

# Panama to accept treaty compromise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Panama will accept a compromise solution to the dispute over U.S. intervention rights that has threatened to scuttle the Panama Canal treaties, Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd said Monday, only hours before the final vote on the pact.

Byrd, D-W. Va., said on the eve of Tuesday's vote that language proposed by himself and other top Democrats was given to Panama's ambassador, Gabriel Lewis, over the weekend. He said Lewis had called it "a dignified solution to a difficult problem." Byrd declined to describe the

proposal in detail, but it was known to say the United States does not intend to interfere in internal Panamanian affairs.

With Byrd's announcement, the issue appeared to hinge on the success of Senate leaders in convincing Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., and his supporters that

the compromise preserves the U.S. right to keep the waterway open.

Senate Democratic leaders were expected to meet with DeConcini, who sponsored the reservation adopted last month that started the dispute. His reservation, attached to the first of the two treaties, guaranteed U.S. rights to keep the canal open even if it were threatened by a work stoppage inside Panama.

DeConcini's demand has angered Panamanian officials, who hinted it might make the treaty unacceptable to them. But treaty proponents fear that weaken-

ing it could cost crucial votes in the Senate.

Meanwhile, about 100 Panamanian students hurled paint canisters against the U.S. Embassy walls in Panama City in a demonstration against the treaty Monday. The demonstration was broken up by Panamanian national guardsmen hurling tear gas grenades.

Senators on both sides predicted a close vote on the pact, which provides for the United States to gradually transfer control of the 64-year-old waterway to Panama by the year 2000.

## World at a glance

From Associated Press reports

### Defector wants bucks for info

NEW YORK — Arkady Shevchenko, the Soviet diplomat who last week refused to return to Russia, reportedly wants \$100,000 a year to reveal which U.S. agencies were fed false information by the KGB, Time magazine says.

According to Time, Shevchenko had been talking secretly to U.S. intelligence officers for two years before he walked out of his United Nations post last Monday over "differences with his government."

As undersecretary-general for political and Security Council Affairs, Shevchenko was the highest ranking Soviet citizen employed by the United Nations.

### Body theft linked to religion

LOS ANGELES — Charlie Chaplin's body was stolen from its Swiss grave last month not for ransom but because he was Jewish — and his widow was promptly told where the body had been taken, the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner reported today.

James Bacon, a Hollywood reporter for the newspaper, quotes a source close to the Chaplin family as saying, "The theft of Charlie's body from his grave is strictly a matter of religion and nothing else."

Bacon said the unidentified source said non-Jewish families whose relatives were buried in the cemetery at Corsier-Sur-Vevey opposed the presence of Chaplin's body and removed it. Chaplin, who was born a Jew, died Christmas Day at age 88.

### 'Holocaust' draws split reviews

LOS ANGELES — The first episode of NBC's "Holocaust," a dramatization of Nazi atrocities against the Jews in World War II, outdistanced the other networks in three major cities Sunday but fell short of the viewing records set by ABC's "Roots."

The network reported that telephone calls it received in New York and Los Angeles were almost evenly split between praise and complaints. New York had 388 favorable calls and 368 complaints. Los Angeles had 122 favorable calls and 111 complaints, plus another 214 protesting the number of commercial interruptions.

### Desai explains lost n-fuel pack

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Prime Minister Morarji Desai revealed Monday that a secret mountaineering mission to plant nuclear-powered monitoring devices on the Himalaya high peaks was a joint operation of the U.S. and Indian governments.

He also told Parliament that one nuclear fuel pack lost in the mountains 13 years ago poses little danger of radiation poisoning.

Desai's disclosures about the operation — designed to monitor Chinese nuclear arms development — defused a potential crisis in relations between India and the United States.

### Seized ship contains dope

SEATTLE (AP) — A Coast Guard cutter suspicious of a flagless ship shadowed the vessel for a day, then seized it off the Washington coast Monday and found "a ton" of marijuana in its holds, a spokesman said.

Eight crewmen and a Mexican captain, Roman Rubies, were arrested by crewmen of the cutter Yocona after the 167-foot mystery ship was halted 130 miles west southwest of Cape Flattery.

Petty Officer 1st Class Lou Parris said the vessel identified itself twice — once as the Helena Star, of British registry, and later as the Fraternite, of Sweden.

## Philly police expose wins Pulitzer prize

NEW YORK (AP) — The Philadelphia Inquirer won the 1978 Pulitzer Prize for public service for a 1977 series of articles showing abuses of power by the Philadelphia police.

Gaylord Shaw, of The Los Angeles Times, won the prize for national reporting for a series on unsafe structural conditions at the nation's major dams.

The general local reporting prize went to Richard Whitt of The Louisville Courier-Journal for his coverage of a fire that took 164 lives at a supper club in Southgate, Ky., and his subsequent investigation of the lack of enforcement of the state fire code.

Henry Kamm of The New York Times won the award for international reporting for his stories on the Indochina refugees known as the "boat people."

The Philadelphia Inquirer began a series of front-page articles on the police department which found "a pattern of beatings, threats of violence, intimidation, coercion and knowing disregard for constitutional rights in the interrogation of homicide suspects and witnesses."

Homocide detectives, it said, had "come to accept breaking the law as part of their job," and the paper called for community action, investigation and criminal prosecution.

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