

news roundup

from the associated press wire

World

US joins in anti-Israel vote

For the first time since 1981, the United States has joined with the other 14 members of the UN Security Council in a vote against Israel. The Security Council last night unanimously asked Israel not to deport Palestinians from the occupied territories. In recent weeks, the Reagan Administration has been voicing its unhappiness with Israel's handling of the riots in the Gaza Strip and West Bank. At least 24 Palestinians have been killed.

In 1981, the United States voted to condemn Israel's bombing attack on an Iraqi nuclear power plant and for imposing Israeli law on the Golan Heights.

Riots in occupied territories continue

The Israeli army said soldiers shot one Palestinian to death and wounded seven others on the Gaza Strip yesterday. The army also said five soldiers were injured in stone-throwing incidents. Israeli troops have killed 24 Arabs in the wave of violence that began in the occupied territories on Dec. 8.

Hijackers admit guilt

Five Palestinians who are on trial in Pakistan have admitted taking over a Pan American jetliner. Their admission came in a statement read by a lawyer at their trial yesterday. Four of the five are accused in the takeover itself; one is accused of masterminding it. The statement said they diverted an American-owned airliner to Pakistan to draw attention to Palestinian demands. But the Palestinians blamed Pakistani commandos for the deaths.

Commission reviews Central American peace plan

An international commission arrived in Costa Rica Monday to begin checking whether a Central American peace plan is living up to expectations. Costa Rica is the only one of the five nations the 15-member commission is due to visit that is fully at peace. The commission will visit Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras before reporting back to the presidents that signed the Central American peace accord last summer.

Crew of ill-fated ship too frightened to fight fire

One of two crewmen who survived the ship collision near the Philippines said yesterday he and his shipmates were too terrified to fight the fire that followed the crash. He told a marine board of inquiry there was firefighting equipment aboard the tanker, but little effort was made to use it as crew members fled for their lives. More than 1600 people were killed in the disaster.

Accused terrorist appeals for hostage release

An Arab on trial in a kidnapping case appealed yesterday for the release of a West German who is held hostage in Beirut. In a statement read by his lawyer during the opening of his trial in West Germany, Abbas Ali Hamadi also denied any role in the kidnapping of that hostage or another German who was later freed. Hamadi is accused of seizing the hostages in Beirut as ransom for his brother, Mohammad Ali Hamadi, who faces a charge of hijacking a TWA jetliner in 1985.

USSR likely will not boycott Seoul Olympics

It is becoming more and more likely there will be no Soviet-led boycott of the 1988 Summer Olympics scheduled for Seoul, South Korea. Although a final decision will not be made until next week, Marat Gramov, the top Soviet sports official and head of their Olympic committee, emphasized on Monday that the Soviets were planning on attending both the summer games and the upcoming Winter Olympics in Calgary, Canada.

Soviets move against unfair psychiatric confinement

The Soviet news agency Tass reported Monday that the Soviet government is making it a crime to commit a healthy person to a mental hospital. New measures set up specific guidelines for psychiatric confinement. The report made no mention of complaints that the government has used such confinement against political dissidents.

Carlucci tours Gulf

Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci began his first tour of the Persian Gulf on Monday. Arab leaders reportedly will ask Carlucci for more US help in ending the Iran-Iraq war. Carlucci has started his visit in Kuwait. He'll also go to Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Oman as well as visit ships in the US naval force in the Persian Gulf.

West German employee killed in Paris

A West German embassy employee was shot to death on a Paris sidewalk early Monday. There have been claims and denials that a Kurdish extremist group was responsible. Police said an envelope in the embassy employee's pocket contained a tract in the name of the Kurdish National Liberation Front, an exile group that has protested West German treatment of Kurdish refugees.

Nation

Candidates receive federal funds

Monday was pay day for a dozen presidential candidates. The US treasury doled out \$25 million in federal matching funds to the candidates. Vice President George Bush received the largest check — \$4.8 million. Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis lead the Democratic candidates with \$2.4 million.

Republican Pat Robertson said it was with reluctance that he accepted more than \$4 million in federal campaign money. He said he's still opposed to federal matching funds — but decided to take the money just in case he needs it to stay competitive.

Oil spill threatens water supplies

Utility workers are trying to patch together systems that will restore water to Pittsburgh suburbs. A diesel fuel spill over the weekend has contaminated the Monongahela and Ohio Rivers. Some residents of communities which draw drinking water from those rivers have to use bottled water. In Wheeling, WV, which draws from the Ohio, officials are getting ready for a possible shutoff.

Test problems force shuttle delay

National Aeronautics and Space Administration officials said Monday that the failure of a rocket nozzle component during a test last month likely will force a delay of six-to-ten weeks in the first post-Challenger space shuttle mission. That could push the resumption of flights to mid-August.

Government beefs up AIDS budget

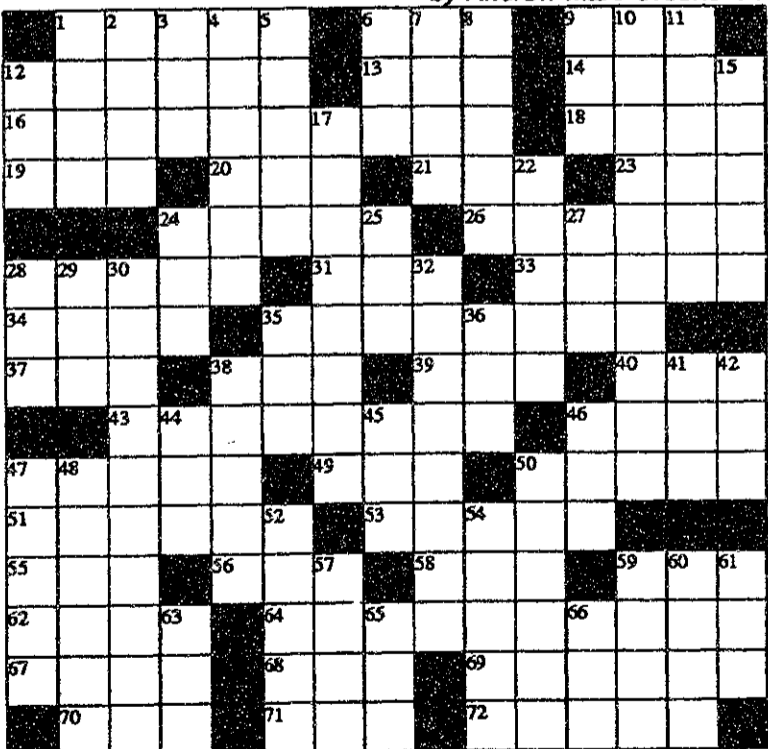
Health and Human Services officials will not disclose how much money they are requesting for AIDS research and education in the 1989 budget. But *The New York Times* reported yesterday that HHS Secretary Otis Bowen has requested \$1.1 billion, a twenty percent increase from what is in this year's budget.

Frontiers of dentistry: dissolving cavities

There is a new technique in dentistry that patients seem to like but dentists may be slow to accept — dissolving cavities. A study has found that patients would rather have their cavities dissolved by the new drug Caridex rather than have them drilled. But the study says dentists haven't taken to Caridex because drilling is part of their professional identity.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

by Andrew Marc Greene '91



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ACROSS

- 1 Follicle outgrowths
- 6 Mal de
- 9 760 mmHg
- 12 Portion of
- 13 Much About Nothing
- 14 Anti-fly team?
- 16 Part of M.I.T.
- 18 "I don't think we're in Kansas anymore"
- 19 Draft org.
- 20 Compass dir.
- 21 NCC-1701-D crewmember
- 23 Tasha
- 24 Dine
- 26 Bloodsucker
- 26 Strata
- 28 "... him now or wait 'til you get home"—Bugs Bunny
- 31 Golf item
- 33 Jones' locker
- 34 First video game
- 35 Massachusetts
- 37 Ripen
- 38 Preposition
- 39 B' way abbr.
- 40 Type of gate
- 43 Kind of hash
- 46 Po follower
- 47 Gewitter, (Movement from Beethoven's sixth symphony)
- 49 Red or Black, e.g.
- 50 Sanctuaries
- 51 Wrote
- 53 Dynasty star
- 55 Finish
- 56 Coke cops
- 58 British record co.
- 59 Bee chaser
- 62 Cheers cheer
- 64 M.I.T. sports, e.g.
- 67 Scott case

- 68 Teleflora competitor
- 69 Falcons
- 70 "Star Wars"
- 71 Affirmative
- 72 Hamlet word

DOWN

- 1 Shades
- 2 Fundamentals
- 3 Man from Tel Aviv
- 4 Stomach lining
- 5 British weight
- 6 Chinese ruler
- 7 Nervous
- 8 Kingly
- 9 Computer supply co.
- 10 Contest on Nov. 24, 1987
- 11 Ripen
- 12 Pt. of Course XXI
- 15 Turvy's partner
- 17 LSC events
- 22 No soap
- 24 Journal
- 25 Pronoun
- 27 Gab
- 28 Health resort
- 29 Swine
- 30 Integer often following 26
- 32 One who captures and sells people
- 35 Mazel
- 36 Be nosy
- 38 Well-known
- 41 OPEC concern
- 42 Co. between NBC and GE
- 44 Bird
- 45 Born as
- 46 Curve on a road
- 47 Use money
- 48 Some Logarithms
- 50 Beast
- 52 Worship as a god
- 54 Collect
- 57 Poker start
- 59 Indian tribe
- 60 Wyatt
- 61 Subways that aren't subways
- 63 MMMII halved
- 65 6 pts. in football
- 66 Fiddle's cousin

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BAR LAVA PLAQUE
 ASA ENOS RECURS
 APPROACH I STAND
 PINTA ASTIR
 QUOTA TRIM TAD
 ETRE SIAM IRENE
 DAT NOON DOURER
 COUNTDOWN
 ROSIER JOTA HAT
 TRIAL INGS SORE
 SEX LOGE MALTA
 TRAIN AHOLD
 STEELE FRONTIER
 TREPAN IEEB NAY
 RINSES EDDY GRE

Local

Legislature ends session without gay rights action

The Massachusetts legislature has wound up its 1987 session on the fifth day of 1988. The session ended at midnight last night. Among the bills that have to be refiled at the start of the next session is the controversial gay rights bill.

Flynn starts second term

Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn was sworn in for a second term of office on Monday. He called for greater attention to neighborhood programs and affordable housing in his inaugural address. Flynn also cited a need for increased linkage programs, in which developers set aside money for neighborhood projects. He detailed a plan to offer jobs for Boston high school graduates.

Weather

Brrrr. . .

Today: Windy and very cold with bright sun. Highs 15-20°F (-9°C to -6°C). West wind 25 to 35 mph.
Tonight: Clear and still very cold. Low 0-10°F (-20°C to -12°C).
Thursday: Sunny, but continued very cold. Highs 15-20°F (-9°C to -6°C).
Friday through Sunday: A chance of snow by late Friday and on Saturday. Fair and cold Sunday. Highs between 20-30°F (-6°C to -1°C) on Friday and Saturday. In the teens (-12°C to -6°C) Sunday. Lows generally between 0-15°F (-20°C to -9°C).

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