**World**

**Iran and Iraq continue attacks on Gulf shipping**

According to sources, at least 20 ships from nine countries have been attacked by Iran and Iraq in the Persian Gulf since Saturday. Iranian speedboats hit ships from Japan and Italy, sources say, while Iraq claimed to have hit a tanker yesterday. Meanwhile, the United States has delayed sanctions against Iraq until United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar undertakes a possible peace mission to the Gulf region. The US sanctions were to have gone into effect today. The Pentagon reports that the seventh US-Kuwaiti convoys, comprised of three refueled Kuwaiti oil tankers, is proceeding uneventfully through the Gulf. Shipping sources report that Britain has joined the effort, refueling its first Kuwaiti tanker yesterday in the Gulf of Oman.

Iran reported to have lost a third of export capacity

A British publication reports that Iraq's attacks on Iranian tankers may have seriously hurt Iraq's crude oil exports. The London's Daily Telegraph said that if Iraq's claims of tanker attacks are true, Iranian tankers may have seriously hurt Iran's crude oil exports. The government also plans to iddle 14 million acres normally planted. It was set in 1983, cent of US crop acreage. He says that would far exceed the old record for idled crop acres. It was set in 1983, when the US payment in kind program sideloaded 77.8 million acres normally planted.

**Soviet prosecutor accuses Rust**

Mikhail Rust, the West German teenager who hanged himself in a small phase to Red Square recently, was accussed by a Soviet prosecutor of seeking "cheap popularity." The prosecutor also demanded that Rust be sent to eight years in a labor camp for his unscheduled flight in the Soviet Union.

**Philippine rebels kill 44 people**

Communist rebels in the Philippines have killed as few as 44 people in last week's failed coup attempt. President Corazon Aquino, who is facing additional opposition from Muslim rebels, has ordered Congressional leaders to support Chief of Staff General Fidel Ramos. Ramos is involved in stepping halfway a dozen previous uprisings in the country.

**Israel faces protests on Lavi cancellation**

Israel's prime minister is calling on aircraft workers to avoid violence in the wake of the decision to scrap production of the Lavi jet fighter. Israelis have been on strike in recent protests. Meanwhile, Minister of Defense Moshe Arens is standing by his decision to resign from the prime minister's cabinet, calling the Lavi decision "fraud.""?

**Junto takes over Burundi**

While he was in Canada for a summit, Jean-Baptiste Bagaza was replaced as president of Burundi by a military junta controlled by an army officer. State-run radio in the small east African country reported that Bagaza had been removed from power. At the time he was attending a summit of leaders from French-speaking nations. Bagaza, a socialist, has been facing tribal and political problems as home.

**South Africa cracks down on AIDS**

The South African government has announced measures designed to stop the spread of the AIDS virus by migrant workers. All migrant workers found to have AIDS will be deported. The government also plans isolation and compulsory treatment of all AIDS victims and carriers.

Thousands of fire fighters in western United States

California Governor George Deukmejian has proclaimed a state of emergency for 22 counties in his state, where flames threaten the famous Sequoia redwoods. Wildfires that have charred parts of seven western states are now heading toward several rural communities, forcing thousands to flee.

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**Deadly bacteria found in Bon-Bons and Fruit Scoops**

The Carnation Company is recalling all Bon Bons ice cream sandwiches and Fruit Scoops as a precautionary measure. Since last August, five people have listed food poisoning after eating. The company says there have been no reports of illness.

**National League suspends Hatchet**

Huston Astros outfielder Billy Hatchet was ejected from Tuesday night's game against Chicago when umpires discovered cork in Hatchet's bat, which broke in two on an infield ground ball. The National League subsequently suspended Hatchet for ten days. Astros manager Hal Lanier has also been fined an undisclosed amount. According to NL President Bart Giamatti, Lanier was "responsible for the use of the equipment that the umpire said was corky." The suspension will cost Hatchet eight games, the Astros relieved manager Davey Lopes of the team that Hatchet was and that Hatchet had borrowed it. Hatchet has said that he will not appeal the suspension.

**Weather**

**Quiet times ahead**

A large cool high-pressure center nestled over New England last night. With the high in this position, the moist and quite warm air in the southeastern United States will have a hard time reaching us. Thus, sunny warm days and clear cool nights will be the rule for the next few days. By the weekend, there is no cause for concern. Unless the disturbance reorganizes, there is no cause for concern. The remainder of the week will remain cool and cloudy.

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