World

Arafat willing to meet Israelis under UN auspices

Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat said that he is willing to meet with any Israeli leader to discuss the establishment of a Palestinian state. Arafat's only condition is that the meeting be held under the auspices of the United Nations. Arafat said the proposed meeting was initiated by Israeli Cabinet Minister Ezer Weizman. Weizman has been Israel's foremost advocate of accommodation with the Arabs.

Leaders of Syria, Iraq, and Jordan brought the Middle East peace process closer to a breakthrough during a secret meeting last week, according to Newsweek magazine. Weizman said the talks could provide the missing pieces in the Middle East peace puzzle, Newsweek reported. Weizman said the leaders discussed their concerns about the spread of hard-line Islamic fundamentalism in the Arab world.

Aquino asks for US aid against communists

Philipine President Corazon Aquino accused the United States yesterday of failing to give her country enough aid to help the communist rebellion and to deal with the threat of fresh fighting with Moslem guerrillas. President Reagan wants to provide aid for the Philippines to $100 million, but there is a push in Congress against foreign military aid in order to reduce the budget deficit.

Reagan, Nakasone call for more economic cooperation

In a bid to ease trade tensions, President Reagan and Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiko Nakasone pledged themselves Sunday to accelerate economic cooperation. Nakasone returned to Japan on Sunday, carrying with him the results of Reagan's private appeal to oppose protectionist trade legislation in Congress. Nakasone, in return, said that his government is striving to reduce its foreign-trade surplus.

Reagan said on Friday that he is optimistic that the United States will begin narrowing its trade deficit with Japan. Also he told Nakasone that he hopes to lift sanctions against $500 million worth of Japanese products "as soon as possible."

In Japan business leaders expressed guarded optimism at the outcome of the talks. But opposition parties and agricultural officials complained that the agreements reached by the two leaders may harm Japan.

China claims Soviet-backed council has imprisoned Afghan president

China's official news agency, Xinhua, reported yesterday that former Afghan leader Babrak Karmal has been jailed by the Soviet-backed regime. Karmal had served as president from 1979 until his removal a year ago. Xinhua did not say when or why Karmal was jailed, but said he had been under house arrest for some time. A Soviet official denounced the report as imperialist propaganda.

Reagan, Congress exchange charges over Iran arms sales

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Hatfields calls for US office in Hanoi

Twelve years after the end of the Vietnam War, Sen. Mark Hatfield (R-OR) wants the US government to establish an office in Hanoi. Hatfield has introduced a resolution urging President Reagan to take "bold, new steps with the government of Vietnam" on the issue of American prisoners of war and those missing in action. Hatfield has been a vocal critic of the Vietnam War during the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Sports

Reagan, Johnson spar over Iran arms sales

Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-HI), chairman of the Senate committee overseeing the Iran-contra affair, said on Sunday that President Reagan knew that money was being raised to provide arms to Nicaraguan rebels. Appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," Inouye said he thinks the president "knows much more than what the White House has intimate." However, Inouye said he has found no evidence that Reagan knew about the diversion of money from Iran arms sales to the contra rebels.

Reagan said that he was aware that private individuals were raising money to help the contras, but said he knew of no efforts within the administration to solicit funds.

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Restaurant owners plant anti-smoking laws

Some local restaurant owners in Beverly Hills, CA are complaining that they have lost more than half their patrons. The reason, they say, is a new anti-smoking ordnance that bars lighting up its stores, at public meetings, and in restaurants. Beverly Hills Mayor Benjamin shelf said that any notion of amending the ordinance is wishful thinking.

Prime interest rate rises to 8 percent

Many US banks raised their prime interest rate from 7% to 8 percent over the weekend. Analysts attribute the increase to tighter credit and the falling value of the dollar on world markets.

Youth testifies in Goetz trial

The trial one of the four youths who by New York police officer Bernard Goetz, testified on Saturday that he never intended to rob Goetz. Canty has frustrated the defense at every turn, frequently asking questions about the 1984 shooting, insisting that he can't remember. Goetz, who is facing attempted murder charges, said he was justified because the young men were about to draw his gun.

Weather

More rain

Today will be much like the previous several days. Low pressure remains over the northwest. Rain, however, can expect rain, not snow. Periods of rain are likely to return later today and continue until Thursday. There are some indications that we may warm up nicely late in the week, so look forward to that.

Todler: The usual. Rain, drizzle, and fog with cold Northwest winds and high 40s (°F).

Tonight: Light rain, drizzle, and fog 42°F (°C).

Monday: Mostly cloudy, with some leftover showers or drizzle in the morning. Maybe we will see a patch of sun. Highs will be in the 50s (°C).

Tuesday: Mostly sunny and mild, high 50s-70°F (°C).

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