More ships attacked in Persian Gulf

Officials in Bahrain say that an Iranian missile hit Kuwait’s main oil loading terminal and set a Liberian-flagged ship on fire. Nearby U.S.-flagged ships were apparently unharmed. There is speculation that the missile used was a Chinese “ill-will” missile which has not been previously used against ships in the gulf.

Airliner crashes in Alps

No information is known on the fate of 31 people aboard an Italian jetliner that crashed in the foothills of the Alps. Officials confirmed that the jet went down during a heavy rainstorm north of Milan, but the exact crash site was not determined. The plane was on its way to Cologne, West Germany.

Nobel prizes given out

Besides MIT’s Susumu Tonegawa being awarded the Nobel prize for medicine and physiology, the Nobel committee announced the winners of the prizes in chemistry and physics. Frenchman Jean-Marie Lehn and Americans Charles Pedersen SM ’27 and Donald Cram were awarded the prize in Chemistry for their work in the development of synthetic molecules. Two Swiss scientists — K. Alex Müller and J. Georg Bednorz — won the prize in Physics for their revolutionary work in the field of superconducting materials.

Delay in superpowers summit

Even though Secretary of State George Shultz PhD ’49 officially states that an Iranian missile hit the carrier and that he has no firm date for the Washington meeting. Shultz will be in Moscow later this month, and it is expected that at that time he will nail down a precise date for the Washington meeting.

Pilots testify against Eastern

A pair of Eastern Airlines pilots said that the carrier has repeatedly forced its pilots to fly unsafe planes. They told a Senate committee that pressures may have arisen when Eastern management tried to cut costs and increase profits. An Eastern official has denied these charges.

Blast in San Francisco Chinatown

A propane gas leak caused a huge explosion in a restaurant in San Francisco’s Chinatown. Over 25 people were injured when glass and debris showered the sidewalk after the lunchtime explosion.

Texas girl trapped in well

There had been little progress by last night in trying to save 18-month-old Jessica McClure after she fell into a solid rock. Apparently she was still alive since rescue workers have been able to get closer to the girl has been by drilling through the solid rock.

Victories in cancer fight

The American College of Surgeons has announced that the number of men dying from testicle cancer has fallen dramatically in the past few years due to advances in therapy. A dimmer outlook was given however for another cancer that affects men, namely prostate cancer. Approximately 90 thousand individuals are afflicted by this malady every year. This number is about twenty times the number of cases of testicle cancer.

Weather

Kind of Quiet

With the jet stream to our north and west, weather in New England will be rather quiet the next couple of days. With the exception of late Saturday and early Sunday, skies should be mostly sunny this weekend.

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny. Winds becoming northeasterly during the afternoon. Highs around 50° along the coast and in the 60’s inland.

Saturday night: Low in mid 40’s

Sunday: Partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of showers well to the north and west. Highs in the 60’s inland. Mostly sunny. Winds becoming north 10-15 mph.


Sunday night: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers well to the north and west. Low in mid 40’s.

Monday: Clearing, breezy, mild high around 60°. Winds north 10-15 mph.

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