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Reagan set to announce location for 'dense pack'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pres. Ronald Reagan's announcement of a basing plan for the blockbuster MX missile is certain to launch a new round of military and political arguments that already have stretched on nearly a decade.

Reagan, scheduled to reveal his long-awaited decision today, is expected to endorse an Air Force plan known as "dense pack," which calls for clustering 100 missiles close together in super-hardened silos.

Returning to the White House after a weekend at Camp David, Reagan confirmed he had reached a decision on the basing mode but told reporters he would not disclose it until today.

The missile decision is slated to be announced only hours before the president makes a nationally broadcast speech on arms control to propose steps the United States and Soviet Union should follow to guard against accidental nuclear war.

Speaking from the Oval Office, Reagan is expected to call for improving the hot line between Washington and Moscow and call for a program of advance notification of planned missile tests.

Even before Reagan announces his decision, opponents of the MX are trying to line up votes to kill it.

Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., says there already are enough votes in the Senate to stop production of the missile, whose 10 warheads each pack more than 10 times the destructive power of the Hiroshima bomb.

And there's trouble in the House, as well. "Well, I don't want to minimize the difficulty with MX," House Republican Leader Robert Michel said last week. "That's going to be a tough one."

Rep. Joseph Addabbo, D-N.Y., chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on defense, came within one vote in his own panel of denying money for the MX. He pledged to fight the missile in the full committee and on the House floor.

Opponents argue the MX could wind up costing twice the pricetag the Pentagon has put on the program — \$25 billion. They say it is a waste of money, with some saying the United States already has enough nuclear firepower and others arguing that improved guidance technology has made all land-based missiles vulnerable.

Soviets sift hopefuls to fill seat of the party president

MOSCOW (AP) — The new Soviet leadership, acting swiftly after the death of Leonid Brezhnev, is expected in the next few days to name a new president, fill vacancies in the ruling Communist Party Politburo and set out the plan for next year's economy.

Yuri Andropov, 68, already named to succeed Brezhnev as the party's general secretary, is

widely believed poised to assume the largely ceremonial presidency, consolidating his hold on power.

Other leading candidates for the job of head of state are thought to be Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, 73, and Brezhnev protegee Konstantin Chernenko, 71.

Today, the party's Central Committee is expected to hold its second meeting in 10 days to fill up to three positions in the ruling Politburo, to sign off on reports about last year's agricultural and economic output and to endorse the plans in those sectors for next year.

Although the task of naming the new president lies constitutionally with the leadership of the Supreme Soviet, or national Parliament, the Central Committee is thought to decide the question. In fact, the issue may already be settled.



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