Baker meets with Arens

Secretary of State James A. Baker described his meeting yesterday with Israel's foreign minister as "a productive exchange of views." But he did not say whether Jerusalem's top diplomat, Moshe Arens '47, had agreed to relax Israeli authority in the occupied territories. While he assured that Israel wants to reduce tension, Arens explained that peace-making is not easy in an area wracked by violence.

Ruling party seeks new South African president

South Africa's ruling party passed a resolution yesterday calling for a new president. However the country's current leader, P. W. Botha, said that he plans to stay in office until at least next year. The leaders of Botha's National Party want Frederick De Klerk to replace Botha, a task for the five-man crew during its five-day mission.

Discovery deploys satellite

Astronauts on the space shuttle Discovery deployed a $100 million, two-and-one-half ton satellite to complete a space communications network yesterday. The deployment of this satellite, which gives mission control almost unbroken radio contact with shuttles in space, is the main task for the five-man crew during its five-day mission.

Eastern raises $12 fare

After reporting that the problems involving reduced shuttle fares on its strike-hit operations had settled down, Eastern hiked its fare from $12 to $49 yesterday. Problems had cropped up over the weekend; about 500 of the thirty-thousand people lured by the low fares became stranded when Eastern ran out of seats. Despite the week-end problems all shuttle flights on Monday ran on time with full loads, according to an airline official.

Cheney confirmation likely

Defense Secretary-designate Richard Cheney made his first visit to the Pentagon yesterday. President Bush nominated Cheney last Friday and the Senate Armed Services Committee will open hearings on the Wyoming congressman's confirmation today. Cheney's nomination process could be wrapped up in one week, noted one Democratic panel member.

Teamsters, US reach agreement

The Justice Department yesterday agreed to drop its racketeering suit against the Teamsters Union. In return, Teamsters were dominated by organized crime and had sued in an effort to take over the union.

McFarlane questions North's honesty

Robert McFarlane said that he did not always get straight answers from former National Security Council aide Oliver North. Testifying at North's Iran-contra trial, the former Reagan Administration official noted that the Teamsters were dominated by organized crime and had sued in an effort to take over the union.

Judge warns against prison overcrowding

A federal judge advised Providence state officials to balance their past few months of progress in relieving prison overcrowding against years of delay. The state is facing more than $100,000 in fines for violating Judge Raymond Pettine's order setting a limit of 250 prisoners at the Adult Correctional Institutions Intake Center. State officials testified yesterday that they had made progress in establishing a bail fund and had taken steps to create home confinement programs and halfway houses.

Weather

Mild times ahead

Temperatures will take a sharp turn toward the mild side today and tomorrow before falling back to more seasonable levels. Low pressure developing in the Midwest will track through the Great Lakes and into our northwest early Wednesday. Brisk southwest winds will boost temperatures to springlike levels Wednesday before passage of the low's attendant cold front.

Today: Becoming mostly cloudy and mild. High 43°F (9°C), Winds becoming south-southwest 7-14 mph (11-22 km/h).

Tonight: Partly cloudy and mild. Low 31°F (-1°C), Winds south 10-15 mph (16-24 km/h).

Wednesday: Variable cloudy, breezy and mild. High 42°F (6°C), Winds south-southwest 15-25 mph (24-40 km/h), shifting to northwest 15-25 mph (24-40 km/h).

Thursday: Partly sunny, windy and cool. High 32-38°F (0-3°C), Low 23-26°F (-5 to -3°C).

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