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## Kidnappers demand joint superpower action in Beirut By ED BLANCHE

## Associated Press Write

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The Soviet Union said yesterday that Moslem poli after Katkov's body was found, extremists gave only an hour's warn- ending 19 days of fighting in which ing before killing an embassy em- more than 500 people had been killed. ployee. An anonymous caller The man who telephoned a Western threatened more kidnappings unless news agency early yesterday called the superpowers combine to end Leb- the truce in Tripoli "a folkloric move anon's civil war.

The Moscow newspaper Literary conspiracy against the Moslems is Gazette published a report by its over. The heretics think they can Beiruit correspondent, Konstantin invest this truce to deceive us into Kapitonov, in which he said he was at releasing the (Soviet) hostages. We the Soviet Embassy when the threat emphasize that this (kidnap) operato kill Arkady Katkov was delivered tion will not end that easily and it will "If Moscow doesn't stop the armed clashes in Tripoli, the first Soviet Beirut time)," Kapitonov quoted the

message as saying. at his watch," Kapitonov wrote. the Lebanese tragedy and the suffer-"Only slightly more than one hour ings of the Lebanese people." was left until the deadline. Talks were carried out with the leaders of parties and organizations and with Liberation Organization since a callthe security service, and calls were er claiming to represent it said suimade to everybody who had influence cide bombers would blow up the and who could render any assis- Soviet Embassy on Friday.

Katkov's body was found Wednes-The anonymous caller said he rep- the 150 Soviets in Beirut were evacresented a fundamentalist Sunni Moslem group named the Islamic Liberation Organization that claimed responsibility for abducting four Soviet Embassy staff members a week facing a common threat from Islamic ago. The other three still are held. A statement issued in the name of As Israel's main -supporter, the

cow force Syria, its main Middle East target until the four Soviets were Jersey. ally, to call off leftist militias that seized.

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were besieging fundamentalist Sunni fighters in the northern port city of Tripoli.

Syria declared a cease-fire in Trithat does not necessarily mean the

The statement said no Soviet hos Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev agree at their summit

It was the first communication purporting to be from the Islamic

The suicide bombers never materialized, but three-quarters of uated to Moscow via Damascus, Syr-

### Urban violence

Wrecked cars litter the sidewalks with burned-out house in the background after some of the worst urban violence since 1981 erupted Sunday night in the north London district of Tottenham. Police threatened yesterday to use tear gas and plastic bullets against street rioters. Twenty civilians were hurt when more than 500 youths, some armed with shotguns, machetes and staves, battled in racially-mixed Tottenham.

## Supreme Court focuses on racial issues By RICHARD CARELLI

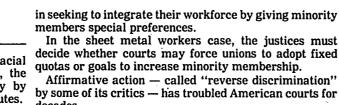
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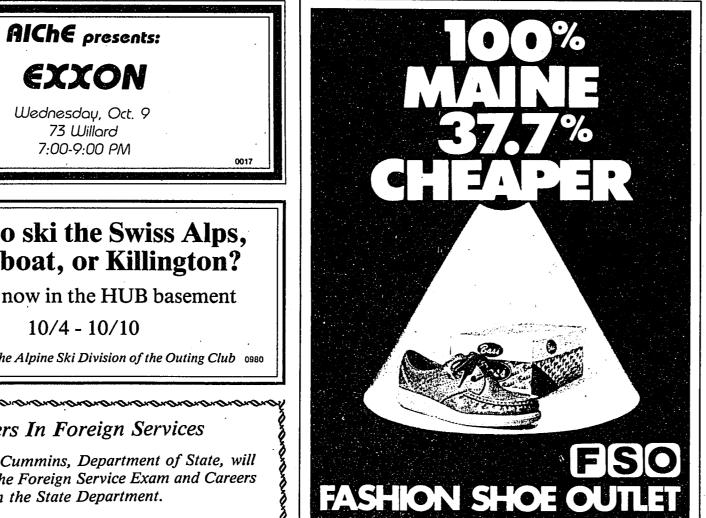
WASHINGTON, D.C. - With the future of racial preferences in the American workplace at stake, the Supreme Court began its 1985-86 term yesterday by by some of its critics — has troubled American courts for agreeing to decide a pair of affirmative action disputes. The court set the stage for what could be its most In 1979, the court ruled that employers — at least sal was "being held hostage for important decisions on racial equality of the 1980s by private, non-governmental employers - voluntarily may wrangling over the debt ceiling, putagreeing to study cases involving firefighters in Cleve- give minority workers special treatment in hiring, train- ting the federal government in an

At issue in the Cleveland case is what employers can do the special preferences.

members special preferences. In the sheet metal workers case, the justices must decide whether courts may force unions to adopt fixed quotas or goals to increase minority membership. Affirmative action - called "reverse discrimination"

decades. the kidnappers demanded that Mos- United States had been the principal land and sheet metal workers in New York and New ing and promotion. The court in that ruling said even emergency situation. The business of employers with no proven history of racial bias may offer our nation must go forward. We need





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to a Western news agency in Beirut. not be the last. We shall not release the hostages." hostage will be killed at 2100 (9 p.m. tages would be freed unless President

"Everybody simultaneously looked next month in Geneva to "terminate

The past week's events have put the superpowers in the unique position of fundamentalists.

4-The Daily Collegian Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1985



# Budget deadlock continues

### By CLIFF HAAS Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. - While the overment lived hand-to-mouth without credit in what President Reagan called an "emergency situation," the Senate failed yesterday to break its deadlock over a balanced-budget plan that has stalled legislation to increase federal borrowing authority. "We have to do something," said

enate Majority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kan. But there was no indication of a quick end to the tangle that kept the enate in session over the weekend nd delayed action on increasing the national debt limit to a landmark \$2 rillion. Senate Republicans planned to

meet this morning to consider a plan y Senate Democratic Leader Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia that would set a schedule for voting on various amendments and wrapping up all the issues by Thursday night. Senators spent yesterday meeting in a series of private meetings off the Senate floor to discuss what might be

done to curb debate and move on. At the White House, Reagan urged a gathering of Republican supporters

to work for passage of the plan to set statutory limits on federal budget deficits in order to achieve a bal anced budget by 1991. "That's one proposal that is worth fighting for," Reagan said in his fifth pitch in four days for the plan.

He also complained that the propothe debt ceiling increase passed."

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MOVE hearings begin today

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - The state Supreme Court yesterday rejected the Philadelphia police union's request to postpone a hearing into the MOVE siege, which ended with 11 deaths and 61 houses burned.

A special investigative commission appointed by Mayor W Wilson Goode is to begin hearings today into the tragedy, in which police surrounded the headquarters of the radical group for most of May 13 before dropping a bomb on the rowhouse. The Fraternal Order of Police has challenged the legality of the

commission, saying police officers who were subpoenaed would be deprived of their constitutional rights since their attorneys would be unable to cross-examine them or other witnesses. The high court rejected the FOP's request to postpone the hearings until a lower court decides whether the commission was legally created. Robert Hurst, president of Lodge 5 of the FOP, representing

most of the city's 7,000 police officers, said the union would ask the U.S. Supreme Court this morning to stop the hearings. "Our job is to determine who was responsible for the decision making and who participated in those decisions," said commission member Bruce Kauffman, a former state Supreme Court

The 11-member Philadelphia Special Investigation Commission was appointed shortly after police, trying to serve arrest warrants on four MOVE members, dropped a bomb on the group's fortified west Philadelphia headquarters.

## nation news briefs

Atlantis pulls off a perfect landing EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) - The shuttle Atlantis landed safely on a California desert yesterday, still surrounded by secrecy as spectators were barred from watching the end of an inaugural four-day mission that launched two military satellites.

Communications with the five-man Atlantis crew remained blacked out as mission commander Air Force Col. Karol Bobko guided the stubby-winged spaceplane to a perfect 1 p.m. EDT landing on a dry lakebed runway at Edwards Air Force Base. A spokesman in Mission Control reported, "The orbiter is in very good shape," but no other details were released immediatelv

The crowd of spectators usually on hand for a shuttle landing was absent. The viewing area was closed to all but reporters and NASA and military personnel. Loud speakers that usually carry commentary and astronaut communications played the national anthem as Atlantis touched

There was no obvious damage shown on television views released by NASA and the shuttle looked fresh and new. But a ground crewman said there was a four-inch gash in the heat protection tile on the underside of the left wing flap.

## Secret plan replaced CIA funding

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Facing a congressional cutoff of military aid to Nicaraguan rebels early last year, President Reagan approved a secret plan to replace CIA funds with assistance from American citizens and U.S. allies, according to current and former administration officials. White House officials picked retired Army Maj. Gen. John K. Singlaub as the chief fund-raising contact and advised him how to

structure the campaign within the confines of neutrality and other laws that bar U.S. citizens from supporting foreign wars, said the White House spokesman Ed Djerejian refused to comment on Reagan's reported approval of the plan to go outside U.S.

government channels to continue supplying the rebels fighting to overthrow Nicaragua's leftist government In the past, the White House has insisted that it "neither encourages nor discourages" the private fund raising that sprang up after Congress — angered by the CIA's mining of Nicaragua's harbors - refused to continue military aid to the rebels in the spring of 1984.

But government sources, including one senior administration official, described the behind-the-scenes White House role in organizing and advising the aid network as much more extensive than has been acknowledged.

The aid network - particularly a recent surge of arms and money from allied countries — has allowed the rebels to continue military operations during the 15-month cutoff of direct U.S. aid and thus circumvent congressional efforts to shut down the CIAsponsored war. Three congressional committees are reviewing whether White

House National Security Council officials violated a year-old ban against "directly or indirectly" aiding the rebels militarily.

## Catholics protest Godard's film

NEW YORK (AP) - "Hail Mary," the film which was hounded out of Rome by a wrathful pope, made its U.S. debut yesterday amid fresh protests by Roman Catholics who cannot envision the Blessed Virgin as a nude starlet.

Cardinal John O'Connor denounced the film as "blasphemous and sacrilegious," and demonstrations were planned at Lincoln Center during Monday evening's premiere at the 23rd New York Film Festival

"We believe in some sort of decency and decorum in dealing with matters religious. There is obscene language being used, and obscene scenes," said John Puthenveetil, executive director of the Greater New York chapter of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, which coordinated the protests. "I personally felt it was a whole lot of filthy, anti-Catholic garbage," said Puthenveetil, who saw the film at a press preview

on Friday. In Jean-Luc Godard's film, Mary is an avid basketball player who works at a gas station; Joseph is a dreamy and frustrated cabdriver; Gabriel an unshaven, unsavory-looking angel who travels by jet. Mary, played by Myriem Roussell, is nude in several scenes, but there is no sex.

The story of Mary, Godard said, happens every day. Every man must take his wife's word about her child's paternity. "Every man must trust his wife," he said. Yet not every woman learns of her pregnancy from an angel,

the distinction which makes the film so controversial world news briefs

Suspected spy returns to Germany BONN, West Germany (AP) - An engineer suspected of spying after he fled to communist East Germany has returned to West Germany, federal authorities said yesterday. He was the first suspect to come back to West Germany since the spy scandal started Aug. 6 with the announcement that a federal Cabinet minister's top aide who was suspected of being a communist agent had escaped to East Germany. That was followed by one arrest, and six other West Germans, not including the engineer, fleeing to the Soviet bloc.

A statement from the chief federal prosecutor's office said the 43-year-old engineer from Coburg had returned, but did not say when or give his name or other details. It said only that an investigation was continuing and did not say

if the man had been arrested. He had worked for the civil engineering office in Coburg, located in northern Bavaria and 9 miles from the border with East German

In a letter to his wife, which he sent from East Germany last month, the engineer said he was dissatisfied with conditions in West Germany. News reports at the time said he would have had access to reports valuable to the East Germans.

