

news roundup

from the associated press wire

World

Israeli leader visits West Germany

Chaim Herzog first saw Bergen-Belsen 42 years ago, when he was a major in the British Army — he arrived at the Nazi concentration camp soon after its liberation. Yesterday, he returned to dedicate a memorial — as president of Israel. Herzog intoned the Kaddish, the Jewish prayer for the dead. He said that the grief of the Holocaust will "be eternally with us . . . the only ones who can forgive are the dead. The living have no right to forget."

His visit was hailed by both Israel and Germany as a major step toward German-Jewish reconciliation.

US officials accuse Libya of backing Caribbean terrorists

US officials said yesterday that Libya has been backing leftist radicals in the Caribbean. The officials, who asked to remain anonymous, said Libyan agents have been trying to undercut pro-Western government and encouraging radicals to commit terrorist acts. The account of Libyan activities first appeared in the Jamaican press.

Pope visits Chile

Pope John Paul II visited a Chilean prison yesterday that political prisoners who have been fasting to protest the military-ruled government. His stay in Chile has been marked by anti-government protests and sporadic violence. Argentina is the next stop on the Pope's South American tour.

Leahy says US embassy bugged

Construction of a new US embassy in Moscow is almost complete, but Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) thinks the building should be torn down. It is full of electronic bugging devices and "can never be made secure" Leahy told CBS yesterday. The Soviets should be made to pay damages to the United States, Leahy added. Ten other missions are now under investigation for possible security breaches, according to *The Washington Post*.

Former United States Secretary of State Henry Kissinger called the security problems at the US embassy in Moscow "humiliating." Kissinger suggested moving next week's high-level talks between Secretary of State George P. Shultz PhD '49 and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze to a third country.

Nation

Four die in NY bridge collapse

Four people are now known dead in the collapse of a New York Thruway bridge near Amsterdam, in upstate New York. State police said the body of the latest victim to be spotted was floating in the Mohawk River. It was four miles from the spot where the bridge collapsed. A truck and at least three cars fell about 80 feet when the span crumbled.

The bridge was part of a heavily traveled route that links Buffalo to New York City. The collapse means a lot of truck traffic will have to be rerouted. State officials, and trucking executives, say this will severely hamper commercial traffic for at least a year.

Ex-Nazis face deportation

The Supreme Court has rejected former Nazi guard Conrad Schellong's request that he not be deported. The court upheld a ruling that said Nazi guards helped persecute the Jews even if they didn't take part in torture and killing.

But deportation of another ex-Nazi who is accused of supervising mass executions has been blocked by Justice Thurgood Marshall until the full court considers his appeal. Karl Linnas, who lied about his Nazi past to gain admission into the United States, faces deportation to the Soviet Union where he is under a death sentence for war crimes. Linnas has been trying to find a country willing to grant him asylum. So far sixteen have refused.

US technology slipping, say execs

The nation's technological competitiveness must improve, and so must the so-called "technical literacy" of Americans, according to the findings of a survey released today. The poll conducted for GTE Corporation surveyed 100 technical officials at Fortune 500 companies. The poll found that 60 percent of the corporate research directors believe Japan and West Germany hold a technological edge over the United States. Fifty-eight percent said the technical literacy rate among Americans is very low compared with other industrialized nations. And almost 88 percent said they believed the nation's education system contained major deficiencies.

Shiites demand ransom for Waite

Shiite Moslem extremists are demanding a ransom for Terry Waite, according to the *London Observer*. The *Observer* quoted Iranian sources as saying the extremists are ready to "strike a financial deal" for Waite's release. But the Anglican Church has received no word of a ransom demand for its envoy, and no ransom will be paid, a Church spokesman said on Sunday. Waite has been missing in Lebanon since January.

Reagan holds talks with Canada

President Reagan said in his weekly radio address that he hoped to work toward a free-trade agreement in talks with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. Just after his weekly radio address, the White House announced that Reagan has requested \$2.5 billion from Congress to fight acid rain. The air pollutant has been an irritant in Canadian-American relations.

The Democrats responded to Reagan's speech by noting bipartisan support for the summit talks in Canada. The two most troubling problems between the two countries are trade friction and acid rain, according to Congressman William Gray (D-PA).

President Reagan returned yesterday from the two-day trip to Canada. The president told the Canadian parliament that there are "no quick and easy answers" to the acid-rain problem. He said he would consider Mulroney's proposal for negotiation of the problem.

Egypt holds elections

Hundreds of Moslem fundamentalists who are considered security risks have been arrested in Egypt as Parliamentary elections get underway. Voters are choosing from more than 3600 candidates running for 448 assembly seats. President Hosne Mubarak's governing National Democratic Party is expected to hold a comfortable majority in the new assembly.

France and USSR expel diplomats

The Soviet Union announced on Sunday that it will expel four French diplomats and two French businessmen in response to a decision by France to expel three Soviets. Both countries accuse those expelled of "activities inconsistent with their status" — a common euphemism for spying.

House will vote on budget

A full House vote is expected this week on a \$1 trillion spending plan for the next fiscal year. The plan has been labelled as a "blackmail budget" by Budget Director James Miller. Its deep cuts in military spending increases are designed to get President Reagan to agree to a tax increase, Miller said.

Senate will consider domestic spending

The United States Senate is expected to act this week on an emergency bill to provide \$400 million for building renovation, aid to charitable organizations, and other programs intended to help the homeless. The House of Representatives approved a more ambitious \$500-million measure last month.

Dow breaks 2400

The stock market advanced strongly yesterday to close above the 2400 level for the first time ever. The Dow Jones Industrial average gained over 15 points.

State lawmakers begin effort to remove 55 mph speed limit

State lawmakers in Illinois, Iowa, and Montana are the latest to join the push to dump the double nickel. One Montana legislator said on Sunday that raising the speed limit is like "motherhood and apple pie." Many states are taking advantage of new federal legislation that allows them to raise most interstate limits to 65 miles per hour.

Kemp announces candidacy

United States Representative Jack Kemp (R-NY) — a champion of supply-side economics — announced his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination yesterday. Kemp trails Vice President George Bush in the polls, but he said that he is qualified to carry on President Reagan's policies. Kemp called himself the only one in the race who played a key role in building the platform that Reagan and Bush ran on in 1984. In his official declaration, Kemp denounced tax increases and expressed support for the Strategic Defense Initiative.

Local

Dukakis declares state of emergency

Governor Michael Dukakis has declared a state of emergency after rivers throughout the commonwealth continued to overflow and flooding threatened small dams across the state. Public Safety Secretary Charles Barry said dam problems — including the possibility of overflowing and breaking — existed in Brockton, Abington, Amesbury, Methuen, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro, Acton, Winchendon, Huntington, and Great Barrington. All of the state's major rivers are at the overflow point and seven major roads have been closed down, mostly in the more rural western part of the state.

Dukakis said the formal state of emergency declaration allows the state to use all of its resources to battle the flooding. The Governor also said the declaration begins the process of asking the federal government for emergency funds. Both Dukakis and Barry said it was too early to give damage estimates.

Jury selection begins in trial of Amy Carter

Amy Carter, daughter of former President Jimmy Carter, called it the most important thing she has ever done. The Brown University sophomore was among 60 people — including longtime activist Abbie Hoffman — arrested at an anti-CIA protest in November at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Yesterday, jury selection began for her trial in Northampton. Carter has pleaded not guilty to trespassing and disturbing the peace at the Massachusetts university. Carter told reporters yesterday that she hoped the trial will focus attention on the alleged illegal activities of the CIA in Central America. She said she isn't trying to use her status as Carter's daughter to make her point: "It's just me doing what I think I should be doing."

Sports

Leonard wins WBC crown

Sugar Ray Leonard won the World Boxing Conference middleweight title in a stunning upset last night in Las Vegas. Leonard returned to boxing after a three year lay-off and defeated champion Marvelous Marvin Hagler in a 12 round split decision. The loss was Hagler's first since 1976.

Baseball season starts in Toronto

For the first time, the national pastime's season started outside the United States. The 1987 baseball season began yesterday at Exhibition Stadium in Toronto, where the Blue Jays defeated the Cleveland Indians 7-3. However, Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth chose to stay in the United States. Instead of seeing the American League kick off its season, he went to the National League's first game in San Francisco — where the Giants took 12 innings to beat San Diego 4-3.

Weather

Gradual improvement ahead

If you have had enough of this gorgeous spring weather, there is finally some good news. After today's bout with occasional rain, and snow mixed in at times, gradual improvement is on the way. Tomorrow may offer a glimpse or two of sun and Thursday should be a rather pleasant day with sunshine and near normal temperatures.

Today: Cloudy, cold, and breezy with occasional rain and fog, perhaps mixed with wet snow at times. Highs near 40° (4 °C). Winds northeasterly 15-25 mph.

Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy but basically dry and a little milder, highs near 50° (10 °C).

Thursday: Mostly sunny, highs in the 50s (12-14 °C).

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