

## World and Nation

### Peaceful change marks summit talks

From Associated Press reports

MARSAXLOKK BAY, Malta — President Bush and Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev wrapped up two days of superpower summity on Sunday, claiming strides toward a new era of East-West peace but underscoring differences that linger at the end of a 45-year Cold War.

Both men said they would meet again

next year in the United States and expressed the hope — but not the certainty — they would be able to sign historic agreements in 1990 to cut long range nuclear weapons and conventional forces in Europe and make progress toward a chemical weapons ban.

"We stated, both of us, that the world leaves one epoch of Cold War and enters another epoch," Gorbachev said

at an unprecedented joint news conference that marked the end of two days of storm-tossed talks held aboard a Soviet luxury liner. "We are just at the very beginning of our long road to a long-lasting peaceful period."

Said Bush after his first summit as president: "I am optimistic that as the West works patiently together and increasingly cooperates with the Soviet Union, we can realize a lasting peace and transform the East-West relationship into one of enduring cooperation."

Even so, neither man sought to gloss over differences on two topics, the Soviets' call for cuts in naval forces and American anger at the continued flow of Soviet weapons to leftist rebels in El Salvador.

Gorbachev departed Malta for Moscow, where he was convening a

meeting of Warsaw Pact leaders to discuss the summit.

Bush went to Belgium to report to NATO leaders on the summit.

The joint news conference in Malta was held aboard the luxury liner Maxim Gorky, which was pressed into service as the site for the talks after bad weather forced cancellation of plans to use U.S. and Soviet warships anchored offshore.

The two superpower leaders met for eight hours over two days at a time of extraordinary change in Eastern Europe. The upheaval was dramatized in the summit's final hours by the resignation of the East German leadership and the formation of a new government in Czechoslovakia that opposition leaders immediately denounced as too much like the old one.

### East German leader resigns leaving reformers in power

From Associated Press reports

EAST BERLIN — Communist Party leader Egon Krenz and his entire government resigned on Sunday, and a 25-member panel of reformers took over temporary leadership in a desperate effort to rescue the Communist Party.

The dramatic, unprecedented action, announced by megaphone to a cheering crowd, stripped power from Krenz less than six weeks after he replaced hard-liner Erich Honecker. Krenz was not named to the new panel, which will lead the country until a party congress later this month.

It was the shortest reign of any East German leader in the country's history. However, Krenz retains the largely ceremonial position of president.

Krenz opened the Berlin Wall on Nov. 9 and had promised democratic reforms including free elections, but there were increased calls for his ouster even within the party because of his past links to Honecker's rule.

Communists denounce Czechs

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia — Communist leaders named a new government Sunday, but the opposition immediately denounced it because of the large number of holdovers from the last Cabinet.

Opposition leaders called for a renewal of mass street protests.

A few hundred people gathered on Prague's Wenceslas Square in the

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night and urged people to show up for a rally Monday, chanting "Everybody here tomorrow!" The new government includes five non-Communists, but the other 16 members are Communists, and 13 served on the previous Cabinet. It failed to meet opposition demands for a non-Communist interior minister, who is in charge of police, and a civilian defense minister.

#### Inspection uncovers lapses

WASHINGTON — A secret inspection of a federal nuclear weapons laboratory in California found serious security lapses last spring, including poor protection of large amounts of plutonium, according to a congressional report released Sunday.

The report also said the Energy Department from 1982 through 1988 misled the president, in its annual reports to the White House, about the adequacy of measures to protect weapons-grade nuclear materials from potential theft or sabotage.

The report included a declassified transcript of a closed hearing last July in which several senior Energy Department officials testified on security and safeguards weaknesses in the nuclear weapons production and design complex.

### Coup ends as rebels surrender

From Associated Press reports

MANILA, Philippines — Government forces battled rebels Sunday after driving off an assault on military headquarters by mutineers seeking to oust President Corazon Aquino.

More than 600 rebels surrendered.

Defense Secretary Fidel Ramos said that the government had crushed the attempted coup. Aquino ruled out a cease-fire and vowed: "What they started, we will finish."

Junior and middle-grade officers in several provincial commands declared their support for the rebellion, which began Friday. About 400 rebels maintained control of Mactan Air Base in Cebu, 350 miles south of Manila.

Aquino, facing her sixth coup attempt since coming to power four years ago, rejected suggestions by Cabinet members that she declare a "state of siege," according to assistant Press Secretary Lourdes Sytangco.

At least 56 people have been killed and more than 500 wounded since Friday.

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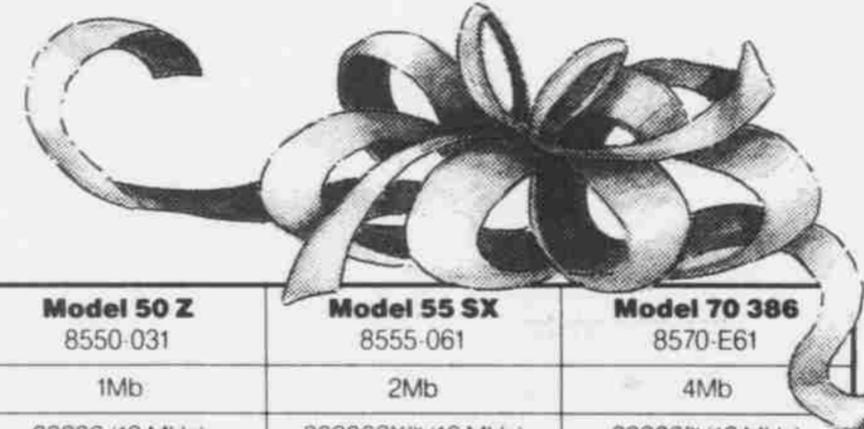
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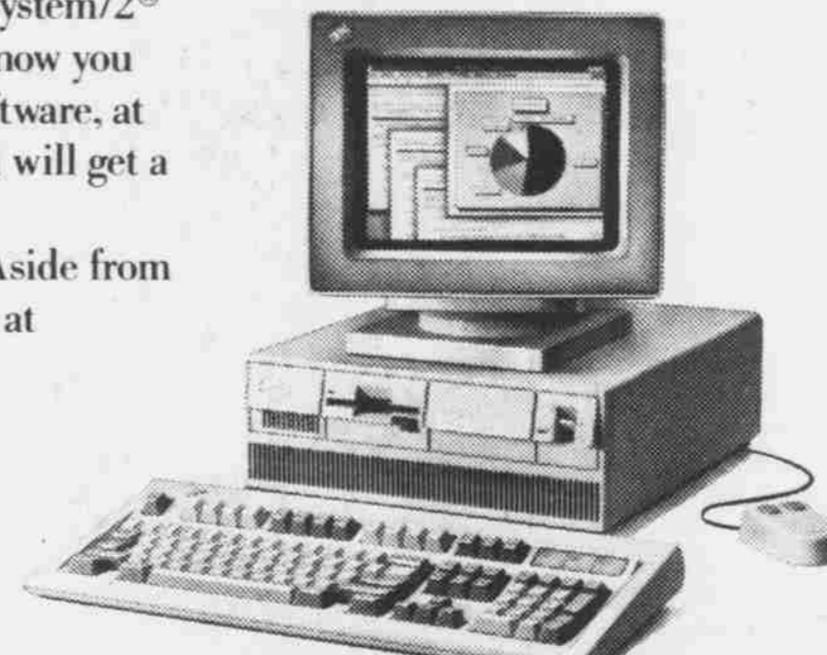
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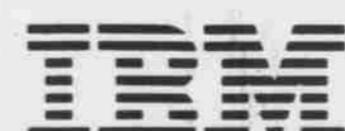


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