

Shultz assures allies about MX

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz sought to reassure America's European allies Wednesday with a prediction that the House of Representatives vote against the MX missile will be reversed.

Arriving from West Germany for the NATO foreign ministers' semi-annual meeting, Shultz implied the vote against appropriation of \$988 million for production of the long-range missile was a vote against the Reagan administration's "dense-pack" deployment plan, not against the missile itself.

"I should emphasize that long-range, land-based missiles are in place on American soil," he said, "and what we are talking about

here is a modernization of that weapons system and a shift in the basing mode."

He said the Reagan administration would be "working with the American people to make sure they understand fully the implications and the importance of the deployment of the MX missile."

"In the end, I feel confident it will go forward," he declared.

The House vote is certain to be questioned by the other members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, some of whom are facing determined opposition to the deployment of a new generation of U.S. medium-range missiles on their soil next year.

Corrective Surgery performed on boy

PORTLAND (AP) — A young man with a facial deformity underwent reconstructive surgery on Wednesday after a drive started by "a bunch of 40-year-old cowboys" raised \$64,000 for the operation.

Jimmy Reynolds, 20, of Veneta, always wanted plastic surgery to correct a birth deformity that left a huge lump in the middle of his forehead, making it impossible for him to see an

object with both eyes at once.

Surgery began Wednesday morning at University Hospital at Oregon Health Sciences University, said university spokesman Chuck Williams. The surgery, expected to take 12 hours or longer, was the most complicated facial reconstruction ever attempted in Oregon, Williams said.

By early afternoon, all was reported going well.

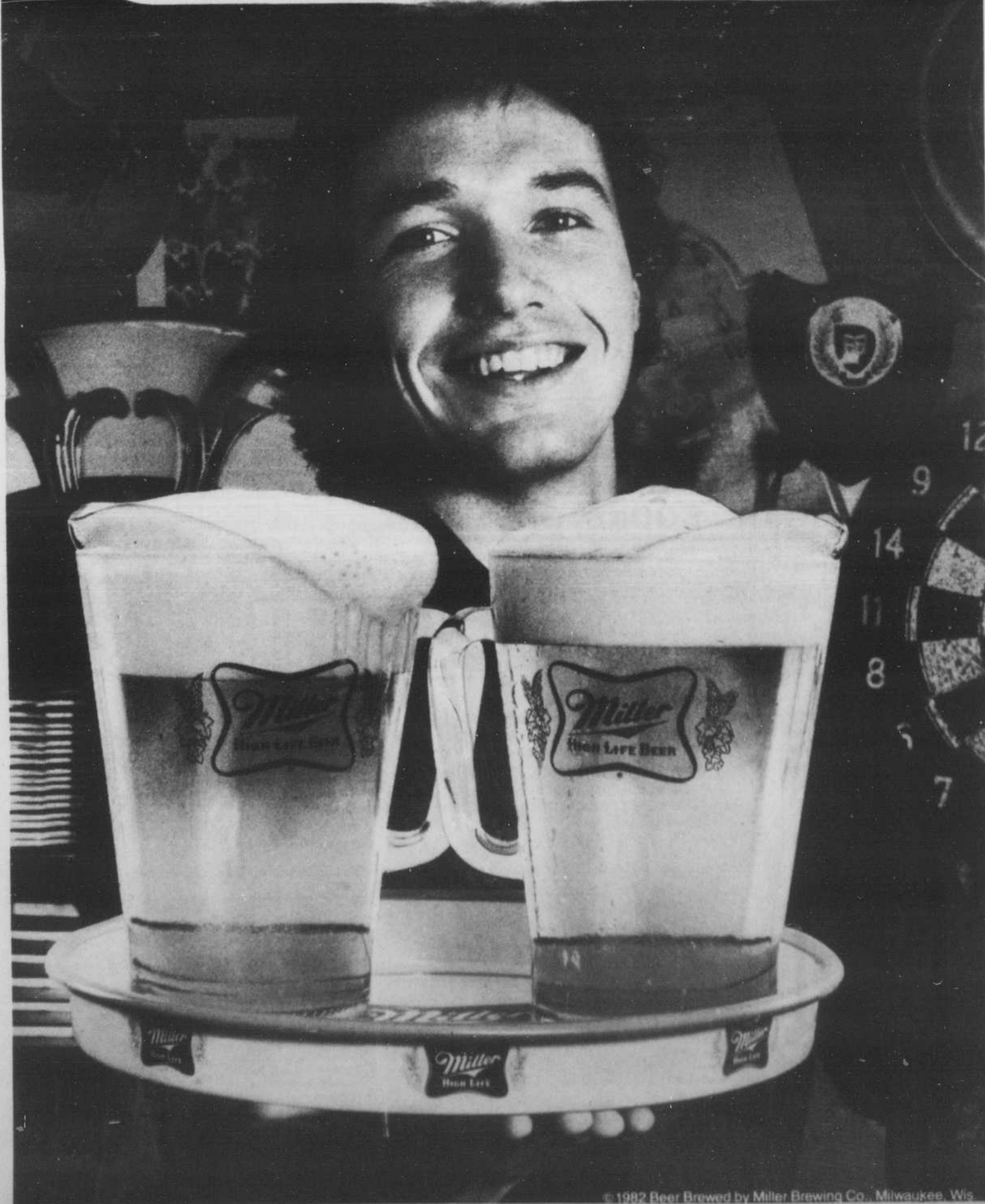
"We want to take this extra-bright and personable young man and make his appearance less of an obstruction in getting along in life," said Dr. Stephen Miller, the hospital's chief of plastic and reconstructive surgery.

Miller said a team of about a dozen physicians would try to remove the lump, close a gap in Reynolds' skull without putting too much pressure on the brain and move his eyes closer together.

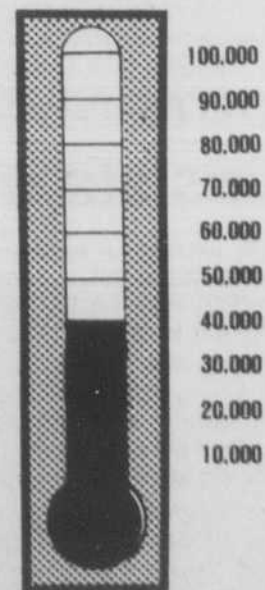
Six hours after the surgery began, hospital spokeswoman Glennis McNeal said the surgery proceeding was on schedule. Surgeons had "decompressed" the lump and would be able to reduce the cleft in Reynolds' skull, she said. They planned to work next on aligning his eyes, she said.

Reynolds said the the operation could help erase a lot of emotional pain. For example, once he got a job at a grocery store after months of looking for work. Reynolds said he was so elated he overlooked the store owner's directive that he stay in the back storeroom so customers would "be able to shop with ease."

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