

International

Rebel serenades

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A rebel commander serenaded thousands of people in a provincial town and other Communist leaders addressed crowds in Manila to mark the start Wednesday of the first nationwide cease-fire in the 17-year insurgency.

Thousands of people rallied for hours in the main square of Bacolod, 300 miles south of Manila, where four Communist leaders obliged residents by autographing fans, T-shirts and scraps of paper.

Nemesio Francisco Demafiles, regional commander of the New People's Army, took out a guitar and played for the crowd.

Wiesel awarded

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel, an American writer and human rights advocate, received the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize Wednesday and said the honor belonged to all survivors of the Nazi death camps and their children.

Norwegian Nobel Committee Chairman Egil Aarvik gave Wiesel the gold medal and diploma at ceremonies in Oslo University's Aula Festival Hall attended by 800 people, including King Olaf V and government leaders. The prize also includes \$290,000.

National

Strikes confirmed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reagan administration officials confirmed Wednesday that Honduran jets struck targets inside Nicaraguan territory last weekend, but denied charges by Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega that Honduras carried out the raids at the request of the United States.

U.S. officials, who asked not



to be identified, said the administration had not taken a position on the propriety of the Honduran action.

The Honduran government denied again Wednesday that it had undertaken any raids inside Nicaragua, but Sandinista military officials showed reporters craters and shrapnel in the town of Wiwili that they attributed to Honduran bombing runs.

Casey testifies

WASHINGTON (AP) — CIA Director William Casey, in five hours of sworn congressional testimony, denied Wednesday that he knew the profits from U.S. arms sales to Iran were being transferred to Nicaraguan Contra rebels, lawmakers reported.

But Rep. Dante Fascell, D-Fla., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said Casey did offer specifics "with regard to a lot of information which we did not have on the record before" concerning the unraveling scandal.

Casey testified as Republicans and Democrats sparred over whether congressional committees investigating the Iran-Contra connection should grant immunity from prosecution to key witnesses who have refused to discuss what they know.

Evolution debated

WASHINGTON (AP) — Teaching creationism alongside evolution in public schools was attacked as an attempt to "give God equal time" and defended as true academic freedom in a lively Supreme Court debate Wednesday.

The court is to decide by July whether lower courts were right in striking down a Louisiana law that required the teaching of evolution to be "balanced" by teaching creation-science.

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Regional

Packwood spent

SALEM (AP) — Sen. Bob Packwood raised nearly \$7.7 million for his re-election campaign and finished the campaign season with nearly \$1 million in the bank, campaign finance reports show.

The Oregon Republican raised and spent more than any other candidate ever has in the state, and he exceeded the combined spending total of Neil Goldschmidt and Norma Paulus in the governor's race.

The \$6.75 million spent by Packwood translates to some \$10.28 for each of the 656,317 votes he received to win reelection in the Nov. 4 general election.

Next to Packwood, the most expensive campaigns in Oregon's history were waged by Goldschmidt, who spent nearly \$2.9 million on his successful campaign, and Paulus, who spent about \$2.1 million.

Trees spiked

GRANTS PASS (AP) — Siskiyou National Forest officials said Wednesday they received a letter warning oldgrowth trees outside the Kalmiopsis Wilderness have been spiked with granite core samples to prevent logging.

Forest spokesman Warren Olney said it was the first time he has heard of trees being sabotaged with rocks instead of metal spikes, which have been driven into trees to prevent logging other old-growth timber stands in Oregon.

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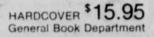


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- Reviewed by Kerry Paul May -





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