

## World at a glance

From Associated Press reports

### Arafat pledges end to attacks

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Palestinian guerrilla leader Yasser Arafat has pledged a moratorium on cross-border attacks into Israel to accelerate its withdrawal from southern Lebanon, the independent Beirut newspaper An Nahar said today.

The paper said Arafat made the promise during his 70-minute meeting in Beirut Monday with U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim. A spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organization declined comment.

An Nahar said sources close to Arafat reported the PLO leader also promised Waldheim to allow U.N. officers into Palestinian strongholds north of the Litani River to "ensure observation of the cease-fire."

### Solons ranked as big spenders

WASHINGTON — Two Oregon congressmen have been ranked among the bigger spenders of public funds in the National Taxpayers' Union annual assessment of federal lawmakers' fiscal responsibility.

Democratic Rep. Al Ullman, head of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, scored a 16 that put him among the 10 percent of House members that the NTU considers most extravagant.

Democratic Rep. Bob Duncan scored a 20 and barely missed being rated in the category with Ullman.

The rating is based on a complex formula involving lawmakers' votes on all budget appropriations and tax bills.

### Judge won't shift pot trial

NEWPORT — A federal judge refused Tuesday to shift to San Francisco or Seattle the trial of 17 men accused of smuggling eight tons of marijuana into Oregon.

In denying the motion, U.S. District Court Judge James Burns said examination of jurors during the selection process would determine their fitness to serve.

Burns has heard 19 motions since the pretrial hearing began here Monday. Some 40 motions in all have been filed in the case.

## Demos may be poor, but Gov. Straub isn't

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Democratic Party might be almost broke, but it has one of the wealthiest candidates for state office this year in Gov. Bob Straub.

The state Democratic Party has

### Oregon offices ban travel to non-ERA states

PORTLAND (AP) — Some state and local government employees in Oregon have been told by their bosses not to travel on official business to any state which has not yet ratified the Equal Rights Amendment. Employees under Portland Mayor Neil Goldschmidt's direct administrative responsibility from traveling to Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Nevada, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah and Virginia.

Earlier this year, the Eugene City Council adopted a resolution prohibiting appointed and elected officials from traveling at city expense to non-ERA states.

been low on funds for years, compared with the state Republican Party.

Based on statements filed with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, Straub owns six farms, timberland and an interest with his son in Thurston Park, a complex of duplexes and triplexes in Springfield.

In addition, he listed more than \$1,000 in stock in 17 companies.

Straub, seeking the Democratic nomination and re-election, said his non-government income from dividends, interest and leases was more than half of his total income.

He receives more than \$50,000 a year as governor, plus \$12,000 a year for personal expenses.

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## Senate backs canal pact, gives up control in Panama

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate approved Tuesday the treaty relinquishing control of the

Panama Canal to Panama in the year 2,000, completing an accord on which Pres. Carter had staked

his prestige at home and abroad.

It was the second of two canal treaties. The first, approved March 16 with one vote to spare, committed the United States and Panama to maintain the neutrality of a waterway open to ships of all nations.

Tuesday's vote completed the deal, providing for actual transfer of the canal to Panama on Dec. 31, 1999.

It came after 39 days of Senate lobbying by Carter and his associates, who said that rejection would undermine the president's ability to conduct foreign policy.

To avert possible Panamanian rejection of the treaties but at the same time to preserve the shaky coalition that approved the first treaty, the Senate adopted an amendment before taking up the second treaty.

That amendment, supported by the Senate leadership, disavows any U.S. intent to meddle in the internal affairs of Panama but declares that the United States can intervene to keep the canal open.

## Supreme Court lets Nixon keep his tapes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard Nixon won a Supreme Court victory Tuesday — copies of his most famous White House tape recordings will not tour the cocktail circuit.

The high court voted, 7-2, to bar immediate public release of the 30 tapes played at the 1974 Watergate cover-up trial of Nixon's top aides. But the justices steered clear of the ex-president's contention that allowing the public to hear the tapes would invade his privacy.

Nixon challenged a 1976 decision of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington that would have made copies of the tapes immediately available for broadcasting and commercial reproduction.

Lawyers for Nixon argued that homes sales of 22 hours' worth of White House conversation among Watergate figures would lead the tapes being "played at cocktail parties and in satiric productions."

They said such exploitation of the tapes would cause Nixon great embarrassment, even "mental anguish."

The court's decision centered on its narrow view of a common-law right older than the Constitution.

"It is clear that the courts of this country recognize a general right of the public to inspect and copy public records and documents," Justice Lewis Powell Jr. wrote for the court.

He added, however, that "the right is not absolute."

During arguments over the tapes case, the court was told its decision could return to haunt it — in lawsuits seeking access to tape recordings of its own public proceedings.

Transcripts of the White House tapes were widely publicized during the criminal trial of former Attorney General John Mitchell and Nixon aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman. All 30 transcripts were quoted in part or in their entirety in newspapers and other publications, and the decision does not affect further use of transcripts.

Filing suit in 1976 to have copies made of the tapes, which were played for jurors and courtroom spectators, were the three television networks, the Public Broadcasting Service, the Radio-Television News Directors Association and Warner Communications Inc.

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