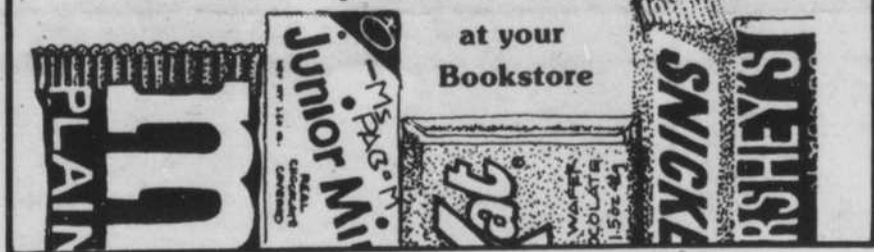


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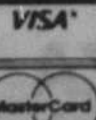
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**Irate Soviet blames U.S.**

MOSCOW — President Yuri V. Andropov, in his first statement on the downed South Korean airliner, called the incident a "sophisticated provocation" masterminded by U.S. intelligence and used to push more military spending through Congress.

Andropov, in a statement read over the evening news, endorsed previous Soviet declarations, insisting the plane was sent on a spy mission by the United States. A Soviet fighter-jet shot the plane down in Soviet airspace Sept. 1 and all 269 people aboard were killed.

Andropov's statement, carried by the official news agency Tass, also dismissed President Reagan's latest arms reduction proposals. Attacking what he called the "grandiloquent speech" Reagan made Monday to the U.N. General Assembly, Andropov urged that no one should be taken in by the U.S. president's assurances that "a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought."

**Reagan wins House vote**

WASHINGTON — The House approved President Reagan's proposed war powers compromise with Congress by a 270-161 vote Wednesday, authorizing him to keep U.S. Marines in Lebanon for as long as 18 months.

The House handily approved the resolution, avoiding a constitutional confrontation with the president over terms of the 1973 War Powers Act, after Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. appealed for bipartisan action to help bring peace to Lebanon with the help of the 1,600 Marines.

"I ask you to act today to help

the president bring peace and stability to Lebanon," the speaker said.

Acknowledging that many House members believed 18 months was too long to allow the Marines to remain in Beirut, O'Neill said the compromise measure was "not a blank check as some have asserted."

"On the contrary, it establishes unprecedented restraints on the deployment and mission of U.S. armed forces overseas," he said. "It clearly limits the scope and role of U.S. forces in Lebanon so that the danger of a Vietnam-type escalation is avoided."

**Veto blocks sale of coal**

WASHINGTON — A federal judge, in one of the first cases interpreting the Supreme Court's ruling on the one-house legislative veto, issued an order Wednesday blocking Interior Secretary James Watt from selling federal coal in North Dakota.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge Louis Oberdorfer would prevent Watt from escaping a pending congressional moratorium on coal sales by issuing the leases before Saturday.

Oberdorfer granted a request for an emergency order made by attorneys for the House of Representatives and two environmental groups, who contended that Watt was trying to thwart the will of the courts and Congress by rushing to issue leases covering 140 million tons of North Dakota coal.

**Court finds doctor guilty**

EL PASO — Twelve jurors, one of them pregnant, heard testimony Wednesday to determine the sentence of a doctor convicted of

murdering a fetus during a 1979 abortion, even though the corpse was never found.

Dr. Raymond Showery, 55, was found guilty Tuesday after 1½ hours of deliberation. Prosecutor Carol Pennock said it was believed to be the first case in the nation where a physician was convicted of murder even though there was no corpse.

His sentence could range from five years to life in prison.

Five former Family Hospital of El Paso employees testified during the nine-day trial that Showery pulled the fetus from an unidentified woman during an abortion, then smothered and drowned the 3- to 6-pound fetus.

The fetus — believed by nurses to be 5 to 7 months old — was dropped into a plastic bag that was thrown away and never found, prosecutors said. No records of the abortion, which Showery claimed never took place, were found.

Hospital witnesses said the fetus was probably old enough to survive outside the womb.

**Syria wants troops out**

UNITED NATIONS — Syria's foreign minister told the United States and other Western nations Wednesday they should withdraw their peacekeeping troops from Lebanon because they are "posing a grave threat to security and peace" in the Middle East.

"They remind us of the colonialist expeditions through previous stages of the history of the region," Abdul Halim Khaddam said, referring to the 5,400-member force made up of U.S. Marines and troops from France, Italy and Britain.

He said the May 17 Lebanese-Israeli troop withdrawal agreement, which the United States helped negotiate, violates Lebanese sovereignty and should be considered "null and void."

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