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Sen. Mark Hatfield, the liberal Republican who often opposes Administration initiatives, yesterday spoke the Republican unspeakable at a breakfast in Oregon.

"Mondale was right," he said. "Reagan was wrong."

"Mondale said we could not solve the deficit until we raise additional taxes," he said. Mr. Hatfield is chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. (Damon Thompson, Washington Times, A1)

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House Panel Discloses Information 'Clarifying' Allegations

The chairman of a House subcommittee has disclosed new information that supports some testimony given by former White House deputy chief of staff Michael Deaver, whom the panel had accused of testifying falsely about his lobbying activities for Rockwell International Corp.

A lawyer representing Deaver said yesterday the information is a "retraction" of a major part of the perjury allegations. A subcommittee aide said it was a "minor clarification" and that Chairman John Dingell was not retracting the perjury allegation. A spokesman for Rockwell had no comment.  
(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A1)

PRESIDENT SAVORS RESPITE FROM WASHINGTON PACE  
All's Quiet At The Western White House

SANTA BARBARA -- When the radio crackles "Rawhide entering Pennsylvania Avenue," everyone snaps to alert at the temporary building in the woods here high above the cloud-specked Pacific Ocean at Rancho del Cielo.

Despite the nomenclature and the modern communications equipment that keeps Reagan in touch with the outside world, there is nothing Washington-like about this wooded mountaintop outpost, which the Secret Service guards with constant patrols and electronic sensors buried deep in the hilly ground.

Reagan's friends say he savors each trip to the ranch, and he has been reluctant to leave here even during crises. Only once during his presidency -- in June 1985, when American passengers aboard TWA Flight 847 were held hostage -- has Reagan canceled a trip to Rancho del Cielo.

(Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A17)

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SOVIETS' ARMS INTENTIONS QUESTIONED  
White House Aides Await Reply  
To Reagan's Proposals To Gorbachev

SANTA BARBARA -- The White House today questioned Soviet intentions on arms control and nuclear testing, with U.S. officials saying that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev should demonstrate his seriousness by answering proposals submitted to him in a letter last month by President Reagan.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes and White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan said today that a summit, which Regan said is likely to be held in Washington in the "late fall," should deal not only with arms control but with other issues as well.

(Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A24)

Reagan To Resist One-Issue Summit  
U.S. Wants Broad Agenda With Russians, Two Aides Say

SANTA BARBARA -- The White House Chief of Staff said today that the Reagan Administration would resist any effort by the Soviet Union to limit discussions to arms control at a summit meeting between President Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev.

In a speech to a Santa Barbara civic group, Donald Regan said "fruitful talks over the next few months with the Soviets can lead to a productive summit in the late fall."

(Bernard Weinraub, New York Times, A1)

White House Chides Soviets For Not Responding To Reagan's Arms Proposal

SANTA BARBARA -- In the latest round of U.S.-Soviet wrangling, White House officials are making it clear they're unhappy about the lack of progress in arms control and the recent outpouring of Soviet criticism directed their way.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes, in California with the vacationing President, insisted Thursday that the Soviet Union should "get down to business" and respond to the President's arms control and summit proposals.

(Susanne Schafer, AP)

White House Gives Conflicting Signals On Summit

SANTA BARBARA -- The White House, placed on the defensive, has answered a Soviet peace offensive with contradictory signals on what the Kremlin must do to assure a successful superpower summit later this year.

Trying to deflect attention from the nuclear test ban ballyhooed by Moscow, White House spokesman Larry Speakes asserted Thursday that the Kremlin has not offered a "serious, detailed" response to the latest U.S. arms control proposals.

"Literally," Speakes said, "the ball in arranging a timetable for a summit and in arranging agreements is in the Soviet court."

But that hard line was undercut in short order by White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan, who indicated the absence of a Gorbachev reply was reason for neither concern nor suspicion.

(Norman Sandler, UPI)

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"If the Soviets are interested in eliminating nuclear weapons, then they should get down to business in responding to the President's letter...", said White House spokesman Larry Speakes.

Speakes also called on the Soviet Union to set a date for a second Reagan-Gorbachev summit, saying the ball was in Moscow's court on that issue.  
(Gene Gibbons, Reuter)

#### MOSCOW KEEPS UP PRESSURE ON U.S. TO JOIN NUCLEAR TEST BAN

GENEVA -- The Soviet Union has kept up its pressure on the United States to join its nuclear test moratorium with a pledge to allow on-site inspections to ensure no cheating.

Soviet negotiator Alexander Kashirin told a 40-nation disarmament conference yesterday: "We are convinced that ending nuclear testing by the Soviet Union and the United States would be a real break-through to stopping the nuclear arms race."  
(Stephen Weeks, Reuter)

#### U.S. FISHES FOR PACT TO KEEP OUT SOVIETS

CANBERRA, Australia -- The United States, deeply concerned about a Soviet foothold in the South Pacific, is close to a multimillion-dollar fishing agreement with several nations in the region.

The State Department is urging U.S. negotiators to conclude the pact as soon as possible to discourage traditionally democratic nations from cutting their own fishing deals and establishing closer ties with the Soviets, Western diplomats said.  
(Tom Breen, Washington Times, A1)

#### MOSCOW NOW SEES CHERNOBYL'S PERIL LASTING FOR YEARS Spread Of Radioactivity Was Far Greater Than Indicated Before

The Chernobyl disaster produced far more radioactive contamination that covered a much wider area than previously indicated, according to a Soviet report on the accident. And, it says, residents who were evacuated around the power plant may not be able to return for as long as four years.

The 382-page report, a copy of which was obtained by The New York Times, said radiation in some areas remained at higher levels than had been disclosed and might rise as particles drift around.

(Stuart Diamond, New York Times, A1)



#### Soviet Reports Review Of Size And Location Of Nuclear Plants

MOSCOW -- The Chernobyl disaster did serious harm to the Soviet nuclear power program and has forced a review of the location and size of atomic generating plants, a government official said today.

The official, Andronik Petrosyants, who is chairman of the State Committee for the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, said at a news conference that the Chernobyl accident "hurt the nuclear program badly."

(New York Times, A1)

#### NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT REBUKED IN INQUIRY Committee Accuses Prime Minister Of Making 'Negotiating Mistakes' On ANZUS Treaty

WELLINGTON, New Zealand -- A high-level committee of inquiry on defense issues has accused the government of Prime Minister David Lange of making "negotiating mistakes" with the United States and of failing to achieve its policy goal of keeping New Zealand nuclear-free and at the same time retaining the security guarantee of the ANZUS treaty.

The inquiry panel has embarrassed the government with allegations that senior ministers, including Lange and his deputy, Geoffrey Palmer, have "misrepresented" the nature of the Australian-New Zealand-U.S. alliance, fueled American displeasure and damaged the negotiating atmosphere with "inflammatory statements."

(Ian Templeton, Washington Post, A32)

#### U.S. TROOPS MUST LEAVE, LEFTIST BOLIVIANS DEMAND

LA PAZ -- The powerful leftist labor movement yesterday launched a 48-hour general strike to protest the center-right government's austerity policies and force the expulsion of 170 U.S. troops backing an anti-cocaine drive.

The Bolivian Labor Confederation demanded the immediate expulsion of the American troops and removal of six Black Hawk helicopters, which arrived here July 14 to support a police drive against cocaine traffickers.

(Reuter story, Washington Times, A9)

Bolivia Is Hoping U.S. Drug Forces Will Extend Stay  
Aides Say Raids Have Halted Cocaine Exports -- Troops To Leave In September

LA PAZ -- American and Bolivian officials say a military operation to destroy cocaine laboratories in this country has proved so successful that they want to keep American troops and helicopters here beyond the 60 days originally planned.

The officials said the operations against clandestine cocaine laboratories in the Beni and Chapare regions had all but halted exports of finished cocaine from Bolivia, at least for now.

(Shirley Christian, New York Times, A1)



TORTURE CASE GOADS MEXICANS  
TO QUESTION DEA'S PRESENCE

MEXICO CITY -- The uproar over U.S. government charges that one of its narcotics agents was tortured by Mexican police inspired a fresh wave of criticism here today against the very presence of American agents in Mexico, including suggestions that they are unnecessary and may be working here illegally.

The hostile reaction, motivated chiefly by the sensitive issue of Mexican sovereignty, has distracted attention from the Reagan Administration's insistence on punishment of those responsible and the Mexican government's investigation of 11 Jalisco state policemen suspected of mistreating the U.S. agent. (Edward Cody, Washington Post, A1)

DECONCINI BLASTS MEESE, DEA CHIEF

The nation's top two drug enforcement officials are acting too much like diplomats and not enough like law enforcement officers, Sen. Dennis DeConcini said yesterday.

Mr. DeConcini said Attorney General Edwin Meese and Drug Enforcement Administration Administrator John Lawn "have forgotten they are law enforcement authorities, not diplomats or members of the State Department."

In a telephone interview from his Tucson home, the senator added: "They've been too worried about ruffling feathers. In the meantime, our agents are being kidnapped, tortured and murdered."

(Jerry Seper, Washington Times, A1)

SEN. PETE WILSON WOULD CLOSE BORDER IF...

SAN DIEGO -- Physical closure of the entire U.S.-Mexican border is an acceptable "last resort" immigration policy in the event that Mexican officials refuse to cooperate with U.S. efforts to stem the tide of illegal immigrants, Sen. Pete Wilson said Thursday.

Declaring the border situation to be "out of control," Wilson said he sees no solutions in sight, either from the Mexican government or from immigration reform legislation pending before a House-Senate conference committee.

(Gerry Braun, Copley)

WHITE HOUSE STEPS UP CALL FOR  
LOWER WORLD INTEREST RATES

Concerned by growing signs of a faltering U.S. economy, the Reagan Administration has renewed calls for its foreign trade allies to follow its lead by lowering their own interest rates.

As a half-point reduction in the Federal Reserve Board's key discount rate to 5.5 percent took effect yesterday, White House spokesman Larry Speakes urged Japanese and West German central banks to contribute to a stronger world economy by dropping their lending rates too.

(Glenn Somerville, Reuter)

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(Thursday Evening, August 21, 1986)

CHERNOBYL

SCHIEFFER: Soviet Scientists said today that the world's worst nuclear power plant disaster at Chernobyl is still sending radioactive debris into the air, and they say it remains a threat to water supplies in the Ukraine. In an unusually detailed report issued with government approval, the scientists relayed six major blunders that they say led to the accident in April, and they question the whole idea now of building nuclear power plants near cities.

CBS's WYATT ANDREWS: The Soviets today put full blame on the operators of the Chernobyl plant saying the operators made an unimaginable series of six different mistakes, three of which involve shutting down key safety systems during a test on the reactor's turbine generator....

(MR. PETROSYANTS, Committee of Soviet Nuclear Scientists: "The accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant hurt the nuclear Soviet program energy badly, and it will have an affect on the world nuclear energy program.")

The Soviets were, at times, blunt about what they learned during this investigation, admitting that their operator training program needs work and that the construction of nuclear plants near population centers is under review.... The 203 radiation casualties, in the now official count of 31 dead, were mostly firemen who were poorly protected against the radiation they faced. (CBS-Lead)

ABC's TOM JARRIEL: The worst nuclear accident in history is now officially blamed on human error -- blunders the Soviets themselves call unbelievable.... In an official Soviet report to the Atomic Energy Agency the Russians admit 31 people died, 40 are still seriously ill, the damage is widespread. (ABC-Lead)

NBC's ROGER MUDD: At a Moscow news conference, the scientists said the most critical error was the shutdown of the reactor's emergency cooling system before the accident.... The scientists said officials were thinking of redesigning Soviet reactors so workers could not override the safety systems. In Washington, a senior staff member of the Union of Concerned Scientists, which is often critical of the U.S. nuclear industry, said today the Soviet report describes a comedy of errors at a facility that could have been run by the Marx brothers. And on the likelihood of a similar accident, two European scientists reporting in a British science magazine today, said the probability is 95% that an accident of Chernobyl's magnitude could occur somewhere every 20 years. (NBC-5)

DRUG ABUSE

SCHIEFFER: President Reagan's top aides now say the Administration's war on drugs probably won't include either mandatory tests for more than a million federal workers or the immediate firing of those who test positive for drugs. They concede that such ideas have been floated, but they now say it's more likely the President will approve drug testing only for those in sensitive jobs and those suspected of drug use. They say the President wants treatment, not dismissal for those found using drugs. (CBS-11)

U.S.-MEXICO

JARRIEL: The United States has been sharply critical of Mexico since the detention and torture of U.S. Drug Enforcement agent Cortez, and that criticism has angered Mexican lawmakers. Enough so that they're now reviewing whether they want U.S. drug agents to operate in Mexico at all.

ABC's MARK POTTER: The Mexican congressmen are angry about U.S. criticism of Mexican anti-drug efforts and about reports that American agents were tortured, one of them killed in Mexico.

(RICARDO PASCOE, Mexico congressman: "What many of us are opposed to is the existence of police agents from a foreign country operating freely in our territory.")

The congressmen want to know exactly what the DEA agents are doing in Mexico. The defense minister has been quoted as saying that with 25,000 Mexican soldiers destroying narcotics there, there is no need for foreign agents. The congressmen also want to know by what legal authority the DEA operates in Mexico. U.S. officials say they are there because of a longstanding agreement.

(CHARLES REDMAN: "The United States has had agreements with the Mexican government since the 1930s providing for cooperation on all aspects of illicit drug trafficking.")

At DEA headquarters in Washington today, supervisors and drug agents stationed in Mexico are themselves reviewing the DEA role there.... The DEA says its options are removing family members from Mexico, eliminating or reducing the number of agents there, or even increasing the staff to give themselves more protection.... The relationship between the DEA and the host Mexican government continues to deteriorate. (ABC-3)

MUDD: There was a high-level meeting at the Drug Enforcement Administration today on the problem U.S. agents are facing in Mexico. Agents have been called to Washington for a review of their role in the drug war following last week's alleged abduction and torture of one of the agents.

NBC's MARVIN KALB: They met behind closed doors today -- key U.S. drug enforcement agents summoned here from Mexico -- worried because they are working under increasing danger not only from the drug dealers but, they say, from the Mexican police.... Sources say John Lawn, the Administrator of the DEA, has an audio tape of the torturing of Comarana, and because Lawn believes a similar tape exists of the alleged torture of Cortez, he is planning soon to go to Guadalajara to demand the original. Sources also say the DEA has a top secret listing of those Mexican police and officials believed to be involved in drugs, and those police who tortured Cortez and killed Comarana wanted that list but didn't get it.... Corruption in Guadalajara is believed by U.S. officials to be so deep and pervasive that it's a big question whether the Mexican government has control over what goes on in one of its major provinces. The Cortez case is regarded here as a major test of Mexico's willingness and ability to cope with the drug crisis. To succeed, officials say the Mexican government will have to destroy the powerful drug smuggling ring that controls the police and administration of Guadalajara and it is simply not clear whether the Mexican government can or will do that. (NBC-2)

DEAVER

JARRIEL: A House subcommittee which has recommended that a special prosecutor investigate charges of perjury against Michael Deaver has now clarified one particular charge. It now appears that one of Deaver's clients, Rockwell International, told the committee two different stories, and that on this one point about a meeting with an Administration official, Deaver's testimony was accurate. (ABC-4)

TAX REFORM

MUDD: ...[People] have been led to believe that among other things, it closed most of the loopholes that favored corporations and the wealthy. Many loopholes aren't gone, they've just been given a new name.

NBC's IRVING R. LEVINE: The congressional tax writers were supposed to close loopholes but they managed to keep many open under another name. Now they're called transition rules -- put in the bill with a single motive.

(SEN. BUMPERS: "We're all there to represent our constituents.")

(NBC-10)

REHNQUIST

MUDD: William Rehnquist was an assistant Attorney General during those late sixties, and a memo he wrote at the time has become an issue as the Senate considers his nomination.... In the memo, Rehnquist proposed using the army to spy on American anti-war protesters. Rehnquist has now told the Senate, in a letter to Republican Senator Mathias of Maryland that was made public today, that he does not remember writing the memo and does not recall helping draft the policy. (NBC-13)

BOLIVIA

MUDD: In Bolivia today a powerful labor federation began a two-day general strike and one of the reasons for the strike is the presence of 170 U.S. troops who are helping to fight cocaine trafficking. Leftist politicians aligned with the labor group say the activity of the troops is unconstitutional because Bolivia's congress was not consulted before they were brought in. (NBC-3)

MASS MURDER

MUDD: The Postal Service said today the Oklahoma mass murderer had not been reprimanded, and denied that postal work rules had pushed him over the brink. Today not only the investigators but also the town of Edmond, Oklahoma tried to put the pieces back together. (NBC-Lead)

ECONOMY

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(ABC-5, CBS-6, NBC-9)

## PHILIPPINES

SCHIEFFER: Three years ago today Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino was shot and killed as he stepped off a plane carrying him home. Today Aquino's widow said that the blood of her husband brought freedom to the Philippines. Still, it has not brought peace.

CBS's JOHN SHEAHAN: President Corazon Aquino unveiled a plaque today set into the tarmac under gate number eight at Manila airport. This is the spot where her husband fell.... Political fates in the Philippines are still determined by bullets instead of ballots, but now both sides are being killed. (ABC-5, CBS-8)

MUDD: The Philippines today marked the third anniversary of the assassination of opposition leader Benigno Aquino. The commemoration was marred by a power blackout that struck Manila and most of the island. (NBC-4)

## AIDS

MUDD: Because of the fear of getting AIDS from a transfusion with tainted blood, increasing numbers of Americans are storing their own blood in private blood banks. They see it as a form of insurance. But they may be exchanging one set of risks for another.

NBC's Robert Bazell reports that many doctors resent the private banks. They say the private banks will disrupt the nation's blood supply. (NBC-7)

## TERRORISM/WEST BERLIN

SCHIEFFER: Police in West Berlin have arrested three Lebanese men suspected of plotting to bomb an American target. They were seized when they crossed over from East Berlin and asked for political asylum. (ABC-7, CBS-10)

## LEBANON BOMBING

SCHIEFFER: A bomb exploded on a dirt road in South Lebanon today and an Irish soldier was killed. He was the second member of the U.N. peace-keeping force killed in two weeks. U.N. troops captured two heavily-armed Lebanese men hereby and turned them over to police. (ABC-8, CBS-9)

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MUDD: American Business is paying close attention to another bill pending in the Congress: a bill to extend maternity leave, paternity leave, and sick leave. Today a White House Conference on Small Business vowed to fight the legislation saying it would bankrupt many small companies. (NBC-11)

## SWEIGER

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(Jill Lawrence, AP)

#### HATFIELD SAYS MONDALE WAS RIGHT ABOUT TAXES

Sen. Mark Hatfield, the liberal Republican who often opposes Administration initiatives, yesterday spoke the Republican unspeakable at a breakfast in Oregon.

"Mondale was right," he said. "Reagan was wrong."

"Mondale said we could not solve the deficit until we raise additional taxes," he said. Mr. Hatfield is chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. (Damon Thompson, Washington Times, A1)

PART OF DEEVER'S TESTIMONY SUPPORTED  
House Panel Discloses Information 'Clarifying' Allegations

The chairman of a House subcommittee has disclosed new information that supports some testimony given by former White House deputy chief of staff Michael Deaver, whom the panel had accused of testifying falsely about his lobbying activities for Rockwell International Corp.

A lawyer representing Deaver said yesterday the information is a "retraction" of a major part of the perjury allegations. A subcommittee aide said it was a "minor clarification" and that Chairman John Dingell was not retracting the perjury allegation. A spokesman for Rockwell had no comment.  
(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A1)

PRESIDENT SAVORS RESPITE FROM WASHINGTON PACE  
All's Quiet At The Western White House

SANTA BARBARA -- When the radio crackles "Rawhide entering Pennsylvania Avenue," everyone snaps to alert at the temporary building in the woods here high above the cloud-specked Pacific Ocean at Rancho del Cielo.

Despite the nomenclature and the modern communications equipment that keeps Reagan in touch with the outside world, there is nothing Washington-like about this wooded mountaintop outpost, which the Secret Service guards with constant patrols and electronic sensors buried deep in the hilly ground.

Reagan's friends say he savors each trip to the ranch, and he has been reluctant to leave here even during crises. Only once during his presidency -- in June 1985, when American passengers aboard TWA Flight 847 were held hostage -- has Reagan canceled a trip to Rancho del Cielo.

(Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A17)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SOVIETS' ARMS INTENTIONS QUESTIONED

White House Aides Await Reply  
To Reagan's Proposals To Gorbachev

SANTA BARBARA -- The White House today questioned Soviet intentions on arms control and nuclear testing, with U.S. officials saying that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev should demonstrate his seriousness by answering proposals submitted to him in a letter last month by President Reagan.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes and White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan said today that a summit, which Regan said is likely to be held in Washington in the "late fall," should deal not only with arms control but with other issues as well.

(Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A24)

Reagan To Resist One-Issue Summit

U.S. Wants Broad Agenda With Russians, Two Aides Say

SANTA BARBARA -- The White House Chief of Staff said today that the Reagan Administration would resist any effort by the Soviet Union to limit discussions to arms control at a summit meeting between President Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev.

In a speech to a Santa Barbara civic group, Donald Regan said "fruitful talks over the next few months with the Soviets can lead to a productive summit in the late fall."

(Bernard Weinraub, New York Times, A1)

White House Chides Soviets For Not Responding To Reagan's Arms Proposal

SANTA BARBARA -- In the latest round of U.S.-Soviet wrangling, White House officials are making it clear they're unhappy about the lack of progress in arms control and the recent outpouring of Soviet criticism directed their way.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes, in California with the vacationing President, insisted Thursday that the Soviet Union should "get down to business" and respond to the President's arms control and summit proposals.

(Susanne Schafer, AP)

White House Gives Conflicting Signals On Summit

SANTA BARBARA -- The White House, placed on the defensive, has answered a Soviet peace offensive with contradictory signals on what the Kremlin must do to assure a successful superpower summit later this year.

Trying to deflect attention from the nuclear test ban ballyhooed by Moscow, White House spokesman Larry Speakes asserted Thursday that the Kremlin has not offered a "serious, detailed" response to the latest U.S. arms control proposals.

"Literally," Speakes said, "the ball in arranging a timetable for a summit and in arranging agreements is in the Soviet court."

But that hard line was undercut in short order by White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan, who indicated the absence of a Gorbachev reply was reason for neither concern nor suspicion.

(Norman Sandler, UPI)

U.S. Seeking Soviet Response On Arms Offer, Summit Date

SANTA BARBARA -- The White House has challenged the Soviet Union to respond to President Reagan's July 25 arms control letter to Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev and set a date for a second superpower summit.

"If the Soviets are interested in eliminating nuclear weapons, then they should get down to business in responding to the President's letter....," said White House spokesman Larry Speakes.

Speakes also called on the Soviet Union to set a date for a second Reagan-Gorbachev summit, saying the ball was in Moscow's court on that issue.  
(Gene Gibbons, Reuter)

MOSCOW KEEPS UP PRESSURE ON U.S.  
TO JOIN NUCLEAR TEST BAN

GENEVA -- The Soviet Union has kept up its pressure on the United States to join its nuclear test moratorium with a pledge to allow on-site inspections to ensure no cheating.

Soviet negotiator Alexander Kashirin told a 40-nation disarmament conference yesterday: "We are convinced that ending nuclear testing by the Soviet Union and the United States would be a real break-through to stopping the nuclear arms race."  
(Stephen Weeks, Reuter)

U.S. FISHES FOR PACT TO KEEP OUT SOVIETS

CANBERRA, Australia -- The United States, deeply concerned about a Soviet foothold in the South Pacific, is close to a multimillion-dollar fishing agreement with several nations in the region.

The State Department is urging U.S. negotiators to conclude the pact as soon as possible to discourage traditionally democratic nations from cutting their own fishing deals and establishing closer ties with the Soviets, Western diplomats said.  
(Tom Breen, Washington Times, A1)

MOSCOW NOW SEES CHERNOBYL'S PERIL LASTING FOR YEARS  
Spread Of Radioactivity Was Far  
Greater Than Indicated Before

The Chernobyl disaster produced far more radioactive contamination that covered a much wider area than previously indicated, according to a Soviet report on the accident. And, it says, residents who were evacuated around the power plant may not be able to return for as long as four years.

The 382-page report, a copy of which was obtained by The New York Times, said radiation in some areas remained at higher levels than had been disclosed and might rise as particles drift around.

(Stuart Diamond, New York Times, A1)

### Soviet Reports Review Of Size And Location Of Nuclear Plants

MOSCOW -- The Chernobyl disaster did serious harm to the Soviet nuclear power program and has forced a review of the location and size of atomic generating plants, a government official said today.

The official, Andronik Petrosyants, who is chairman of the State Committee for the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, said at a news conference that the Chernobyl accident "hurt the nuclear program badly."

(New York Times, A1)

### NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT REBUKED IN INQUIRY Committee Accuses Prime Minister Of Making 'Negotiating Mistakes' On ANZUS Treaty

WELLINGTON, New Zealand -- A high-level committee of inquiry on defense issues has accused the government of Prime Minister David Lange of making "negotiating mistakes" with the United States and of failing to achieve its policy goal of keeping New Zealand nuclear-free and at the same time retaining the security guarantee of the ANZUS treaty.

The inquiry panel has embarrassed the government with allegations that senior ministers, including Lange and his deputy, Geoffrey Palmer, have "misrepresented" the nature of the Australian-New Zealand-U.S. alliance, fueled American displeasure and damaged the negotiating atmosphere with "inflammatory statements."

(Ian Templeton, Washington Post, A32)

### U.S. TROOPS MUST LEAVE, LEFTIST BOLIVIANS DEMAND

LA PAZ -- The powerful leftist labor movement yesterday launched a 48-hour general strike to protest the center-right government's austerity policies and force the expulsion of 170 U.S. troops backing an anti-cocaine drive.

The Bolivian Labor Confederation demanded the immediate expulsion of the American troops and removal of six Black Hawk helicopters, which arrived here July 14 to support a police drive against cocaine traffickers.

(Reuter story, Washington Times, A9)

Bolivia Is Hoping U.S. Drug Forces Will Extend Stay  
Aides Say Raids Have Halted Cocaine Exports -- Troops To Leave In September

LA PAZ -- American and Bolivian officials say a military operation to destroy cocaine laboratories in this country has proved so successful that they want to keep American troops and helicopters here beyond the 60 days originally planned.

The officials said the operations against clandestine cocaine laboratories in the Beni and Chapare regions had all but halted exports of finished cocaine from Bolivia, at least for now.

(Shirley Christian, New York Times, A1)

TORTURE CASE GOADS MEXICANS  
TO QUESTION DEA'S PRESENCE

MEXICO CITY -- The uproar over U.S. government charges that one of its narcotics agents was tortured by Mexican police inspired a fresh wave of criticism here today against the very presence of American agents in Mexico, including suggestions that they are unnecessary and may be working here illegally.

The hostile reaction, motivated chiefly by the sensitive issue of Mexican sovereignty, has distracted attention from the Reagan Administration's insistence on punishment of those responsible and the Mexican government's investigation of 11 Jalisco state policemen suspected of mistreating the U.S. agent. (Edward Cody, Washington Post, A1)

DECONCINI BLASTS MEESE, DEA CHIEF

The nation's top two drug enforcement officials are acting too much like diplomats and not enough like law enforcement officers, Sen. Dennis DeConcini said yesterday.

Mr. DeConcini said Attorney General Edwin Meese and Drug Enforcement Administration Administrator John Lawn "have forgotten they are law enforcement authorities, not diplomats or members of the State Department."

In a telephone interview from his Tucson home, the senator added: "They've been too worried about ruffling feathers. In the meantime, our agents are being kidnapped, tortured and murdered."

(Jerry Seper, Washington Times, A1)

SEN. PETE WILSON WOULD CLOSE BORDER IF...

SAN DIEGO -- Physical closure of the entire U.S.-Mexican border is an acceptable "last resort" immigration policy in the event that Mexican officials refuse to cooperate with U.S. efforts to stem the tide of illegal immigrants, Sen. Pete Wilson said Thursday.

Declaring the border situation to be "out of control," Wilson said he sees no solutions in sight, either from the Mexican government or from immigration reform legislation pending before a House-Senate conference committee. (Gerry Braun, Copley)

WHITE HOUSE STEPS UP CALL FOR  
LOWER WORLD INTEREST RATES

Concerned by growing signs of a faltering U.S. economy, the Reagan Administration has renewed calls for its foreign trade allies to follow its lead by lowering their own interest rates.

As a half-point reduction in the Federal Reserve Board's key discount rate to 5.5 percent took effect yesterday, White House spokesman Larry Speakes urged Japanese and West German central banks to contribute to a stronger world economy by dropping their lending rates too.

(Glenn Somerville, Reuter)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

(Thursday Evening, August 21, 1986)

CHERNOBYL

SCHIEFFER: Soviet Scientists said today that the world's worst nuclear power plant disaster at Chernobyl is still sending radioactive debris into the air, and they say it remains a threat to water supplies in the Ukraine. In an unusually detailed report issued with government approval, the scientists relayed six major blunders that they say led to the accident in April, and they question the whole idea now of building nuclear power plants near cities.

CBS's WYATT ANDREWS: The Soviets today put full blame on the operators of the Chernobyl plant saying the operators made an unimaginable series of six different mistakes, three of which involve shutting down key safety systems during a test on the reactor's turbine generator....

(MR. PETROSYANTS, Committee of Soviet Nuclear Scientists: "The accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant hurt the nuclear Soviet program energy badly, and it will have an affect on the world nuclear energy program.")

The Soviets were, at times, blunt about what they learned during this investigation, admitting that their operator training program needs work and that the construction of nuclear plants near population centers is under review.... The 203 radiation casualties, in the now official count of 31 dead, were mostly firemen who were poorly protected against the radiation they faced. (CBS-Lead)

ABC's TOM JARRIEL: The worst nuclear accident in history is now officially blamed on human error -- blunders the Soviets themselves call unbelievable.... In an official Soviet report to the Atomic Energy Agency the Russians admit 31 people died, 40 are still seriously ill, the damage is widespread. (ABC-Lead)

NBC's ROGER MUDD: At a Moscow news conference, the scientists said the most critical error was the shutdown of the reactor's emergency cooling system before the accident.... The scientists said officials were thinking of redesigning Soviet reactors so workers could not override the safety systems. In Washington, a senior staff member of the Union of Concerned Scientists, which is often critical of the U.S. nuclear industry, said today the Soviet report describes a comedy of errors at a facility that could have been run by the Marx brothers. And on the likelihood of a similar accident, two European scientists reporting in a British science magazine today, said the probability is 95% that an accident of Chernobyl's magnitude could occur somewhere every 20 years. (NBC-5)

DRUG ABUSE

SCHIEFFER: President Reagan's top aides now say the Administration's war on drugs probably won't include either mandatory tests for more than a million federal workers or the immediate firing of those who test positive for drugs. They concede that such ideas have been floated, but they now say it's more likely the President will approve drug testing only for those in sensitive jobs and those suspected of drug use. They say the President wants treatment, not dismissal for those found using drugs. (CBS-11)



U.S.-MEXICO

JARRIEL: The United States has been sharply critical of Mexico since the detention and torture of U.S. Drug Enforcement agent Cortez, and that criticism has angered Mexican lawmakers. Enough so that they're now reviewing whether they want U.S. drug agents to operate in Mexico at all.

ABC's MARK POTTER: The Mexican congressmen are angry about U.S. criticism of Mexican anti-drug efforts and about reports that American agents were tortured, one of them killed in Mexico.

(RICARDO PASCOE, Mexico congressman: "What many of us are opposed to is the existence of police agents from a foreign country operating freely in our territory.")

The congressmen want to know exactly what the DEA agents are doing in Mexico. The defense minister has been quoted as saying that with 25,000 Mexican soldiers destroying narcotics there, there is no need for foreign agents. The congressmen also want to know by what legal authority the DEA operates in Mexico. U.S. officials say they are there because of a longstanding agreement.

(CHARLES REDMAN: "The United States has had agreements with the Mexican government since the 1930s providing for cooperation on all aspects of illicit drug trafficking.")

At DEA headquarters in Washington today, supervisors and drug agents stationed in Mexico are themselves reviewing the DEA role there.... The DEA says its options are removing family members from Mexico, eliminating or reducing the number of agents there, or even increasing the staff to give themselves more protection.... The relationship between the DEA and the host Mexican government continues to deteriorate. (ABC-3)

MUDD: There was a high-level meeting at the Drug Enforcement Administration today on the problem U.S. agents are facing in Mexico. Agents have been called to Washington for a review of their role in the drug war following last week's alleged abduction and torture of one of the agents.

NBC's MARVIN KALB: They met behind closed doors today -- key U.S. drug enforcement agents summoned here from Mexico -- worried because they are working under increasing danger not only from the drug dealers but, they say, from the Mexican police.... Sources say John Lawn, the Administrator of the DEA, has an audio tape of the torturing of Comarana, and because Lawn believes a similar tape exists of the alleged torture of Cortez, he is planning soon to go to Guadalajara to demand the original. Sources also say the DEA has a top secret listing of those Mexican police and officials believed to be involved in drugs, and those police who tortured Cortez and killed Comarana wanted that list but didn't get it.... Corruption in Guadalajara is believed by U.S. officials to be so deep and pervasive that it's a big question whether the Mexican government has control over what goes on in one of its major provinces. The Cortez case is regarded here as a major test of Mexico's willingness and ability to cope with the drug crisis. To succeed, officials say the Mexican government will have to destroy the powerful drug smuggling ring that controls the police and administration of Guadalajara and it is simply not clear whether the Mexican government can or will do that. (NBC-2)

DEAVER

JARRIEL: A House subcommittee which has recommended that a special prosecutor investigate charges of perjury against Michael Deaver has now clarified one particular charge. It now appears that one of Deaver's clients, Rockwell International, told the committee two different stories, and that on this one point about a meeting with an Administration official, Deaver's testimony was accurate. (ABC-4)

TAX REFORM

MUDD: ...[People] have been led to believe that among other things, it closed most of the loopholes that favored corporations and the wealthy. Many loopholes aren't gone, they've just been given a new name.

NBC's IRVING R. LEVINE: The congressional tax writers were supposed to close loopholes but they managed to keep many open under another name. Now they're called transition rules -- put in the bill with a single motive.

(SEN. BUMPERS: "We're all there to represent our constituents.")

(NBC-10)

REHNQUIST

MUDD: William Rehnquist was an assistant Attorney General during those late sixties, and a memo he wrote at the time has become an issue as the Senate considers his nomination.... In the memo, Rehnquist proposed using the army to spy on American anti-war protesters. Rehnquist has now told the Senate, in a letter to Republican Senator Mathias of Maryland that was made public today, that he does not remember writing the memo and does not recall helping draft the policy. (NBC-13)

BOLIVIA

MUDD: In Bolivia today a powerful labor federation began a two-day general strike and one of the reasons for the strike is the presence of 170 U.S. troops who are helping to fight cocaine trafficking. Leftist politicians aligned with the labor group say the activity of the troops is unconstitutional because Bolivia's congress was not consulted before they were brought in. (NBC-3)

MASS MURDER

MUDD: The Postal Service said today the Oklahoma mass murderer had not been reprimanded, and denied that postal work rules had pushed him over the brink. Today not only the investigators but also the town of Edmond, Oklahoma tried to put the pieces back together. (NBC-Lead)

ECONOMY

SCHIEFFER: The Labor Department reported today that consumer prices fell at an annual rate of two-tenths of one percent for the first seven months of the year. That is the best performance for inflation since 1949. The report said that prices held steady in July. Food costs showed their sharpest increase in 2½ years. Medical and new car costs were also up. That was offset by the year's fourth drop in gasoline prices.

(ABC-5, CBS-6, NBC-9)

#### PHILIPPINES

SCHIEFFER: Three years ago today Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino was shot and killed as he stepped off a plane carrying him home. Today Aquino's widow said that the blood of her husband brought freedom to the Philippines. Still, it has not brought peace.

CBS's JOHN SHEAHAN: President Corazon Aquino unveiled a plaque today set into the tarmac under gate number eight at Manila airport. This is the spot where her husband fell.... Political fates in the Philippines are still determined by bullets instead of ballots, but now both sides are being killed. (ABC-5, CBS-8)

MUDD: The Philippines today marked the third anniversary of the assassination of opposition leader Benigno Aquino. The commemoration was marred by a power blackout that struck Manila and most of the island. (NBC-4)

#### AIDS

MUDD: Because of the fear of getting AIDS from a transfusion with tainted blood, increasing numbers of Americans are storing their own blood in private blood banks. They see it as a form of insurance. But they may be exchanging one set of risks for another.

NBC's Robert Bazell reports that many doctors resent the private banks. They say the private banks will disrupt the nation's blood supply. (NBC-7)

#### TERRORISM/WEST BERLIN

SCHIEFFER: Police in West Berlin have arrested three Lebanese men suspected of plotting to bomb an American target. They were seized when they crossed over from East Berlin and asked for political asylum. (ABC-7, CBS-10)

#### LEBANON BOMBING

SCHIEFFER: A bomb exploded on a dirt road in South Lebanon today and an Irish soldier was killed. He was the second member of the U.N. peace-keeping force killed in two weeks. U.N. troops captured two heavily-armed Lebanese men hereby and turned them over to police. (ABC-8, CBS-9)

#### MATERNITY LEAVE

MUDD: American Business is paying close attention to another bill pending in the Congress: a bill to extend maternity leave, paternity leave, and sick leave. Today a White House Conference on Small Business vowed to fight the legislation saying it would bankrupt many small companies. (NBC-11)

#### SWEIGER

SCHIEFFER: We report with sadness tonight the death of Tom Sweiger, the audio technician for the CBS Evening News in Washington. He was killed yesterday in an auto accident. He'd worked on this broadcast for 17 years. (CBS-13)