

Reagan endorses abolishment of Commerce Dept.

By TERENCE HUNT
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WASHINGTON — President Reagan endorsed yesterday a plan to abolish the Commerce Department and replace it with a new cabinet-level agency to consolidate government policy on trade.

The new department would combine major responsibilities of Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige and the U.S. Trade Representative, Ambassador William Brock. Baldrige said there have been no discussions about who would head the new department.

In announcing the plan, administration officials were at a loss to explain what would happen to a variety of agencies now under the Commerce umbrella, such as the Census Bureau, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Patent and Trademark Office, which together employ 26,500 workers.

Under some scenarios, they would be spun off as independent agencies.

Nor was it clear what would happen to an earlier Reagan plan to abolish the Energy Department and incorporate most of its functions in the Commerce Department.



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Couple trades last of 14 hostages for dogs

By MEL REISNER
Associated Press Writer

NORWICH, N.Y. — A heavily armed couple freed the last of 14 hostages yesterday after police returned two of the 43 dogs that had been taken from them two years ago.

The couple surrendered later in the afternoon, said Chenango County Sheriff Moe Eccleston.

Lawrence R. and Christine Gladstone of nearby Preston, N.Y., entered the Chenango County Office Building at about 9:30 a.m. and took 14 people hostage, demanding the return of their 43 dogs taken from them two years ago by animal control officials, police said.



State Police escort two of the ten hostages from the Chenango County Office Building where they were held prisoner by a Lawrence and Christine Gladstone. Police said the Gladstones entered the office building about 9:45 a.m. with two shotguns, one rifle as well as a detonator and a box of ammunition.

Carnegie panel faults Reagan's arms strategy

By BARRY SCHWEID
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration's attempts to spur major reductions in Soviet land-based missiles have "virtually no chance" at the bargaining table, a Carnegie panel said yesterday.

The Kremlin's rigid bureaucracy, wedded to long-term military planning, is highly unlikely to agree to radically reduce the heavy intercontinental ballistic missiles which account for about 75 percent of Soviet nuclear strength, said the report.

first and said making deep cuts in nuclear arsenals would not necessarily reduce the risk of war.



Spelunkers: Divers reach 8 cavers trapped for two days

By CHARLES WOLFE
Associated Press Writer

MOUNT VERNON, Ky. — A team of divers last night reached eight spelunkers trapped for two days in a southeastern Kentucky cave by rising water, and the explorers are in "good shape," officials said.

hurt them on the way up."

state news briefs

Ex-LCB agent is cited for contempt
HARRISBURG (AP) — A retired Liquor Control Board agent faces the possibility of arrest and jail after he failed yesterday to appear before a state Senate committee.

Actor's likeness to be cast in plastic
INDIANA, Pa. (AP) — Townspeople have been unable to raise \$100,000 needed for a nine-foot bronze statue of hometown hero Jimmy Stewart, so the actor's likeness will be cast in plastic.

nation news briefs

Comic book discourages drug abuse
WASHINGTON (AP) — "Scream! Blam! Boom!" The White House presents a special issue of "The New Teen Titans," a comic book about super-heroes who vanquish drug abuse.

Pioneer capsule passes Pluto's orbit
MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) — Pioneer 10, the "ultimate time capsule" crossed Pluto's orbit 3.5 billion miles from Earth yesterday and sped on its endless journey through the Milky Way galaxy.

world news briefs

Andropov replies to U.S. schoolgirl
MANCHESTER, Maine (AP) — A 10-year-old schoolgirl has received a letter from Yuri Andropov pledging that the Soviet Union "will never, but never, be the first to use nuclear weapons against any country."

Sikh sniper kills Indian police official
NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A senior police official who had just finished morning prayers was shot and killed yesterday by a young Sikh who opened fire from inside the grounds of the Golden Temple at Amritsar, the holiest Sikh shrine, the Punjab state government reported.

stock report

Market retreats; record highs end

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market pulled back from last week's record highs yesterday after the Dow Jones industrial average made a brief run at the 2,300 level.

Volume Shares	106,992,940
Issues Traded	2,007
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Unchanged	355
Down	1,059

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