news roundup

Nation

Arrests of mafia leaders — "The major muscle of organized crime has now been brought to the bar," FBI Director William Webster said as he announced a large scale sweep of mafia leaders. Five families known as the crime family were arrested Wednesday, making it the biggest single racketeering indictment since the Wall Street case in 1957.

Democrats defy White House on farm aid — Both the Senate and the House approved a bill that would provide emergency loans to farmers to finance this spring's planting. Eight Republicans in the Senate and 47 in the House voted for the measure, despite President Reagan's threat to veto this legislation. A spokesman for the White House called the bill, which will cost approximately $3.7 billion, "budget busting."

Gentlemen die of illness — Henry Cabot Lodge, 82, died Wednesday at home in Beverly, MA, after a long illness. Lodge, a three-term Senator, was candidate for vice president in 1960, when he and John F. Kennedy lost to Richard Nixon. As ambassador to the United Nations later that year, Lodge helped to negotiate the intelligence sharing of the U-2 spy plane over the Soviet Union which the Russians shot down.

Local

Tech HiFi closes shop — Tech HiFi has announced that they are closing over half of their 40 stores nationwide. The chain of audio equipment stores, which began in an MIT dormitory 17 years ago, is reorganizing after filing for bankruptcy. The inability to acquire an adequate credit line combined with severe competition in the New York area was too much, according to president Stephen Mayes.

Arthur D. Little banned from research — A Superior Court judge ruled Wednesday that the Arthur D. Little Inc. may not conduct research in Cambridge on nerve gases and blistering agents. The decision was in the result of an appeal by the company over a ruling by the City of Cambridge.

Sports

Vindvdy — Georgetown averaged its loss of the number one ranking in college basketball by John's last night. The Hoyas trampled over the Redmen, 85-69, as Pat Ewing scored 20 points.

Weather

Mid and mellow this weekend — Today's highs should be 48-52, and the weather will be sunny and clear. It may cloud up for tonight, and rain is possible. Tomorrow should be more of the same, with highs in the low fifties.

Police Log

Burton party leads to fights — The Campus Police reported three separate calls to a Kappa Alpha Phi party at Burton House last Friday night. Outside dressed weapons were used during a fight, and the Cambridge Police were called for backup. A $1500 bracelet was lost as a result of the fight. Later in the morning, two arrests were made as outsiders attempted to crash the party.

Student assaulted on Amherst Alley — Four males assaulted a student as he walked down Amherst Alley Friday night. The assault took place at 11:46 pm.

Student assaulted over beer keg — A student was assaulted 12:45 pm Saturday at Next House when he attempted to keep an outsider from stealing a beer keg.

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