



## World beat

### International

#### Troops withdraw

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — Remnants of a Nicaraguan force that crossed into Honduras began withdrawing Tuesday, a source at the Honduran armed forces high command said. There were no reports of further fighting.

The source identified the villages as Matingale, Las Mieleles, Bella Vista and La Esperanza.

About 2,500 Nicaraguan soldiers had entered the border area in incursions on Thursday and Saturday, the source said, triggering heavy fighting with Honduran troops.

#### Truce scheduled

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The government and rebels resolved a dispute over weapons Thursday, removing the last obstacle to a truce in the Communist insurgency that has plagued the archipelago since 1969.

Spokesmen for President Corazon Aquino and the rebel National Democratic Front said the 60-day cease-fire would begin at noon today (11 p.m. Tuesday EST) as scheduled.

Both sides said the agreement provides that armed guerrillas will not enter "population centers" and soldiers will not confiscate rebel weapons during security patrols.

### National

#### Building explodes

BOSTON (AP) — An explosion and fire struck a 40-story office building in downtown Boston on Tuesday, injuring five people and forcing hundreds of workers to evacuate the smoky skyscraper, police said.

An unknown number of people were trapped in elevators and on upper floors when the 5:40 p.m. blast in the basement of One Post Office Square knocked out power, said police Sgt. Thomas Kelley. Greg Alexander, the building's property manager, said all but two people were rescued from stuck elevators.

#### Shuttle booster tested

BRIGHAM CITY, Utah (AP) — Morton Thiokol on Tuesday test-fired a section of its redesigned space shuttle booster, measuring the strain of launch conditions on new rocket joint configurations, O-ring materials and insulation.

The two-and-a-half-minute test was the third in a series of 10, but the last will be scheduled under conditions simulating

those that existed on Jan. 28 when the space shuttle Challenger exploded shortly after launch, company officials said.

Allan McDonald, engineer-in-charge of the booster redesign team, said there was no indication of gas leakage, unlike the last two tests which used the same or only slightly modified configurations of the Challenger booster joints.

#### Fumes leak at plant

AIKEN, S.C. (AP) — Fumes from a fire-extinguishing system leaked Tuesday during a test at a federal plant that manufactures plutonium for nuclear weapons, injuring four employees and forcing about 2,000 workers to evacuate temporarily, authorities said.

No radiation was involved in the 10:50 a.m. accident at the Savannah River Plant, said Carl Nandras of the U.S. Department of Energy, which owns the plant.

Halon gas, which is used to smother fires, escaped and was inhaled by four workers, forcing the hour-long evacuation at the plant, Nandras said. The facility is located on a 300-square-mile site and is operated for the DOE by Du Pont.

### Regional

#### Man breaks fast

PORTLAND (AP) — A 38-year-old Vietnam veteran broke a four-week fast on Tuesday after receiving a call from Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot, who promised a meeting about U.S. soldiers missing in action in Southeast Asia.

#### 'Insiders' aided in theft

EUGENE (AP) — People "inside" the University assisted in the Oct. 26 theft of laboratory animals, the Animal Liberation Front claimed in a statement mailed this week to University officials and local news media.

The letter, with a Eugene postmark, called the animal thefts "a mission of mercy" to free the animals "from lives of forced confinement in steel cages inside sterile laboratories."

On Oct. 26, vandals entered labs in two science buildings on campus, destroyed laboratory equipment and stole rats, hamsters, cats and rabbits.

"We now have people on the inside, not only here, but in other places as well. This is how we were able to gain unrestricted access to the buildings and labs. We intend to use these individuals to our advantage, insofar as they are willing to cooperate with us, whenever the opportunity exists," the letter states.

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