

World and Nation

Weapons plants' safety questioned

From Associated Press reports
 WASHINGTON — Twelve lawmakers worried that the nation's nuclear deterrent may be compromised by safety problems at U.S. weapons plants asked President Reagan on Wednesday to reassure Congress that the facilities are being operated safely before their reactors are restarted.

"Unless we solve the current problems at U.S. defense production facilities like Savannah River, we will provide the ultimate unilateral concession — the unilateral disarming of our nuclear deterrent," said one of the 12, Rep. Bill Clinger, R-Pa.

The Energy Department shut the

only active weapons reactor at the Savannah River plant near Aiken, S.C., in August after the plant operator, Du Pont Co., ignored an unexplained power surge while restarting the reactor.

The department has said it plans to start one of the three operable reactors in December or January, after completing safety reviews and improvements, with the other two following later in 1989.

In a letter to Reagan, the 12 lawmakers said, "Restoration of safe operations and reliable production are essential to the defense and security of our nation."

There was another development

Wednesday in the nuclear weapons manufacturing story:

Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee and a longtime critic of the department's weapons production activities, said he did not agree with a call by Gov. Richard Celeste of Ohio to close the Fernald, Ohio, uranium processing plant. Recent congressional testimony revealed that the department for years had told contractors to ignore environmental pollution there.

The plant is closed by a strike. On a visit to Ohio on Wednesday, Reagan was asked whether the plant should stay closed. "I have word from

the secretary of energy that the plant will not be opened unless it's absolutely safe," Reagan said.

The Natural Resources Defense Council wrote Herrington that it would sue to prevent the Savannah River reactor restart unless he pledged by Nov. 11 to compile an environmental impact statement. The department said it believed no statement was required.

Recent congressional testimony by Energy Department safety officials has revealed a 30-year history of mishaps at Savannah River, often not communicated to the department, and a disregard of safety among department managers.

Aviation officials to step up inspections of Boeing planes

From Associated Press reports
 WASHINGTON — The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said Wednesday it was speeding up an order for more thorough inspections of aging Boeing 737 jetliners after a row of cracks, including one a foot long, was found on a Continental Airlines plane.

But FAA and industry officials said the cracks, discovered by Continental workers on Oct. 5 while the plane was being repainted, may have been caused by the improper patching of the plane more than two years ago and not by stress from aging.

The older Boeing 737s have been the focus of attention since last April, when a 20-foot section of the roof of an Aloha Airlines plane tore away at 24,000 feet. A flight attendant was swept to her death, but the plane landed safely.

The new FAA-directed inspections have been under review for months but were ordered sped up after the discovery of the crack on the Continental plane. The order is expected to be issued later this week, probably Friday, FAA spokesman Bob Buckhorn said.

News in Brief

Prison overcrowding at peak
 RALEIGH — State prison officials Wednesday declared the fourth overcrowding emergency of the year, less than a month after the last emergency ended.

"The periods between the cap emergencies seem to be shrinking," Correction Department spokesman David Guth said. "We have more cap days around here than the Durham Bulls."

The emergency was triggered Wednesday when the population of the state's 87 prisons exceeded the state-mandated ceiling of 17,460 inmates for the 15th straight day.

"Since we've been over the cap for 15 days, it only took us two weeks from the 17,280 prisoners to more than 17,460," Guth said.

Dukakis says Bush is distorting record

From Associated Press reports
 Democrat Michael Dukakis complained bitterly Wednesday that his record has been distorted by the Republicans and said "that seems to be what the Bush campaign is all about." George Bush accused his rival of "a rather unrealistic view of America's role" in foreign affairs.

The Democratic presidential nominee traveled by bus through small farm communities of Illinois and Missouri, aiming for the rural vote and charging Bush with favoring "corporate operators" over family farmers.

Bush, flushed with a new batch of good-news polls, called for bipartisan congressional agreement on foreign policy concerns. He promised to convene an early summit of NATO allies if elected president.

Dukakis flashed anger when he was shown a Republican brochure attacking him as soft on crime.

The brochure said a convicted Illinois mass murderer, John Wayne Gacy, would be "eligible for weekend passes" in Massachusetts, under Dukakis' prison furlough program. It asserted that "murderers and rapists and drug pushers and child molesters in Massachusetts vote for Michael Dukakis."

"Friends, this is garbage," Dukakis said, holding aloft the item mailed by Republicans.

With Democrats urging him to step up his responses to Bush's charges, Dukakis said: "My positions are being distorted on a number of these issues. That seems to be what the Bush campaign is all about."

On the one-year anniversary of the

1987 stock market crash, a rumor about the presidential race was blamed in part for a sudden afternoon drop in the stock market. The rumor making the rounds of Wall Street was that the Washington Post would publish on Thursday a story potentially damaging to Bush.

"There is no such story," said Robert Kaiser, assistant managing editor for national news at the Post.

Bush spoke at the University of Michigan, where he sought to portray Dukakis as inexperienced in foreign affairs.

"He has a rather unrealistic view of America's role and the way in which we lead," Bush said. "The liberal Massachusetts governor seems to think that all we need to do is offer Moscow economic inducements and a less aggressive, less threatening

Soviet Union will be the result. He's wrong."

Bush got a helping hand from President Reagan in the industrial battleground of Ohio. Reagan used the word "liberal" more than 50 times in three speeches denouncing Dukakis and Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio.

Reagan said the presidential race is a battle "between the liberals and the rest of us."

Bush tried to conceal his elation over two new polls that showed him widening his lead over Dukakis.

A Harris Poll published Wednesday gave Bush a nine-point national lead, 53 percent to 44 percent, among 1,356 likely voters surveyed last weekend. The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Nobel Prizes awarded

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Three Americans won the Nobel Prize in physics Wednesday for their work with subatomic particles, and three West Germans shared the chemistry prize for unraveling a mystery of photosynthesis.

Americans Leon Lederman,

Melvin Schwartz and Jack Steinberger shared the physics prize for capturing neutrinos in a high energy beam to probe the structure of atomic particles.

Chemists Johann Deisenhofer, Robert Huber and Hartmut Michel of West Germany were honored for discoveries that may be critical in harnessing the sun's energy. They were rewarded for work completed only three years ago, indicating the importance attached to their breakthrough by the awarding committee of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

Former PTL leader defends use of funds

From Associated Press reports
 COLUMBIA, S.C. — PTL founder Jim Bakker said Wednesday that everything he did before leaving the television ministry was for the good of the church, and that he did not use ministry funds to buy such things as two Rolls Royces and a personal 300-foot water slide.

Bakker took the stand in PTL's \$52 million lawsuit that claims he, his wife Tammy and former top aide David Taggart mismanaged the ministry into ruin and used PTL funds for their personal gain.

"We believe in our faith that the church is the center of society," Bakker told U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

Rufus Reynolds in the third day of testimony this week. "Everything we did came under the umbrella of the church. There was no profit in anything we did."

In other testimony, independent financial analyst James Wilson retook the stand Wednesday, suggesting that Bakker was underpaid for the number of responsibilities he held.

Under questioning by his attorney, Ryan Hovis, Bakker tried to justify commercial entities such as the water park and various lodging facilities and stores at the Heritage USA Christian retreat near Fort Mill.

"It was, at least when I was there, a Christian center, a place where

people of like faith could come together, to sing and praise God in the streets if they wanted to and not have to fear insult."

"Just because we're born again doesn't mean we don't need drug stores, toothpaste and other needs. Why should those visiting the church have to go elsewhere to have those needs met?" Bakker said.

"None of the stores, none of that activity was there for profit for us."

At that point Reynolds interrupted, pushing Hovis to get to the point of "what happened to the money."

"I think you need to get into the dollars and cents. I think everybody

agrees it was a wonderful idea, but the question is did he (Bakker) overdo it," Reynolds said.

Bakker said a jet PTL officials claim he used at will for personal travel was only actually used by him "between 10 and 20 times."

"As far as I'm concerned all of the trips were for the ministry," he said.

The ministry entered bankruptcy protection three months after Bakker left in March 1987 after he admitted to a sexual encounter with former church secretary Jessica Hahn.

Bakker said he assumed responsibility for the way PTL handled the affair but that he did not know about the hush money offered to Hahn.

Honor Court

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verdict for the undergraduates could set a precedent for his trial.

"My hope is that the Undergraduate Court's decision will have no effect on my case," he said. "But my sense is that it can't be put out of people's minds. I hope it won't be considered, but I think it will."

Graduate Attorney General Scott Dratch said Tuesday that precedents apply in Honor Court cases only in determining sanctions. Guilt or innocence is determined in each case strictly on the facts presented, he said.

The Instrument of Student Judicial Governance states that precedents should only be considered in determining a punishment. "There's no requirement that precedents be applied," Dratch said. "A precedent can be considered by (the Honor Court) if someone is found guilty of the same offense."

McKinley may start serving 21 days in Orange County Jail Saturday if he loses or drops his appeal. McKinley was sentenced Oct. 12 for violating the terms of a "prayer for judgement continued" ruling he received in a January trial.

Six students, including McKinley, were arrested last Oct. 28 when they chained themselves together to block the entrance to rooms in Hanes Hall where CIA recruiters were conducting interviews.

On Jan. 14, Orange County District Court Judge Stanley Peele entered a "prayer for judgement

continued" on McKinley and two other students, saying they were guilty of disorderly conduct but would not be punished.

Under the terms of the ruling, the judge said he would not enter the conviction on their records unless they were convicted of another violation within a year.

In August, McKinley and Graham Entwistle were convicted of trespassing as a result of the April 15 incident.

"This sets an incredibly bad precedent for future protest," McKinley said.

The ruling won't stop students from protesting, but it will make protesters more tentative, he said.

"If there's a very large probability of jail time (for protesting), it changes your perception," he said. "They shouldn't be faced with that."

Entwistle also received the "prayer for judgement" ruling in January, and although he was convicted of the same disorderly conduct charge in August he has not yet been contacted to appear in court, he said Tuesday.

"It's starting to look like they're singling out Dale," Entwistle said. "It looks less like a pursuit of justice and more like a witch-hunt."

McKinley said he couldn't speculate yet whether it is a "witch-hunt." But if Entwistle is not contacted to appear in court by next week, McKinley said he "can't see it as anything else."

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In Tuesday's story "Library houses collection of N.C. works." The Daily Tar Heel incorrectly reported that Donald Swain began the North Carolina Collection in Wilson Library. The correct name is David Lowry Swain, University president in 1844. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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