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Diplomatic expulsions continue

The Soviet Union ordered four French diplomats to leave the country on Tuesday. The Soviet ambassador was reported to have been summoned to Washington. The US returned the diplomat who was expelled. There was no indication that he had actually left Britain. Senators in the House and Senate voted Tuesday to approve a bill that would allow an oil embargo against Libya. (New York Times)

Duvallier seeks asylum in Europe

President Jean-Claude Duvallier, the Haitian dictator, has requested political asylum in other countries. The French president accused the United States of sharing guilt in the Duvallier regime. The US vetoed a United Nations Security Council resolution which would have condemned it. (AP)

Guatemala abolishes secret police

A secret police unit suspected in Guatemala has been abolished in what the country's new president calls "Operation Surprise." The new civilian government has said it will consider divesting $63 million in stock. (AP)

President challenges Congress

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Oscar nominations out

Out of Africa and The Color Purple were each nominated for 11 Academy Awards with The Color Purple. Other best picture nominees included Prizzi's Honor, Kiss of the Spider Woman, and Wimmin. (Globe and Mail)

International soccer tournament kicks off


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