Gorbachev hopeful about arms treaty

Gorbachev, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, has told the Soviet press a treaty eliminating medium- and short-range nuclear missiles could be worked out this year. Gorbachev's remarks came Wednesday, in the middle of three days of meetings in Washington between Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and Secretary of State George Shultz Ph.D'74. Shultz told reporters some progress toward arms control has been made so far in the talks.

Persian Gulf fighting resumes

No sooner than US Secretary of State Albright Peru de Ceulier's peace mission had ended did the war between Iran and Iraq resume in the Persian Gulf. Baghdad Radio reported yesterday that its warplanes bombed a large ship off Iraq as a sky-lit delay in fighting. Peru de Celelter returned to New York Wednesday, apparently falling to get agreement on a cease-fire.

The UN Security Council heard a secret report from Peru de Ceulier Wednesday about his meetings with Iranian and Iraqi leaders. The UN chief would only tell the press that both sides gave full views about a cease-fire - but not whether they'd comply with it.

Private efforts to rescue MIA's and POW's criticized

The State Department has criticized a private group's plan to fly ballons into Laos, advertising rewards for the return of prisoners of war and US POW's. Officials say the plan could hurt official efforts to account for the missing. State Department spokesman Charles Reid said the private efforts are misleading and often harm official attempts to obtain a full accounting.

Wright hopeful about Central American peace prospects

House Speaker James Wright (D-TX) said yesterday it is possible that a cease-fire in Central America could take effect before the Nov. 7 deadline in a regional peace proposal. Wright said he has spoken to leaders of two Central American countries in the past week. But he also said US humanitarian aid to Nicaragua's rebels could be continued until at least November. Wright also contended he had an agreement in principle with House Majority Leader Robert Michel (R-HIL) on at least $3.25 billion in stopgap aid as long as the White House representative from Nicaragua, Martin Pizarrasaid the Administration supports the move.

Reagan praises Constitution, defends Bork

President Reagan praised the Constitution, and got in a plug for a defeated Supreme Court nominee. Robert H. Bork, on Constitution Day yesterday. He first spoke in Philadelphia, where the Constitution was signed 200 years ago. Yesterday, he said the framers produced a document that would change the world - profoundly and forever. Later, at a fund-raiser for US Sen. John Heinz (R-PA), Bork let the White House know he is "a strong believer in the Constitution and a strong defender of individual liberty."

Bork has been testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday. He got into a dispute with US Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA), who asserted that Bork supported unfunded presidential power in constitutional disputes with Congress. Bork said that "must of troll".

Biden counters plagiarism charges

Judiciary Committee chairman Joseph R. Biden (D-DE) said yesterday's "no coincidence" that a controversy over whether he's committed plagiarism emerged during the confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Robert H. Bork. The Democratic presidential contender said there is "no doubt" he is a Democrat or Republican who opposees who've spread meddling about the source of his rhetoric. Biden conceded he'd failed to credit others for parts of his campaign speeches, material but said it is "no big deal." And he admitted he had plagiarized a third of a 15-page law school paper 23 years ago - but said he made it up for it by retaking the course.

Senate votes to restrict SDI tests

The Senate yesterday rejected a proposal to restrict all tests of President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative. The measure, Republicans opposing. Reagan has threatened to veto the measure, but he's a strong supporter, US Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA) said that might do the President more harm than good. Nunn said a veto might be followed by a congressional approval of a less restrictive measure.

UAW, Ford reach tentative agreement

The United Auto Workers announced a tentative contract agreement with Ford yesterday. The UAW said the agreement - which still must be approved by union leaders and members - would bring higher pay and greater job protection to more than 100,000 US auto workers. Chrysler, meanwhile, is still negotiating by a strike by its Canadian workers. The strike has created a parts shortage that has hit Ford Chrysler to lay off workers at two US plants.

Right to call someone "sleazebag" upheld

A federal judge thinks there is a constitutional right to call someone a "sleazebag" who "zoomed up from the Bayou." District Judge James Carvin of Denver was ruling on the case of a former coach in the defunct US Football League. The coach described one player's agent that he was "at a loss for words." The Justice Department announced yesterday that a Le-

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NFL players threaten strike Monday

The NFL Players Association has threatened to strike after Monday night's Proten-Jen game if negotiations with team owners do not produce a contract by then. Players Association executive director Gene Upshaw has said a strike is inevitable and owners' negotiant chief Jack Donlin has said a strike is a very good possibility. Some players, including San Francisco quarterback Joe Montana and New York Jets running back Freeman McNeil, have vowed to continue playing during a strike. But their position drew criticism yesterday from the Pe- ter Prince Steve Gregg and Raymond Clayborn, who say that the whole team should walk out if a strike is called.

FBI makes overseas terrorist arrest

The Justice Department announced yesterday that a Lebanon man has been charged with hosting in connection with the death of the Royal Jordanian Airlines in Beirut two-and-a-half years ago. The arrest was made by agents, Attorney General Edwin P. Meese said it is the first overseas arrest by US law enforcement officials in connection with Jordanian Airlines. The charges were sought under US laws.

Meese said Ayman Arroyo was arrested Sunday by splen- agents of the FBI in international waters in the Mediterran- ean Sea. He said the suspect was flown to the US in military aircraft and arrived at Andrews Air Force Base yesterday.

The charges stem from a July 1985 incident in the Beirut International Airport.

Human rights lawyer dropped from Aquino Cabinet

Philippine President Corazon Aquino announced yesterday that her closest advisor - executive secretary Rocke Arroyo - will leave the Cabinet. Military groups have long demanded that the human rights lawyer step down, along with the rest of the Cabinet last week - but it had been expected that many Cabinet members would be appointed.

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Weather

Soaking wet

While last weekend's weather was "kind of wet," this weekend promises to be even wetter. Low pressure over Pennsylvania overnight will move eastward to the Mid-Atlantic coast this evening. Consequently, rain will continue throughout the day becoming heavier and colder tonight. A fall in the precipitation will occur Tuesday afternoon through Sunday, but more rain returns for Sunday, Monday, and perhaps Tuesday.


Tonight: Rain becoming heavier with increasing easterly winds. Low 50°F (10°C). Winds east- north 10-20 mph.


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