

inter/national news

From Associated Press reports

Poles confront riot police

WARSAW, Poland

Fighting erupted Tuesday in the southern industrial city of Katowice when police seized three Solidarity unionists and accused them of distributing "anti-state, anti-Soviet" pamphlets.

Warsaw Television said two of the men escaped when mobs stoned the police station where they had been taken and overturned a police car.

It said the third detainee, Tadeusz Buranowski, later was released and helped calm an angry crowd that had gathered outside the local Solidarity headquarters to demonstrate support for the union.

Solidarity sources in Katowice, 160 miles south of Warsaw, said several thousand people gathered when "plainclothesmen" moved in to arrest the three unionists, and 10 to 20 vans arrived with riot police who dispersed the crowd with no injuries reported.

In Zyrardow, 30 miles southwest of Warsaw, thousands of striking textile workers protesting food shortages, appealed to the new party chief, Premier Wojciech Jaruzelski, to improve the quality of life for the "women who are toiling so hard."

About 12,000 workers — most of them women — at the Zyrardow textile mills ignored the party's demand to end protests and were in the eighth day of a sit-in. Some 180,000 workers in Zielona Gora province called a warning strike for Wednesday and farmers near Radom joined other Solidarity labor union chapters in declaring strike alerts.

Explosion kills two, injures 99

ANTWERP, Belgium

A booby-trapped yellow van exploded near a synagogue in the heart of Antwerp's diamond

district Tuesday, killing two women and wounding 99 other people a half-hour before services were to begin, police said. It was the fourth fatal attack on Jews in Europe in 15 months.

An organization called "Direct Action Group, Section Belgium" claimed responsibility, but former members of an anarchist group with a similar name in France denied any role and said the claim was "idiotic." The Israeli Embassy blamed the Palestine Liberation Organization, but the PLO denied the charge.

Officials question balanced budget

WASHINGTON

It may be impossible for Pres. Reagan to meet his goal of a balanced federal budget by 1984, administration officials suggested Tuesday.

"I think we are all coming to the realization that the (budget) deficit is not going to evaporate," assistant budget director Lawrence Kudlow told the Senate Budget Committee.

Appearing before the same panel, Treasury Undersecretary Beryl Sprinkel said that enacting all aspects of Reagan's economic program and balancing the budget in 1984 would be "perfection."

Reagan fires military general

WASHINGTON

The top military officer on the National Security Council staff was fired this morning after saying in a speech that the "Soviets are on the move; they are going to strike."

Pres. Reagan said he disagreed with the officer, Army Maj. Gen. Robert L. Schweitzer, but Reagan praised him as "a fine soldier" whose services in another post will continue to "be of great benefit to the country."

Reagan's brief comments came only minutes after a senior White House official told reporters Schweitzer was being relieved of his post as director of

defense policy for the National Security Council and would return to the Department of the Army within the next few days.

Rewrite contracts, says consultant

SALEM

The former head of the Oregon Economic Development Commission says contracts for the sale of timber on public land should be rewritten to preserve jobs in the depressed wood products industry.

Daniel Goldy, now an economic consultant to several timber companies and timber industry associations, said the contracts should be "indexed" to conform with the market prices for lumber and plywood at the time the timber is harvested.

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