

# Reagan to attend conference

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WASHINGTON (AP) — After insisting that Fidel Castro be excluded, President Reagan accepted the invitation yesterday of Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo to a North-South summit conference of industrial and developing nations.

Official confirmation of Reagan's decision to participate in the Cancun, Mexico, summit next October came in an exchange of warm, personal toasts by the two American presidents who spent two days together discussing hemispheric issues and basking in the country hospitality they both enjoy.

At the conclusion of the visit, Reagan announced the two nations would establish a bilateral commission to seek solutions to problems that weren't solved here. He also said he would await Mexico's comments on the options his administration is considering to deal with the influx of illegal Mexican laborers — Reagan called it "the undocumented migrant problem."

It was apparent the leaders spent most of their time searching for issues on which they could agree and only mentioning in passing their differences, such as the role of the United States in opposing revolution in El Salvador.

U.S. officials, who spoke with the understanding they would not be quoted by name, said the decision for Reagan to attend the North-South summit conceived by Lopez Portillo followed the Mexican president's agreement not to invite Cuba's communist leader to discuss the issues of mutual concern to the industrial nations of North America and the developing nations of Latin America.

The Reagan-Lopez Portillo visit had been scheduled to take place in Tijuana, Mexico, and San Diego, Calif., in April, but the meeting had to be put off when Reagan was wounded in an assassination attempt on March 30. The Mexican president then offered to come to Washington as soon as Reagan was well enough to receive him.

The official visit, which followed a brief border meeting and exchange of gifts at Ciudad Juarez when Reagan was president-elect, was marked by expressions of the personal compatibility of the two men, a marked contrast to the strained relationship between Lopez Portillo and Reagan's predecessor, Jimmy Carter.

"Mi casa es su casa," Reagan told his guest in a toast at the state luncheon, repeating in halting Spanish the

# Mudwrestling stirs protest in New York

By RICHARD T. PIENCIAK  
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NEW YORK (AP) — A feminist dispute flared on Wall Street yesterday over a charity mud wrestling match that had some women eager to wallow up to their knees and had other women up in arms.

The icy, sticky contest to determine Wall Street's Mud Queen was billed as a seven-foot, Madison Square Garden charity spectacular complete with referees in white dinner jackets.

Female bond traders, stock dealers and other disaffected denizens of the street were to fight it out last evening before several thousand people paying up to \$50 each to raise funds for programs serving the mentally retarded.

The Chicago Knockers, a group of professional mud wrestlers who serve as the Harlem Globetrotters of the mud wrestling world, were the main attraction. Four males who call themselves the Macho Mud Men also were competing.

The mud wrestling replaced the long-established Wall Street Charity Fund's former — and much more serious — enterprise of holding boxing matches between male traders and brokers.

While eliminating the problem of broken noses and blackened eyes, the new format had its own problems. After viewing a match at a local pub that ended with partial disrobing, the charity's mud wrestling committee decided the gals should wear body suits.

And although the event was expected to net at least \$50,000, there were still strong feminist concerns.

About 30 female Wall Streeters sent a letter to each of the 10 women on the program asking them to consider staying out of the 400-square-foot ring filled with sterilized mud.

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Nunzio J. Palladino

# Class action dorm suit to be tried

A class action suit against the University, which could result in payment totaling about \$500,000 to students who lived on campus during Spring Term 1978, is scheduled for trial today, tomorrow and Friday, with Judge Harold B. Fink of Potter County presiding.

Two University alumni, Jane B. Brennan and Edward D. Joseph, have filed suit on the behalf of 11,626 students who lived in the dorms during Spring Term 1978. The conflict involves the University's decision to shorten the term by five days because of a nationwide coal strike.

Although the University credited the general deposit of each dorm resident with \$8.40 for services, Brennan filed suit

# Palladino's NRC hearings scheduled to start June 17

U.S. Senate hearings on the nomination of Nunzio J. Palladino as chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will begin June 17, a reconvening of the Senate Environmental and Public Works Committee said.

President Reagan nominated Palladino, dean of the University's College of Engineering and professor of nuclear engineering, for the position on May 15.

On Monday, Reagan also nominated Thomas Roberts as an NRC commissioner. Although it is undetermined how long the hearings will take, Sue Gagner, NRC public affairs officer, said the committee might want to take action on the appointment before June 30, when the term of the acting chairman expires.

"When his term expires there wouldn't be a chairman and then they would have to appoint an interim chairman until the appointments were confirmed," she said.

Palladino worked on the Governor's Commission on Three Mile Island and was the only non-NRC member to participate on the Nuclear Regulatory Special Task Force to evaluate the clean-up activities at Three Mile Island.

He served as president of the American Nuclear Society from 1970-1971. Palladino is also a member of the National Academy of Engineering, the National Society of Professional Engineers and the American Society for Engineering Education. He is a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the American Nuclear Society.

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## Veterans evicted from hospital grounds

By YARDENA ARAR  
Associated Press Writer  
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police evicted 25 Vietnam veterans, including 12 hunger strikers, from a tent city on the lawn of a Veterans Administration hospital yesterday and arrested seven people sitting in the lobby.

"There was absolutely no violence," said Detective Larry Hicks, who led a 10-man VA police force that removed the protesters from the Wadsworth hospital.

The veterans began their vigil 18 days ago to protest the treatment of James Hopkins, a veteran who died last month, apparently of an accidental overdose of sleeping pills and alcohol. Hopkins had been trying to win VA certification for a

hearing loss he said was caused by his tour of duty in Vietnam.

Four guards carried each of seven protesters, six men and one woman, out of the lobby, one at a time. The militants, clad with failure to leave when ordered and unauthorized loitering — violations that carry a \$5 fine — shouted slogans and gave clenched-fist salutes as they were removed.

The 12 veterans who were not eating said they would continue their hunger strike even though they would no longer be camping out at Wadsworth.

The group, accompanied by activist Dick Gregory, vowed not to give up their fight and moved their protest to St. John's Church near downtown Los Angeles. They said they would soon begin a march to Washington.

"since President Reagan wouldn't come to us, we'll go to him," yelled one veteran after the protesters took down their tents. "It's a beautiful day. God bless America."

VA spokesman Frank Terry said he was pleased there was no violence.

"That's the thing that makes us all so happy," he said. "It all went smoothly. There were no surprises."

The six who had been in the hospital lobby since May 20 were identified by the VA as Sam Davillier, Andre Hall, Thomas James, Virgil Neigel, Thom Parish

# Angry workers picket mines

By Associated Press  
Construction workers, angered by a halt in contract talks, picketed coal mines in five states yesterday and kept thousands of United Mine Workers off the job, just two days after the end of the miners' 72-day strike.

"We're going to picket everything in sight from now on," said Clarence George, secretary of UMW Construction Local 1582 in southern West Virginia. "Just go to any mine and we'll be there."

Mines employing more than 8,000 miners in West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio, Illinois and Pennsylvania were shut down by the UMW construction workers, who negotiate separately with mine contractors.

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ABC News reported that the association's spokesman, William Howe, was not available for comment.

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The most widespread picketing appeared to be in West Virginia and Pennsylvania. In West Virginia, UMW District 17 Vice President Cecil Roberts said about 65 percent of the mines in the district — the union's largest — were shut down.

"It probably will be an off-and-on-type situation," he said. "One mine might get to work today and might not tomorrow, or vice versa — depending on who the pickets end up with."

Consolidation Coal Co. was among the hardest-hit by picketing, with spokesman Joe Carezino reporting 14 mines employing more than 4,000 miners shut down in West Virginia.

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# AFS broadens students' horizons

By CHARLENE GOWARTY  
Daily Collegian Staff Writer  
Experience is the best teacher and learning outside the structured classroom can be a great experience, several members of the State College area American Field Service organization said.

University students working with the AFS hope to establish themselves as a registered student organization in the fall.

The American Field Service International-International Program is a private, non-profit organization that enables high school students to observe and participate in the educational systems of other countries.

Stephanie Savage, president of the adult chapter of the State College area AFS, said University students who are AFS members are former participants in the program, which supports the local chapter and keeps alive emotional ties made through AFS.

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Forward, ho! University employees Mary Gross and Lella Gill sort through mountains of mail in the Pollock post office. Students who did not leave forwarding addresses cause problems — all first-class mail with no forwarding address is returned to sender.

At least four mines in southeastern Ohio were closed, and in Illinois, picketing closed at least five.

George and Stan Skaggs, financial secretary for Local 1582, said they had thronged away telegrams from UMW District Sam Church urging them to go back to work.

"We feel Church has let us down," said George. "We have to do this every time, and yet (former UMW President) Arnold Miller and Sam Church both promised that if we would go out with the miners, we would come back to work with them."

The construction workers' contract expired April 6, but they quit working March 27 when UMW miners went out.

"There's no reason why we couldn't negotiate together with the miners or why they couldn't stay out until we get a contract," Skaggs said.

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Neither could immediately be reached for comment.

**Truman improving after hip surgery**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Former first lady Bess Truman was able to feed herself yesterday for the first time since undergoing surgery for a broken right hip more than a month ago, her doctor said.

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## News briefs

**Kremlin calls U.S., Israel accomplices**

MOSCOW (AP) — The Kremlin asserted yesterday that Israel's air strike against Iraq's nuclear reactor was an "act of gangsterism" and claimed U.S. leaders were "direct accomplices" in the attack.

"This act of gangsterism is a link in the long chain of Tel Aviv's crimes of which the ruling circles of the United States of America are direct accomplices and in effect instigators," said a statement distributed by the official Tass news agency.

The statement included the phrase "Tass is authorized to state," indicating that it was issued from a high level of the Soviet government.

"Billions of dollars flow in a continuous stream from the banks of the Potomac into the Israeli treasury to finance the Israeli aggression," the statement said.

**TV host Allen Ludden dies of cancer at 63**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Allen Ludden, longtime game show host of TV's "Password" and "G.E. College Bowl," died yesterday after a long battle with cancer. He was 63.

Ludden's wife, actress Betty White, was at his side when he died at 1:25 a.m. PDT at Good Samaritan Hospital, said hospital spokeswoman Betty Sheller.

Ludden had been in and out of the hospital in recent months due to ailments stemming from the cancer, which was diagnosed a year and a half ago, said Larry Bloustein, publicist for White. A malignancy had been removed from his side in an operation last year.

In an interview last January he said he hoped to return to television if only to thank the fans who had sent him their good wishes during his illness.

"I've been on television for about 20 years, and I just did my job," he said. "But the mail that I have had, the prayers I've had said — I start to cry every time I talk about it. You just don't realize how many people can really relate to you and care about you."

**Middle East concern brings stocks down**

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market turned lower in lackluster trading yesterday amid concern over heightened tensions in the Middle East.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, which gained 8.90 points over the previous two sessions, slid 1.20 to 994.44.

The number of stocks falling in price led gains by a 2-1 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with broad losses among automotive, aviation, farm implement, computer, forest product and steel issues.

Analysis said the stock market was wary because of the uncertainty over the Arab response to a weekend attack on a nuclear reactor near the Iraqi capital of Baghdad.

**3 Polish citizens defect to Denmark**

ROENNE, Denmark (AP) — Three Polish defectors, including a boy of 11, crossed the Baltic Sea in a light dinghy

camp is making an even more serious mistake."

**Sterilization case settled out of court**

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — A 21-year-old woman who was sterilized involuntarily in a 1976 operation accepted an out-of-court settlement yesterday that will pay her \$1,000 a month, tax-free, for the rest of her life.

The settlement also included more than \$107,000 in attorney's fees. In exchange, Jamie Lynn Judson agreed not to press further action against her stepfather, Dr. Gerald Sitter, and two doctors who performed the hysterectomy.

Judson, an employee of St. Mary's Hospital, reportedly suffers from mild mental retardation as a result of brain damage from an auto accident when she was 2 months old.

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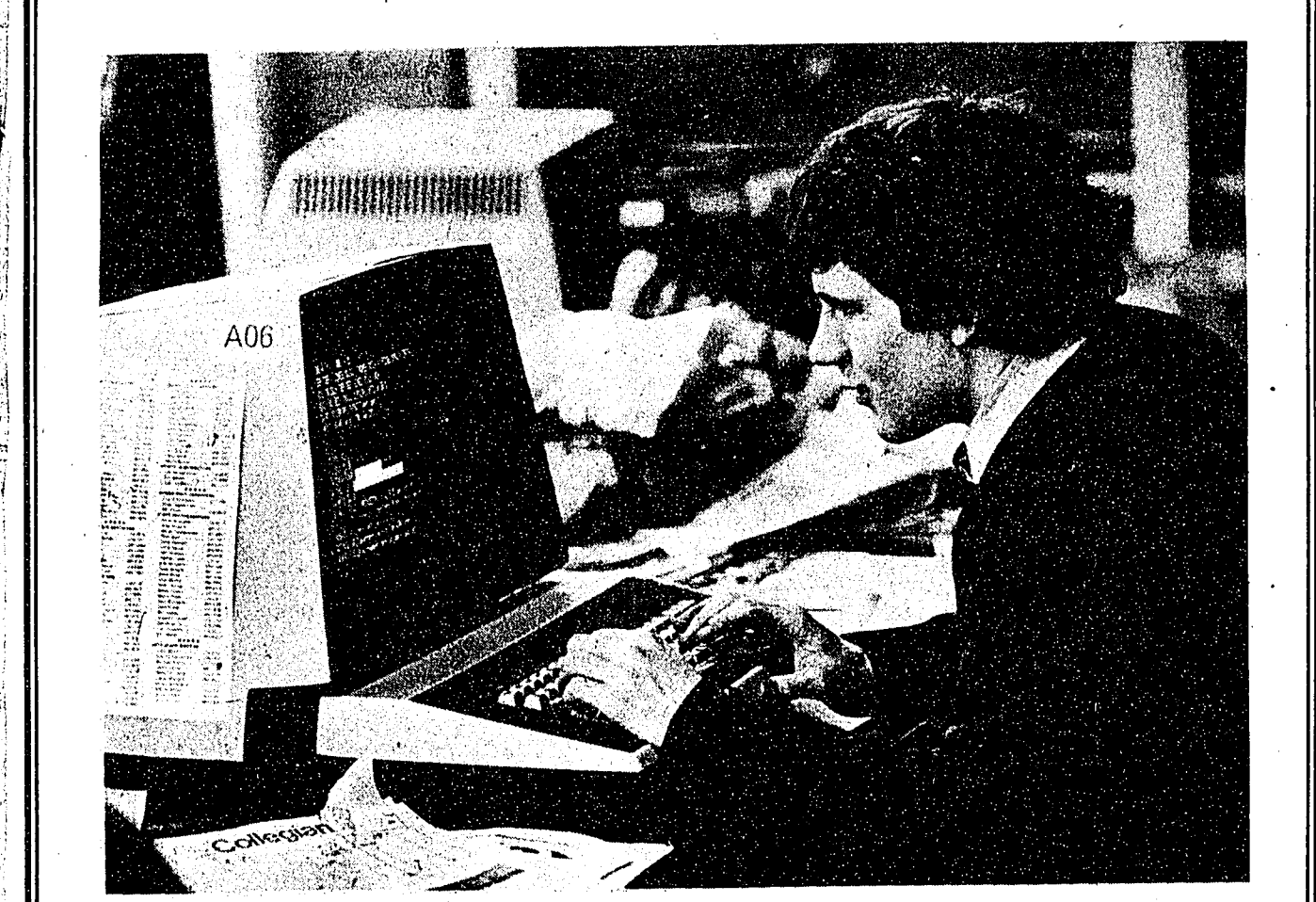
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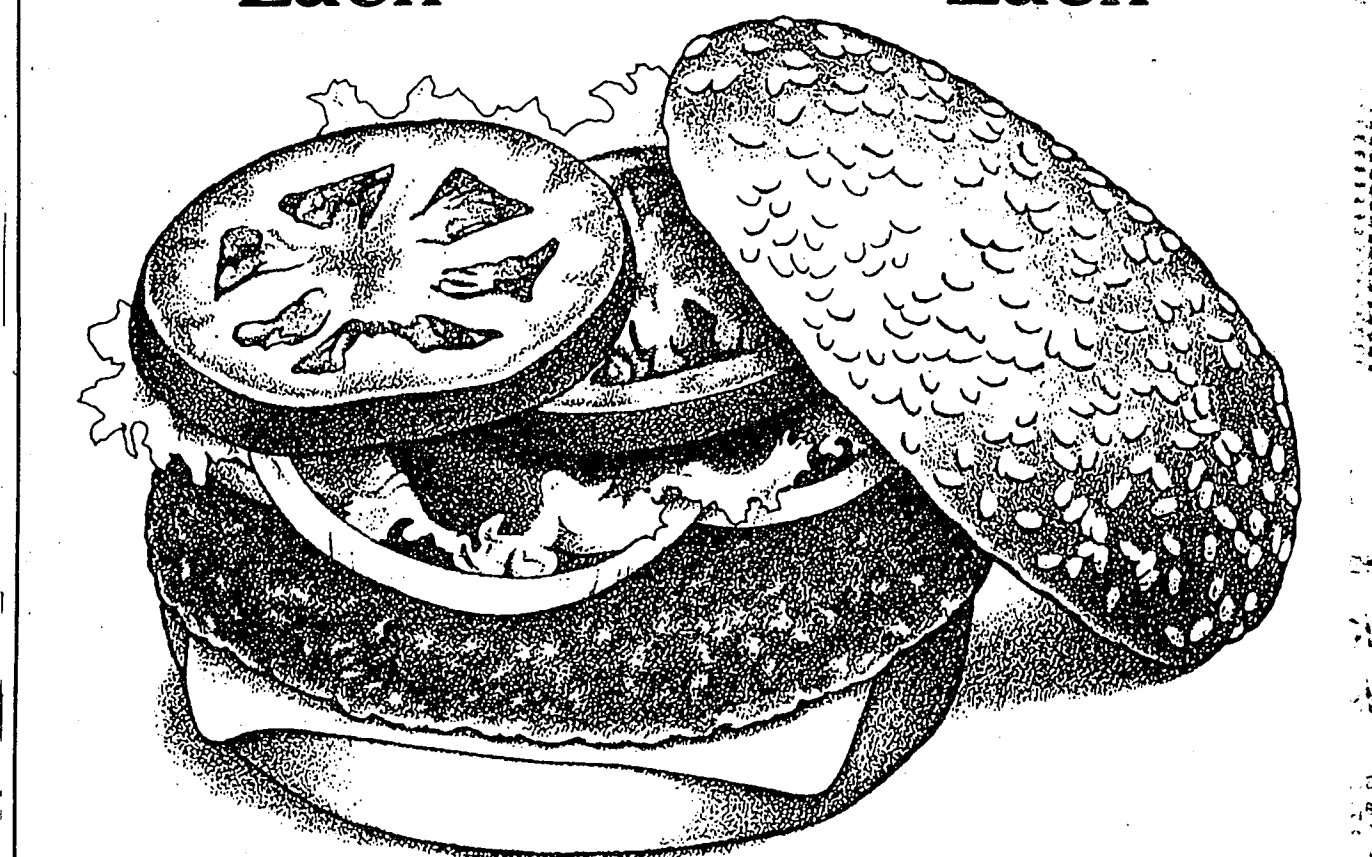
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