

Reagan asks defense increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration will flesh out its goal of "peace through strength" this week with specific proposals for rebuilding U.S. defenses that will call for the most lavish peacetime military spending ever by a new administration.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger is expected to ask Congress for a net boost of about \$33 billion over the military budget authority totals recommended by former Pres. Carter for this year and next.

These proposals would raise defense budget authority to \$177.7 billion in fiscal 1981, which ends Sept. 30, and to \$222.8 billion in fiscal 1982. Only a small fraction of this would actually be spent in those two years. Most of the new authority, permitting the Pentagon to make contract commitments, would be "spent out" in future years as new ships, planes and other equipment

are produced.

The new administration's unprecedented peacetime generosity to the armed services is in line with Pres. Reagan's assertion that one of his top priorities is to "rebuild the nation's inadequate defense capabilities." Reagan contends the Soviet Union has outspent the United States by \$300 billion for defense since the late 1960s.

Senior military officers, accustomed to tight budgetary constraints, appear euphoric about the new atmosphere. They and Weinberger dispute suggestions that dramatic increases for defense might cause a backlash among citizens affected by deep cuts in domestic programs proposed by the administration.

Documents prepared in the Pentagon list more than 450 military programs that stand to benefit from the administration's planned defense expansion.

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From Associated Press Reports

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Militant Basques wounded three police officers in a bombing and machine gun attack in northern Spain on Sunday, authorities said, hours after announcement of a separatists' cease-fire had raised hopes for Spain's stability in the wake of an attempted military coup.

A woman passerby was slightly injured, police said. "ETA-military (the radical wing) has given its answer," said a police spokesman after the attacks in the Bilbao suburb of Portugalete.

LONDON — Poland's Roman Catholic Church called Sunday for abstention from alcohol during Lent and referred to what it called the country's "tragic alcohol addiction."

"We appeal to all people of good will to abstain completely from alcoholic drinks in any form throughout the great fast," according to an announcement made during a Mass broadcast on Warsaw Radio.

"In the situation of our nation's tragic alcoholic addiction, let us treat this abstention as our contribution to the saving of our homeland," said the broadcast, monitored in London.

NEW YORK — A soon-to-be-published book by a former Cuban newspaper editor and aide to Fidel Castro contends the Cuban president "pressed the button" on a Soviet ground-to-air missile console in Cuba in 1962 and shot down an American U-2 spy plane flying over the island.

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration may go along with spending millions to clean up after Mount St. Helens, but the outlook for Northwest fisheries enhancement is bleak, says Sen. Mark Hatfield.

It's "60 percent realistic and 40 percent hopeful thinking" that President Ronald Reagan will support the level of funding for volcano cleanup sought by the Army Corps of Engineers, Hatfield, R-Ore., said last week.

Guerrillas pushed back in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Government soldiers backed by jet fighters battled anti-junta guerrillas at two towns in El Salvador's eastern province of San Vicente, according to peasants streaming into the capital Sunday from the embattled province.

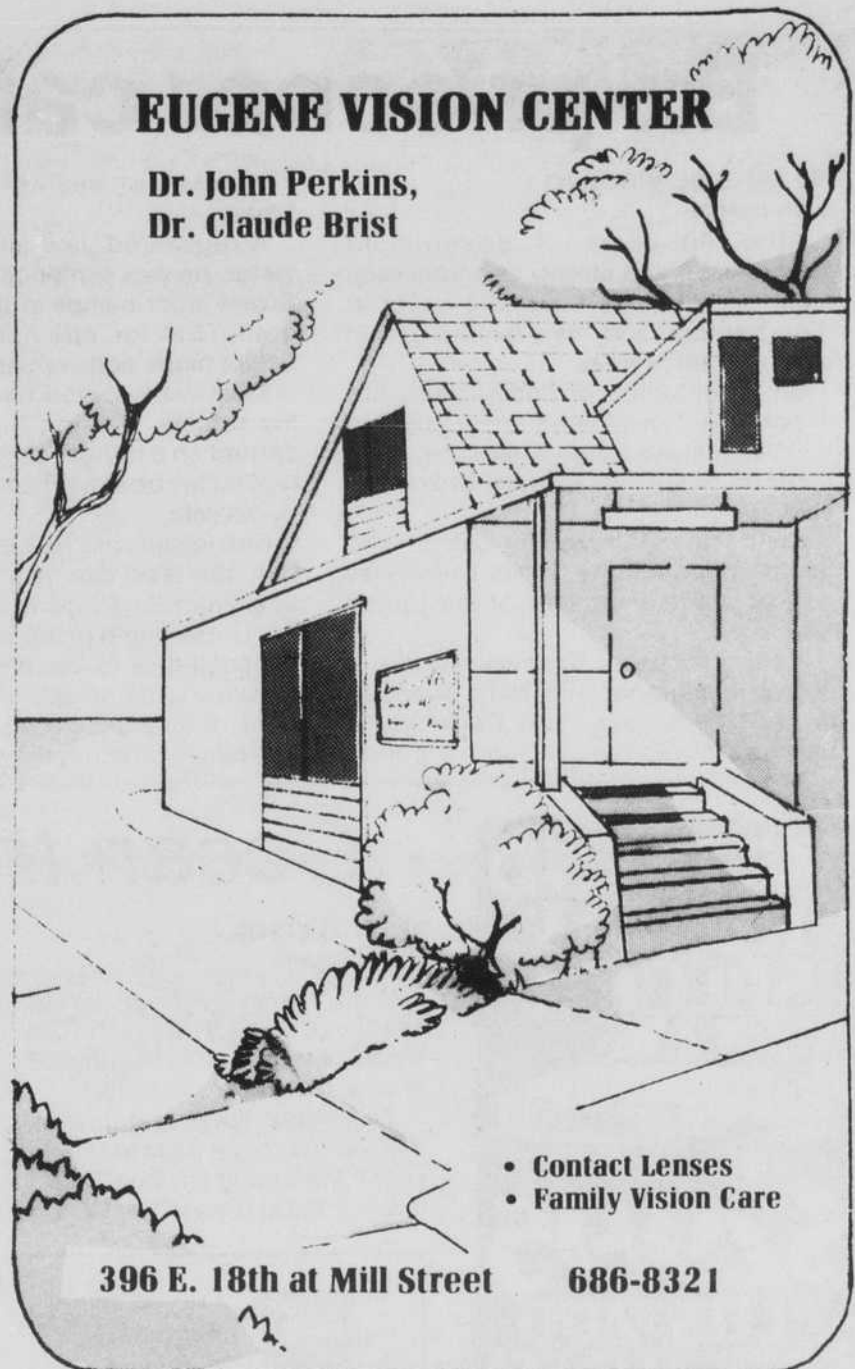
The refugees said troops loyal to the civilian-military junta, backed by the air power, repelled guerrilla assaults launched late Saturday, but some witnesses reported "sporadic and heavy gunfire" Sunday around San Lorenzo and Santo Domingo.

The leftist guerrillas had been rumored to be planning a major offensive this weekend but their leadership issued no communiqués on the outbreak of heavy fighting.

In Washington, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said on NBC's "Meet the Press" program Sunday that the Reagan administration has cut off aid to Nicaragua because of its role in funneling arms to the Salvadoran guerrillas.

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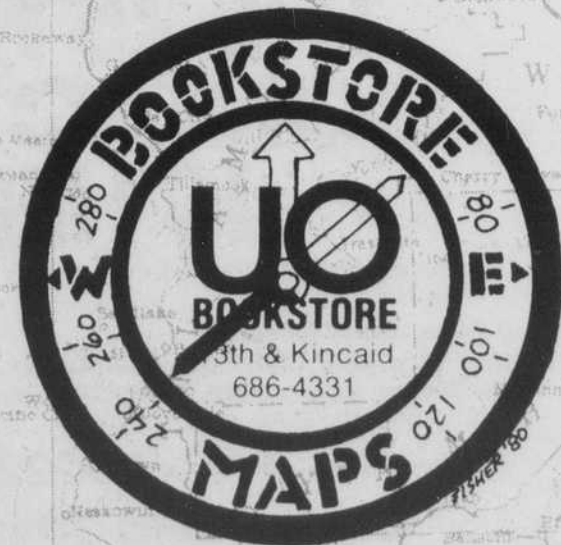
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