**Nation**

**World**

Soviets propose European arms cuts

In a sweeping proposal, the Soviets are pushing to eliminate all battlefield nuclear weapons from Europe. At a meeting of foreign ministers in Vienna, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze also recommended huge reductions in troops and armor. The proposal goes far beyond previous Soviet proposals and is aimed at suggesting that the two sides pursue arms reductions.

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House debates state budget

The Massachusetts House opened debate yesterday on the state budget for fiscal 1990. Democrats and Republicans continue to fail to reach a compromise on the issue.

Alleged sexual abuser seeks reinstatement as teacher

An elementary school teacher in Tiverton, Rhode Island, who was banned from Tiverton classrooms in late 1987, when he faced two counts of sexual assault, has filed a lawsuit that he was re intimidated. He is seeking more than $45,000, which he claims is owed for interest and tax exemptions at his home.

Work camp prison studied

Massachusetts sheriffs plan to study the idea of work camps for young men convicted of minor crimes. They set up a six-member committee to make the survey. A spokesman for the Hampden County Sheriff's Department says the committee would try to develop a program that would return young men to productive activity.

New England unplugged from Canadian power

The New England Power Pool reports that Canadian utilities have decided to stop supplying power to the region. A spokesman for the Canadian utility says the move may be due to problems with the power's transmission lines. Hydro-Quebec announced that it will probably end sales of power to the New England area. The conditions have affected its hydroelectric plants. The Quebec power has helped the region supply peak demand in winter and summer, but with the New England utilities' position weakened, the Quebec allotment saves New England some money.

Hydro-Quebec has another contract beginning next year to sell New England 1,300 megawatts of power. The company says it wants to conserve water in order to fulfill that commitment.

**News Roundup**

from the associated press wire

Strike almost shuts down Eastern

On the third day of a walkout by the machinists' union, Eastern Airlines is struggling to get the 5,000 pilots of its scheduled flights. The airline says five thousand workers are striking and no deal has been reached. All operations shut down because most pilots continue to honor the machinists' picket lines. A spokesman says Eastern will concentrate on rescheduling its most profitable routes -- the Northeast Shuttle and three flights a week between Miami and South America.

Earlier, the airline asked a federal judge to order the pilots back to work. Eastern claims the pilots are staging an illegal strike independent of the machinists walkout. The pilots union contends it's not on strike but is merely honoring machinists picket lines. Pilots industry-wide are planning to act in support of Eastern's workers starting tomorrow morning. The pilots' union is calling on members to observe three rules -- which could slow travel on many airlines.

A White House spokesman said President Bush was ready to act quickly with a bill banning secondary picketing if the strike affects Eastern cargo. Court orders so far have prevented the machinists from shutting down cargo lines. A congressional hearing on legislation aimed at forcing Bush to appoint an emergency board to end the strike for 90 days will be held today.

Eastern Airlines spokesman Robin Mattel said Eastern would file for bankruptcy only as a last resort -- but indicated that the pilots' action might force the airline to consider that option.

Alabama Democrat supports Tower

At long last, Defense Secretary-Designate John Tower has a Democrat in his corner. Senator Howell Heflin of Alabama yesterday became the first Democrat to announce that he will support Tower's nomination. In a Senate speech, Heflin referred to Tower's pledge to abstain from alcohol if he is confirmed, and said he would "give him a chance to prove himself." Senators from another Southern Democrat -- David Pryor of Arkansas -- said he would vote against confirmation.

Heflin spoke just hours after President Bush gave a ringing endorsement of his nominee at a Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in Jackson, Miss. In an earlier speech, he told the cheering veterans that he stood by his man -- and was "feeling up in measured" against Tower. He added, "I have a strong relationship aside, but I want to drive on their experience with Tower as an expert on defense issues and as a tough, hard-nosed negotiator."

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Discovery launch postponed

The failure of an electronic part has postponed the launch of the space shuttle Discovery by at least two days. The part is vital because it separates the booster engines and fuel tank from the spaceship in flight. A spokeswoman says a firm launch date will not be set until Wednesday. Discovery has been scheduled to go into space Saturday.

Cracks appear in Easter egg supply

Not enough eggs for Easter? That's the prediction of scientists attending a London conference on the ozone layer. The conference was attended by scientists from around the world. The scientists predicted that the ozone layer would continue to thin, leading to a reduction in the amount of protective ozone in the atmosphere.

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Oklahoma U. star arrested

University of Oklahoma officials are still trying to de- cide what course of action to take in the wake of the weekend arrest of basketball star Mario Blaylock. The Blaylock arrest on a complaint of public intoxication was the first US Open Women's Tennis Hall of Fame. She was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1968, and also claimed the Federation's Singles Title at the 100th Anniversary year of the British championship.

Sabres improve defense with trade

The Buffalo Sabres hope they've bolstered their strug- gling defense, getting goalie Clint Malarchuk and defense- man Grant Ledyard in a trade with Washington. The Bills have been struggling for most of the year. They've swapped draft choice as part of the deal.

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