World

Navy frigate fires on boats in Gulf

The Pentagon says a Navy frigate fired at three small boats Sunday in the Persian Gulf when they approached another US Navy ship in the area. Officials believe the ships may have been Iranian. The ships left the area after the USS Cary fired 50 caliber machine gun rounds. It is uncertain whether any of the boats were hit.

Tensions escalate in Philippines

Authorities say that five gunmen in the Philippines entered an area where Americans live and disarmed security guards yesterday. The officials suspected that the gunmen may have been communist rebels. The incident followed shootings around Clark Air Force Base five days ago in which three Americans and a Filipino of American ancestry were gunned down.

Iran angry over UN cease fire proposal

Iran's parliamentary speaker said that it is obvious the United Nations has ill intentions in trying to get his country to accept a cease-fire resolution. In comments carried by Iran's official news agency, Rafsanjani said the security council will get bogged down once the cease-fire is instituted and will not be able in the end to identify Iran's official news agency Hashemi Rafsanjani said his country's parliamentary speaker said that it is obvious the United Nations has ill intentions in trying to get his country to accept a cease-fire resolution. In comments carried by Iran's official news agency, Hashemi Rafsanjani said the security council will get bogged down once the cease-fire is instituted and will not be able in the end to identify the aggressor and resolve the conflict.

Persian Gulf buildup continues

Military sources say that the arrival of five minesweeping ships in the Persian Gulf will allow the US Navy to reduce its dependence on helicopter minesweepers. Two of the Korean War-vintage ships arrived last week and three more are scheduled to arrive in the next few days. The helicopters had been operating the Gulf since mid-August.

Zhao becomes head of Chinese communist party

Chinese premier Zhao Ziyang became head of his nation's communist party yesterday. This came among a big leadership shuffle that brought younger, reform-minded officials into top seats. Senior leader Deng Xiaoping, who had just stepped down from three top party offices, was named chairman of the Central Military Commission. With this post he will still retain a lot of influence in party policies.

Gorbachev admits faults of Stalin

In an unprecedented admission of failure, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, in his nationally broadcast speech accused the late Joseph Stalin of "enormous and unforgivable crimes." He mentioned a point that will need to be resolved before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee member Richard Lugar was more cautious. "Committee member Richard Lugar was more cautious. "Committee member Richard Lugar was more cautious. "Committee member Richard Lugar was more cautious. "Committee member Richard Lugar was more cautious. "Committee member Richard Lugar was more cautious.

Weather

Indian Summer on the way

Now that it is November we find Indian Summer headed our way. Although it will be short-lived, we can expect temperatures above 60°F both today and tomorrow. This warm weather is due to the warm southwestern flow associated with a warm front now positioned over New England. Before the disturbance moves to our north, we will see cloudy and showers in our region. Tomorrow, however, the sun will return and temperatures will stay around 60°F. By late Thursday colder conditions will return.

Flak over the Titanic

The head of the company which has photographic rights to the Titanic expedition is crying foul. The president of the Sigma Photo Agency said the safe found in the ship and opened during a television special last week was actually empty when it was pulled from the ocean floor. During the program it was suggested that a bag of coins had been found inside. A spokesperson for the French company that helped organize the expedition denied the charges.

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