

# inter/national news

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## Reagan decides on MX missiles

### WASHINGTON

President Reagan has decided to scatter 100 MX missiles among 1000 shelters in the West and to build the B-1 bomber while a more advanced, radar-eluding Stealth aircraft is developed, sources said Wednesday.

A key Senate source, asking anonymity, said he understands Reagan has not settled on which states will house the new generation of nuclear missiles. The possibilities include shutting them, shell-game fashion, on desert land in Nevada and possibly Utah, or basing some in existing Minuteman missile silos in other states.

The president is to announce those multibillion-dollar decisions on Friday as he discloses plans to modernize the nation's strategic forces, which he contends have fallen dangerously behind those of the Soviet Union.

## Heart-attack victims aided

### BOSTON

Researchers have found that a clot-dissolving medicine protects people from the damage that usually follows heart attacks, and they say the discovery could profoundly change the way doctors treat victims of America's leading killer.

Dr. John Markis said the new approach, which is being studied at several medical centers, could have as dramatic an effect on the treatment of heart disease as the development of coronary bypass surgery more than a decade ago.

With the new therapy, doctors are able to dissolve blood clots that block coronary arteries and starve heart muscle during heart attacks. When blood is flowing again, the heart muscle functions normally without apparent serious damage.

## Federal tax cuts begin today

### WASHINGTON

Today, the government giveth some, and the government taketh away a lot more.

What it giveth, as the new fiscal year begins, is a tax cut.

If federal income taxes are withheld from your paycheck, you can expect a modest increase in take-home pay, thanks to the first installment of President Reagan's three-year,

25 percent tax reduction for individuals.

For a married worker with two kids who earns \$400 weekly, for example, the initial reduction in withholding will mean a paycheck fatter by \$3.70 a week.

The government also is making it more attractive for taxpayers to save, using special new, high-interest certificates exempting up to \$2,000 from income taxes.

## FTC ends TV proceedings

### WASHINGTON

The Federal Trade Commission on Wednesday ended controversial proceedings that once threatened to ban some television ads aimed at young children.

The FTC opened the proceedings in 1978, saying such ads might be unfair or deceptive, especially to children too young to understand their

selling purpose.

The television and advertising industries said parents, not the government, should regulate what their children see on TV and accused the commission of setting itself up as the "national nanny."

Last year, Congress responded to an extensive lobbying campaign and slowed down the proceedings by saying that any regulation could be based only on deception.

The commission said Wednesday that the issues are too complex and too far from resolution to justify further expense. "We cannot justify sacrificing other important enforcement priorities to its continuation," the FTC said.

## U.S. peacekeeping force created

### WASHINGTON

House and Senate negotiators agreed Wednesday

to spend \$125 million to help operate a Middle East peacekeeping force in the Sinai Desert, but barred stationing any American troops there without prior approval of Congress.

The money represents the United States' share of financing the peacekeeping force that will monitor Israeli withdrawal from most of the Sinai Peninsula

## WPPSS plants will be mothballed

### SEATTLE

Sponsors of two financially troubled nuclear power plants being built in Washington state informally agreed Wednesday to mothball the plants until at least mid-1983 — at a cost of \$150 million, officials said.

The committee representing the 88 Northwest public utilities which own the plants reached that consensus during a conference call with Robert Ferguson, head of the Washington

Public Power Supply System, said WPPSS spokesman Jim Hughes.

The plan calls for the 88 owners to provide \$60 million of the total needed to mothball plant No. 4 at Hanford in Eastern Washington and No. 5 at Satsop, east of Aberdeen in Western Washington.

## Defense lawyers charge coercion

### BOISE, Idaho

The Bunker Hill Co. put pressure on an Idaho state senator to try and prevent a witness from testifying in a \$20 million lawsuit against the company, an attorney for nine children said in U.S. District Court here Wednesday.

Plaintiff attorney Paul Whelan of Seattle did not identify the state senator, who allegedly put pressure in 1980 on state Health and Welfare officials to prevent Dr. Phillip Landrigan from testifying.

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