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News Summary

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TODAY'S HEADLINES

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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(New York Times, Washington Post)

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(New York Times)

NATIONAL NEWS

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(Washington Post, Christian Science Monitor)

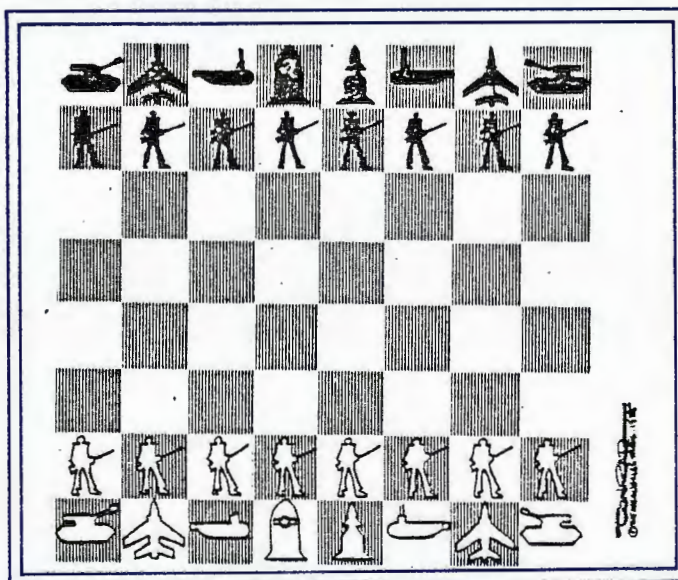
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NETWORK NEWS (Thursday Evening)

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

MOSCOW REBUFFS REAGAN'S REQUEST FOR A TV ADDRESS

The White House announced Thursday that a request by President Reagan that he be allowed to appear on Soviet television had been turned down, and that he would instead try to speak to the Soviet people on Saturday via shortwave radio. Spokesman Larry Speakes said the United States hoped that the Soviet Union would halt the jamming for this address "so that the Soviet people can hear this message from the American President."

(Bernard Gwertzman, New York Times, A1)

Reagan To Address Soviets In Radio Speech Saturday

President Reagan will address the Soviet people Saturday in a 10-minute radio speech beamed to the Soviet Union, telling about his "hopes for peace, hopes for a successful summit," White House spokesman Larry Speakes said. The President's speech will be carried by the Voice of America in English, but it also will be translated and broadcast in Russian and other languages spoken in the Soviet Union, the spokesman said.

(AP story, Washington Post, A19)

U.S. WILL TRY TO STOP SOVIET SHIP

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Customs Service announced Thursday night that it would block the departure of a Soviet freighter from American waters until a seaman aboard was permitted to appear before Congress. The Customs Service said it would deny permission for the ship to depart until Soviet officials complied with the subpoena, which compels the sailor's appearance before the Senate panel, the Agriculture Committee.

(Philip Shenon, New York Times, A1)

Subpoena For Soviet Sailor Arrives In New Orleans

An attorney for the Senate Agriculture Committee arrived in New Orleans Thursday carrying a subpoena for a ship-jumping Soviet sailor in a last-minute bid to make certain he wants to return to the Soviet Union.

(AP story, Washington Post, A37)

Sailor's Leap Into Diplomatic Conflict

NEW ORLEANS -- Today the Soviet grain freighter Marshal Konev was tied up in Reserve, La. taking on grain as Senate staff members flew to Louisiana to deliver a subpoena giving Medvid the opportunity to leave the freighter.

Medvid was returned to the ship 24 hours after being handed over to U.S. officials. He remains aboard (Charles Fishman, Washington Post, A1)

INTELLIGENCE PANELS BACK CIA-SUPPLIED RADIO GEAR FOR CONTRAS

The House and Senate Intelligence Committees have agreed on legislation that would authorize the CIA to provide communications equipment to Nicaraguan counterrevolutionaries, congressional sources said Thursday. The proposed radios would be in addition to the \$27 million in nonmilitary humanitarian aid authorized for the contras.

(John Goshko, Washington Post, A6)

CIA Set To Aid Contra Rebels

The Contras would use the equipment -- primarily radios -- to send and receive intelligence information, according to congressional sources cited by the Washington Post. (UPI)

CIA Cleared To Give Contras Radios, But Not Advice

Nicaraguan rebels stand to get sophisticated radios under a new congressional compromise, but the CIA still will be barred from giving them military advice or training, according to sources. (AP)

BOGOTA REBELS 'ANNIHILATED' IN ASSAULT ON JUSTICE PALACE

BOGOTA, Columbia -- Assault troops blew down the walls of the Palace of Justice with dynamite Thursday and rescued up to 48 hostages held by leftist guerrillas. Officers said their men "annihilated" the guerrillas and found a total of 50 bodies. (AP story, Washington Post, A1)

SOVIET JETS SCRAMBLE AS JAPANESE AIRLINER STRAYS

TOKYO -- A Moscow-bound Japan Air Lines jumbo jet strayed off course over the sea of Japan last week, causing Soviet fighter planes to scramble on nearby Sakhalin Island, Government officials said Thursday. The incident occurred in the same general area where a Soviet fighter shot down an off-course South Korean airliner two years ago, killing all 269 people aboard. (New York Times, A1)

Soviet Jets Scrambled As JAL Plane Strayed

The Japanese jet's crew discovered they had made a navigational error and righted their course before the airliner improperly entered Soviet airspace, Japanese officials said Thursday, adding that the plane never came into contact with the Soviet fighters. (Washington Post, A33)

HOSTAGES REPORTED DEAD, BUT NO BODIES FOUND

BEIRUT -- An anonymous caller claimed Thursday that five American hostages had been killed by their captors, but no bodies were found in the abandoned factory where the caller said the bodies had been left.

(Nora Boustany, Washington Post, A11)

VILLAGERS SAY FEW HURT IN AIR RAIDS

PATAMERA, El Salvador -- The armed forces' strategy seems to be to drive the rebel supporters out of guerrilla strongholds and thus deprive the revolutionaries of their base. The peasants here have grown accustomed to living in a war zone, and are expert at avoiding aircraft and troops. Despite the government's declared policy against attacking non-combatants, the guerrillas civilian supporters are victims, according to residents interviewed here during a rare, extended trip behind enemy lines.

(Robert McCartney, Washington Times, A1)

MARCOS PARTY HAMMERING OUT RULES FOR SNAP PRESIDENTIAL VOTE

MANILA -- President Marcos' ruling party, the New Society Movement (KBL), was meeting behind closed doors at Malacanang Palace Thursday to hammer out details for an emergency, or snap, presidential election called for Jan. 17.

(Tom Breen Washington Times, A6)

Party Approves Early Philippine Election

Speaking to reporters at the presidential palace, Marcos acknowledged keen U.S. interest in the Philippines. There have been a succession of top-level visitors to Manila and several weeks of strongly critical comments from Washington, but Marcos denied it was pressure.

"There have been suggestions, but suggestions, not pressure," he said.
(Reuter)

RISE SEEN IN ARMS SMUGGLING TO PHILIPPINES

SAN FRANCISCO -- Federal agents here have detected what appears to be a growing volume of illegal U.S. firearms shipments to the politically troubled Philippines and have arrested several Filipinos, including some with close ties to the government of President Ferdinand Marcos.

(Jay Mathews, Washington Post, A3)

IMPACT OF YURCHENKO CASE MAY NEVER BE KNOWN

The harm caused to U.S. interests by the Yurchenko affair is as difficult to assess as Yurchenko himself. It left the CIA, as one of its officials said, with egg on its face, "probably the whole carton." In other words, it was a public relations fiasco.

(News analysis by Richard Harwood, Washington Post, A16)

ARMS TALKS RECESSED IN GENEVA

GENEVA -- U.S. and Soviet negotiators recessed Thursday after what the United States called a "productive round" of nuclear arms control talks.

(UPI story, Washington Post, A17)

GORBACHEV AWAITS 'FRUITFUL SUMMIT'

MOSCOW -- Mikhail Gorbachev said today that he saw the opportunity for a "fruitful" Geneva summit that would "serve toward improving the international situation." Speaking of an "explosively dangerous" international situation, Soviet Defense Minister Sergei Sokolov said to the crowd of thousands that the government is aware of the "serious danger of war flowing from plans by reactionary quarters of imperialism, first of all American imperialism, to achieve military superiority."

(Gary Lee, Washington Post, A17)

CHEMICAL WEAPONS UPDATING CALLED NECESSARY FOR A TREATY

The Pentagon's top negotiating strategist says there is no chance of negotiating a ban on chemical weapons with the Soviet Union if Congress doesn't approve the Pentagon's request for funds to modernize U.S. chemical

weapons. "The chance of achieving a treaty without the modernization program is virtually nil," Douglas Feith, deputy undersecretary of Defense for negotiations policy, told a Capitol Hill audience Wednesday evening.

(Tom Diaz, Washington Times, A10)

THIRD WORLD SUMMIT FEARS SEEM UNFOUNDED

Despite Third World suspicion that the superpowers plan to impose a solution to regional conflicts at the upcoming summit, Administration officials say it is unlikely that President Reagan and Gorbachev will strike any deals.

Third World leaders and intellectuals are certain to be scrutinizing the Nov. 19-20 Geneva summit for signs of superpower deals at the expense of the "pawns." They may, however, find little to confirm their suspicion. Prospects for substantive U.S.-Soviet agreement on civil wars in such potential East-West testing grounds as Afghanistan, Angola or Nicaragua are not good, according to the Administration's Third World experts.

(News Analysis, David Ottaway, Washington Post, A18)

MOSCOW TALKS DIMINISH U.S. HOPE FOR MAJOR SUMMIT AGREEMENTS

Only a few weeks ago the United States and the Soviet Union were competing with one another in laying down dramatic proposals for 50 percent cuts in strategic offensive arms. But high-level discussions in Moscow this week have diminished those expectations sharply.

Thursday Administration officials said that the Nov. 19-20 meetings between President Reagan and Gorbachev are unlikely to provide the basis for major agreements between the superpowers.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A20)

LOCKHEED DIVISIONS AWARDED 'STAR WARS' MISSILE CONTRACT

The Pentagon Thursday awarded a five-year contract to Lockheed Missiles and Space co. of Sunnyvale, Calif., to build a land-based missile to help determine if incoming nuclear warheads can be destroyed by collision more than 60 miles above Earth.

(Washington Post, A19)

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ARAFAT DENOUNCES TERRORISM, PLEDGES TO PUNISH VIOLATORS

CAIRO -- PLO chairman Yasser Arafat declared Thursday that the PLO "denounces all terrorist acts" outside all occupied Arab territories, but he said that Palestinians would still retain the right "to fight against the Israeli occupation in all possible ways."

A renunciation of violence is one of two conditions set by the U.S. for talks with the PLO. (Washington Post, A33)

PLO Hopes U.S. Will Reconsider Anti-PLO Policy

The PLO said it hoped Yasser Arafat's denouncement of terrorism would persuade the United States to end efforts to bar the PLO from Mideast peace talks. "We hope the Americans will consider the campaign they have been waging against the PLO for over a month, accusing it of terrorism to exclude it from the peace process," PLO spokesman Ahmed Abdel-Rahman said Thursday. (UPI)

S. KOREAN STUDENTS TURN AGAINST U.S.

SEOUL -- Anti-American sentiment, until recently an insignificant phenomenon, is growing on the nation's campuses, with U.S. policies toward South Korea being blamed for a wide range of political and economic ills besetting the nation. (Washington Times, A7)

QADDAFI CALLS FOR REAGAN TRIAL OVER REPORTED CIA LIBYA PLAN

TRIPOLI -- Libyan leader Qaddafi said Thursday that President Reagan should be put on trial for a reported CIA plan to undermine him that the Libyan leader called "more scandalous than Watergate." He said that if the report of the plan, as published by the Washington Post, proves true, Libya will retaliate with a campaign of internal subversion in the U.S., the AP reported. (Washington Post, A44)

TAMIL GUERRILLAS KILL 15 PEOPLE IN SRI LANKA

COLOMBO -- Tamil separatist guerrillas launched major attacks on civilians in Sri Lanka Thursday, killing at least 15 people, the Defense Ministry said. (Reuter)

NATIONAL NEWS

REAGAN TO NOMINATE BOWEN FOR HHS

Otis R. Bowen, 67, a plain-spoken, low-keyed country doctor who was governor of Indiana twice and is described by friends as a strong foe of abortion-on-demand, will be nominated as secretary of health and human services, President Reagan announced Thursday.

(Spencer Rich/Christine Russell, Washington Post, A3)

Reagan Taps Former Governor As Health, Human Services Chief

Dr. Bowen's selection is apparently being quietly welcomed at HHS, where Margaret Heckler is expected to remain secretary until January. One official said the feeling at the agency was "that it was the right choice, as opposed to a political choice."

(Christian Science Monitor, 1)

TENSION RISING ON BALANCING BUDGET

According to lawmakers in both parties, the legislation is threatening to bring to a climax the long-simmering disputes between the legislative and executive branches. At a news conference, Sen. Domenici was asked if Congress would ever pass a budget plan based on Mr. Reagan's principles of no new taxes and a continuing buildup of the military.

"The answer is no," Mr. Domenici said bluntly. "He's going to have to give, and we're going to have to give."

(Steven Roberts, New York Times, A23)

Hill Making Budget Task More Difficult

Congress Thursday added to the troubles it will face next week in what members are calling a "train wreck"-style showdown over balanced-budget legislation and headed home for a four-day Veterans' Day weekend. After voting to stick by their rival plans to force a balanced budget by the end of the decade, the House and Senate appointed conferees to work on a compromise, expanding the size of an already large team of bargainers who failed to reach an accord last week.

(Helen Dewar/Margaret Shapiro, Washington Post, A5)

ROSTENKOWSKI DEFENDS HIS COMMITTEE

In an indirect response to President Reagan's criticism of his committee's work on tax overhaul, House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Rostenkowski said Thursday that without compromise, he will not be able to move legislation through his committee.

"...Tax reform, like all massive changes in policy, is negotiated -- not dictated," Rostenkowski said in remarks prepared for delivery last night to an accounting group in Lincolnshire, Ill. "No compromise, no reform." The package produced by the committee thus far has been criticized for its complexity.

(Anne Swardson, Washington Post, A6)

WINNING THE FIGHT FOR PARTY DOMINANCE ELUDES GOP DESPITE PRESIDENT'S CONTINUING POPULARITY

WASHINGTON -- A year ago the party pulled off a breathtaking landslide victory. Politicians buzzed with talk of political realignment the likes of which hadn't been since FDR forged the old Democratic coalition. The winning issue in the battle for party dominance, many then predicted, would be President Reagan's top domestic priority of tax overhaul. A year later there's still a lot of ferment, but nothing conclusive in the way of results. (Jane Mayer, Wall Street Journal, 64)

KOZINSKI JUDGESHIP AWARDED Senate Accepts Controversial Reagan Nominee By 54-43 Vote

The Senate approved the nomination of Alex Kozinski Thursday to be a federal appeals court judge, although with the highest negative vote it has ever delivered against one of President Reagan's nominees. Three Republicans -- Sens. Goldwater, Weicker and Cohen -- joined 40 Democrats in opposing the conservative nominee. (Howard Kurtz, Washington Post, A4)

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WANTS PHONE LAWS EASED

The Justice Department has asked a federal court to change the way regional telephone companies apply for waivers of restrictions in the 1982 agreement that broke up American Telephone and Telegraph Co. A department spokesman said the motion would permit regional companies to go directly to the federal court with waiver requests. (UPI)

REAGAN FARM-STATE ALLIES FACE HARVEST OF WOES

At stake in the usually conservative midwest -- fertile farmland running from the Mississippi River to the Rocky mountain foothills -- is control of the Senate after next year's congressional elections and thus domination of the political agenda into the 1988 presidential campaign year. "Any Republican from a rural district who thinks the Reagan Administration is popular with farmers ought to just retire now and not bother to run for reelection," Rep. Vin Weber (R-Minn.) told reporters recently. (Reuter)

D.C. MAKES ITS BASEBALL BID AS REAGAN LENDS SUPPORT

NEW YORK -- Fourteen years after losing its baseball team for the second time, Washington, D.C. made a new pitch to acquire a major league expansion team today, as a six-man contingent addressed by Commissioner Peter Ueberroth and baseball's long-range planning committee.

By day's end, half of the 12 cities invited here had made one-hour presentations, with the rest scheduled for Friday. The D.C. group was reveling that President Reagan enlisted his support in a letter sent Wednesday to Ueberroth, writing that he looks forward "to a tradition which has long been absent from this city -- the Presidential privilege of throwing out the first ball." (Washington Post, D1)

DEBT CRISIS MAY COST TRUST FUNDS \$1.3 BILLION

Because the Treasury has dipped into Social Security long-term trust funds four times in the last two years amid government debt-ceiling problems, the funds may lose as much as \$1.3 billion in interest payments over the next 15 years, the Senate Finance Committee was told Thursday.
(Spencer Rich, Washington Post, A6)

FIRST LADY CITES POWER OF ANTI-DRUG PARENTS

With a hearty reminder to "never underestimate the power of a determined parent, First Lady Nancy Reagan urged members of an anti-drug parents group to keep up their fight against substance abuse.

"I see some hopeful signs," she told the luncheon crowd of 800 parents and teens. The First Lady, who wore a mauve tweed suit with a tartan blouse, praised the Silver-Spring-based National Federation of Parents for Drug-Free Youth (NFP) for introducing anti-drug paraphernalia legislation into all 50 states -- "and getting it passed in 39."
(Cheryl Wetzstein, Washington Times, B1)

GSA's FRAUD FIGHTER WILL OPPOSE TRANSFER

William Clinkscales, a GSA fraud fighter who has been praised by President Reagan, said Thursday he has decided to fight his agency head's decision to transfer him to Philadelphia and abolish his office.

Spokesman Rusty Brashear denied Thursday that President Reagan "was involved in any way" in the Clinkscales transfer and said that, "based on what the GSA people tell us, he is being given a very responsible job where he can continue to contribute to the agency."

(Mark Tapscott, Washington Times, A4)

FLOOD DISASTERS ARE CONTINUING AMERICAN THEME

At the request of West Virginia Governor Arch Moore, President Reagan on Thursday ordered disaster assistance for the eight hardest-hit counties in that state, as the Federal Emergency Management Agency continued surveying damage in 14 other counties.
(AP)

FIREARMS LOBBY, ANTIUNION FUND BENEFIT FROM U.S. WORKERS' CHARITY

For several years the Reagan Administration has tried with uncertain success to eliminate liberal groups from eligibility for funding by the Combined Federal Campaign, the annual \$120 million charity drive among federal government employees. Nevertheless, this year's list of eligible "health and welfare" charities approved by the Office of Personnel Management includes subsidiaries of the National Rifle Association and the antiunion National Right To Work Committee, as well as two non-profit law firms that represent conservative causes.
(Washington Post, A21)

2 JURORS SAID SWAYED BY SYMPATHY FOR MILLER

LOS ANGELES -- Two jurors in the espionage trial of former FBI agent Richard W. Miller refused to vote to convict him because they believed he had been severely mistreated by his supervisors, another juror said Thursday. The two holdouts caused a mistrial in a case that has already cost the government "easily in excess of a million dollars," according to an informed source. (Katherine MacDonald, Washington Post, A14)

BROTHER'S DEFENSE WILL GET WALKER SPY CASE DEBRIEFINGS

NORFOLK -- A federal judge Thursday ordered FBI agents in the Walker spy case to appear here Monday to share information from debriefings of John Walker, Jr. with defense lawyers for Walker's brother, Arthur James. (Washington Post, A14)

EDITOR'S NOTES: Page C1 of the Washington Post contains an article on the Geneva summit preparations entitled "The Day of the Soviet Watchers." Also, the 'Personalities' section on page C3 contains several references to the President and First Lady, some with regard to the Royal visit and others regarding a White House awards ceremony Thursday.

Additionally, page C6 has an article on Wednesday evening's dinner for William Bradford Reynolds. Attorney General Meese and other Reagan Administration officials receive considerable mention. This event is also covered on page B2 of the Washington Times, along with a piece on a reception Wednesday night in honor of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the Constitution.

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

(Thursday Evening, November 7, 1985)

ABC's PRE-SUMMIT REPORT

ABC's Peter Jennings: During the first three days of this week our strategic guide to the Geneva summit has focused on the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, his background, what sort of a negotiator has seemed to be and the whole range of problems he faces at home and abroad. Tonight President Reagan. Our senior political correspondent Sander Vanocur reports on the strengths and the weaknesses that will effect Mr. Reagan when goes to the summit.

ABC's Sander Vanocur: (TV coverage: The President speaking: "To terrorists everywhere, you can run but you can't hide.") Ronald Reagan, projecting American power in the Achille Lauro hijacking, addressing the United Nations, meeting with the Soviet foreign minister at the White House last month, with Soviet journalists last week, plus riding high in the polls, is in a stronger political position than any American president of the past 35 years has been on the eve of a summit meeting with Soviet leaders.

(TV coverage: Footage of the President at all of the above mentioned occasions.)

Stronger than Eisenhower was when he met Nikolai Bulganin. Stronger than Kennedy was when he met Nikita Khrushchev. Stronger than Johnson when he met Alexei Kosigyn. Stronger than Richard Nixon when he met Leonid Brezhnev. Stronger than Jerry Ford. And stronger than Jimmy Carter.

(Pat Buchanan: "You've got to go all the way back to Eisenhower to find a president who is as strong politically as Ronald Reagan is and I don't think even President Eisenhower had the kind of support with country today that President Reagan does so I think he is in tremendous political condition for this summit.")

Public opinion reflects this judgement. The latest ABC News -Washington Post Poll shows Reagan's over-all rating remaining at a high 63 percent. Sixty-two percent approve of the way he is handling foreign affairs, a seven point jump since September, and his highest foreign affairs rating in four years. Sixty-four percent approve of his handling of U.S.-Soviet relations, the highest rating he has ever had on this issue. But Soviet leaders are impressed by symbols of power that go beyond public opinion polls.

(Jerry Hough: "From a Soviet point of view every American president is the man who has the authority to push the button.")

But if Reagan is strong on the foreign policy front, he has serious problems domestically. As a lame duck president who cannot run again, the President does not have the political clout that he had in his first term. He continues to have trouble with Congress on the budget, on congressional demands for trade protectionism, and with his tax reform plan, the centerpiece of his so-called American revolution, that was supposed to bring about a permanent political re-alignment favoring Republicans.

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Vanocur continues: And the Reagan Administration created new controversy with the congress, the NATO allies and the Soviet Union, when National Security Advisor Robert McFarlane announced that the 1972 ABM treaty permitted not only research on Star War weapons systems, but also their development and testing, a new interpretation strongly pushed by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Assistant Secretary Richard Pearl.

(Gerard Smith: "Both of those gentlemen are on record as disapproving the ABM treaty. They would like to see it go away and I think that the Soviets have come out very strong against the new interpretation. They say this was not their understanding so that if the President wants to talk about the new interpretation I don't think he will get very far with it.")

Secretary of State Shultz has persuaded the President at least for now, to stick with the Administrations earlier interpretation of the ABM treaty, that just research was permissible. And for now Weinberger has lost, he will not be part of the Presidential party at Geneva and it maybe that the entire Reagan Administration, the President included, has overestimated the political appeal of Star Wars.

(Peter Hart: "Star Wars has never been popular with the American public and it continues to sort of languish at this stage.")

In addition the public is pessimistic about what can be accomplished at Geneva. In the ABC News-Washington Post Poll, 38 percent of those polled believed the summit meeting will lead to important accomplishments in arms control, but 54 percent did not. But according to one of his closest friends and advisors the President is optimistic about what can be accomplished with the Soviet Union.

(Michael Deaver: "I think this President is well prepared. He's been a student of the subject for two decades. He has an interest and he's read volumes and participated in briefings and has met many world leaders on the subject and also some Soviet leaders, so I think philosophically and from a standpoint of being ready for something, Ronald Reagan is raring to go." TV coverage: The President walking outside the West Wing with a military officer.)

It's true that Ronald Reagan is not an experienced diplomat, but during his entire political career he's been a very lucky and successful politician and if that luck continues through the summit, then when he returns here on November 21st, and stands that night before the Congress, he could be the most powerful American President since Franklin D. Roosevelt. (ABC-9)

GENEVA

CBS's Dan Rather: In Geneva, Soviet and American arms control negotiators met face to face, their final talks before the Reagan-Gorbachev face to face summit, no breakthrough reported today. (ABC-6, CBS-4)

RUSSIAN ANNIVERSARY

Rather reports the 68th anniversary of the Russian revolution brought the latest parade of charges against the CIA being made by triumphant Soviet KGB man Vitaly Yurchenko.

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CBS's Mark Phillips reports there was no specific reference to the return of Vitaly Yurchenko at the annual revolution day.... The Soviets were keeping his story alive in other ways. One of Moscow's major newspapers...carried what it said was an interview with Yurchenko. In it he again recounted his story of kidnap and escape giving details of being held in what he called the CIA's secret headquarters in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Soviets read of how he was kept there by a security system which included laser devices and of how he was drugged daily and brought to see CIA Director William Casey while in a drug induced state. Russians were also told that the suggestion being made in the United States that Yurchenko had been an elaborate set-up all a long was wrong. This was an American attempt to shirk responsibility the paper said. Back at the Red Square parade, in contrast, the anti-Americanism that is a frequent feature of this event was very mild, just a few floats critical of Star Wars and U.S. chemical weapons. The Yurchenko affair here it seems is being used for internal propaganda purposes for the time being, while the heavy anti-American rhetoric displayed for external consumption is being toned down a bit in advance of the Reagan-Gorbachev summit. (ABC-10, CBS-5)

PRESIDENT'S RADIO ADDRESS

Jennings: The President's Saturday radio address will be beamed to the Soviet Union and be extended to ten minutes instead of the usual five. Mr. Reagan's topic, his hopes for peace and his hopes for a successful summit. (ABC-8)

AMERICAN HOSTAGES

Rather: There is new concern over the fate of six Americans kidnapped and still missing in Lebanon. Two anonymous phone calls today to a Western news agency in Beirut, both reportedly from the Islamic Holy War kidnappers. The first saying the Americans would be executed, the second saying their bodies were in a Beirut factory, but no bodies were found. President Reagan said of the death threat quote: "Evidently there is no substantiation of that at all." (ABC-2, NBC-6, CBS-6)

BOWEN

Rather: President Reagan today introduced his delayed nominee to replace Margaret Heckler as head of the huge Department of Health and Human Services. He picked Otis Bowen, former two-term governor of Indiana and long-time small town doctor, to head HHS, the agency that spends \$300 billion plus each year on the nation's domestic programs including social security. (CBS-8, ABC-12)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: ...His nomination drew immediate protest from anti-abortion groups. (NBC-8)

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LOCKHEED

Jennings: The Lockheed Corporation has won a big contract for the Reagan Administration's Strategic Defense Initiative or Star Wars. Lockheed will build and test an anti-missile missile designed to destroy nuclear weapons in space. There has been no public estimate yet of how much it will cost. (ABC-7)

COLOMBIA

CBS's Dan Rather reports in Bogota, Colombia explosions and a hail of gun fire ended a two day siege of the Palace of Justice. Government troops launched a furious assault on the building today and when it was over dozens of the remaining hostages were free and dozens of people were dead. (ABC, NBC, CBS-Lead)

SOVIET SAILOR

Rather reports a Senate committee subpoena is on the way to the Soviet ship tonight in English, Russian and Ukrainian....

CBS's Phil Jones reports Senator Jesse Helms convinced a majority of his Agriculture Committee today to issue a subpoena to get Medvid for more questioning.... The State Department has declared this case closed, but the President wants the investigation to continue into how this matter was handled.... (ABC-3, CBS-2)

NBC's John Dancy: ...Congress is also furious about the handling of the affair, but the Reagan Administration stoutly maintains the matter is closed. President Reagan seemed to be giving into the pressure today saying officials were looking into the case, but shortly spokesman Larry Speakes was telling reporters we consider the case closed. Assistant Secretary of State Rozanne Ridgway said the decision to drop the Medvid case was taken at the highest levels of the White House and she echoed Speakes.

(Ridgway: "We believe the matter is closed.")

...Legal moves to keep the case open are underway. At a Washington dinner last night, Attorney General Edwin Meese was served with a subpoena in which the Ukrainian-American Bar Association demanded the Justice Department stop the ship from leaving American waters.... (NBC-2)

ROMANIAN SAILOR

Rather: A happy ending today for 38-year-old Romanian sailor Stephan Bernia who walked into a Jacksonville, Florida federal immigration service office to ask for political asylum. He walked out a free man, asylum request granted. (ABC-4, CBS-3)

FLOOD

Rather: Storm swollen waters in the Mid-Atlantic states today surged through city

streets after killing at least 38 people leaving almost 50 others missing and laying waste entire communities.... (CBS-7, ABC-11, NBC-7)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

GENEVA SUMMIT

Proposals Bode Well For Geneva Summit -- "In retrospect, it appears Reagan's resolve on the matters of European missiles and 'Star Wars' has provided U.S. negotiators with some pretty valuable bargaining chips. At some point, people who have been saying Reagan doesn't know what he is doing eventually may have to give the President his due respect."

(Milwaukee Sentinel, 11/2)

Arms Control: Big 2 Mean Business -- "Prophecy is a reckless profession. It is not the habit of a skeptical mind. Yet one is moved to prophesy: Ronald Reagan will eventually achieve a historic breakthrough to 'real arms control,' a Soviet-American accord to eliminate thousands of nuclear weapons. Obstacles to such an agreement abound, but the firm basis for success has now been laid -- presumably not at the coming summit meeting but sometime thereafter."

(Alton Frye, Los Angeles Times, 11/7)

Danger of Nuclear Deal -- "We fear the demand for a deal with the untrustworthy Soviet regime might parallel the mistake of the ancient Trojans. They so rejoiced over the apparent departure of Greek besiegers that they took within their walls the gigantic Trojan horse left by the Greeks, being unaware it was filled with Greek troops who would come out to sack their city, gaining victory the Greeks otherwise could not attain. That led to the saying, 'Beware Greeks bearing gifts.' Today that should be amended to: 'Beware of Soviets offering arms deals.' Remember, if there were no threat, no treaty would be needed. But since there is a threat, threateners cannot be trusted to abide by a treaty."

(Chattanooga News Free-Press, 11/4)

Standing Tall On Summit's Eve -- "Mr. Reagan goes to the summit this month with as much political and popular support at home as any American leader in recent decades. In large part, this stems from his intuitive understanding that foreign-policy success depends on domestic support.... As expected, there is a raging battle over this issue, both inside and outside the Administration. But here, another number in [a poll by New York's Penn & Schoen firm] is instructive: 68% of the public expresses confidence in Ronald Reagan to 'negotiate well' with the Soviets. Whichever way the President goes, he's likely to have sufficient public support."

(Albert Hunt, Wall Street Journal, 11/6)

Soviets' Radar Is A No-No; Update The ABM Treaty -- "The Soviet Union's offer of a deal to settle a radar dispute with the United States needn't be swallowed whole, but the offer to negotiate deserves a bite.... Constraints on large phased-radar have to be reworded. So do constraints on space-based sensors that could be used for ABM systems. Essentially, both sides have to understand that the treaty can't be static while technology changes."

(Dayton Daily News, 11/2)



News Summary

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TODAY'S HEADLINES

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(New York Times, Washington Post)

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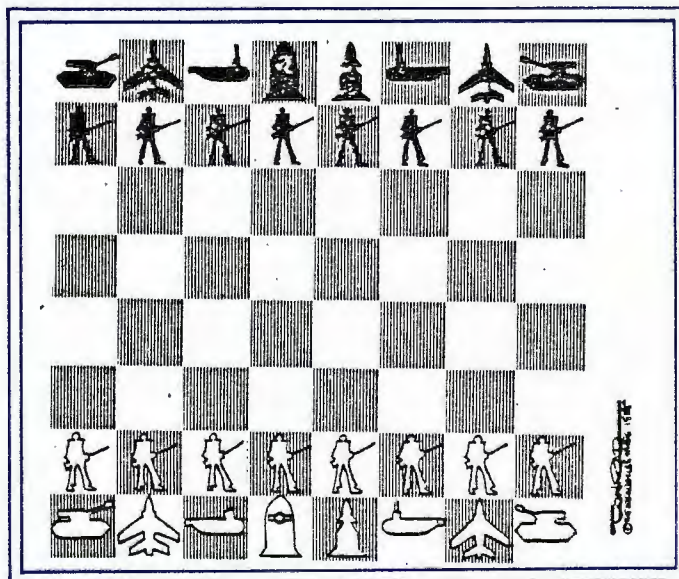
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

MOSCOW REBUFFS REAGAN'S REQUEST FOR A TV ADDRESS

The White House announced Thursday that a request by President Reagan that he be allowed to appear on Soviet television had been turned down, and that he would instead try to speak to the Soviet people on Saturday via shortwave radio. Spokesman Larry Speakes said the United States hoped that the Soviet Union would halt the jamming for this address "so that the Soviet people can hear this message from the American President."

(Bernard Gwertzman, New York Times, A1)

Reagan To Address Soviets In Radio Speech Saturday

President Reagan will address the Soviet people Saturday in a 10-minute radio speech beamed to the Soviet Union, telling about his "hopes for peace, hopes for a successful summit," White House spokesman Larry Speakes said. The President's speech will be carried by the Voice of America in English, but it also will be translated and broadcast in Russian and other languages spoken in the Soviet Union, the spokesman said.

(AP story, Washington Post, A19)

U.S. WILL TRY TO STOP SOVIET SHIP

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Customs Service announced Thursday night that it would block the departure of a Soviet freighter from American waters until a seaman aboard was permitted to appear before Congress. The Customs Service said it would deny permission for the ship to depart until Soviet officials complied with the subpoena, which compels the sailor's appearance before the Senate panel, the Agriculture Committee.

(Philip Shenon, New York Times, A1)

Subpoena For Soviet Sailor Arrives In New Orleans

An attorney for the Senate Agriculture Committee arrived in New Orleans Thursday carrying a subpoena for a ship-jumping Soviet sailor in a last-minute bid to make certain he wants to return to the Soviet Union.

(AP story, Washington Post, A37)

Sailor's Leap Into Diplomatic Conflict

NEW ORLEANS -- Today the Soviet grain freighter Marshal Konev was tied up in Reserve, La. taking on grain as Senate staff members flew to Louisiana to deliver a subpoena giving Medvid the opportunity to leave the freighter.

Medvid was returned to the ship 24 hours after being handed over to U.S. officials. He remains aboard (Charles Fishman, Washington Post, A1)

INTELLIGENCE PANELS BACK CIA-SUPPLIED RADIO GEAR FOR CONTRAS

The House and Senate Intelligence Committees have agreed on legislation that would authorize the CIA to provide communications equipment to Nicaraguan counterrevolutionaries, congressional sources said Thursday. The proposed radios would be in addition to the \$27 million in nonmilitary humanitarian aid authorized for the contras.

(John Goshko, Washington Post, A6)

CIA Set To Aid Contra Rebels

The Contras would use the equipment -- primarily radios -- to send and receive intelligence information, according to congressional sources cited by the Washington Post. (UPI)

CIA Cleared To Give Contras Radios, But Not Advice

Nicaraguan rebels stand to get sophisticated radios under a new congressional compromise, but the CIA still will be barred from giving them military advice or training, according to sources. (AP)

BOGOTA REBELS 'ANNIHILATED' IN ASSAULT ON JUSTICE PALACE

BOGOTA, Columbia -- Assault troops blew down the walls of the Palace of Justice with dynamite Thursday and rescued up to 48 hostages held by leftist guerrillas. Officers said their men "annihilated" the guerrillas and found a total of 50 bodies. (AP story, Washington Post, A1)

SOVIET JETS SCRAMBLE AS JAPANESE AIRLINER STRAYS

TOKYO -- A Moscow-bound Japan Air Lines jumbo jet strayed off course over the sea of Japan last week, causing Soviet fighter planes to scramble on nearby Sakhalin Island, Government officials said Thursday. The incident occurred in the same general area where a Soviet fighter shot down an off-course South Korean airliner two years ago, killing all 269 people aboard. (New York Times, A1)

Soviet Jets Scrambled As JAL Plane Strayed

The Japanese jet's crew discovered they had made a navigational error and righted their course before the airliner improperly entered Soviet airspace, Japanese officials said Thursday, adding that the plane never came into contact with the Soviet fighters. (Washington Post, A33)

HOSTAGES REPORTED DEAD, BUT NO BODIES FOUND

BEIRUT -- An anonymous caller claimed Thursday that five American hostages had been killed by their captors, but no bodies were found in the abandoned factory where the caller said the bodies had been left.

(Nora Boustany, Washington Post, A11)

VILLAGERS SAY FEW HURT IN AIR RAIDS

PATAMERA, El Salvador -- The armed forces' strategy seems to be to drive the rebel supporters out of guerrilla strongholds and thus deprive the revolutionaries of their base. The peasants here have grown accustomed to living in a war zone, and are expert at avoiding aircraft and troops. Despite the government's declared policy against attacking non-combatants, the guerrillas civilian supporters are victims, according to residents interviewed here during a rare, extended trip behind enemy lines.

(Robert McCartney, Washington Times, A1)

MARCOS PARTY HAMMERING OUT RULES FOR SNAP PRESIDENTIAL VOTE

MANILA -- President Marcos' ruling party, the New Society Movement (KBL), was meeting behind closed doors at Malacanang Palace Thursday to hammer out details for an emergency, or snap, presidential election called for Jan. 17.

(Tom Breen Washington Times, A6)

Party Approves Early Philippine Election

Speaking to reporters at the presidential palace, Marcos acknowledged keen U.S. interest in the Philippines. There have been a succession of top-level visitors to Manila and several weeks of strongly critical comments from Washington, but Marcos denied it was pressure.

"There have been suggestions, but suggestions, not pressure," he said.
(Reuter)

RISE SEEN IN ARMS SMUGGLING TO PHILIPPINES

SAN FRANCISCO -- Federal agents here have detected what appears to be a growing volume of illegal U.S. firearms shipments to the politically troubled Philippines and have arrested several Filipinos, including some with close ties to the government of President Ferdinand Marcos.

(Jay Mathews, Washington Post, A3)

IMPACT OF YURCHENKO CASE MAY NEVER BE KNOWN

The harm caused to U.S. interests by the Yurchenko affair is as difficult to assess as Yurchenko himself. It left the CIA, as one of its officials said, with egg on its face, "probably the whole carton." In other words, it was a public relations fiasco.

(News analysis by Richard Harwood, Washington Post, A16)

ARMS TALKS RECESSED IN GENEVA

GENEVA -- U.S. and Soviet negotiators recessed Thursday after what the United States called a "productive round" of nuclear arms control talks.

(UPI story, Washington Post, A17)

GORBACHEV AWAITS 'FRUITFUL SUMMIT'

MOSCOW -- Mikhail Gorbachev said today that he saw the opportunity for a "fruitful" Geneva summit that would "serve toward improving the international situation." Speaking of an "explosively dangerous" international situation, Soviet Defense Minister Sergei Sokolov said to the crowd of thousands that the government is aware of the "serious danger of war flowing from plans by reactionary quarters of imperialism, first of all American imperialism, to achieve military superiority."

(Gary Lee, Washington Post, A17)

CHEMICAL WEAPONS UPDATING CALLED NECESSARY FOR A TREATY

The Pentagon's top negotiating strategist says there is no chance of negotiating a ban on chemical weapons with the Soviet Union if Congress doesn't approve the Pentagon's request for funds to modernize U.S. chemical

weapons. "The chance of achieving a treaty without the modernization program is virtually nil," Douglas Feith, deputy undersecretary of Defense for negotiations policy, told a Capitol Hill audience Wednesday evening.

(Tom Diaz, Washington Times, A10)

THIRD WORLD SUMMIT FEARS SEEM UNFOUNDED

Despite Third World suspicion that the superpowers plan to impose a solution to regional conflicts at the upcoming summit, Administration officials say it is unlikely that President Reagan and Gorbachev will strike any deals.

Third World leaders and intellectuals are certain to be scrutinizing the Nov. 19-20 Geneva summit for signs of superpower deals at the expense of the "pawns." They may, however, find little to confirm their suspicion. Prospects for substantive U.S.-Soviet agreement on civil wars in such potential East-West testing grounds as Afghanistan, Angola or Nicaragua are not good, according to the Administration's Third World experts.

(News Analysis, David Ottaway, Washington Post, A18)

MOSCOW TALKS DIMINISH U.S. HOPE FOR MAJOR SUMMIT AGREEMENTS

Only a few weeks ago the United States and the Soviet Union were competing with one another in laying down dramatic proposals for 50 percent cuts in strategic offensive arms. But high-level discussions in Moscow this week have diminished those expectations sharply.

Thursday Administration officials said that the Nov. 19-20 meetings between President Reagan and Gorbachev are unlikely to provide the basis for major agreements between the superpowers.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A20)

LOCKHEED DIVISIONS AWARDED 'STAR WARS' MISSILE CONTRACT

The Pentagon Thursday awarded a five-year contract to Lockheed Missiles and Space co. of Sunnyvale, Calif., to build a land-based missile to help determine if incoming nuclear warheads can be destroyed by collision more than 60 miles above Earth.

(Washington Post, A19)

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ARAFAT DENOUNCES TERRORISM, PLEDGES TO PUNISH VIOLATORS

CAIRO -- PLO chairman Yasser Arafat declared Thursday that the PLO "denounces all terrorist acts" outside all occupied Arab territories, but he said that Palestinians would still retain the right "to fight against the Israeli occupation in all possible ways."

A renunciation of violence is one of two conditions set by the U.S. for talks with the PLO. (Washington Post, A33)

PLO Hopes U.S. Will Reconsider Anti-PLO Policy

The PLO said it hoped Yasser Arafat's denouncement of terrorism would persuade the United States to end efforts to bar the PLO from Mideast peace talks. "We hope the Americans will consider the campaign they have been waging against the PLO for over a month, accusing it of terrorism to exclude it from the peace process," PLO spokesman Ahmed Abdel-Rahman said Thursday. (UPI)

S. KOREAN STUDENTS TURN AGAINST U.S.

SEOUL -- Anti-American sentiment, until recently an insignificant phenomenon, is growing on the nation's campuses, with U.S. policies toward South Korea being blamed for a wide range of political and economic ills besetting the nation. (Washington Times, A7)

QADDAFI CALLS FOR REAGAN TRIAL OVER REPORTED CIA LIBYA PLAN

TRIPOLI -- Libyan leader Qaddafi said Thursday that President Reagan should be put on trial for a reported CIA plan to undermine him that the Libyan leader called "more scandalous than Watergate." He said that if the report of the plan, as published by the Washington Post, proves true, Libya will retaliate with a campaign of internal subversion in the U.S., the AP reported. (Washington Post, A44)

TAMIL GUERRILLAS KILL 15 PEOPLE IN SRI LANKA

COLOMBO -- Tamil separatist guerrillas launched major attacks on civilians in Sri Lanka Thursday, killing at least 15 people, the Defense Ministry said. (Reuter)

NATIONAL NEWS

REAGAN TO NOMINATE BOWEN FOR HHS

Otis R. Bowen, 67, a plain-spoken, low-keyed country doctor who was governor of Indiana twice and is described by friends as a strong foe of abortion-on-demand, will be nominated as secretary of health and human services, President Reagan announced Thursday.

(Spencer Rich/Christine Russell, Washington Post, A3)

Reagan Taps Former Governor As Health, Human Services Chief

Dr. Bowen's selection is apparently being quietly welcomed at HHS, where Margaret Heckler is expected to remain secretary until January. One official said the feeling at the agency was "that it was the right choice, as opposed to a political choice." (Christian Science Monitor, 1)

TENSION RISING ON BALANCING BUDGET

According to lawmakers in both parties, the legislation is threatening to bring to a climax the long-simmering disputes between the legislative and executive branches. At a news conference, Sen. Domenici was asked if Congress would ever pass a budget plan based on Mr. Reagan's principles of no new taxes and a continuing buildup of the military.

"The answer is no," Mr. Domenici said bluntly. "He's going to have to give, and we're going to have to give."

(Steven Roberts, New York Times, A23)

Hill Making Budget Task More Difficult

Congress Thursday added to the troubles it will face next week in what members are calling a "train wreck"-style showdown over balanced-budget legislation and headed home for a four-day Veterans' Day weekend. After voting to stick by their rival plans to force a balanced budget by the end of the decade, the House and Senate appointed conferees to work on a compromise, expanding the size of an already large team of bargainers who failed to reach an accord last week.

(Helen Dewar/Margaret Shapiro, Washington Post, A5)

ROSTENKOWSKI DEFENDS HIS COMMITTEE

In an indirect response to President Reagan's criticism of his committee's work on tax overhaul, House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Rostenkowski said Thursday that without compromise, he will not be able to move legislation through his committee.

"...Tax reform, like all massive changes in policy, is negotiated -- not dictated," Rostenkowski said in remarks prepared for delivery last night to an accounting group in Lincolnshire, Ill. "No compromise, no reform." The package produced by the committee thus far has been criticized for its complexity. (Anne Swardson, Washington Post, A6)

WINNING THE FIGHT FOR PARTY DOMINANCE ELUDES GOP DESPITE PRESIDENT'S CONTINUING POPULARITY

WASHINGTON -- A year ago the party pulled off a breathtaking landslide victory. Politicians buzzed with talk of political realignment the likes of which hadn't been since FDR forged the old Democratic coalition. The winning issue in the battle for party dominance, many then predicted, would be President Reagan's top domestic priority of tax overhaul. A year later there's still a lot of ferment, but nothing conclusive in the way of results. (Jane Mayer, Wall Street Journal, 64)

KOZINSKI JUDGESHIP AWARDED

Senate Accepts Controversial Reagan Nominee By 54-43 Vote

The Senate approved the nomination of Alex Kozinski Thursday to be a federal appeals court judge, although with the highest negative vote it has ever delivered against one of President Reagan's nominees. Three Republicans -- Sens. Goldwater, Weicker and Cohen -- joined 40 Democrats in opposing the conservative nominee. (Howard Kurtz, Washington Post, A4)

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WANTS PHONE LAWS EASED

The Justice Department has asked a federal court to change the way regional telephone companies apply for waivers of restrictions in the 1982 agreement that broke up American Telephone and Telegraph Co. A department spokesman said the motion would permit regional companies to go directly to the federal court with waiver requests. (UPI)

REAGAN FARM-STATE ALLIES FACE HARVEST OF WOES

At stake in the usually conservative midwest -- fertile farmland running from the Mississippi River to the Rocky mountain foothills -- is control of the Senate after next year's congressional elections and thus domination of the political agenda into the 1988 presidential campaign year. "Any Republican from a rural district who thinks the Reagan Administration is popular with farmers ought to just retire now and not bother to run for reelection," Rep. Vin Weber (R-Minn.) told reporters recently. (Reuter)

D.C. MAKES ITS BASEBALL BID AS REAGAN LENDS SUPPORT

NEW YORK -- Fourteen years after losing its baseball team for the second time, Washington, D.C. made a new pitch to acquire a major league expansion team today, as a six-man contingent addressed by Commissioner Peter Ueberroth and baseball's long-range planning committee.

By day's end, half of the 12 cities invited here had made one-hour presentations, with the rest scheduled for Friday. The D.C. group was reveling that President Reagan enlisted his support in a letter sent Wednesday to Ueberroth, writing that he looks forward "to a tradition which has long been absent from this city -- the Presidential privilege of throwing out the first ball." (Washington Post, D1)

DEBT CRISIS MAY COST TRUST FUNDS \$1.3 BILLION

Because the Treasury has dipped into Social Security long-term trust funds four times in the last two years amid government debt-ceiling problems, the funds may lose as much as \$1.3 billion in interest payments over the next 15 years, the Senate Finance Committee was told Thursday.
(Spencer Rich, Washington Post, A6)

FIRST LADY CITES POWER OF ANTI-DRUG PARENTS

With a hearty reminder to "never underestimate the power of a determined parent, First Lady Nancy Reagan urged members of an anti-drug parents group to keep up their fight against substance abuse.

"I see some hopeful signs," she told the luncheon crowd of 800 parents and teens. The First Lady, who wore a mauve tweed suit with a tartan blouse, praised the Silver-Spring-based National Federation of Parents for Drug-Free Youth (NFP) for introducing anti-drug paraphernalia legislation into all 50 states -- "and getting it passed in 39."
(Cheryl Wetzstein, Washington Times, B1)

GSA's FRAUD FIGHTER WILL OPPOSE TRANSFER

William Clinkscales, a GSA fraud fighter who has been praised by President Reagan, said Thursday he has decided to fight his agency head's decision to transfer him to Philadelphia and abolish his office.

Spokesman Rusty Brashear denied Thursday that President Reagan "was involved in any way" in the Clinkscales transfer and said that, "based on what the GSA people tell us, he is being given a very responsible job where he can continue to contribute to the agency."

(Mark Tapscott, Washington Times, A4)

FLOOD DISASTERS ARE CONTINUING AMERICAN THEME

At the request of West Virginia Governor Arch Moore, President Reagan on Thursday ordered disaster assistance for the eight hardest-hit counties in that state, as the Federal Emergency Management Agency continued surveying damage in 14 other counties.
(AP)

FIREARMS LOBBY, ANTIUNION FUND BENEFIT FROM U.S. WORKERS' CHARITY

For several years the Reagan Administration has tried with uncertain success to eliminate liberal groups from eligibility for funding by the Combined Federal Campaign, the annual \$120 million charity drive among federal government employees. Nevertheless, this year's list of eligible "health and welfare" charities approved by the Office of Personnel Management includes subsidiaries of the National Rifle Association and the antiunion National Right To Work Committee, as well as two non-profit law firms that represent conservative causes.
(Washington Post, A21)

2 JURORS SAID SWAYED BY SYMPATHY FOR MILLER

LOS ANGELES -- Two jurors in the espionage trial of former FBI agent Richard W. Miller refused to vote to convict him because they believed he had been severely mistreated by his supervisors, another juror said Thursday. The two holdouts caused a mistrial in a case that has already cost the government "easily in excess of a million dollars," according to an informed source. (Katherine MacDonald, Washington Post, A14)

BROTHER'S DEFENSE WILL GET WALKER SPY CASE DEBRIEFINGS

NORFOLK -- A federal judge Thursday ordered FBI agents in the Walker spy case to appear here Monday to share information from debriefings of John Walker, Jr. with defense lawyers for Walker's brother, Arthur James. (Washington Post, A14)

EDITOR'S NOTES: Page C1 of the Washington Post contains an article on the Geneva summit preparations entitled "The Day of the Soviet Watchers." Also, the 'Personalities' section on page C3 contains several references to the President and First Lady, some with regard to the Royal visit and others regarding a White House awards ceremony Thursday.

Additionally, page C6 has an article on Wednesday evening's dinner for William Bradford Reynolds. Attorney General Meese and other Reagan Administration officials receive considerable mention. This event is also covered on page B2 of the Washington Times, along with a piece on a reception Wednesday night in honor of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the Constitution.

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

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ABC's PRE-SUMMIT REPORT

ABC's Peter Jennings: During the first three days of this week our strategic guide to the Geneva summit has focused on the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, his background, what sort of a negotiator has seemed to be and the whole range of problems he faces at home and abroad. Tonight President Reagan. Our senior political correspondent Sander Vanocur reports on the strengths and the weaknesses that will effect Mr. Reagan when goes to the summit.

ABC's Sander Vanocur: (TV coverage: The President speaking: "To terrorists everywhere, you can run but you can't hide.") Ronald Reagan, projecting American power in the Achille Lauro hijacking, addressing the United Nations, meeting with the Soviet foreign minister at the White House last month, with Soviet journalists last week, plus riding high in the polls, is in a stronger political position than any American president of the past 35 years has been on the eve of a summit meeting with Soviet leaders.

(TV coverage: Footage of the President at all of the above mentioned occasions.)

Stronger than Eisenhower was when he met Nikolai Bulganin. Stronger than Kennedy was when he met Nikita Khrushchev. Stronger than Johnson when he met Alexei Kosigyn. Stronger than Richard Nixon when he met Leonid Brezhnev. Stronger than Jerry Ford. And stronger than Jimmy Carter.

(Pat Buchanan: "You've got to go all the way back to Eisenhower to find a president who is as strong politically as Ronald Reagan is and I don't think even President Eisenhower had the kind of support with country today that President Reagan does so I think he is in tremendous political condition for this summit.")

Public opinion reflects this judgement. The latest ABC News-Washington Post Poll shows Reagan's over-all rating remaining at a high 63 percent. Sixty-two percent approve of the way he is handling foreign affairs, a seven point jump since September, and his highest foreign affairs rating in four years. Sixty-four percent approve of his handling of U.S-Soviet relations, the highest rating he has ever had on this issue. But Soviet leaders are impressed by symbols of power that go beyond public opinion polls.

(Jerry Hough: "From a Soviet point of view every American president is the man who has the authority to push the button.")

But if Reagan is strong on the foreign policy front, he has serious problems domestically. As a lame duck president who cannot run again, the President does not have the political clout that he had in his first term. He continues to have trouble with Congress on the budget, on congressional demands for trade protectionism, and with his tax reform plan, the centerpiece of his so-called American revolution, that was supposed to bring about a permanent political re-alignment favoring Republicans.

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Vanocur continues: And the Reagan Administration created new controversy with the congress, the NATO allies and the Soviet Union, when National Security Advisor Robert McFarlane announced that the 1972 ABM treaty permitted not only research on Star War weapons systems, but also their development and testing, a new interpretation strongly pushed by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Assistant Secretary Richard Pearl.

(Gerard Smith: "Both of those gentlemen are on record as disapproving the ABM treaty. They would like to see it go away and I think that the Soviets have come out very strong against the new interpretation. They say this was not their understanding so that if the President wants to talk about the new interpretation I don't think he will get very far with it.")

Secretary of State Shultz has persuaded the President at least for now, to stick with the Administrations earlier interpretation of the ABM treaty, that just research was permissible. And for now Weinberger has lost, he will not be part of the Presidential party at Geneva and it maybe that the entire Reagan Administration, the President included, has overestimated the political appeal of Star Wars.

(Peter Hart: "Star Wars has never been popular with the American public and it continues to sort of languish at this stage.")

In addition the public is pessimistic about what can be accomplished at Geneva. In the ABC News-Washington Post Poll, 38 percent of those polled believed the summit meeting will lead to important accomplishments in arms control, but 54 percent did not. But according to one of his closest friends and advisors the President is optimistic about what can be accomplished with the Soviet Union.

(Michael Deaver: "I think this President is well prepared. He's been a student of the subject for two decades. He has an interest and he's read volumes and participated in briefings and has met many world leaders on the subject and also some Soviet leaders, so I think philosophically and from a standpoint of being ready for something, Ronald Reagan is raring to go." TV coverage: The President walking outside the West Wing with a military officer.)

It's true that Ronald Reagan is not an experienced diplomat, but during his entire political career he's been a very lucky and successful politician and if that luck continues through the summit, then when he returns here on November 21st, and stands that night before the Congress, he could be the most powerful American President since Franklin D. Roosevelt. (ABC-9)

GENEVA

CBS's Dan Rather: In Geneva, Soviet and American arms control negotiators met face to face, their final talks before the Reagan-Gorbachev face to face summit, no breakthrough reported today. (ABC-6, CBS-4)

RUSSIAN ANNIVERSARY

Rather reports the 68th anniversary of the Russian revolution brought the latest parade of charges against the CIA being made by triumphant Soviet KGB man Vitaly Yurchenko.

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CBS's Mark Phillips reports there was no specific reference to the return of Vitaly Yurchenko at the annual revolution day.... The Soviets were keeping his story alive in other ways. One of Moscow's major newspapers...carried what it said was an interview with Yurchenko. In it he again recounted his story of kidnap and escape giving details of being held in what he called the CIA's secret headquarters in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Soviets read of how he was kept there by a security system which included laser devices and of how he was drugged daily and brought to see CIA Director William Casey while in a drug induced state. Russians were also told that the suggestion being made in the United States that Yurchenko had been an elaborate set-up all a long was wrong. This was an American attempt to shirk responsibility the paper said. Back at the Red Square parade, in contrast, the anti-Americanism that is a frequent feature of this event was very mild, just a few floats critical of Star Wars and U.S. chemical weapons. The Yurchenko affair here it seems is being used for internal propaganda purposes for the time being, while the heavy anti-American rhetoric displayed for external consumption is being toned down a bit in advance of the Reagan-Gorbachev summit. (ABC-10, CBS-5)

PRESIDENT'S RADIO ADDRESS

Jennings: The President's Saturday radio address will be beamed to the Soviet Union and be extended to ten minutes instead of the usual five. Mr. Reagan's topic, his hopes for peace and his hopes for a successful summit. (ABC-8)

AMERICAN HOSTAGES

Rather: There is new concern over the fate of six Americans kidnapped and still missing in Lebanon. Two anonymous phone calls today to a Western news agency in Beirut, both reportedly from the Islamic Holy War kidnappers. The first saying the Americans would be executed, the second saying their bodies were in a Beirut factory, but no bodies were found. President Reagan said of the death threat quote: "Evidently there is no substantiation of that at all." (ABC-2, NBC-6, CBS-6)

BOWEN

Rather: President Reagan today introduced his delayed nominee to replace Margaret Heckler as head of the huge Department of Health and Human Services. He picked Otis Bowen, former two-term governor of Indiana and long-time small town doctor, to head HHS, the agency that spends \$300 billion plus each year on the nation's domestic programs including social security. (CBS-8, ABC-12)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: ...His nomination drew immediate protest from anti-abortion groups. (NBC-8)

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LOCKHEED

Jennings: The Lockheed Corporation has won a big contract for the Reagan Administration's Strategic Defense Initiative or Star Wars. Lockheed will build and test an anti-missile missile designed to destroy nuclear weapons in space. There has been no public estimate yet of how much it will cost. (ABC-7)

COLOMBIA

CBS's Dan Rather reports in Bogota, Colombia explosions and a hail of gun fire ended a two day siege of the Palace of Justice. Government troops launched a furious assault on the building today and when it was over dozens of the remaining hostages were free and dozens of people were dead. (ABC, NBC, CBS-Lead)

SOVIET SAILOR

Rather reports a Senate committee subpoena is on the way to the Soviet ship tonight in English, Russian and Ukrainian....

CBS's Phil Jones reports Senator Jesse Helms convinced a majority of his Agriculture Committee today to issue a subpoena to get Medvid for more questioning.... The State Department has declared this case closed, but the President wants the investigation to continue into how this matter was handled.... (ABC-3, CBS-2)

NBC's John Dancy: ...Congress is also furious about the handling of the affair, but the Reagan Administration stoutly maintains the matter is closed. President Reagan seemed to be giving into the pressure today saying officials were looking into the case, but shortly spokesman Larry Speakes was telling reporters we consider the case closed. Assistant Secretary of State Rozanne Ridgway said the decision to drop the Medvid case was taken at the highest levels of the White House and she echoed Speakes.

(Ridgway: "We believe the matter is closed.")

...Legal moves to keep the case open are underway. At a Washington dinner last night, Attorney General Edwin Meese was served with a subpoena in which the Ukrainian-American Bar Association demanded the Justice Department stop the ship from leaving American waters.... (NBC-2)

ROMANIAN SAILOR

Rather: A happy ending today for 38-year-old Romanian sailor Stephan Bernia who walked into a Jacksonville, Florida federal immigration service office to ask for political asylum. He walked out a free man, asylum request granted. (ABC-4, CBS-3)

FLOOD

Rather: Storm swollen waters in the Mid-Atlantic states today surged through city streets after killing at least 38 people leaving almost 50 others missing and laying waste entire communities.... (CBS-7, ABC-11, NBC-7)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

GENEVA SUMMIT

Proposals Bode Well For Geneva Summit -- "In retrospect, it appears Reagan's resolve on the matters of European missiles and 'Star Wars' has provided U.S. negotiators with some pretty valuable bargaining chips. At some point, people who have been saying Reagan doesn't know what he is doing eventually may have to give the President his due respect."

(Milwaukee Sentinel, 11/2)

Arms Control: Big 2 Mean Business -- "Prophecy is a reckless profession. It is not the habit of a skeptical mind. Yet one is moved to prophesy: Ronald Reagan will eventually achieve a historic breakthrough to 'real arms control,' a Soviet-American accord to eliminate thousands of nuclear weapons. Obstacles to such an agreement abound, but the firm basis for success has now been laid -- presumably not at the coming summit meeting but sometime thereafter."

(Alton Frye, Los Angeles Times, 11/7)

Danger of Nuclear Deal -- "We fear the demand for a deal with the untrustworthy Soviet regime might parallel the mistake of the ancient Trojans. They so rejoiced over the apparent departure of Greek besiegers that they took within their walls the gigantic Trojan horse left by the Greeks, being unaware it was filled with Greek troops who would come out to sack their city, gaining victory the Greeks otherwise could not attain. That led to the saying, 'Beware Greeks bearing gifts.' Today that should be amended to: 'Beware of Soviets offering arms deals.' Remember, if there were no threat, no treaty would be needed. But since there is a threat, threateners cannot be trusted to abide by a treaty."

(Chattanooga News Free-Press, 11/4)

Standing Tall On Summit's Eve -- "Mr. Reagan goes to the summit this month with as much political and popular support at home as any American leader in recent decades. In large part, this stems from his intuitive understanding that foreign-policy success depends on domestic support.... As expected, there is a raging battle over this issue, both inside and outside the Administration. But here, another number in [a poll by New York's Penn & Schoen firm] is instructive: 68% of the public expresses confidence in Ronald Reagan to 'negotiate well' with the Soviets. Whichever way the President goes, he's likely to have sufficient public support."

(Albert Hunt, Wall Street Journal, 11/6)

Soviets' Radar Is A No-No; Update The ABM Treaty -- "The Soviet Union's offer of a deal to settle a radar dispute with the United States needn't be swallowed whole, but the offer to negotiate deserves a bite.... Constraints on large phased-radars have to be reworded. So do constraints on space-based sensors that could be used for ABM systems. Essentially, both sides have to understand that the treaty can't be static while technology changes."

(Dayton Daily News, 11/2)