World
Reagan rejects Taiwan proposal — In talks with Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping last week, President Ronald W. Reagan toned down a proposal that the United States try to convince Taiwan to reunite with the People's Republic of China, by an interview on Chinese television. Reagan said, "We do not believe we should involve ourselves in this internal affair." Reagan's comments on the Soviet Union and freedom of speech were censored by the Chinese government broadcasters.

China signs coal contract with corporation — The Occidental Petroleum Corporation Sunday agreed to share the development of the world's largest open-pit coal mine with the People's Republic of China. The mine, located in north China, will cost $640 million to develop and could yield 45 million tons of coal annually for China's rapidly modernizing industry. Armand Hammer, chairman of Occidental Petroleum, traveled to Peking to sign the agreement.

Israel police foil terrorist attempt — Israeli police defused bombs found on seven buses in Jerusalem. The bombs were scheduled to explode during a routine shuttle trip to an Arab refugee camp on Friday, the Moslem Sabbath. Police arrested about 15 people including a high-ranking Israeli reserve officer, in connection with the incident. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir commented that Israel had avoided "a very grave situation with the incident."

Nation
New England poor pressed to the wall by severe winters — Recent studies indicate that those residing in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont with incomes below the poverty level are particularly susceptible to hunger because of high fuel bills which deplete their incomes. The poor in New England can only afford to spend 32 percent of their income for food and rent, as opposed to 40 percent for the rest of the country.

Public split on Latin American policy — Nearly half of the American population fears that President Reagan will lead the United States into a war in Central America, the latest New York Times/CBS News Poll showed. Only one in three of the 1,167 adults polled supports Reagan's policy in the area.

Highest earners in Great White North — Alaska topped the nation in per capita income last year with $13,820 per resident, the Commerce Department announced yesterday. Connecticut was second at $14,826, while New Jersey, California, New York and Massachusetts rounded out the top six. Southeast and Rocky Mountain states had the lowest incomes, with Mississippi at the rock bottom with only $8,072 per capita.

Sports
Celtics triumph over Knicks in playoff opener — The Boston Celtics destroyed the New York Knicks, 110 to 92, in the first game of their playoff series at Boston Garden Sunday. Celtics Larry Bird scored 23 points, 9 rebounds, and 12 assists despite a sore ankle, while towers Kevin McHale and Robert Parish added 44 points and 20 rebounds between them to the hometown total.

Weather
New England weather returns — Today will be cool and windy, with temperatures in the low sixties and a chance of showers. Lows Wednesday will drop to the forties and the skies will turn cloudy and rainy toward the weekend.

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