Beirut peacekeeping force from the factions, as well as U.N. members terday, a day after plans for a U.S. cil, agreed. pullback were announced. Italy or-

But France, the other nation in for a U.N. Security Council meeting the multinational force in Beirut, soon. He recalled a statement Tuessaid there were no immediate plans day by French President Francois France, Italy and Britain repeat- force should be replaced by "an

the force by one from the United United Nations.' Britain announced yesterday

riorating security situation" in Bei- and acting with perseverance" to rut it was redeploying its 115-man try to get the Security Council "to force to the royal fleet auxiliary really come to the rescue of Lebship Reliant off the Lebanese coast. anon." He said France had never Beirut, reduced from 2,100 in the and that it was "absolutely indispast month. Defense Minister Giopensable that a United Nations vanni Spadolini said yesterday he force replace the multinational had ordered Italy's military chiefs force." steps" for a gradual withdrawal of hon said in Paris that while France the force. A statement from the officially was maintaining its condefense ministry did not give de- tingent in Beirut at the moment, "it tails, or say how many — if any — of is looking for any opportunity to pull

Spadolini said the impending removal of the U.S. Marines "changes that the American and British pullout meant the Italian presence "has become logically and politically un-

The French defense and foreign ministries said there were no imme- bring up the matter again yesterdiate plans to redeploy the 1,300man French force, but said that all

sition that a United Nations force range of countries."

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The highway death toll

among young, drinking drivers, especially

under-age youngsters who cross state bor-

ders to drink legally, is the target of scores

of bills in state legislatures that are aimed

"There is a tremendous amount of inter-

est in raising the drinking age throughout

the country," said John Moulden of the

National Transportation Safety Board as he

scanned a computer printout of alcohol-re-

lated legislation being debated across the

at raising the legal drinking age.

and the entire U.N. Security Coundered a "gradual withdrawal" of its ment spokesman, said following a

Max Gallo, the French govern-Cabinet meeting that France hopes Mitterrand that the multinational ed their desire for replacement of intervention and a presence of the

Later, in a television interview. Premier Pierre Mauroy said that morning that because of the "dete- France is "acting, acting with force Italy has a force of 1,400 men in wished to keep forces in Lebanon

the Italian troops would remain out, for example at the request of fhe Lebanese government." British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe told the House of Commons that he and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher had been "pressing for a number of months" for a United Nations force. Howe

said he had ordered the British

there wasn't a chance, there's a lot of

The problem of teen-age drinking was

recognized by President Reagan's commis-

sion on drunken driving, which recommend-

Congress set a legal drinking age of 21 and

cut off federal highway funds to any state

"There is evidence of a direct correlation

between the minimum drinking age and

alcohol-related crashes among the age

He estimates that more than 200 proposals mum legal drinking age because an incenaccidents involving drivers aged 18 to 21.

have been introduced in various state legistive to drink and drive is established due to Only 19 states have a legal drinking age of

activity," he said in an interview.

that fails to enforce that standard.

groups affected," the panel said.

mission to the United Nations to

Howe added, however, that there first would have to be a request from the Lebanese government fol-

would veto creation of a United



waving an American flag and flashing a victory sign yesterday as the

lowed by approval from a "wide force of some 6,000 troops in Leb-coast. anon, but they are confined to the British officials said they had should take over the Italian respon- Britain and other Western coun- southern part of the country. sibility of guarding Palestinian ref- tries fear that the Soviet Union President Reagan announced nouncement and that the British A spokesman at United Nations Nations force for the Beiruit area. Marines in Beirut would be rede- "independently" later.

latures. "Even in states where we thought young persons commuting to border states

ed in December after an 18-month study that age among the states," the commission

"The lack of uniformity among state laws legal drinking age showed an average 28

is especially critical regarding the minipercent annual reduction in nighttime fatal

Marines prepared for their departure from Beirut International Airport.

Lawmakers across nation debate raising legal drinking age

"There is simply no way to adequately

address the needless tragedies caused by

young persons commuting to border states

except by establishing a uniform drinking

The National Safety Council in Chicago

estimates that about half the 46,000 traffic

deaths in the United States in 1982 were

alcohol-related. A report by the National

Highway Traffic Safety Administration

found that eight states which had raised the

where the drinking age is lower."

been informed of the Reagan an-

Soviet official will visit Syria Associated Press Writer

terday announced that Politburo scale Soviet military aid. member Geidar A. Aliev would visit Syria this month, and a Soviet is going abroad at a time when the source said Aliev was assigned to Kremlin is believed to be undercoordinate Soviet-Syrian military going leadership problems caused policy in the face of escalating warfare in Lebanon. The announcement followed rines would be moved from their

coast of Lebanon. A U.S. official in Washington. said the visit almost certainly was arranged before Reagan's deci- tary ones, to restore peace in the sion was made public. He said Aliev's field is domestic matters such as industrialization, not for- anon fighting as a threat to Syria,

dismissed the Reagan's decision source said Aliev's visit also was opinion with claims about the rity" of Soviet personnel in Syria. pullout' of servicemen who are in fact being left near Lebanese "American ships are shelling

tilt under the cover of the deceptive maneuver," Tass charged. In a separate commentary, the Novosti news agency called the decision to move the Marines an election-year ploy but insisted it

'does not change the essence of Novosti claimed the United States actually intends to escalate involvement in Lebanon and warned this could lead to clashes

"Washington can hardly ignore East," Novosti said.

Gov. Richard Snelling of Vermont, which age of 21 among the states.

kansas, California, Delaware, Illinois, In-

diana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan,

Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexi-

co, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Penn-

Four states, Vermont, Hawaii, Louisiana

and Wisconsin, have the lowest legal drink-

ing age of 18. Wisconsin has enacted a 19-

year-old drinking age, which goes in effect

ler IV says his primary legislative goal for

the year is to raise his state's legal drinking

age of 19 for residents. Hearings on the

proposal are to begin today in the state

sylvania, Utah and Washington.

latest indication of Kremlin support for Syria, its primary Middle East ally and a recipient of large-

Some observers noted that Aliev by President Yuri V. Andropov's prolonged illness, and said the trip indicates the importance the Sovi

East is very serious," said the Soviet source, insisting he not be identified in any way. "Geidar Aliev is going to Syria to work out The Soviet Union sees the Leb-

"The situation in the Middle

where there are an estimated 5.000 The Soviet news agency Tass Soviet military technicians. The aimed at "guaranteeing the secu-President Reagan has blamed the Syrians for the upsurge in

ighting in Lebanon. And in his Lebanese territory, the American rines would be moved out of Lebaggression is progressing at full Reagan authorized U.S. Naval guns and warplanes to attack anybody firing on Beirut from Syrian-controlled areas of

"Ronald Reagan said he sent Marines into Grenada to protect American students," the source said. "There are many Soviet specialists in Syria, Soviet citizens, who must be protected." Soviet technicians in Syria man

Soviet-supplied SAM-5 surface-toair missile bases. The Kremlin also has helped Syria rebuild its the Soviet Union's invariable suparmy from losses suffered in the port for Syria, which is a major 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon, Arab factor of resistence to U.S.- and Western sources have said Israeli scheming in the Middle Moscow last year supplied Syria

1971, opposes raising the age to 21. He says

agers is improved education and better

Snelling says driving deaths have de-

Although Congress is taking steps to set a

Moulden says, state laws are "much

Several governors, as well as Jim Bur-

nett, chairman of the National Transporta-

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enforcement of drunken driving laws.

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#### state news briefs

Legislation may replace no-fault law HARRISBURG (AP) — The House yesterday approved and sent to Gov. Thornburgh a bill that lawmakers said should win the governor's approval of a new auto insurance system to replace the

The House voted 147-52 for a bill that is a "companion" to egislation which is now before Thornburgh and would end mandatory no-fault coverage and give motorists more choices of accident coverage. The Senate approved the companion bill on Tuesday. The governor, who has until Sunday to sign the initial bill, has delayed action while his administration and lawmakers worked to

meet several objections he had raised. The proposed insurance system still would permit unrestricted lawsuits by accident victims, unlike no-fault, which allows damage suits only after medical bills exceed a \$750 "threshold." Under no-fault, a motorist must buy a comprehensive package of benefits for himself, whether needed or not. Opponents system say it is responsible for spiraling premium costs in Pennsylvania.

Goode pledges support to Mondale

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia Mayor W. Wilson Goode has decided to back Walter Mondale's bid for the Democratic presidential nomination, an aide to the mayor said yesterday. Mondale was to join the mayor today at a noon rally at Independence Hall, stopping briefly on his way from New Hampshire to Minnesota, according to Bill Epstein of the mayor's office. Goode would become the fourth black mayor of a major American city to endorse Mondale, following Mayors Colman Young of Detroit, Tom Bradley of Los Angeles and Richard Arrmington of

Lana Felton, coordinator of the Rev. Jesse Jackson's Pennsylvania campaign committee, said the loss of Goode's endorsement to Mondale "will have no impact" on Jackson's candidacy.

#### nation news briefs

Astronauts take second space walk CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Two Challenger astronauts refueled their backpacks yesterday for an encore venture into open

space, while officials on the ground worried that rain and clouds might prevent the first Florida shuttle landing on Saturday. Mission Control told the crew that "you're the talk of the world" after the spectacular excursion that Bruce McCandless and Robert Stewart made into space Tuesday with no rope to anchor them to

McCandless and Stewart were scheduled for a second walk beginning at 6 this morning, but their three fellow astronauts joked they might fight for the chance "to share all the good deals." President Reagan will telephone the astronauts at 10:25 this morning from his ranch near Santa Barbara, Calif., deputy White House press secretary Larry Speakes said. Speakes said McCandless and Stewart "will be outside their spacecraft" when they receive the call.

#### Panel cautions against procedure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taking sound-wave pictures of fetuses in the womb seems to be safe as well as helpful in many instances, but the procedure should not be used routinely for every pregnancy, a panel of experts concluded yesterday. The group assembled by the National Institutes of Health said ultrasound imaging should only be used for specific indications until studies are completed to prove more conclusively that the

procedure is safe for fetuses and mothers. The panel pointed out that after 20 years of use, no adverse effects attributed to ultrasound have been found. But it noted that no definitive clinical trials have been conducted and that caution

The panel listed about 30 medical circumstances that would justify taking ultrasound images of a fetus in the womb. These included estimating the age of the fetus for women who may have difficulty with labor or delivery; evaluating the growth of the fetus in mothers suffering with chronic diseases and finding the source of unexplained maternal bleeding.

### world news briefs

## Shultz endorses new defense force

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (AP) — Secretary of State George P. Shultz said yesterday the United States expects to support a new regional defense force being organized by nations of the eastern

Shultz endorsed the concept at a news conference on the last leg of a five-nation, nine-day swing through Latin America and the The prime minister of Dominica, Eugenia Charles, has said that in some countries a force of 15 well-armed and well-trained men could seize power by force. The security forces in some of the

Shultz discussed the defense force concept during meetings vesterday with representatives of Jamaica, Barbados, Antigua, Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Kitts-Nevis and St. Vincent, all of which have contributed to the Caribbean Peace Force in Grenada.

smaller countries of the area are limited to a few hundred

### Shuttle competitors eye mishaps

PARIS (AP) — One group of scientists is not surprised or overly sorry the U.S. shuttle Challenger has lost two satellites worth \$105 million in space — the men and women who make and market the

rival European Ariane rocket booster. "A failure in outer space affects everyone, so it is wrong to say we are jubilant." said Frederic D'Allest, president of Arianespace, which sells space atop the booster built by the 11-nation European Space Agency. "But this makes three disasters for the space shuttle against only two for Ariane."

The commercial effect of these failures "is too early to predict," D'Allest said. But he said it could have an important impact on the European share of the 250 telecommunications and data-transmission satellites the European Space Agency estimates will be

Since the Ariane's 1979 maiden launch from Kourou, French Guiana, two missions have been aborted, resulting in the loss of four satellites, including Marecs-A and Sirio-2.

# stock report

Panic sparks market plunge

NEW YORK (AP) - Wall Street rolled up a \$27 billion loss yesterday, as warnings of recession in Washington and strife in Lebanon combined to touch off the steepest slide in the Dow Jones industrials in more than 15 months.

The decline erased early gains and worsened late in the The Dow Jones average, up 6.18 points Tuesday, gained another 1.88 in the opening 30 minutes, but finished the day

with a loss of 24.19 points.

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