**World**

Ankara judge says Libyans plotted to kill American

A prosecutor in Turkey is saying what US officials have said all along—there was a mass conference in Ankara to plot a bomb attack against US officers' club. Two Libyans were arrested near the club earlier this month. Turkish authorities say the pair were carrying six grenades, and those grenades, the authorities charge, were provided by Libya's embassy personnel. (AP)

Soviets acknowledge nuclear power-plant accident

The Soviet Union said yesterday afternoon that one of its nuclear power plants in the Ukrainian city of Chernobyl suffered a radiation leak yesterday. The Soviets are administering aid to those who were affected by the radiation. The report came after Soviet officials and some high radiation levels in eastern Soviet Union were believed to have resulted from radiation carried by winds from the Soviet Union.

The Soviets have built four 1000-megawatt nuclear reactors at the Chernobyl site since 1977. TASS, the Soviet news agency, says the accident is the first in the USSR, although experts in the West believe there was a Washington accident 28 years ago in the Urals mountains. The accident is believed to have killed hundreds of people and contami-nated a wide area. (AP)

US dollar falls against foreign currencies

The US dollar hit a five-year low against the West German mark and a four-year low against the Swiss franc in European trading yesterday after sinking to a post-World War II low against the Japanese yen in Tokyo. Foreign exchange dealers say the dollar's slide against all major currencies in March is a sign that the US is getting its act together.

**Nation**

Reagan travels to Pacific basin

President Reagan left Hawaii yesterday for Southeast Asia. The President will travel to Bali, Indonesia, with a reaffirmation of American policy. When Reagan arrives in Indonesia, he will meet with President. (AP) The meeting will be Reagan's first face-to-face session with a representative of the Muscovite government. (AP)

US economy shows positive signs

The federal government reported yesterday that nonfarm productivity rose a healthy 3.4 percent in the first quarter of 1986. It was the sharpest quarterly gain in two years. Productivity is measured by the output of workers for an hour's day. The growth is considered an essential tool for holding down inflation. The US Labor Department reports that businesses increased their first-quarter output by 4.1 per cent, while hourly labor costs went up by only 2.4 percent. (AP)

United Methodist bishops denounce nuclear weapons

A panel of bishops of the United Methodist Church approved a pastoral letter condemning any use of nuclear arms, and linking the arms race to rising social injustice and global poverty. The letter will reach the Church's 9.4 million members in the United States. (The New York Times)

Where is middle America?

The Census Bureau reports the demographic center of the United States is now located in western-central Washington County, Missouri. The new center of the US population is about 20 miles west and ten miles south of the population center determined by the 1980 census. That continues the westward trend that's been observed in every census since 1910. (AP)

**Sports**

Celtics resume series with Hawks tonight

The Boston Celtics and Atlanta Hawks resume their second-round NBA playoff series at the Boston Garden tonight. The Celtics beat the Hawks 114-107 in Game 1, and the Hawks lead the series 2-0. The teams opened the series with a 25-point lead. Milwaukee starts action against Los Angeles last weekend. (AP)

NFL draft to be held today

The 28 teams of the National Football League will meet today to draft the best talents from the ranks of college football. (AP)

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**Local**

Boston plane turns up no terrorists

An Eastern Airlines flight for Washington yesterday morning was canceled because the pilot claimed a woman passenger left the plane just minutes before departure time. Eastern flight 139 returned to Logan Airport shortly after takeoff, according to Maspoport spokesman Dick Clarke. An estimated 128 passengers were evacuated and the plane was searched as a precaution. The plane was eventually returned and took off again with its passengers nearly two hours after its scheduled time. (AP)

Task force focuses on border murders

A special New Hampshire-Vermont task force investigating possible links in murders along their borders will focus on four of the deaths. Assistant Attorney General Robert Muh of New Hampshire said there is no concrete evidence that any of the killings are linked, but that no matter how many killers there are, they are still free and may kill without fear.

Muh said the death group will focus on those of two women whose bodies were found in woods in the same section of Newport, who disappeared in 1984. They were 27-year-old Ellen Fried of Claremont, whose remains were found in September, and 17-year-old Ber-nice Courtemanche, whose skeletal remains were found last weekend. (AP)

Looking for a clear sky

Things are looking better for us in Boston. The stubborn low pressure system to our southwest is finally losing some of its intensity. Its circulation basin brought us the cool moist flow from off the ocean which we have been experiencing during the past few days. I expect this to end, finally, perhaps tomorrow morning.

Tuesday: Partly sunny with highs 60-65. Temperatures will drop off throughout the day. Winds will be northeasterly with an afternoon sea breeze. Winds will be easterly at 10-15 miles per hour.

Wednesday: A few clouds with highs near 50. Winds will be light and variable. Highs will be sunny.

Thursday: Increasing cloudiness with winds near 60. Highs will be sunny.

Forecast by Robert R. Black

**Weather**

**Sports**

Rangers win Patrick Division title and advance to Stanley Cup semifinals

The New York Rangers stated past the Washington Capitals to become the first NHL team to advance to the semifinals. The Rangers have never not captured the Cup since 1940, won three straight games to take the series 4-2. New York will play the winner of the Montreal-Brantaford series. The Canadiens and the Whales are tied 3-3, with the final game tonight in Montreal.

In hockey's other Cinderella story, the Calgary-Edmont-on series will be going down to the wire—the two-time Stanley Cup champion Oilers avoided elimination last night, defeating the Flames 5-2 in Calgary. The St. Louis-Toronto series will also be decided in seven games. The Maple Leafs, down 3-2 in the series, remained alive by defeating the Blues 5-3 last night. Winners of the two series will play in the finals. (AP)