

President booted at ballet

WASHINGTON (AP) — President and Mrs. Reagan attended a performance of the Joffrey Ballet last night and were greeted by scattered boos when they entered the presidential box at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

It was the first time since he took office that Reagan was booed at a public event, with the exception of organized demonstrations.

The boing continued for several seconds. It came from several areas in the auditorium and could be heard over the applause that customarily greets his arrival in public auditoriums.

The president and first lady entered the box moments before the performance began, about 10 minutes late. House lights were already lowered, but television camera lights lit up the box.

However, it was impossible to see

how the Reagans reacted.

There was more boing mixed with applause when the president and Mrs. Reagan returned to their box after the first intermission. The Reagans waved to the audience, apparently disregarding the boos.

No announcement was made before their arrival that the Reagans would be attending, but the presidential seal was placed on the front of the box.

Reagan's guests included Michael K. Deaver, the deputy chief of the White House staff, and Mrs. Deaver. Robert Joffrey, founder of the dance company which is celebrating its 25th birthday this year, also was a Reagan guest.

Reagan's son, Ron, dances with the Joffrey II company, an offshoot of the Joffrey Ballet.

A note in the program said the performance was "dedicated to the people of Afghanistan."

Crib deaths studied

ATLANTA (AP) — "Crib death," a sudden, unexplained illness that strikes thousands of infants each year, may be linked to bacterial poisons or to an allergic reaction, the findings of two teams of researchers suggest.

The two studies, which were presented today at the annual convention of the American Society for Microbiology here, suggest divergent explanations for sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS, which kills an estimated 6,000 to 8,000 infants each year.

One study by researchers at St. John's University in New York found evidence to suggest SIDS is the result of an allergic reaction in infants who have immune system deficiencies.

The babies lack the ability to combat allergies to such common items as cow's milk, household dust or fungal spores in the air, said Constantine J. Eftymiou, a professor of biologic sciences at St. John's.

"I think this is the first time we have a definite association of some

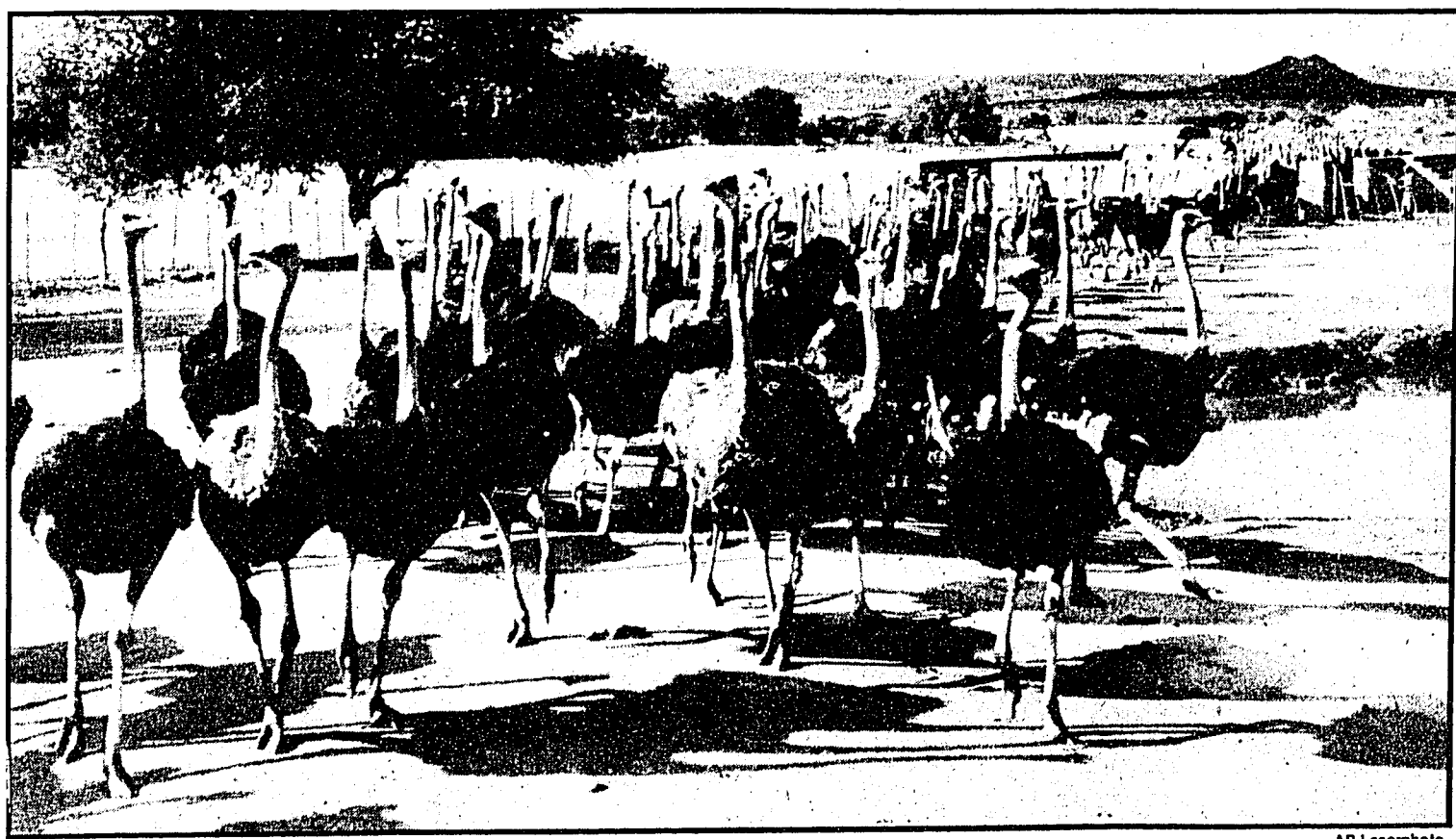
biological event that can be considered the primary cause of SIDS," he said in an interview.

"If this is really the sequence of events," then an early identification of infants susceptible to SIDS may be possible in the near future, he said.

The other study found that monkeys injected with newly recognized poisons produced by a common bacterium died a sleeping death indistinguishable from SIDS.

The monkeys "showed a quiet death in four to 10 hours and an autopsy was incapable of determining how they died," said Dr. Stephen S. Aron, a researcher with the California Department of Health Services who headed the bacterial poison study.

The two poisons were produced by the Clostridium difficile bacterium, which is "extremely common" and is found in the intestines of all animals, including humans, Aron said. The bacterium is also found in soil, household dust and elsewhere in the environment.



And you thought the lines at registration were bad. At least these ostriches can bury their heads in the sand.

Ostriches not stupid, just different

By MARCUS ELIASON
Associated Press Writer
OUTDSHOORN, South Africa (AP) — History has been unkind to the ostrich. Maligned and ridiculed since Bible times, the world's largest bird is still regarded by zoologists as a dim-witted, evolutionary freak.

Yet the ostrich has escaped the fate of the dodo and some 30,000 thrive around Outdschoorn, the little Cape province town that is the ostrich-farming capital of the world.

Vast flocks of eight-foot tall ostriches can be seen in half-acre enclosures, peacefully munching the alfalfa that greets the dusty plain north of the Outdschoorn mountains.

They yield fine feathers, tender meat and a tough but supple hide. For the largest farms, they earn a small fortune from the 200,000 tourists who visit the area annually, paying \$3.50 each to be told about ostriches.

The ostrich's reputation for stupidity dates back to the book of Job, in which it is claimed that "God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath He imparted to her understanding."

The Roman naturalist Pliny observed the ostrich's tactic of burying its head in the sand when threatened, and concluded: "the veriest fool they be of all others."

That the ostrich has wings but cannot fly has contributed to its foolish image. So has its penchant for eating anything—pebbles, pennies, golf balls, hair curlers and sparkplugs.

"This visitors to Higgate Ostrich Show Farm are told by their guide at the outset that "these birds are absolutely stupid."

Not so, argue the ostrich's defenders. The head-burying stunt, they say, is designed to disguise the bird as one of the black bushes that stud the baking landscape. The hard objects they swallow are vital for grinding

up food in the bird's stomach. As for those useless wings — they may not be wings at all, but rudimentary forelegs of a reptile. Like the crocodile, the ostrich has a three-chambered heart.

As J.E. Duerden, a South African zoologist, has noted: "One can never be quite certain what are the factors, conscious or otherwise, which determine any action of an ostrich, without becoming an ostrich oneself. The stupidity lies in our attempt at an explanation, and not in the bird itself."

The ostrich is anything but cowardly. It has been known to confront oncoming express trains, and its kick can kill. "If an ostrich charges at you," says Higgate guide Louie de Beer, "you can either do the hundred-meter dash in five seconds or you can lie down flat. He can't kick low objects so he'll just do a little war dance on your back and then leave you alone."

Shutdown:

Transit workers strike stops London subways, buses

By JEFF BRADLEY
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LONDON (AP) — Transport workers closed the capital's subway and bus network yesterday, but most of London's 6 million commuters made it to work by car, taxicab or bicycle.

In the first total shutdown of services since a 1926 general strike, transport unions struck to protest a court-ordered doubling of fares.

"No tube services today due to industrial action. Sorry," read a sign at a locked subway station.

Most of London's 4 million daily bus passengers and 2 million "tube" commuters still managed to get to work by car, taxicab, bicycle or by walking in the rain, but mild weather.

Londoners' well-practiced resilience was born in a six-week series of strikes earlier this winter by British Rail train drivers.

Parks in central London became emergency reservoirs for cars and many travelers gave lifts to neighbors.

"We've heard of drivers dropping people off at offices all over London," said a Royal Automobile Club spokesman.

In the 5 p.m. rush hour traffic cars were brought to a standstill around Hyde Park Corner, Marble Arch, Park Lane and Victoria, and traffic-watchers said much of suburban North London was bumper-to-bumper.

"We're five times as busy as normal," said cabbie Frank Green in one of the convoys of black London taxis enjoying a busy day because of the 24-hour strike.

The London Chamber of Commerce surveyed 30 firms and reported that 85 to 90 percent of workers had arrived safely, although some paused for refreshment.

In one busy pub, a barmaid commented: "They're drowning their sorrows."

Subway and bus fares will double in 10 days because of a Dec. 17 ruling by the Law Lords — Britain's highest appeal court — striking down a subsidized "Fares Fair" policy introduced by the socialist-controlled Greater London Council last October.

The Law Lords said London Transport is legally bound to attempt to operate with balanced books that subsidies are illegal. The court challenge was brought by the Conservative-controlled Bromley borough council, angered by the GLC's

attempt to raise property taxes to finance the low fares.

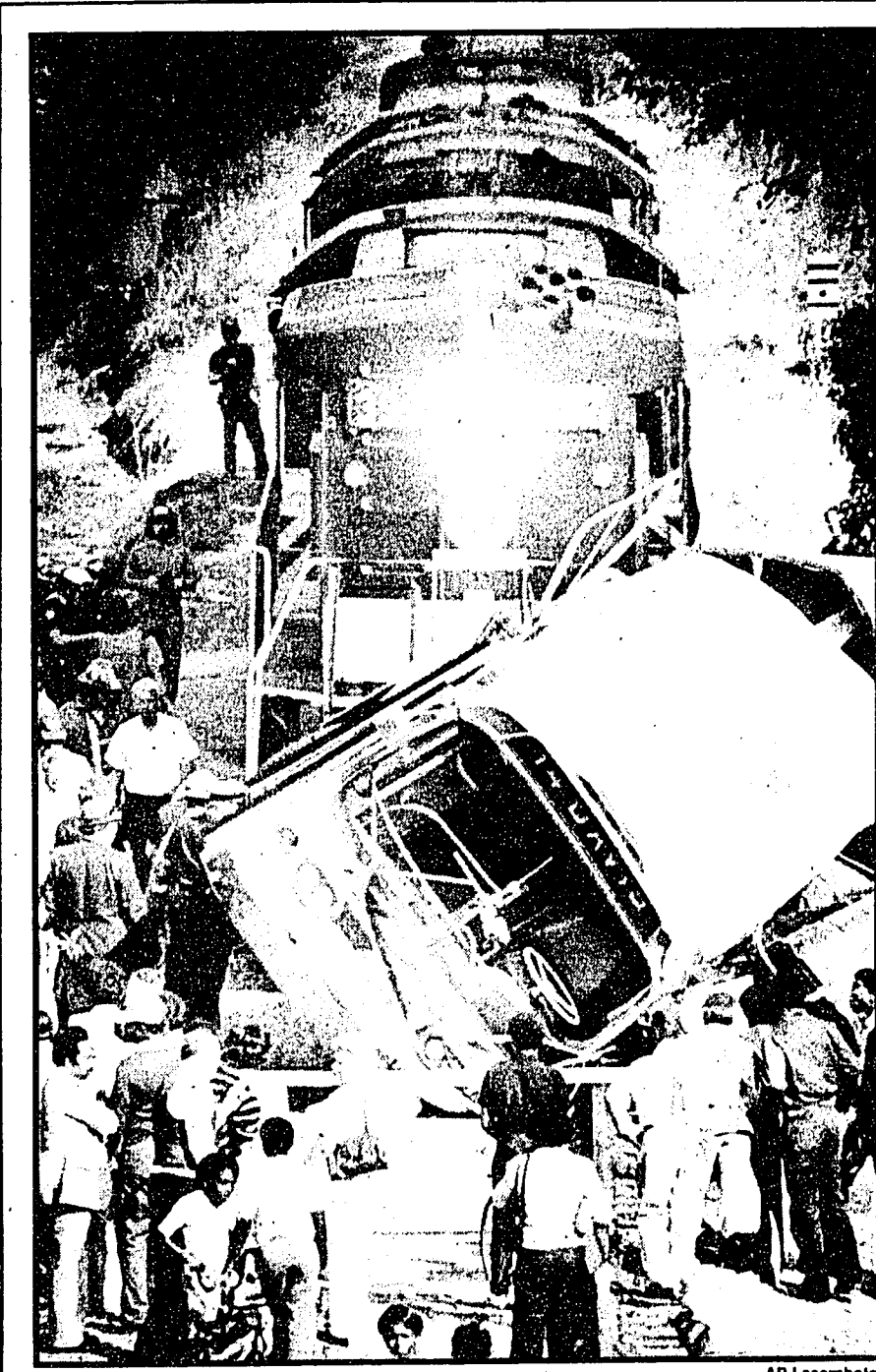
Bill Morris, chairman of a "defense committee" formed by the two dozen unions representing some 35,000 drivers, guards, ticket collectors and office staff, said:

"We regret this action has been necessary and we call on London Transport and the public to join with us in our campaign to make the government enact legislation to allow the restoration of subsidies."

Government Transport Secretary David Howell, who has ruled out such legislation, called the stoppage "pointless and damaging."

A poll taken by Capital Radio station said only one-third of Londoners supported the strike, although 63 percent backed the council cheap-fare initiative.

Subway and bus fares are based on distance traveled, and thousands of commuters have to travel 10 or 15 miles to get to work. On March 21, the average one-way subway ticket will go up 100 percent to \$2.2. The bus fare average will double to 92 cents on March 21.



Collision

The driver and passengers on this bus in Jacksonville, Fla., escaped serious injury yesterday by fleeing from the bus just before it was hit by a Southern Railway train.

Wife of former IRA member asks husband's release

NEW YORK (AP) — A Philadelphia woman testified at a hearing yesterday about her hopes for a "normal" life with a former Irish Republican Army member who she married before he was arrested and jailed almost 2½ years ago for entering the country illegally.

"We haven't had a marriage for the last 2½ years," the woman, Margaret Leib O'Rourke, said during testimony yesterday.

The 31-year-old woman's testimony was designed to convince Immigration Judge Francis Lyons to free O'Rourke and allow him to remain in the United States.

O'Rourke, 29, has previously admitted during deportation proceedings that he entered the United States illegally in

February 1978 under an assumed identity. He has also confessed to having escaped from prison in Dublin where he received a six-year sentence on pleas of guilty to charges stemming from his operation of a clandestine munitions factory for the outlawed IRA.

James Orlow, a lawyer representing O'Rourke, had Mrs. O'Rourke testify in a move to convince Lyons to exercise his discretionary powers and grant O'Rourke permanent residence status.

When asked how O'Rourke's detention has affected their marriage, Mrs. O'Rourke responded, "We haven't had a marriage for the last 2½ years."

Lyons has scheduled further hearings for later this month.

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- Overweight-Binging** — For people who are over-weight & binging. Will focus on personal/emotional concerns. (Time to be arranged)
- Binge-Eating & Vomiting** — Will focus on problem eating patterns & the personal/emotional concerns that accompany such behavior. Tues. 11-12:30 Noon; Tues. 2:15-3:45 P.M. (Another at a time to be arranged)
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- Basic Social Skills** — Overcoming shyness, learning to meet & talk to others, especially members of the opposite sex. Wed. 2:15-3:45 P.M.
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