



# World beat

## International

### Young pilot 'a hero'

FRANKFURT, West Germany (AP) — Mathias Rust's daring flight across the Soviet Union to the Kremlin is making the 19-year-old pilot a national hero, a West German David who outwitted the Russian Goliath.

A radio station asked whether he could be nominated for the country's highest civilian decoration. A senior Defense Ministry official said West German air force pilots could learn from his deft low-level flight to Moscow.

The government formally condemned Rust's exploit and said Monday it hopes the Soviets, who now have him in prison, will be lenient with the young man.

Since he buzzed Lenin's tomb and landed on the cobblestones outside St. Basil's cathedral Thursday evening, Rust's adventure has dominated news in West Germany.

### Prime minister dies

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A bomb planted in Prime Minister Rashid Karami's attache case blew up during a helicopter flight Monday and killed the veteran Moslem politician. The co-pilot took the controls from the wounded pilot and landed the shattered aircraft.

Thirteen people — Karami, aides and crew — were aboard the French-built Puma. Interior Minister Abdullah Rassi was among the four wounded, all of whom were released after treatment.

The assassination of the Syrian-backed Karami, 65, Lebanon's longest-serving prime minister, further dimmed prospects for an early end to the sectarian violence that has battered this nation for 12 years.

A man identifying himself only as Capt. Hammoud claimed responsibility for Karami's assassination on behalf of the hitherto unknown "Lebanese Secret Army." But police said the telephone call appeared to be a hoax.

### Senators visit Kuwait

KUWAIT (AP) — Sens. John Glenn and John Warner came to Kuwait on Monday from Saudi Arabia, where they were reportedly told that the kingdom would prefer to see the Persian Gulf free of any superpower military intervention.

Glenn, D-Ohio, and Warner, R-Va., are on a country-a-day tour exploring U.S.-Arab action to protect gulf shipping against hazards of the Iraq-Iran war.

In Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia, they held talks with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal, U.S. diplomats in Kuwait said.

Arab diplomatic sources said Saud was presenting the thinking of King Fahd in expressing reluctance to see superpower muscle-flexing in the gulf, through which 20 percent of the non-communist world's oil passes.

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## Soviet deal accepted

BONN, West Germany (AP) — West Germany said Monday it will accept Soviet proposals on nuclear missile reduction, clearing the way for a joint NATO response, but attached a condition that may not please the Kremlin.

A statement issued after a Cabinet meeting of nearly four hours insisted that the 72 Pershing 1A missiles controlled by West Germany remain outside any Soviet-U.S. agreement removing nuclear missiles.

The Pershing 1As have a range of 450 miles. They are operated by West Germany, but their nuclear warheads are under U.S. control.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's coalition government has been wrangling for weeks over Soviet offers of a deal to remove medium- and shorter-range nuclear missiles from Europe.

## National

### Linder death probed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department needs to be more aggressive in pursuing details about the death of Benjamin Linder, an American killed last month by anti-Nicaraguan guerrillas, Rep. Les AuCoin, D-Ore., said Monday.

AuCoin, whose district includes Linder's home, released a letter to Secretary of State George P. Shultz urging Shultz to "upgrade your efforts to get to the bottom of this incident."

Linder, 27, of Portland, was shot and killed by contra guerrillas April 28 near a hydroelectric project on which he was working in Nicaragua. He had been working with the leftist Nicaraguan Sandinista government, which is the target of the U.S.-backed guerrillas.

AuCoin had asked the State Department to investigate the details of Linder's death, but a reply to that request raised more questions than it answered, the legislator said.

### CIA knew about aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Suspended CIA station chief Joe Fernandez, in secret sworn testimony made public Monday, said the CIA's covert operations chief misled Congress last fall when he testified the spy agency never facilitated private efforts to resupply Nicaragua's Contra rebels, even indirectly.

Fernandez said that in fact his CIA superiors knew he was using a sophisticated KL-43 encryption device supplied by Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North to pass on intelligence information to Contra leaders and private U.S. citizens to assist air drops of weapons and other supplies.

### Camp fire

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — A campfire that got out of control was blamed Monday for a wind-fanned blaze that hop-

ped from roof to roof in this exclusive area, burning 37 homes, causing \$16 million damage and forcing more than 200 people to flee.

The fast-moving flames quickly hopscotched through homes nestled in about 140 acres of brush and woods. Nine people, including eight firefighters, suffered minor injuries.

The fire was largely contained by late morning, nearly 21 hours after the first wisps of smoke were spotted near 17-Mile Drive, a private road which attracts about 1.5 million tourists annually for a look at the exclusive residences, the craggy Pacific coastline and several famous golf courses.

### Drug testing resumes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court, confronting the issue of public employee drug testing for the first time, allowed the U.S. Customs Service on Monday to resume, at least temporarily, testing workers who want promotions to drug enforcement jobs.

Voting 8-1, the justices rejected a union's emergency request to block the tests pending the court's further review of the case.

## Regional

### Tax bill nears end

SALEM (AP) — A compromise version of an income tax bill that would cut taxes for about six out of 10 Oregon households is headed to presumably final votes in the House and Senate.

A joint bargaining committee on Monday finished work on the latest version of the measure.

The bill passed both houses unanimously the first time around. The differences between the two chambers' versions were relatively minor and were quickly dealt with by the conference committee.

The purpose of HB 2225 is to put into the state tax code many of the federal income tax changes passed by Congress last year. It now returns to the chambers for action on the committee's changes.

### In-vitro twins born

PORTLAND (AP) — The first twins to be produced in Oregon with the in-vitro fertilization process were shown off by their parents Monday.

Tamara Barron, a 35-year-old elementary school teacher from Boring, told reporters that she and her husband, Lonnie, 39, had been trying unsuccessfully for five years to have children before they entered the in-vitro program at Oregon Health Sciences University.

Nicholas Allan and Zachary Leonard were born Wednesday in the Portland hospital eight weeks prematurely. The twins, who weighed 3 pounds 10 ounces and 3 pounds 11 ounces at birth, were in fair condition Monday at University Hospital. They are the third and fourth babies to be born in the Oregon in-vitro program.

## Hill rejects charges

SALEM (AP) — State Sen. Jim Hill said Monday that as far as he could tell, allegations against his committee administrator involve possible "borderline ethics violations" but no criminal conduct.

"There are no criminal charges as a result of this investigation," the Salem Democrat said.

Hill made the comment at a news conference as an attorney general's investigation continued into the activities of Robert R. Parker Jr., 31.

Since Friday, Parker has been on paid leave from his job as administrator of the Business, Housing and Finance Committee. Hill is chairman of that committee and hired Parker in January.

## Abuse bill passes

SALEM (AP) — A bill to increase penalties for sexually abusing children 12 and under won unanimous approval Monday in the Oregon House.

The measure, HB 3041, boosts the maximum penalty for that offense from five years in prison to 10 years behind bars.

Floor manager for the bill, Rep. Stan Bunn, R-Dayton, noted that the state has actually lightened penalties for many crimes in an effort to ease prison crowding.

Even so, people who sexually abuse children 12 and under deserve tougher prison sentences than they're currently getting, Bunn said.

The bill was sent to the Senate with no debate.

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