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White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan, right, watches as Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole of Kansas takes a puff on a "peace pipe" that he presented to Dole yesterday on Capitol Hill for his birthday. Last week, the two men exchanged harsh remarks concerning the federal budget.

Regan and Dole declare a truce

By CLIFF HAAZ
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The White House sought to smooth ruffled Republican feathers yesterday on Capitol Hill with a telephone call from President Reagan and a peace pipe from White House chief of staff Donald T. Regan. The conciliatory moves came as House Democrats say they are ready to resume congressional budget talks if Republicans can stop feuding among themselves long enough to draft a compromise deficit-reduction package to bring to the bargaining table.

"The president called me earlier this afternoon and told me he's ready to go to work," Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kan., said at the start of a meeting with Regan, other senators and administration officials to discuss legislation.

As the group posed for photographers, Dole showed off an Indian-style peace pipe with a fringe on the stem that Regan presented the senator for his 62nd birthday.

Administration says Greece airport safe

By MAUREEN SANTINI
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Reagan administration, citing "positive actions" to improve airport security, canceled yesterday its warning to Americans to avoid Athens International Airport or face a higher than usual risk of hijacking.

The travel advisory was imposed June 18 after the hijacking of TWA Flight 847 that resulted ultimately in the holding of 39 hostages in Beirut and the death of a U.S. Navy man as the hostages were released June 30.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman announced the lifting of the advisory as a result of an inspection of the airport by a Federal Aviation Administration security team last week.

Steel officials quarrel during strike

By EARL BOHN
AP Business Writer

PITTSBURGH — Union members struck Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp. for a second day yesterday, while a bankruptcy judge deliberated in a dispute between management and the company's two largest shareholders over the conduct of the company's Chapter 11 reorganization.

Paul Rusen, chief USW negotiator, also has said shareholder Nishin's management has a great appreciation for the employees' position in their contract dispute than does Wheeling-Pittsburgh's managers.

Paulson, who is chairman of Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. of Savannah, Ga., owns 1.7 million common shares, or more than 34 percent of Wheeling-Pittsburgh's outstanding stock. He has feuded with Carney in the past.

Dam casualties buried in Italy

By JENNIFER PARMELEE
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STAVA, Italy — A prosecutor vowed a far-reaching investigation yesterday into the mountain dam collapse that killed more than 200 people, a "Third World-type" tragedy he said should never have happened in Italy.

In a cemetery in Tesero, a town adjoining this devastated vacation hamlet in the Dolomite Mountains, local families buried some of their dead yesterday evening in a 130-foot-long common grave.

Prosecutor Francesco Simeoni told a news conference in Trento he had signed some 50 judicial notices notifying public officials and others involved in the construction and maintenance of the dam that they are under investigation for possible criminal negligence.

Berri attempts to unify Lebanon

By MONA ZIAD
Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Shiite Moslem leader Nabih Berri, bent on ousting Christian Amin Gemayel from the Lebanese presidency, said yesterday that Syria will sponsor a meeting next month to try to unite Lebanon's feuding Moslem factions.

Christian and Moslem militiamen hurled grenades at each other across the Green Line that bisects the city into Moslem and Christian sectors, sparking a three-hour mortar duel, a police statement said. It said two civilians were killed and six others wounded.

state news briefs

Springsteen in Philly sold-out
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — All 110,000 tickets for rock singer Bruce Springsteen's two concerts Aug. 14-15 at Veterans Stadium were sold within six hours yesterday, a spokeswoman for the promoter said.

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Alaska Gov. may be impeached
JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — The Alaska Legislature opened a historic hearing yesterday into whether Gov. Bill Sheffield should be impeached for allegedly steering a lucrative state lease to a political crony and lying to a grand jury. The governor said he was looking forward to telling his side.

Churchgoers attacked with pipes

LEE, Maine (AP) — State troopers were dispatched to this tiny northeastern Maine town yesterday, one day after fundamentalist churchgoers were attacked by townspeople wielding pipes and chains in a display of violence that some said might be repeated.

Regan meets Chinese president

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — President Reagan, in his first meeting with a foreign leader since undergoing cancer surgery, hosts Chinese President Li Xiaoping today for abbreviated talks and ceremonies that could provide the setting for the formal approval of a landmark nuclear cooperation pact.

Israel gives killers life in prison

JERUSALEM (AP) — A court yesterday sentenced three members of an underground Jewish gang to life in prison for killing three Palestinians, and 12 others to lesser terms for attacks on Arabs in the occupied West Bank.

Mexico conservatives lose ground

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The conservative National Action Party lost 18 of its 50 congressional seats of the 100 reserved for minority parties while three small parties gained representation, according to results from the July 7 elections.

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