news roundup

World

Polish ship hits Red Sea mine - A Polish cargo ship struck a mine at the southern entrance to the Red Sea Saturday; there was no immediate damage, but no casualties. Over a dozen other commercial ships have been damaged by explosions in the waterway. Officials have said they do not know for certain who is responsible for the mine.

Men killed when police storm Belfast rally - One person died and at least 20 were injured Sunday when police stormed a rally of the Provisional Sinn Fein in Belfast, wounding bouncers and fracturing police windows and doors. Tension on the streets was heightened by the many arrests made during the confrontation between police and about 1,000 people participating in the rally.

Olympic officials have declared there was no foul. The gold-medal winner was Maricica Puica of Romania in the Olympic 3,000-meter run last Friday. Decker, who was the favorite, has accused Budd of cutting her off.

Controversy over Budd and Decker continues - A running newspaper account of the collision between American Mary Decker and South African Zola Budd during the women's 3,000-meter run at the Olympic Games has caused a storm of controversy.

Nations

Reagan concedes possibility of tax boost - President Ronald Reagan said Sunday he might have to seek a tax increase in a second term but he has no plans for one now and would allow one only as "a last resort." Democratic Presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale has stated that new taxes will be necessary to reduce the federal deficit.

Ferraro's husband in tax controversy - Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate Geraldine A. Ferraro, who has promised to release a full financial disclosure statement covering herself and her husband, said Sunday the statements, to be released next week, will not include her husband's tax returns.

Feud over Budd and Decker continues - Running newspaper articles in the United States on the United States Olympic team's collision that disallowed the gold medal for American Mary Decker have been met by protests from the Irish team.

Regrettably, the IOC has had to declare that the competition should be canceled because of the controversy.

Government

Nine-alarm fire in South Boston destroys firm - A nine-alarm fire in South Boston destroyed a small firm, A. P. L. Industries, which manufactured computer accessories.

A federal judge ruled that the fire be extinguished by an arson squad and that it be extinguished by an arson squad and that it be extinguished by an arson squad.

90% of the building's contents were saved.

Law to allow religious meetings in schools - President Reagan signed into law a bill prohibiting public high schools from barring student gatherings for religious or political purposes outside class hours. Some Administration lawyers expressed fears the law would require schools to allow meetings of religious cults and extremist political groups as well. "It means the young Trotskyites can meet, it means the gay groups can meet," said Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.).

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