic presidential candidates Sen. Gary W. Hart and the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson had criticized Mondale for accepting money from these committees, which had accepted funds from political action committees. Mondale has publicly stated his refusal to accept PAC contributions to his campaign.

Supreme Court bars race as factor in custody — The Supreme Court, in a unanimous decision, yesterday ruled that courts may not consider race in awarding custody of children. The ruling came in the case of a 4-year-old white child removed from her home by a Florida judge in 1982 after her divorced white mother married a black man. The judge, who transferred custody to the child's white father, a Texas resident, said she sought to protect the child from the "social stigmatization" and stresses of racial prejudice. Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, however, in the Court's opinion, wrote, "Private biases may be outside the reach of the law, but the law cannot, directly or indirectly, give them effect."

**Earthquake strikes California** — An earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale caused minor damage and scattered fires in San Jose, California on Wednesday. The quake's epicenter was 12 miles west of the city.

David Kennedy found dead — The body of David Anthony Kennedy, 28, a son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was found shortly after 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday in a room of the Brazilian Court Hotel in Palm Beach, Florida. A spokesman for the Police Department of Palm Beach said there was no sign of foul play. The results of an autopsy to determine the cause of death will not be available today or tomorrow.

Kennedy had recently dropped out of Harvard University and undergone treatment for heroin and alcohol addiction.

**Local**

It's all in the family — Boston Mayor Raymond L. Flynn defended his hiring of four of his relatives for city positions in a press conference on Wednesday. Flynn said that as long as they are qualified for the positions, he sees nothing wrong with appointing relatives to city posts. In his mayoral campaign, Flynn said that hiring under his administration would not depend on political connections. In an unrelated play, The results of an autopsy to determine the cause of death will not be available today or tomorrow.

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Spring has finally sprung — Today should be sunny, with a high temperature in the low 70s. The spring weather should continue through the weekend, with a chance of showers late Sunday and early Monday. Highs in the low 70s, lows in the 40s.

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The Tech Open Staff Meeting will be held this Sunday at **4 p.m.** in Room **483** of the Student Center. Anyone interested in joining The Tech is encouraged to attend.

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