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## Embassy closed to East Germans

## From Associated Press reports

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia — Police blocked off the West German Embassy Sunday, barring entry for newly arrived East Germans just hours after the departure of the last freedom train for the West crammed with their countrymen.

The liberal government in Poland praised its hard-line ally East Germany for "high flexibility and understanding of this human dimension" in allowing refugees holed up in the Prague and Warsaw embassies Saturday to emigrate.

But East Germans trying to emigrate a day later were not as lucky as their compatriots. Czechoslovakia slammed shut the door to the West as quickly as it had been opened.

At the Prague embassy, uniformed police moved into place overnight, blocking the approach to the heavy iron front gate and to the backyard fence that served as the main entry point to the compound.

Police led away one young man who tried to scale the back fence.

Another succeeded, joining an unspecified number of refugees still thought to be inside. A baby's cries could be heard from within the ornate former palace.

About 60 East Germans — most young, many with small children —

milled about aimlessly in front of the embassy gate after an employee said over the intercom system that the building was closed for the day.

Their desperation grew after West German Ambassador Hermann Huber appeared briefly and urged them to go back home.

"Last night was a one-time situation," Huber said of the exodus of thousands of East Germans on trains from Prague and Warsaw to West Germany. "The occupation of the embassy will not improve the situation."

In Bonn, Rudolf Seiters, an aide to West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, told the ARD TV network that the Prague embassy had been closed for unspecified renovations.

Seiters added, however, that free entry to the embassy would continue in the future, saying, "There can be no compromising here."

He said West Germany hoped that changes in East German emigration rights would mean an end to future occupations of Bonn's embassies.

He did not elaborate. In Warsaw, dozens of East Germans appeared at the West German Embassy, including some who missed the train to the West by only a few minutes.

The glum-looking refugees sat in cars or milled about the street, filling out forms for the embassy staff and

wondering where they would spend the night.

Several said they were convinced that eventually there would be another train for them.

A remarkable agreement between Bonn and communist East Berlin cleared the way for the exodus of thousands of East Germans who had been holed up in or registered with Bonn's embassies in Prague and Warsaw.

The agreement highlighted the dramatic political changes at work in the East bloc as Warsaw Pact nations slowly follow the lead of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, who has initiated widespread reform in his own country.

The reform-oriented leadership in Budapest was the first to take up the challenge presented by the East German refugees, opening its western border to them on Sept. 11.

Poland was cautious, reluctant to antagonize its ally in Berlin despite the enormous political changes in Warsaw that led to the advent of the first East bloc government not led by Communists. But Polish officials did not inhibit the movement of the refugees around the city, so they did not have to be crammed into embassy grounds.

The hard-line government in Prague pledged not to let East Germans emigrate to the West through its territory. But on Saturday, West German televi-

sion showed Czechoslovak police standing by idly as refugees prepared for their trip west.

Six special East German trains, each carrying about 1,000 East Germans, began departing for West Germany late Saturday evening from Prague.

A train with about 800 East Germans on board set off for the same destination from Warsaw early Sunday, and West German officials said East Germany was considering sending a second train to the Polish capital to pick up the overflow of emigres.

More than 100,000 East Germans have emigrated to West Germany this year, taking advantage of a law automatically granting them citizenship on arrival.

Among them are about 25,000 who emigrated over Hungary's western border. West German border police in Munich said Sunday nearly 1,000 East Germans arrived via Austria from Hungary overnight — the highest number in recent days.

East Germany, Czechoslovakia and other hard-line Warsaw Pact countries have been critical of Hungary for opening its border.

In Prague, Huber suggested the Czechoslovaks had acted unilaterally in sealing off the embassy, saying that he "for sure" did not ask for the police presence.

## Anglican leader clarifies wish for papal leadership

## From Associated Press reports

ROME — Anglican leader Robert Runcie, criticized for suggesting the pope play a leadership role for Anglicans, declared Sunday he had not meant the pontiff should administer the affairs of the Church of England. Runcie issued the statement hours after three Protestant clergymen interrupted his Sunday sermon by shouting that his four-day visit to the Vatican was "a betrayal."

Runcie, who as archbishop of Canterbury is spiritual head of the state Church of England and leader of the world's 70 million Anglicans, is making his first official trip to the Vatican as part of a quest to someday bring the churches together.

He said in his statement that some people had charged his suggestion to give the pope some sort of primacy among Christians "subverts the British Constitution."

## Mexican president visits U.S.

WASHINGTON — Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari arrived here Sunday on an official visit that the Bush administration hopes will reinforce the steady improvement in U.S.-Mexican relations. Seven agreements are expected to be signed during Salinas' stay.

President Bush, who has met with Salinas twice previously, invited the Mexican leader to his retreat at Camp David for a family dinner Sunday evening. A more formal meeting was planned for the White House on Tuesday.

The agreements they were to sign during the visit were symbolic of increased U.S.-Mexican cooperation since Bush and Salinas assumed the presidency of their respective countries within a few weeks of each other less than a year ago.

The pacts cover such issues as trade, investment, the environment, tourism and law enforcement, according to U.S. officials.

Officials from both sides seemed relieved that the spirit of hostility which characterized cross-border relations during the Reagan administration has largely disappeared.

## Dallas cracks down on sex trade

DALLAS — Prostitutes continue working Harry Hines Boulevard in an industrial section of Dallas even as the city prepares to defend before the U.S. Supreme Court its efforts to

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slow down or at least regulate the sex trade.

The high court will hear arguments Wednesday on whether the city can enforce portions of an ordinance that is aimed at adult bookstores, clubs and motels.

The ordinance, which took effect in June, seeks to regulate the sex trade chiefly through zoning and a licensing requirement for business operators, as well as lesser provisions such as a requirement that motel rooms be rented for at least a 10-hour period.

The Supreme Court has upheld the city's zoning regulations, and will debate only the licensing requirement, which calls for background checks on the owners of sexually oriented businesses.

Owners convicted of certain crimes, including two violations of the state's obscenity laws, can be refused a license or lose a license already granted.

The appeal filed by 14 businesses argues that this action constitutes prior restraint.

They are also challenging a provision giving the police chief sole discretion in issuing licenses, saying that power is too broad.

## Parents to choose schools for kids

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Education Lauro Cavazos praised parental choice Sunday as the "cornerstone" to rebuilding America's schools, but said some restrictions on student transfers may be necessary to prevent segregation.

Cavazos, in an interview on ABC-TV's "This Week With David Brinkley," also defended his 13-month tenure and said that he has been pushing all along the same school reform ideas that President Bush and the governors agreed upon at last week's summit in Charlottesville, Va.

The summit ended Thursday with unanimous support for efforts to give parents more say in choosing which public school their child attends, instead of assigning them strictly by neighborhood lines.

"Parental choice of schools is vital. It's the cornerstone for restructuring American education," Cavazos said.

## Lebanese officials demand Syrian exit

## From Associated Press reports

TAIF, Saudi Arabia — Lebanese lawmakers clashed Sunday over the presence of Syrian troops in their country, and Christian leader Gen. Michel Aoun demanded a timetable for their pullout before agreeing to peace.

In Beirut, where Aoun made his comments, Christian forces and Syrian-backed Druse militiamen battled for 15 minutes around the mountain garrison of Souk al-Gharb, testing a fragile cease-fire. No casualties were reported.

Reporters are barred from the parliament sessions in Taif, a Saudi Arabian resort, and from direct access to the lawmakers.

But sources at the meeting reported a stormy session Sunday as the 63 members of parliament — 33 Christians and 30 Moslems — gathered for a second day in their bid to end the 14-year-old civil war and address an Arab League peace plan.

The session was dominated by dis-

agreements between Christians and Moslems over what Syria's role in Lebanon should be, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Saudi host Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal played down the discord.

"We do not regard this as disturbing in any way. In fact, it is a healthy sign that all views are aired and opinions expressed," he said.

He praised former Lebanese Prime Minister Saeb Salaam for invoking the slogan "failure is not permissible."

Supporters of Aoun, a Maronite Catholic, say they will not agree to give Moslems a greater share of political power until there is a timetable for a pullout of the estimated 40,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon.

Syrian troops first entered Lebanon in 1976 as part of an Arab League peacekeeping force. They initially sought to curb Moslem factions, but wound up fighting the Christians and Aoun says they have lost their man-

date.

Syrian-backed Moslem leaders support a continuing role for Syria to protect their position and help guarantee a settlement of Lebanon's civil war.

Moslem lawmakers argued that Syria should stay in Lebanon until Israel withdraws from a southern Lebanese border strip it has occupied since 1982. Israel says the strip, six to 10 miles wide, is a security zone.

Iraq has been supplying weapons to the Christians, partly to get even with Syria for backing Iraq, Iraq's enemy, in the eight-year Persian Gulf war.

Damascus has said it will not consider a withdrawal until its Moslem allies are given an equal share of power with the Christians, who have dominated the executive, army and judiciary since Lebanon gained independence in 1943.

Moslems are now believed to make up 55 percent of the population, although there has been no official census since 1932.

Addressing supporters in Beirut on Sunday, Aoun said: "We shall accept nothing now that we have rejected in the past because our demands are indivisible... We have waged war to achieve peace."

"Our only essential goal is to liberate our land and re-establish sovereignty over Lebanon's entire territory. We shall not compromise the blood of our martyrs," Aoun said.

His remarks appeared to be a response to pressures on Christian lawmakers in Taif to agree to postpone discussion of Syria's role until after the election of a new president, formation of a new government and agreement on political reforms.

Under that scenario, the Syrians then would begin to withdraw from Moslem west Beirut and regroup in eastern Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. The withdrawal from the greater Beirut area would be completed in two years, according to officials in Beirut.

## Senate leader calls capital gains tax cut 'quick, short high'

## From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell said Sunday he had the votes to defeat the House-passed version of President Bush's capital gains tax cut, a measure he likened to crack cocaine.

However, Mitchell acknowledged that a revised version might have enough support to win narrow approval because Bush's "irresponsible position ... makes it extremely difficult to prevent any tax cut from occurring."

Interviewed on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press" the Maine Democrat said he was positive the 27-month capital gains tax cut approved by the House last week would not be enacted by the

Senate. "It is so bad, so wrong for the economy. It will do for the deficit what crack does for the user: a quick short high followed by a long, painful depression."

The measure would reduce from 33 percent to 19.6 percent the maximum tax rate on profits from the sale of stocks and other investments until 1992. The rate then would climb back to 28 percent with assets indexed so that any gains attributed to inflation after that point would not be taxed.

Its attractiveness to lawmakers stems from predictions by economists that a sell off by investors rushing to cash in on the low-rate window would gener-

ate \$9.4 billion in additional tax revenue over the next three years.

After then, however, the revenues would fall dramatically and actually worsen the deficit by a total of \$21 billion over the following five years, according to Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation.

"I'm confident that this so-called yo-yo — on two years, off two years — and the way in which it's constructed cannot pass," Mitchell said. "There's a growing realization that it will be bad for the economy ... and it will do nothing for the future of this country."

While saying he personally opposes any cut in capital gains taxes now, Mitchell acknowledged that many

members of his party favor enacting a differential that would tax capital gains at a lower rate than wages, interest or dividend income.

"Whether or not they will coalesce behind any plan along with Republicans, I don't know," he said. "It will be very close on some other plan."

A majority of Senate Democrats have united behind an alternative plan proposed by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, to restore up to \$1,000 a year of tax deductibility for contributions to Individual Retirement Accounts. IRA deductibility ended in 1987 under the loophole-closing tax law a year earlier that also raised the rate on capital gains. House Democratic leaders tried the

same IRA substitute but linked it to an increase in taxes on families with incomes of more than \$145,000 a year.


Mitchell said Senate Democrats would not link their IRA proposal to such an increase but rather would propose to make up revenue lost to expanded IRA deductions by extending telephone and other excise taxes that were due to expire at the end of this year.

Meanwhile, House Speaker Thomas Foley predicted on the same program that the House probably would vote this week to repeal Medicare catastrophic health care coverage that it enacted last year for some 33 million elderly Americans.

Many beneficiaries, especially the wealthier among them, have balked at having to pay premiums this year of up to \$800 to help cover medical expenses for retirees of more modest means.

"I hope personally that the program is retained on a modified form," said Foley, D-Wash. "But ... there are a great number of Republicans and some Democrats in the House who are in favor of repeal. If I were guessing today, I think it probably would be repealed."

Foley also said it was doubtful that Congress would complete action on a deficit-reduction bill, which would include any tax measure, before the Oct. 16 deadline.

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## Cross-examination in Bakker trial continues

## From Associated Press reports

CHARLOTTE — Jim Bakker returns to the stand for more cross-examination at his fraud trial Monday, after a session last week that even his defense lawyer says is "very devastating" to his case.

Bakker, on trial for 24 counts of fraud and conspiracy related to his handling of finances at the PTL television ministry he founded, testified Friday that he never defrauded anyone or conspired with others at PTL to commit fraud.

The jury probably will begin deliberating that question later this week. Even George Davis, Bakker's 82-year-old lead defense attorney, didn't appear confident that Bakker's testi-

mony on Friday had convinced the jury that his client is innocent.

"That was a pretty heavy cross-examination," Davis told the Greensboro News & Record, when asked how he thought the questioning had gone. "It was very damaging, very devastating."

He smiled weakly and added, "It didn't have anything to do with the issues, but ..."

Several episodes during Friday's testimony indicated Bakker's team may have been caught off-guard.

In one instance, a defense chart was ruled inadmissible partly because it summarized information not in evidence.

In several other instances, Bakker claimed that he had told viewers on his

television shows that some changes would be made in the PTL lodging programs at issue in the charges against him.

But he was unable to say when he had made the announcements, despite the fact that since Feb. 14, the defense has had access to the same videotapes

and program summaries that the government has.

"There are so many dates," Bakker, laughing, said at one point.

"Mr. Bakker, you've known ... that you were going to be sitting here answering these questions," prosecutor Deborah Smith said.

## Styrofoam

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down faster. Kurz denied these plastics worked in real situations. "The plastics that claim to be biodegradable are only biodegradable when exposed to full sunlight. But buried in a landfill, they last just as long as regular plastics."

Carolina Dining Services is looking into recycling as a simultaneous measure to go along with paper products, Derby said. "We want to see where we can get involved in recycling, but there is no effective recycling program at UNC. Paper products can be recycled

as well as aluminum cans — the only major problem is washing them."


Kurz said SEAC was working on a program with Franklin Street merchants to institute a 14 oz. plastic cup with the SEAC logo on it that would be refillable for 50 cents.

"I know it's impossible, but we would like people to bring their own containers," Kurz said. "Students should try to eat in or merchants should allow students to bring their own containers and get a better deal."

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