



World beat

International

English elections held

LONDON (AP) — The governing Conservative Party made gains and socialists took beatings as first results were declared in Thursday's municipal elections, heightening the likelihood of a general election next month.

The main opposition Labor Party posted a string of losses, but in a major coup regained control of Liverpool from the centrist Liberal Party. Labor also won in Birmingham and Manchester, its traditional strongholds.

The Liberal Party, in an alliance with its Social Democratic Party partner, appeared on course to meet its target of gaining at least 400 new seats in town halls.

With results declared from 135 of the 369 cities and towns contested in the election, a Press Association computer tally showed the Conservatives had made net gains of nine seats while Labor posted a net loss of 82.

The alliance had won a total of 123 seats.

National

Secord denies profits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Iran-Contra hearings turned combative Thursday with leadoff witness Richard V. Secord snapping, "I didn't come here voluntarily to be badgered," as he was peppered with questions about profiteering in secret arms sales to Iran and to Nicaraguan rebels.

The nationally broadcast House-Senate inquiry, in its third day, was transformed from a relaxed proceeding to a confrontational session as first Senate chief counsel Arthur I. Liman and then committee members pressed Secord repeatedly on his financial interest in the deals. Secord insisted he did not profit.

House approves ships

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted Thursday to approve two more aircraft carriers for the Navy, easily turning down attempts to torpedo the giant warships as too expensive.

The decisions came as the Democratic-controlled chamber worked its way through a bill authorizing \$288 billion in Pentagon spending for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

The nuclear-powered giants, the world's largest warships, will replace a pair of World War II-era carriers and will keep the Navy's total of carriers at 15.

The House had been scheduled to debate the "Star Wars" missile defense system Thursday amid a prediction by House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, that the program's budget would be frozen, but the chamber abruptly delayed a decision on the issue.

Train derailed

STEVENSON, Wash. (AP) — A Portland-bound freight train derailed into the Columbia River near here Thursday and a "large fire" was reported, authorities said.

It was not known whether there were any injuries.

The 33-car train, which originated in Chicago, derailed about 2:55 p.m. about 12 miles east of Stevenson along the Columbia River. There were four

crew members aboard, said Burlington Northern spokesman Howard Kallio.

Hazardous materials specialists, firefighters and others were en route to the scene, he said.

Regional

Worker contaminated

PORTLAND (AP) — Radioactive contamination was discovered Thursday on the body of a Trojan nuclear plant worker who collapsed from heat exhaustion on the job.

Steve Sautter, a spokesman for Portland General Electric Co., said a worker at the plant's fuel building area was taken to St. John's Hospital in Longview, Wash., for treatment of heat exhaustion.

PP&L cuts rates

SALEM (AP) — Oregon residential customers of Pacific Power & Light Co. will pay almost 2 percent less for power under a rate decrease approved by the state Public Utility Commission.

The PUC on Thursday an-

nounced approval of a \$10.9 million annual rate cut for PP&L.

The utility was able to reduce its charges because federal tax changes passed last year decreased its tax liability, the PUC said.

Extradition proceeds

ASTORIA (AP) — Extradition proceedings have begun for Robert Zimmerman, a 19-year-old transient charged with robbery and kidnapping in Washington state.

Glenn Faber, a deputy district attorney for Clatsop County, said he filed a fugitive complaint in Clatsop County District Court on Wednesday to start extradition to send Zimmerman to King County, Wash., for prosecution.

Zimmerman is accused of robbing the North Bend Motel in North Bend, Wash., and kidnapping a 58-year-old motel employee, Barbara May Allie, on April 28. He faces a first-degree robbery and first-degree kidnapping charge in King County. Zimmerman was being held at Clatsop County Jail on \$100,000 bail.

Grad

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an average lapse time between graduation and the first career-related job of at least one-half year.

Smith cites statistics from a survey of graduates last year that say nearly 60 percent of University graduates get their first jobs three to six months after graduation.

Although some graduates begin looking for their first job even before they graduate, some fields become glutted, according to Bivins.

"More students are starting to look for areas where there is the greatest need," Bivins said.

Both Bivins and Smith agree

with the old adage, "it's not what you know, but who you know." Mostly, it's a matter of connections, according to Bivins.

A student can establish "connections of his or her own" in a major-related environment says Smith, who helps students line up internships before they graduate. Internships can pro-

vide the necessary skills and can help students meet people in their field.

"It is a place where a student can get technical knowledge relating to their major."

Bivins, who passes along information to students concerning professionals looking for interns in the journalism fields, says most employers rely on job seekers who have previous "field" experience.

"Internships are essential — most employers are saying it," Bivins says.

If a graduate hasn't had an internship opportunity, there are still other ways they can prepare themselves for a job search. Career Planning and Placement Services sees approximately two-thirds of the annual University graduates.

"CPPS provides ideas,

methods and strategies to prepare them for first getting into the job market," says Smith.

"Then we provide the proper marketing tools, which includes on-interview skills and resume preparation."

However, senior Susan Hanson, who has a triple major in psychology, management and marketing, is part of the one third who haven't gone to CPPS. Hanson insists she did it all on her own.

"All my decisions are mine, that's why I floundered around for a while. I've never even been to see a counselor."

Post graduation plans for Hanson include deferred admission to the MBA program. In 1989, she will start graduate school and says she's "relieved about not having to make any great career decisions for the next two years."

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