World
US protests South Korea's treatment of dissident — The United States filed a formal protest over the "disgraceful exhibition of unnecessary force and brutality" South Korea displayed in confining Kim Dae Jung to virtual house arrest. Seoul police forcibly detained Kim upon his return after two years in exile.

Administration accuses USSR concerning Central America — An Administration white paper accused the Soviet Union of using Cuba to turn Central America into a satellite. The paper quotes USSR Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko as saying the region is a "boiling cauldron" ripe for "revolutionary expansionism," and that Cuba and Nicaragua are "living examples for that part of the world."

The US resumes search for Mengele — The Justice Department announced that it will begin an investigation in order to locate Dr. Josef Mengele, the "Angel of Death" of the Auschwitz concentration camp in World War II. Mengele, who was accused of ordering the murders of over 400,000 Jews, was arrested and then released by US officials in 1947, according to documents recently released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Nation
Dole proposes sale of Conrail — Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Dole is seeking Congressional approval of the sale of Conrail to the Norfolk Southern Corporation. Norfolk will pay a minimum of $1.2 billion in cash for the government's 85 percent interest in Conrail.

State tax increases and decreases — A fiscal survey by the National Governor's Association reports that at least 17 states will likely increase taxes this year. Massachusetts and 13 other states, however, will reduce taxes. The survey called the Reagan administration's estimates of large state budget surpluses "absurd."

Boston Bank fined — The First National Bank of Boston pleaded guilty to not reporting $1.2 billion in cash transfers with Swiss banks. The bank was fined $500,000 for violating the 1980 Federal Currency Reporting law.

Survey claims American colleges in disarray — A three-year study by the Association of American Colleges said that universities have allowed their curriculums to slip into a state of 'incoherence.' The report accused faculty of being more concerned with research than with teaching, and claimed that businesses are having difficulty locating literate graduates, because writing programs are neglected.

Sports
East meets West, and loses — The West was victorious for the first time in six years in the NBA's 35th All-Star Game. Ralph Sampson, the game's most valuable player, led the West to their 140-129 victory.

Weather
So much for sunshine — A mixture of snow, sleet, and freezing rain is expected for today and tomorrow, and there is a chance of snow Thursday. Temperatures for the week will range from lows in the mid 20s to highs in the 30s.

Police log
Student held up in broad daylight — An MIT student was robbed by a male assailant at 12:45 pm on Jan. 27, at the corner of Portland and Main St. The man asked the student for a dollar, and when the student took out his wallet, the assailant grabbed it, taking another $10. He threatened to stab the student and ran into a nearby housing project.

Money and credit cards stolen during steam bath — A graduate student reported that $65 and credit cards were stolen from his wallet while he was in a steam bath in Dupont. The wallet was in his pants which were hanging in the sauna room.