

Do you know these faces?



Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev may travel to the United States. He and President Reagan are planning a summit meeting and may sign an arms treaty this year.



Michigan's Kaye Lani Rae Rafko won the 1988 Miss America title. She is a registered nurse who hopes to study oncology (cancer treatment) and hematology (blood-related diseases).



Damien Atkins is an honor student from Washington, D.C. He joined President Reagan in leading the Pledge of Allegiance during bicentennial celebrations of the U.S. Constitution.



Judge Robert Bork has been nominated by President Reagan to be an associate justice on the Supreme Court. The U.S. Senate is holding hearings now to decide on Bork's appointment.



Super Ram fan Roger McDonnell wears a carved watermelon on his head to keep cool at L.A. game against the Minnesota Vikings in the strike-shortened football season.

WORLD

Reagan and Gorbachev agree on nuclear weapons

After months of talking about zero options, double zero options, even super zero options, the United States and the Soviet Union have finally reached an agreement about some nuclear weapons.

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze settled all the major issues of the arms treaty in mid-September. Then President Reagan approved the agreement. Next Reagan and General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev will meet to sign the treaty — maybe as soon as November.

The new treaty bans all shorter-range (from 300 to 600 miles) and intermediate-range (from 600 to 3,000) missiles in Europe. It also bans some missiles in Asia and the Soviet Union.

When Reagan and Gorbachev met in Geneva two years ago, Gorbachev said he wouldn't come to the United States unless he and



President Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz have announced an arms agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union.

the president could complete some major business together. With an arms treaty almost ready to sign, a meeting between the two leaders in the United States looks likely.

This month Shultz travels to Moscow to discuss the summit. It may be held in Washington, D.C.

No one knows yet if Gorbachev will want to see other places in the United States during his stay.

Reagan has mentioned in the past a wish to take Gorbachev to visit some American homes, schools and churches.

Strikers don't always strike out

Almost every day newspapers report about strikes. Teachers in seven states across the country are striking. So are public employees in Oregon, miners in South Africa and pro football players — just to name a few.

What exactly is a strike? A strike happens when workers refuse to work until their employers agree to improve conditions. Sometimes a strike forces employers to make changes. Other times the employers may just hire new

workers until the strikers agree to return to work.

The first recorded strike in American history occurred in Philadelphia in 1786. Printers protesting a pay cut quit their jobs. In 1805 another strike in Philadelphia actually led to a court case. The leaders of the strike were arrested and convicted for conspiracy to raise their wages.

Striking first became legal in 1842 when a Massachusetts' court decided it was not criminal for

workers to strike to improve working conditions.

A group of shoemakers in Philadelphia in 1792 formed one of the first labor unions. A labor union is a group of workers who try to protect the rights of its members. Today there are over 80 independent labor unions, plus those associated with the AFL-CIO (American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations).

AT ISSUE

What would you show the leader of Russia?



Helen Speir, 15
La Grange, Illinois

I would take Secretary Gorbachev to Wrigley Field where the Cubs play or maybe to see the Sears Tower. I don't know if they have baseball in the Soviet Union or not, but Gorbachev might be interested in seeing how Americans spend their free time. If he came for dinner, I'd serve steak and potatoes because it seems American. I would tell him that I hope our countries can get along and be friends.



Aisha Bolds, 8
Richmond, California

I would invite him to my house and show him my room. I would have him over for dinner and serve him chicken. For dessert we would have apple pie. Then I'd take him wherever he wanted to go. I would take him to some fun places — like Marine World and museums. We'd go to school and meet my friends. I'm sure he would want to see some important things, too. I like to meet famous people.



David Rydman, 11
Portland, Oregon

I might take him downtown to see the statue of Portlandia. I would take him downtown at night so he could see the city lights as soon as we drive over the bridge. We usually take the people that are from out of town to see those things. I would take Gorbachev to my church and have him meet my friends there. I would take him to a Trail Blazer game. And show him some professional basketball.



Merritt Walker, 8
Simsbury, Connecticut

I would show Mr. Gorbachev what we do here. I would take him to our school and show him how we sing in music. I would have him play with us during recess. He could swing, but he probably couldn't do most of the things we kids do. I would show him how our movie camera works, and then I would film him. I'd take him to my soccer games and ask him to cheer for my team.



Sah'aan McKelvey, 11
Portland, Oregon

I would take Mr. Gorbachev to my school and show him my classrooms, the cafeteria and the soccer field. He could meet my friends and some of my teachers. Then, I'd take him to see some of my favorite movies — *RoboCop* and *Nightmare on Elm Street*. I'd invite him to watch one of my football games. I'd take him out for pizza and also have my mom cook some hamburgers for him.