

news roundup

from the associated press wire

World

French may have sold submarine technology to Soviets

It appears the Japanese may not have been the first to make illegal sales of sensitive equipment to the Soviets. An American law firm, asked by Toshiba Corporation to investigate such illegal sales by one of its subsidiaries, said a French firm may have sold sophisticated milling machines to the Soviets first. The report says Toshiba employees saw a French Forest Line milling machine when they went to install their equipment in the Soviet Union in 1983 and 1984. US officials have said the machines helped the Soviets produce quieter propellers that make submarines harder to detect, and Congress has been discussing retaliatory measures.

Nation

Ford announces major recall

In the auto industry's largest recall in six years, Ford announced the recall of more than four million cars, light trucks, and vans to correct problems which can potentially cause engine or fuel line fires. The recall affects vehicles in the 1986 through 1988 model years.

The recall covers 2.3 million cars and 1.8 million light trucks with fuel-injected engines. Company officials said that the popular Mercury Sable and Ford Taurus line, as well as the Aerostar vans are included in the recall. The company said in a statement that the recall follows 222 reports of engine fires caused by failure of retaining clips on couplings used to connect fuel lines.

American Bar Association endorses Bork

An American Bar Association committee said on Wednesday that Robert Bork is "well qualified" to sit on the US Supreme Court. However, a Reagan Administration official conceded that the vote by the 15-member ABA committee was not unanimous.

Aquino's cabinet resigns

The entire cabinet of Philippine President Corason Aquino resigned Wednesday. The move came under pressure from business leaders who want reorganization and stronger leadership following last month's attempted coup. Aquino gave no indication which resignations will be accepted or when she'll announce a new government. Among those who resigned was her top aide, Joker Arroyo.

Iraq resumes air raids on Iran

The war is on again with a vengeance in the Persian Gulf after a three-day lull. Iraq claimed it bombed 13 targets deep inside Iran on Wednesday. The targets included oil installations and factories. Iraq vowed it would swiftly retaliate. The newest fighting has surprised diplomats in the region who thought Iraq would suspend its raids while awaiting the visit of UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar. The UN official is scheduled to arrive in Iran today.

Navy ship cancels stop in Costa Rica

A scheduled visit to Costa Rica by the destroyer USS Luce last week was cancelled — and there are conflicting reports over the reason why. A US Embassy official in Costa Rica said the visit was cancelled because the correct type of fuel required for the ship was not available. But Pentagon sources said the Costa Rican government had demanded the Navy certify that the entire crew of the Luce was free of AIDS.

Local

Dukakis shows off proposed health care plan

Governor Michael S. Dukakis revealed on Wednesday details of his proposed universal health care plan. It would impose criminal penalties beginning in 1989 against any employer failing to offer health insurance for any worker putting in at least 17.5 hours per week. Businesses less than three years old would be the only ones exempted. Dukakis said he plans to file the measure with the legislature on Friday.

Sports

NFL owners ready to go ahead with business in case of strike

There may be a strike, but there will still be football. While saying they'll do what's necessary to avoid a strike, the NFL owners have also voted unanimously to field teams, even if the regular players walk out. Top management negotiator Jack Donlan said management will use "whatever players are available." According to Tampa Bay Bucs' owner Hugh Culverhouse, clubs will refund ticket money to fans who don't wish to attend games during a walkout.

Weather

Kind of wet

The hot and muggy weather we've been experiencing this week will be easing slightly over the next few days. Temperatures will hover pleasantly around the 70s, but clouds will gather. The likelihood of rain will increase over the weekend.

Friday: Mostly sunny and mild, high 78°F. Winds east 5-10 mph.

Friday night: Clear to partly cloudy with fog developing in some spots. Low 64°F.

Saturday: Becoming mostly cloudy. Light rain or drizzle likely developing in coastal locations by dark. High 72°F, low 69°F. Winds east/southwest 10-15 mph.

Sunday: Cloudy with light rain or drizzle possibly becoming heavier late in the day. High around 70°F.

Monday: Clearing and dryer. High 74°F.

Forecast by Michael C. Morgan

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Student Activity Announcements

ASA General Assembly Meeting

October 15, 7:00 p.m., Student Center Room 400

All student activities MUST send a representative!

Call 253-2696 for more information.

The following student activities have not submitted the required forms and will be de-recognized at the next Association of Student Activities general assembly meeting on October 15, 1987. De-recognized activities will not be allowed to occupy student activity office space, have bulletin board space, use the MIT name, reserve institute rooms and receive funding from FinBoard.

If your activity is listed below and is still active, a representative of your activity must contact an ASA ExecBoard member before October 8. ExecBoard office hours will be posted on the UA office door (Student Center room 401).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alpha Chi Sigma | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee to Assist Nonregistrants | <input type="checkbox"/> New England Nature Observers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alpha Kappa Alpha | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee on Central America | <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani Students Society |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alpha Phi Alpha | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee for Gary Hart | <input type="checkbox"/> Project for Student Summer Theatre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Rights Forum | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Players | <input type="checkbox"/> RUKU |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arms Control Study Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Jazz Band | <input type="checkbox"/> Russians At MIT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Association for Computing Machinery | <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Sigma Theta | <input type="checkbox"/> Sangam |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Association of Puerto Rican Students | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Action Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Society of Wine Connoisseurs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Association for Recording Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino Student Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Organization of EMT's |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Australasians Club | <input type="checkbox"/> GAP Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Pugwash |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boston Wu-Tang Chinese Martial Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Go Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Survival Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brass Ensemble | <input type="checkbox"/> International Relations Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Tech Catholic Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buddhist Study Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Islamic Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Tiddlywinks Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Udayan Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Juggling Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Economics Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chamber Music Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Kappa Alpha Psi | <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Math Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> China Study Group | <input type="checkbox"/> LAMIT | <input type="checkbox"/> Unicorn Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese Intercollegiate Choral Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Latter Day Saints | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Action Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choral Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Malaysian Students Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Video Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College Bowl | <input type="checkbox"/> National Society of Black Engineers | <input type="checkbox"/> White Water Club |

Also, any student activity seeking office space must submit a new space request form. Forms are available in the UA office, W20-401.