



World beat

International

China welcomes West

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian assured Secretary of State George Shultz on Sunday that China would keep its door to the West open, but said improving relations would take "arduous efforts" by both sides.

At a welcoming banquet in the Great Hall of the People less than two months after China began a campaign against Western liberal ideas, Wu said, "The forces that favor continued growth in Sino-U.S. relations are growing in strength."

Shultz, the first senior U.S. official to visit China since the campaign began in January, stressed expanded commercial ties as "an important impetus for the modernization of our respective economies" and a path to expanded relations.

Minister takes control

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A deposed second-in-command of Justice Minister Nabih Berri said Sunday he seized control of Berri's mainstream Shiite Moslem Amal militia in southern Lebanon.

Berri's office dismissed the claim as a "small problem that was quickly ironed out" in the coastal town of Zahrani, 30 miles south of Beirut.

Reporters said the mutinous militia had control of Lebanon's southern coastal highway but their strength elsewhere was not strong. They said the rebels appeared to have passive support of the Palestine Liberation Organization and a pro-Iranian faction opposed to Syria's intervention in Moslem west Beirut.

France prepares

PARIS (AP) — The government strengthened security Sunday, fearing bombings might follow the sentencing of a Lebanese terrorist to life in prison.

But politicians from across the spectrum praised the sentence given to Georges Ibrahim Abdallah on Saturday for complicity in the 1982 murders of a U.S. and an Israeli diplomat. The Communists were the main dissenters.

National

Homeless spotlighted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressmen and actors will spend a cold night sleeping outdoors on grates around the nation's capital this week as the House takes up a \$500 million relief measure for the homeless.

The "sleepout" on heating grates near federal government buildings follows two months of hearings during which homeless families, psychiatrists, nutritionists, social workers, housing industry representatives and homeless activist Mitch Snyder have tried to spotlight the plight of homeless Americans.

Snyder, who has fasted to near-death in past efforts to draw attention to his cause, has taken House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, and other congressmen on tours of the homeless shelter he operates at the bottom of Capitol Hill.

Inspections proposed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration has proposed on-site inspection of Soviet medium-range missile plants to ensure observance of a treaty to eliminate such nuclear weapons from Europe, U.S. arms control director Kenneth N. Adelman said Monday.

In theory, the Soviets have agreed tougher verification measures are essential, Adelman said. But they have not agreed to any specific steps, the U.S. official said in an interview.

"They have not said no, but they have not said yes, as yet," he said.

McFarlane talks

NEW YORK (AP) — Former national security adviser Robert McFarlane in an interview published Monday said he attempted suicide because of a sense of failure.

McFarlane also told The New York Times he often felt President Reagan didn't absorb what he told him about foreign affairs.

McFarlane, who took an overdose of Valium in Feb. 9, was interviewed at his home in Bethesda, Md., a suburb of Washington.

Regional

Governor heads East

PORTLAND (AP) — A scant 50 days into his administration, Gov. Neil Goldschmidt took off Monday on his first goodwill mission to the Far East.

A delegation of Oregon business executives and state officials accompanied Goldschmidt and his predecessor, former Gov. Vic Atiyeh on Delta Airline's inaugural non-stop flight from Portland to Tokyo.

The new governor, who has emphasized regional rather than international economic development in his plans for Oregon's economic recovery, said all areas of the state have a stake in the new flights to Tokyo.

Bingo yields profit

EUGENE (AP) — Bingo no longer is a penny ante operation in Oregon. It's gone big time and is yielding big profits.

An example can be seen five nights a week in Eugene, where the Association for Retarded Citizens sponsors games that yielded gross income of more than \$885,000 in the past year.

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