Fire breaks out at Soviet nuclear plant

The Soviet news agency TASS reported that fire broke out early yesterday at a Lithuanian nuclear power plant. No radiation was detected, according to the report; no injuries were sustained by either plant employees or the public.

Vaccines to stay in Gulf

US military sources say the USSR is planning to keep some of the Persian Gulf region for possibly another five days. The cruiser was reportedly on its way home Sunday, but sources say at least one Arab government raised last-minute objections to its departure. When it does pull out, it will mark the first US military cutback in the region since the Iran-Iraq war ended in 1988.

Labor Day spotlight on minimum wage

Secretary of Labor Ann McLaughlin took the offensive yesterday against a bill that would increase the minimum wage sought by Democrats. McLaughlin denounced President Reagan's stance that he sponsors terrorism as "very simple people, ignorant people."

Burma students threaten to continue protests

Students in Burma are threatening mass protests and further strikes unless the government is forced to supervise multi-party elections. The students' actions follow the government's demands that the protests be met by Wednesday night or protests will follow on for weeks. The government has been crippled by strikes and demonstrations aimed at ending 26 years of one-party rule. 

US to rescue troubled S&L

Federal regulators are pledging $3 billion to rescue the large savings and loan institutions in the nation. A reported $1.3 billion infusion last November for a similar purpose has gotten richer in the last 13 months and the current figure is half the government's $2.5 billion bailout for the savings and loan industry in 1989.

50 arrested for giving away free food

Fifty people have been arrested in San Francisco after they clacked with police. The 50 were part of a group who tried to distribute free food and leaflets. A police spokesman said it was considered an illegal give-away because they did not have a permit to arrested face charges of creating a nuisance, illegal distribution of food and illegal leafleting.

1 million spend Labor Day at beach

With a third day of sunshine and over 100 degrees estimated 1 million people hit the beaches in Southern California this Labor Day. In New York, the weather was just as hot as the heat wave. 200,000 people made their way to Sands Point for a main chain stretching across two Long Island beaches.

Soviets in talks with Washington over nuclear weapons

A senior Solidarity advisor said "it is certain" more strikes will occur in Poland if talks with the government fail to legalize the labor federation. Union officials said the federation has no word yet whether it will take place.

If the last of Poland's latest rush of strikes ended Saturday, after three days of fighting, leader Lech Walesa promised the government would discuss the future of Solidarity.

Gadaffi foresees better relations with United States

Libyan leader Muammar Gadaffi said he expects relations with Washington to improve under the next administration. And in an interview, Gadaffi said he would like to visit the United States. Gadaffi said Americans who believe President Reagan's stance that he is a "rich young ruler" who refuse to lead students in the Pledge.

AP poll shows dead heat

Both sides are trying to establish themes and images that can help propel them to victory on Election Day, now just nine weeks away. And the new AP-GfK poll released this weekend revealed the race, at this stage, is too close to call. In the Atlantic, Bush was back on the campaign trail after a week-long vacation, but his opponent, Dukakis, refused to be met by Wednesday night or protests will follow on for weeks. As a result, the government has been crippled by strikes and demonstrations aimed at ending 26 years of one-party rule.

N. Korea to leave Games alone

North Korea says it has no intention of disrupting the Olympic Games, which open in Seoul, South Korea, in less than two weeks. It warned that if any incident did mar the games, it would likely be part of a US-South Korean plan to create an excuse to invade the North.

Tyson recuperating after accident

Heavyweight boxing champ Mike Tyson is back in the hospital again for the second time in recent weeks after an accident. Tyson is recuperating in a New York City hospital after receiving minor head and chest injuries in a single-car accident near his training camp in Lake WNY. Tyson was driving when he collided with a parked car. Tyson is undergoing diagnostic tests but is "neurologically normal."

US Open results

The rain which cancelled Sunday's matches at the US Open in Flushing Meadow, NY, cleared up in time for yesterday's action. Third-seeded Stefan Edberg and And- ders Jarryd, 15th in the men's draw, were among the several seed players who won. In the women's draw, top-seeded Evian, scored a 6-1, 6-4, 6-3 win over Scotti Davis of California. Fourth-seeded Andre Agassi de- feated John McEnroe and Keith Smith 6-4, 6-4, 6-3. In the top five, fourth-seeded Jimmy Connors beat Pete Astor 6-3, 6-2.

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