news roundup

from the associated press wire

World

Guerrillas hijack bus, die in Israeli shootout

Violence in Israel escalated yesterday as three guerrillas hijacked a bus carrying nuclear power plant workers. The guerrillas shot three Israeli citizens to death before Israeli soldiers stormed the bus and killed the trio, according to Israeli officials.

An anonymous caller to a western news agency claimed credit for the attack on behalf of a Palestine Liberation Organization-linked commando group. The same day, in the occupied territories, at least 12 Arabs were shot in clashes with Israeli troops.

Navy helicopters attacked in the Persian Gulf

American helicopters were the targets of gunfire in the Persian Gulf on Sunday. The helicopters took evasive action after heavy machine-gun fire erupted from an oil platform and small boats in the central gulf, according to US officials. A US naval commander said the helicopters were on a routine reconnaissance mission when the attacks occurred — and they did not return fire.

IRA thwarted in Gibraltar

British government officials said that a "dreadful terrorist act" was averted when British soldiers shot and killed three Irish Republican Army members in Gibraltar Sunday. But Britain's foreign secretary said that the three men were on foot and unarmed when they were gunned down.

Israeli government divided over US peace plan

Israel's cabinet remains divided along party lines over a US peace plan. After Sunday's cabinet meeting, Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin warned that if his country ignores this plan, another such peace proposal might never come. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir objects to some provisions of the plan, conceived by US Secretary of State George P. Shultz PhD '49. He wants to delay a cabinet vote until after he visits Washington later this month.

A group of US senators criticized Shamir for refusing to support the US peace intiative. The lawmakers sent a letter to Shultz saying that Israel cannot rule out territorial compromise if it wants to solve the Palestinian conflict, according to *The New York Times*.

US to put pressure on Noriega

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said yesterday that the administration will discuss later this week possible sanctions to put pressure on military ruler Manuel Noriega of Panama. Fitzwater said provisions may include withholding payments for the Panama Canal. He stressed though that no decisions have yet been made.

Local

Hermit of Chestnut Hill found dead in cemetery

In a hut near the Evergreen Cemetery in Brighton, Boston police discovered yesterday the decomposed body of a homeless man and confirmed that it was Bill Britt, known as the Hermit of Chestnut Hill. Britt had gained national recognition in 1985 for his refusal to abandon his makeshift camp on state-owned land on the Brookline-Boston line. He had been living in the woods since 1969.

Sununu blasts low-cost rental housing bill

New Hampshire Governor John Sununu '61 yesterday blasted a proposal to spend millions of dollars to preserve low-cost rental housing. He said it did not meet the true needs of that state's poor.

The bill originally proposed spending $15 million in general fund revenues to preserve and create more moderately priced housing. But Sununu said the legislation fails to break the subsidized rent cycle that, he claimed, prevents residents from becoming home owners.

He urged support for two other housing initiatives: one to provide $3 million to shelter the homeless and the other to use surplus state land to help middle-income residents build homes.

Sports

Cuba may boycott Summer Games

Cuban leader Fidel Castro still insists that his country will boycott the summer Olympics in Seoul later this year. But in an interview with NBC TV, Castro said that if a satisfactory solution can be reached concerning North Korea's participation in the games, the Cubans might attend.

Mandragon wins marathon

Martin Mandragon of Mexico was the victor in Sunday's Los Angeles Marathon. Mandragon's winning time was 2:10.19. Another Mexican runner, Blanca Jaime, took first place among the women runners.

Nation

Bush keeps Super Tuesday expectations modest

Vice President George Bush said that a sweep of today's Super Tuesday contests is "too much for anyone to expect," although he leads polls in nearly every Super Tuesday state. He predicted that he will be the next president of the United States if he does well in Texas. Bush is already looking ahead toward the March 15 Illinois primary, in which he and his strategists hope to doom the campaign of opponent Sen. Bob Dole (R-KS).

Government and Morton Thiokol pay $8 million in shuttle claims

The federal government and rocket company Morton Thiokol paid nearly $8 million in cash and annuities to settle all claims by the families of four space shuttle "Challenger" astronauts, according to newly released documents. Morton Thiokol paid 60 percent of the settlement.

Writers' strike begins in Hollywood

Monday marked the first day of the script writers' strike. Writers warned that their walkout would send soap operas, talk shows and variety programs into reruns. But producers said that they have stockpiled enough scripts to ride out a long strike.

Weather

Warm weather for a while

Our weather for the next day or so will be quite nice as big pressure builds over New England. Due to a northwesterly flow, today will not be quite as warm as yesterday. By tomorrow, however, a southwesterly flow pattern will help to push temperatures back into the 50s. On Thursday inclement weather will return to our area as a frontal disturbance approaches.

Today: Skies will be mostly sunny with high temperatures near 50°F (10°C). Northwesterly winds will diminish during the day. ***Tonight***: Conditions will be clear and cool with low temperatures near 35° (2°C).

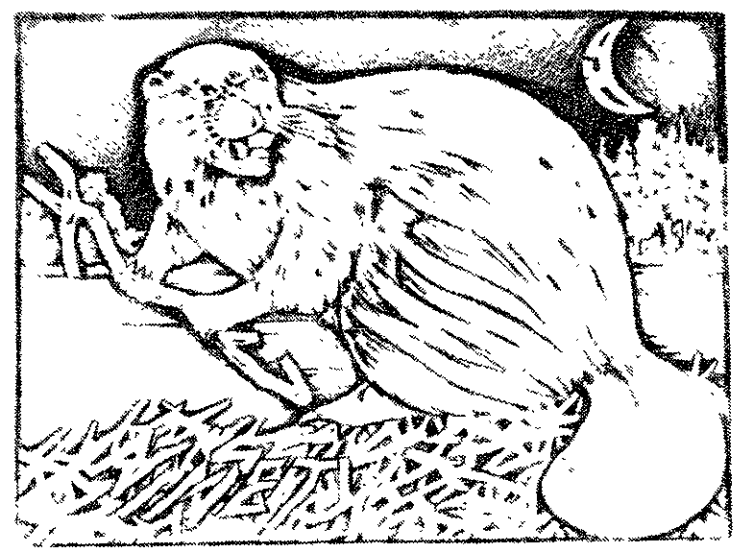
Wednesday: Morning sunshine will give way to increasing cloudiness. Highs will be in the 50s (11-14°C).

Thursday: Chance of rain. Highs in the 40s (6-10°C).

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Ring Ordering

Dates: March 10, 11, 14, 15 & 16

Time: 10-3

Place: Lobby 10

Balfour