World

House bars Nicaraguan funds approved by Senate — The Senate approved the allocation of $14 million aid to the Nicaraguan rebels Tuesday. Later that night, the House refused to release the funds by a vote of 248-140. Such votes are after President Ronald Reagan sent a letter to Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas. The latter pledged that only the $14 million approved by Congress would be spent. The Senate also stipulated that the money would be used only for non-military purposes including "food, medical, clothing and other assistance for their survival and well-being." Nicaraguan rebels have said that the war is likely to continue regardless of US support.

Gorbachev claims US is not seeking an agreement — Soviet chief Mikhail S. Gorbachev said that the first stage of arms talks in Geneva imply that "... Washington does not seek agreement with the Soviet Union." Gorbachev cited the United States' refusal to discuss limitations in space-based weapons along with strategic and medium-range missiles. The first stage of Geneva talks ended Tuesday. Max M. Kampelmann, chief American negotiator in the talks, said the first weeks of negotiations were difficult.

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Nicaraguan troops have been deployed between Israeli and Syrian forces in the Bekaa region in anticipation of Israel's planned withdrawal. A military source said the 1000 member force was ready to take over within hours of the Israeli withdrawal. In addition, Christian fighters withdrew from the hills east of Sidon, in southern Lebanon, in an attempt to put fighting there. The Israeli cabinet decided Tuesday that the withdrawal of all troops from occupied territories would be completed before June.

Nation

Protected land status is changing — The Bureau of Land Management has reclassified 200 million acres of protected Federal land which opens approximately 30 million acres to mining operations. The National Wildlife Federation challenged the decision, claiming that the bureau acted without the approval of legislators or the public. Land Bureau Director Robert F. Burford said that the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 allows the bureau to make changes in classifications.

OPEC makes a big leap — The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose by one-half of one percent last month. It was the largest increase this year. Economists agreed that the large increase was spurred by rapidly increasing gasoline prices. The economists said that there is no reason to expect a premature surge in the inflation rate. Other indicators of the economy were consistent with the CPI's increase. White House spokesman Larry Speaks said that legislative measures to curb spending were necessary to continue economic expansion.

Ex-senator Ervin is dead at 88 — Sam Ervin died Tuesday of respiratory failure. He was a Democrat from North Carolina and served as chairman of the Senate Watergate hearings in 1973. He became a Senate authority on Constitutional law during his terms in the Senate.

Cole will change its recipe — Robert C. Goizueta, chairman of the Coca-Cola Company, said that the company's advertising will be more like Pepsi.

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