

news roundup

from the associated press wire

World

Arms deal is allegedly behind release of Jacobsen

A source close to the hostage negotiations said the United States helped arrange the shipment of spare parts to Iran in order to win the release of three hostages held in Lebanon. Iran received military spares from Israel, a source close to the negotiations reported. The White House refused to confirm the allegation, and President Reagan warned that such reports may hurt efforts to free the rest of the hostages.

David Jacobsen, the hostage who was freed on Sunday, spend his final day at the US military hospital in Wiesbaden, West Germany. He and his children will return to the United States today, and will visit the White House.

The Israeli government did not comment on reports that it shipped arms to Iran as part of the deal. An Israeli foreign ministry official called the reports "a matter of speculation" by the news media.

The United States and Iran spent a year discussing arms shipments, according to *The Washington Post*. Two arms shipments were made on or near the days when hostages in Lebanon were freed, the *Post* said. (AP)

Superpower talks break down

US and Soviet officials held what were described as "serious discussions" on ways to build on the agenda outlined in Iceland last month. In their first meeting Wednesday, US Secretary of State George Shultz PhD '49 and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze met more than twice as long as had been planned.

But hopes of a superpower agreement were dashed yesterday, with Shevardnadze accusing the United States of a "complete retreat" from proposals offered at the Iceland summit. Shevardnadze said Shultz offered nothing more than a "mixed bag of old mothballed views and approaches." Shultz said he regrets that the meeting failed to advance arms control prospects. The Strategic Defense Initiative proved to be the rub, he said. (AP)

Sports

Larry Holmes retires

Larry Holmes has retired from boxing. The 37-year-old former heavyweight champion won his first 48 pro fights, with his only two losses coming at the hands of International Boxing Federation champion Michael Spinks. (AP)

Nation

Reagan signs immigration bill

President Reagan signed a major immigration bill that will allow millions of previously illegal aliens to become legal residents of this country. Under the measure, aliens who have lived in the United States since before 1982 can eventually become permanent residents. Officials do not know how many people fall into that category, but the number has been estimated in the millions. (AP)

Election turnout is low

Voter turnout on Tuesday was just over 37 percent of the nation's voting age population, according to the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate. That is the lowest level in 46 years. Voters were showing their disapproval of the negative tactics used in the 1986 campaign, the committee asserted. (AP)

US plans aircraft agreement with China

United States companies will develop equipment for China's F-8 fighters in accordance with a \$500 million dollar plan, a US defense official said yesterday. A letter of intent was signed in Washington last month, and the project is expected to last six years, he added. (AP)

Spymaster foiled

Calling their motive "pure greed," a federal judge in Baltimore sentenced two principals in the John Walker spy ring to stiff prison sentences. Spymaster John Walker received life imprisonment while his son Michael got a 25-year prison term. The judge promised to recommend that the pair not be eligible for parole. Walker headed a spy ring that funneled US Navy secrets to the Soviets for 17 years. (AP)

GM to close plants employing 29,000

The nation's number one automaker calls it the first phase of its reorganization and modernization program. Ending weeks of speculation, General Motors announced today that it will close eleven plants over the next three years. The operations employed 29,000 people in Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, and Illinois. The closings were anticipated after GM announced third-quarter operation losses of \$338 million. (AP)

Beech-Nut accused of duplicitous apple juice production

Beech-Nut is denying federal charges that it sold millions of dollars of bottles of flavored sugar water that were labeled as apple juice for babies. It is blaming its suppliers for providing fake juice concentrate. The government indicted Beech-Nut's president and five others on Wednesday. The phony juice was sold from 1978 to 1983, accused government officials. (AP)

EPA calls for unleaded water

More than 30 million Americans drink water containing unsafe levels of lead, according to a report by the Environmental Protection Agency. The benefits of removing lead from the water would far outweigh the costs, the report claimed. (AP)

Tempers rise, death results from heated poker game

A woman is being held for fatally shooting her teen-aged son over a poker game, Chicago authorities announced yesterday. The woman admitted shooting her 17-year-old son because he tried to leave the kitchen poker game with \$77 he had won from her, police reported. She insisted her son had been cheating, police said. (AP)

Weather

Milder weather ahead

Today: Morning clouds and fog dissipating with skies becoming partly cloudy. High 56°.

Tonight: Increasing clouds. Low 47°.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. High 60°.

Sunday: Becoming partly cloudy and unseasonably warm. Southwest breezes up to 25 knots. Highs 63°-68°. Late afternoon or evening showers.

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