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Today—Cloudy, chance of showers, high near 85, low near 70. Chance of rain 50 percent, 20 percent tonight. Saturday—Chance of rain, high near 90. Yesterday—3 p.m. AQI: 35; temp. range: 84-71. Details, C2.

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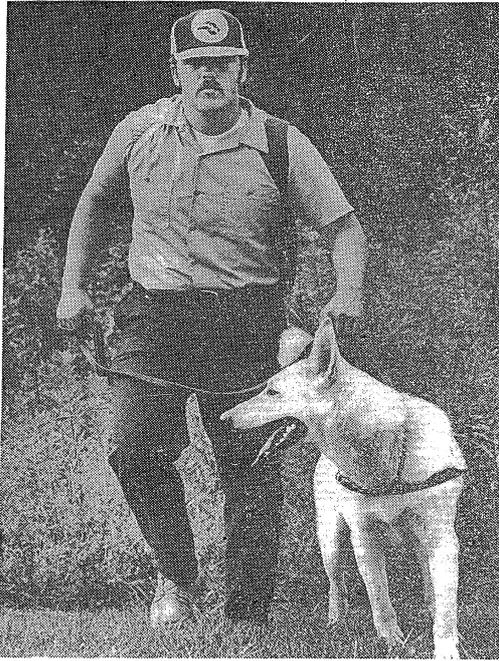
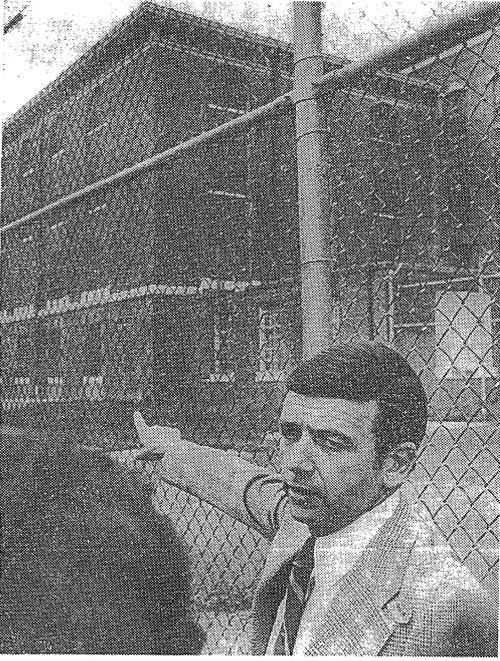
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Assistant Warden John Byrne, left, points to area of facility where escapes took place. Deputy Sheriff Frank Seib of Cumberland and his dog join in search.

Timing, Steel Blade Aided Big Escape

Order: 'Bring 'Em In'

By Art Harris and Saundra Saperstein
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JESSUP, Md., Aug. 23—As German shepherds yelped in their squad car cages and police helicopters whirred overhead, Sgt. Benjamin Cohey, at 6-foot-7 and 265 pounds, carved out sections of a 10-mile area where the men and dogs of the state police would hunt down a band of escaped convicts from the Maryland House of Correction. "How do you know what they look like?" asked a trooper, interrupting the sergeant's gruff instructions. "Anybody you see, you stop," barked Cohey. "If they don't have any ID, you call and ask for an identity check. If you can't identify them, bring 'em in." From predawn to dusk today, Cohey's men and more than 100 other state policemen and county officers roamed the highways and woods from Baltimore to Washington in a sometimes easy, sometimes wild, and now and then crazy effort to "bring in" 30 prisoners on the lam. By early Friday, 21 of 30 escapees had been recaptured, and police were still looking for the other nine.



21 of 30 Are Recaptured

By Jackson Diehl
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JESSUP, Md., Aug. 23—From his post in a steel mesh cage, the guard here Wednesday night in the H dormitory dayroom of the Maryland House of Correction could see only the usual cluster of prisoners around the television set and, above them, the iron-barred windows to the outside. What the guard did not notice was that at least 17 of the men in the recreation room did not belong there. Nor did he see that, one by one, the population of H dormitory was slipping through a corner window to a rooftop, then scrambling through three chain-link fences and into the nearby forest. It was only hours later that prison officials here realized that 30 inmates—including five men convicted of murder—had used precise timing and one steel blade to pull off the second largest prison break in Maryland history. The hundreds of state and county police who spent today scouring the thick woods and trails between Washington and Baltimore found that most of the inmates fleeing from the medium security prison were not as crafty as those who

Girl's Expulsion By Church School Upheld by Judge

By Stephanie Mansfield
Washington Post Staff Writer
A fundamentalist Baptist preacher who claims interracial relationships are forbidden by the Bible had a constitutional right to expel a 14-year-old white girl from his private school for allegedly dating a black classmate, a federal judge in Alexandria ruled yesterday. U.S. District Court Judge Oren R. Lewis, in an 11-page decision, said the government may not interfere with the preacher's First Amendment right to forbid interracial dating at the school as a matter of religious principle. Aleck Lee Bledsoe, the 37-year-old principal of the Marumoso Christian School in Woodbridge, was sued by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of the girl and her parents. ACLU lawyer Victor Glasberg said yesterday he would appeal Lewis' decision to the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond. "The decision means, 'You can practice racism as long as you do it in the name of the Lord,'" Glasberg said. "I'm not surprised enough to be angry." Raymond Fiedler, the girl's father, said yesterday, "We expected this. But I've come this far and put my family through enough pain and torture. I'll go as far as I can go." Fiedler said if

Soviet Ballet Star Granted U.S. Asylum

By Tony Kornheiser
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Alexander Godunov, a principal dancer in the world-renowned Bolshoi Ballet, was granted asylum in the United States yesterday. Godunov, 29, the first dancer to defect from the Bolshoi, formally requested asylum Wednesday at the New York City district office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. His action came as the Bolshoi was in its fourth and last week of performances at Lincoln Center. The company is touring the United States with stops also planned in Chicago and Los Angeles. Godunov's wife, Ludmila Vlasova, also a soloist with the Bolshoi, has not asked for asylum with her husband. The State Department yesterday informed the Soviet Union officially about the asylum. Neither the Soviet embassy in Washington nor the Soviet U.N. Mission had any comment. Despite earlier reports that the Bolshoi might cancel its tour, Lillian Libman, executive producer of Nederlandse Producing Co. of America, the American sponsors of the Bolshoi tour, said she expected the tour to continue. Libman said the defection "came as a total surprise to the Bolshoi Ballet administration and the American producers, all of whom expressed their great regret at the action taken by Mr. Godunov." Godunov, described by one dance expert as "a huge audience favorite" because of his "powerful dramatic" dancing style, was reported by the As-

Priest Tried as Bandit Wins Freedom and Apology

By Judith Valente
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WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 23—The Rev. Bernard T. Pagano, the Roman Catholic priest put on trial here on charges of being Delaware's "Gentleman Bandit," was set free with a public apology from the state today after another man, who said his conscience bothered him, pleaded guilty in his case. Pagano, hugging and kissing former parishioners and other well-wishers, walked to St. Patrick's Church, two blocks from Superior Court where he had been on trial, and said a mass of thanksgiving. In the courtroom, where all six felony charges against the Cambridge, Md., cleric were dropped, Delaware Attorney General Richard Gobelein said, "We wish to sincerely apologize to Father Pagano for the personal turmoil and trauma he has been through." The attorney general's office decided to drop the charges against the 53-year-old priest after

Palestinian Push At U.N. Reported Stayed by Arabs

By Lee Lescaze
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UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 23—The U.N. Security Council today took up the controversial question of Palestinian political rights amid reports that Arab states may have agreed not to press for final action until the fall. U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young told reporters after today's meeting that he still expects a vote—and a U.S. veto—on a resolution supporting self-determination for Palestinians to come Friday. But well-informed sources said an agreement already had been reached not to press the resolution yet a vote. No resolution was introduced while the Security Council was in session, but this evening Senegal submitted a draft resolution on Palestinian rights. There was no certainty that it would come to a vote, because Senegal is not a council member, and the rules say that only a member can demand a vote. Private negotiations on the resolution continued throughout the day, with the United States seeking to avert a vote and the veto that would harm U.S. relations with moderate Arab states such as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. "I don't ever give up," Young said. "I don't know whether there will be a vote tomorrow." Zehdi Labib Terzi, the Palestinian Liberation Organization's U.N. observer, said today. Asked whether he had received anything in exchange for agreement to delay a final vote, he said, "I haven't yet." Kuwait Ambassador Abdulla Yacoub Bishara said after the meeting that he intended to press the resolution to a vote. The Arab nations reportedly have agreed to accept their victory in convening the Security Council meeting today despite U.S. efforts to postpone it and to delay final action on the bitterly contested resolution, according to well-informed sources. The Arab supporters of the P.L.O. the officially endorsed representative of the Palestinians to the United Nations, already have achieved a large part of their objective by generating a surge of interest in the Palestinian problem and in their resolution in support of the Palestinians' "inalienable rights of self-determination." By privately agreeing to keep the resolution from a vote, the Arabs have retained that card for another day. An element sources said figured in the Arabs' plan was their respect for Young, who is in the last days of his ambassadorship after being forced to resign after the disclosure of his secret meeting with Terzi. While Young told reporters that he

Iran's Troops Fight Kurds; Unrest Grows

By Chris de Kretser
Special to The Washington Post
TEHRAN, Aug. 23—The Kurdish region of western Iran featured on the brink of a full scale insurrection today while threats from the country's Arab minority threatened to open up a southern front for beleaguered government forces in Iran's main oil-producing province. Government forces in Kurdistan retreated to defensive positions on the outskirts of the town of Saqqez, which was reported under the control of Kurdish insurgents after heavy fighting with government forces and many casualties on both sides. Meanwhile, a contingent of Revolutionary Guards—an elite government force loyal to the unofficial head of state, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini—was sent to protect Iran's main oil export terminal at Kiang Island in the Persian Gulf because of labor unrest and threats of renewed violence by autonomy-seeking Iranian Arabs. The Iranian Arabs, who claim to make up the majority of the population in the oil-rich Khuzestan Province in southwestern Iran, warned they would "react strongly" if the government did not hand back an Arab religious leader reportedly being held under house arrest in the holy city of Qom. In Kurdistan, government forces used helicopter gunships, artillery and heavy machine guns to attack rebel positions in a sharp escalation of the fighting, which ranged around a government garrison on the edge of Saqqez. Saqqez, a predominantly Kurdish town of about 40,000 people, occupies an important position on the road between the Kurdish cities of Mahabad and Sanandaj and is about 50 miles from the Iraqi border. There were conflicting casualty figures for the latest fighting. The official Iranian Press Agency said the commander of the 28th Infantry Division based at Saandaj and 22 government troops were killed in a clash as they were moving to reinforce Saqqez. The rebels claimed they killed 80 government troops, but Iranian authorities denied this. A statement from the 28th Division said 15 "counterrevolutionary agents" had been killed. Kurdish sources confirmed their casualty toll today was 15 dead and 70 wounded. As the fighting raged Saqqez intensified, the Kurdish spiritual leader,

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NRC Staff Shifts, Retains Freeze On A-Licensing

By Joanne Omang
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The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff, faced with a blast of outrage from the Presidential Commission on the Accident at Three Mile Island, beat a hasty retreat yesterday from a decision that would be pending applications for new nuclear power plants. The 12-member presidential commission dropped its planned agenda and instead spent three hours grilling NRC officials. Harold R. Denton on his move to lift a three-month freeze on the permit work. "The NRC seems to be thumbing its nose at this commission," said commission member Carroll Lewis. The commission may make recommendations that would further delay or vastly alter the licensing process, several members said. "What you're saying is that you can ignore the recommendations of the Arizona Gov. Bruce Rabbitt told Denton. Denton, head of reactor regulation at the NRC, responded that the NRC will require 24 changes in design and operations in all new and operating plants and that those changes will not foreclose any recommendations the commission might make. "Mr. Denton, I think you're kidding me," Rabbitt snapped. See TMI, A4, Col. 3



ALEXANDER GODUNOV... first defector from Bolshoi

GAO Accuses Army

The Army is playing a numbers game to cover up the fact it is recruiting fewer than half of the reservists it needs, the General Accounting Office says.

Roof Claim Settled

The estate of architect Edward Durrell Stone has agreed to pay the government about \$250,000 on its claim that roof leaks at the Kennedy Center resulted from design flaws.