

# inter/national news

From Associated Press reports

## Storm problems confront California

SANTA CRUZ, Calif.

Critical water shortages and thick mud thwarted rescue workers Thursday as they struggled to unearth landslide

victims and repair destruction from a storm that killed 23 people and caused an estimated \$200 million damage.

Pres. Reagan declared five Northern California counties — Contra Costa, Marin, San Mateo, Santa Cruz and Sonoma — major disaster areas, making them eligible for help from federal agencies.

In Ben Lomond, 10 miles to the north, efforts continued to locate up to 20 people believed killed when their homes were buried in a massive mudslide.

Officials of the state Office of Emergency Services said the storm and mudslides that followed destroyed 100 homes in Santa Cruz County, 70 miles south of San Francisco,

damaged 300 others and displaced 1,800 residents. County Administrator George Newell estimated property damage at \$100 million.

More than half the county's 190,000 residents were asked to conserve water or were without it. Thirty-six roads were closed or limited to emergency use. California 17, the main route

into the county, was closed to non-residents.

## Soviets pledge \$4 billion to Poles

WARSAW, Poland

Polish students are reported trying to organize an underground resistance to the martial law regime, and the Soviet Union pledged Wednesday to plow nearly \$4 billion into Poland's feeble economy.

Attempts to rally students into passive resistance were reported by Poland's army newspaper, *Zolnierz Wolnosci*. The paper said students from the Warsaw Medical Academy had passed out leaflets saying "the present situation forces us to start underground activity. Students of the Medical Academy should begin passive resistance to all orders. There will be a time for action."

A British student arriving in Copenhagen from Warsaw on Wednesday said leaflets distributed in Poland urge workers to "act like morons," work slowly and claim sickness often.

Polish Foreign Trade Minister Tadeusz Nestorowicz flew to Moscow and signed an agreement designed to rebuild the Polish economy with deliveries of Soviet fuel, raw materials and machinery.

## Reagan readies '83 fiscal budget

WASHINGTON

The Reagan administration neared completion Wednesday of a fiscal 1983 budget that will seek new tax increases, further cuts in social programs and a fattened military spending plan.

Pres. Reagan already has decided to ask Congress for cuts of more than \$30 billion in domestic programs and will make up his mind this week on how large a package of tax increases he will support to keep the deficit under \$100 billion, administration officials said.

Reagan's spending blueprint for the new fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, also is expected to include:

- An 18 percent jump in the Pentagon's budget, to a record \$215 billion.

- A plan for returning more federal money to states and cities — along with new budget responsibilities now shouldered by Washington.

- An "enterprise zone" proposal to assist decaying inner cities by offering tax breaks to businesses that locate and hire residents in up to 25 specially designated areas a year.

- Significant cuts in welfare benefits, food stamps, Medicare and Medicaid, nutrition programs, subsidized housing and job training for the poor and a long list of other non-military programs. Social Security is the only social program the president has placed off limits.

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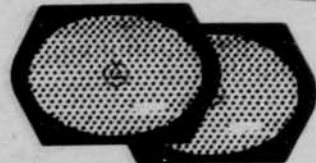
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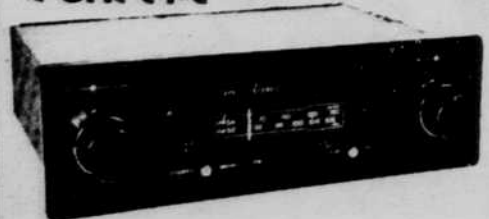
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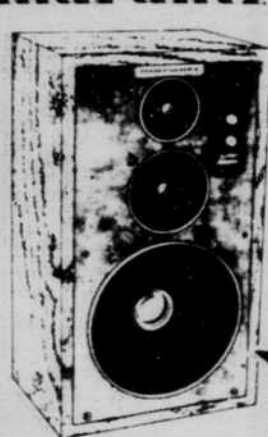
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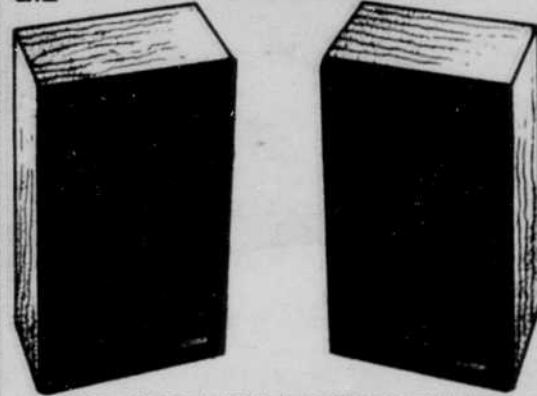


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