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International

Barbie complains

LYON, France (AP) — Former local Gestapo chief Klaus Barbie said Tuesday his trial on charges of crimes against humanity gives the impression he "acted like a madman" and ran around Lyon hunting Jews. Barbie, an SS lieutenant in Lyon from 1942-44, listened without apparent emotion as two court clerks read descriptions of his purported crimes against Jews and Resistance workers during the Nazi occupation of France in World War II.

"I had the impression after all those charges that I ran around Lyon with a rifle in my hand and hunted Jews," the 73-year-old Barbie told the court. "When I heard all those accusations against me today and yesterday I felt like it was a revival of the Nuremberg trial."

Soviet voices concerns

MOSCOW (AP) — Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said Tuesday the Kremlin has five points of concern about a new U.S. draft treaty to reduce strategic weapons by 50 percent. He said the proposal submitted by U.S. negotiators in Geneva on Friday "indeed reflects the Reykjavik accords in the context of reduction of strategic arms by 50 percent."

But Gerasimov said other elements of the U.S. proposal are cause for concern. He said the Soviet concerns were with a U.S. offer to make the cuts over seven years, the provision for sublimits on various types of missiles, lack of reference to long-range cruise missiles, failure to aim for total elimination of strategic weapons, and no commitment to ban weapons from space.

National

McFarlane admits fault

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former National Security Adviser Robert C. McFarlane, conceding memory lapses and "some tortured language," said Tuesday that if anyone is at fault for misleading Congress about the Iran-Contra affair, "I am." McFarlane, testifying under oath for the second full day at the House-Senate hearings, was asked in various ways whether there had been a cover-up after the outlines of the affair became public last Nov. 25.

In a typical response, McFarlane answered a question from John Nields, counsel for the House committee, about whether he attended a meeting about foreign contributions to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels, saying: "I am willing to accept that (I was there) because I am told I should be as applicatory as I can. . . . I can conceive that I might have been a party to it, but I doubt it."

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House cuts SDI budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House on Tuesday cut deeply into President Reagan's "Star Wars" budget request and rejected early deployment of the system, while Reagan criticized the chamber for approving nuclear arms control restrictions and threatened to veto the Pentagon bill to which they are attached. After a series of votes, the Democratic-controlled House approved \$3.1 billion for the Strategic Defense Initiative.

The president had sought \$5.8 billion for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1, which would have a large increase over the current \$3.6 billion SDI budget. After setting the budget, the chamber voted 301-122 to reject a proposal by Rep. Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., proposing that Reagan be ordered to develop a rudimentary SDI system by 1993.

Honduras to get jets

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration, saying it is necessary to maintain the military balance in Central America, announced plans Tuesday to provide Honduras with 10 F-5E fighter planes over the next two years. The Nicaraguan Embassy said the decision will shift the power balance in the region in favor of Honduras and also will thwart efforts to reach a Central American peace settlement.

Both the White House and the State Department denied that the transaction represents an escalation in the Central American conflict. They noted that the F-5Es will replace — and not supplement — Honduras' existing fleet of jet fighters. Presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the French Mystere jet fighters currently used by Honduras date back to the 1950s.

Gene discovered

CHICAGO (AP) — Remarkable physical similarities in a man and his nephew who both have schizophrenia have led researchers to the approximate location of one or more genes that could cause the disease, a researcher said Tuesday.

The discovery of such a gene could be a major step toward better understanding and treatment of schizophrenia, which afflicts an estimated 1.5 million Americans, researchers said.

The man and his nephew shared an extra copy of a segment of chromosome 5, one of the 23 pairs of chromosomes that carry hereditary information in humans.

Regional

Boy sentenced to life

VANCOUVER (AP) — A jury decided Tuesday to sentence 16-year-old Sean Stevenson to life in prison without parole for the triple slaying of his family on New Year's Day. Skamania County Prosecutor Robert Leick told the jury he was wrong in originally seeking the death penalty for the youth.

Leick said he changed his mind after speaking with psychologists who indicated Stevenson suffered from severe emotional problems. Stevenson was convicted Thursday of one count of aggravated first-degree murder in the rape and slaying of his sister, Amy Stevenson, and first-degree murder in the death of his mother, Margaret Butler, and stepfather, James Butler. The killings occurred New Year's Day in the tiny Columbia River town of Skamania.

Committee endorses bill

SALEM (AP) — An Oregon Senate committee endorsed a bill Tuesday that would require certain employers to provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid parental leave to their workers. The House earlier approved a version of the bill that would apply only to new mothers or to fathers whose wives die or are incapacitated by the birth.

But before sending the bill to the full Senate, the Senate Labor Committee amended it to allow both women and men to request the 12 weeks of leave. One parent could claim the entire leave or the two could decide to split the period into parts totalling 12 weeks, said Sen. Grattan Kerans, D-Eugene, who is a member of the committee. The labor panel raised the number of workers from 15 to 25 that a company would have to employ before it would fall under the proposed regulations.

Panel approves increase

SALEM (AP) — A 65 percent increase in the 1987-89 general fund budget for Gov. Neil Goldschmidt's office to \$5.2 million was approved Tuesday by a legislative budget panel. A Joint Ways and Means subcommittee endorsed the \$2.1 million increase that would add 10 staff jobs, increasing the governor's staff to the equivalent of 39 full-time positions.

The plan now will be taken up by the full committee. Among the suggested staff positions are a new executive assistant for education and two education aides. Goldschmidt has said he needs the positions to exert more influence over higher education budgeting.

Officer cited for DUI

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — A Jacksonville police officer was cited on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants after he lost control of his pickup truck and hit a tree, Jacksonville County deputies said. Richard L. Stribling, 30, was uninjured after the early Monday crash, deputies said. Stribling refused a Breathalyzer test and was cited at the scene, deputies said. He was scheduled to appear May 20 in Jackson County District Court.

Jacksonville Police Chief Mike Moore said Stribling would remain on active duty pending the court appearance. Records show Stribling started working for the city in March 1980 and was fired in October 1985. An arbitrator ruled in May 1986 that he should be reinstated with back pay.



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