

inter/national news

From Associated Press reports

Soviet submarine remains grounded

STOCKHOLM, Sweden

Swedish authorities said Sunday "there must be some other reason" than Soviet bureaucracy keeping a skipper aboard his grounded submarine but they dismissed the possibility of using force to end the stalemate off the Baltic coast.

Lt. Cmdr. Pyotr Gushin, the 35-year-old skipper of the Soviet sub, was still refusing Sunday to come ashore for interrogation despite instructions from the Soviet Embassy here to cooperate with Swedish officials.

The boat ran aground in a restricted area of the Baltic Sea on Tuesday night, about 9½ miles from the Karlskrona naval base, a key defense installation.

Gushin has maintained all along that he is awaiting instructions from his naval home base at Kaliningrad, Swedish officials said. One theory put forward by the Swedish press is that he is kept on board while being interrogated by Kaliningrad via radio, and that the Soviets want their investigation to take precedence over Sweden's.

1980 voter turnout lowest since 1948

WASHINGTON

The percentage of people voting in last year's presidential election dropped to its lowest level in three decades, but that's not the way Americans remember it.

According to a new, unpublished, Census Bureau survey, 59.2 percent of Americans aged 18 and over reported having voted in 1980.

That would have topped the percentage turning out in both the 1972 and 1976 elections.

However, the Federal Election Commission reports that 53.9 percent of those eligible actually voted, the smallest percentage since 1948 when Harry Truman upset a favored Thomas Dewey.

Prison standoff goes into fifth day

GRATERFORD, Pa.

A visiting minister prayed with "disgusted" inmates Sunday as a handful of renegade convicts held six prison employees captive in a kitchen for the fifth day.

Relatives of the hostages and the captors were allowed in the

prison Sunday, authorities confirmed.

Meanwhile, prison officials revealed they believe the captors, who also may be holding a few inmates hostage, had somehow obtained more than one gun.

An African Methodist minister who visited the prison Sunday described the inmate population as "disgusted."

"I prayed with many of them," said the Rev. Nathaniel Williams. "They hoped it will hurry and come to an end, but there is no hostility against the administration."

A black newspaper columnist, Chuck Stone of the Philadelphia Daily News, entered the prison Sunday as a "neutral non-official" who "may have the credibility to be used as a communicator," said Correction Bureau spokesman Kirk Wilson.

Wildcat strikes hit Poland

WARSAW, Poland

Challenging the Polish Parliament and national union leaders, local Solidarity unionists planned new strikes and vowed Sunday to continue wildcat protests now idling some 250,000 workers across the country.

Prosecutors in the Baltic port of Szczecin began a criminal investigation of local Solidarity leader Marian Jurczyk for a speech he gave calling legislators and the government "traitors to Polish society," the official PAP news agency reported Sunday.

It was the first reported investigation of a senior Solidarity official in the union's 15 months of existence.

Walkouts are scheduled by Solidarity chapters in at least six cities this week, but officials could not immediately be reached to say if they planned to cancel the protests in light of Parliament's appeal Saturday to end them.

The Solidarity National Commission is to meet Tuesday in Gdansk to discuss the protest wave, and may take disciplinary measures against its own members for the first time in its 15-month history.

Dole suggests B-1, MX be delayed

WASHINGTON

Congress, not in a mood to raise taxes in 1982, will have to come up with a massive new tax in 1983-84 or perhaps delay the

B-1 bomber or MX missile, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Robert Dole said Sunday.

"We're going to have to have some massive (spending) cuts or some massive (tax) increases" to fulfill Pres. Ronald Reagan's promise of a balanced federal budget in 1984, Dole, R-Kan., said on NBC's "Meet the Press" program.

Domestic programs such as food stamps and school lunches cannot absorb much more in cuts, Dole said. In response to a question, he said putting off the B-1 bomber and MX missile — the backbone of Reagan's defense buildup — is "a possibility, particularly on the B-1."

Countdown for Columbia

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

A \$2 million, quick-fix water system — designed to keep space shuttle Columbia from being damaged by its own launch-pad shockwaves — was hooked up Sunday during a countdown notable mostly for its smoothness.

Space agency officials remained optimistic about a Wednesday liftoff, despite temperamental weather conditions. The mission — a rocketship's first return to orbit — is scheduled to last 83 revolutions, or five days, four hours and 10 minutes.

The Columbia is making its second test trip into space and NASA engineers have worked for six months to apply lessons learned from Columbia's April 12-14 maiden mission.

The expensive shock absorber involves a flush of 400,000 gallons of water in 35 seconds into the shuttle's launch exhaust. It was designed hastily over the past five months to correct the most significant problem during the April flight. Though the inaugural launch looked flawless, inspections six weeks later revealed that five struts, supporting two fuel tanks, were bent.

Engineers blamed shockwaves bouncing back from the launch pad when the shuttle's rocket boosters ignited at four times the expected pressure — way beyond the design limits.

Parade disrupted

TOKYO, Japan

About 1,500 demonstrators shouting "Stop military parades" disrupted a military procession reviewed by Prime Minister Suzuki on Sunday. Police said there was no violence.

The ceremonies marking the 1954 founding of Japan's Self-Defense Forces were held in Asaka, 16 miles northwest of Tokyo. Suzuki reviewed 5,000 troops before giving a speech calling for a Japanese defense build-up.

Climber returns

KATMANDU, Nepal

A ninth member of the American medical team climbing Mount Everest returned to the Nepalese capital Sunday and said his 12 other teammates would join them by Nov. 7.

Glenn E. Porzak, of Boulder, Colo., said he was part of a group in the expedition that was forced to turn back before reaching the mountain's summit because of 100 mph winds.

Three members of the group scaled the peak on Oct. 21 and Oct. 24.

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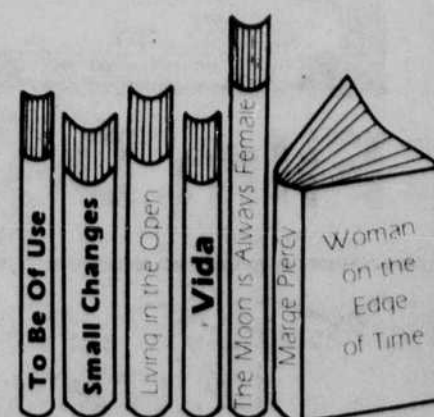
Cultural Forum Presents



Marge Piercy

Canadian poet Margaret Atwood says of Marge Piercy "she is squarely in the Whitman tradition."

Marge Piercy's writing exemplifies the belief that the personal is political. She ends her poem "Contribution To Our Museum" with these lines: "We make history or it makes us."



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