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Today's skies will feature some clouds, but this evening should be fair.

Today's high: mid-70s. Low: low 40s. Yesterday's high: 75. Low: 47.

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Reagan's Medicare plan has strong support

HOW IT WOULD WORK

- A monthly fee of \$4.92 would be added to the current \$1.90 premium.
- An unlimited stay in the hospital would be covered.
- A patient's out-of-pocket payments would be limited to \$2,000 a year.
- The costs of prescription drugs, eye exams and dental care would not be covered.

- The cost of nursing home care — which now averages \$22,000 a year — would not be covered.
- Doctors' charges in excess of the government-set "reasonable" fee still would not be covered.
- Separate recommendations were made for care of non-Medicare patients.

By Robert Pear © 1987 The New York Times

WASHINGTON — A new program of federal health benefits for elderly people became virtually certain yesterday when President Reagan proposed expansion of Medicare to cover the costs of catastrophic illness.

Members of Congress from both parties have expressed strong support for such legislation.

White House spokesman Martin Fluzer said Reagan decided yesterday morning to endorse the program recommended to him by Dr. Otis R. Bowen, secretary of health and human services. The decision ends more than two months of disagreement over the issue in the Reagan administration.

Under the Bowen plan, a person would pay \$4.92 a month in Medicare premiums in addition to the \$17.90 a month now charged. In return, Medicare would cover an unlimited number of days of hospital care, and the beneficiary's out-of-pocket payments for services covered by Medicare would be limited to \$2,000 a year. Under current law there is no such limit.

However, spokesmen for elderly groups and for physicians and hospitals said the proposal did not go far enough. Generally, it would not cover the costs of prescription drugs, eye examinations, dental care or care in a nursing home.

"You would let us pay doctors' fees above levels deemed 'reasonable' by the government. Many doctors illegally charge higher fees."

The president recommended separate steps to improve protection for people under age 65 who are not insured by Medicare.

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Agents beat protesters in Moscow

By Andrew Rosenthal The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Security agents beat protesters and used two Moscov street to drive them off a Moscow street yesterday, the fourth day of rallies seeking the release of Jewish activist Josef Begun.

Police briefly detained 14 people, including Begun's wife and son. The agents, who wore civilian clothes, also roughed up Western reporters and television crews covering the protest, which drew about 20 people at Moscow's Arbat shopping mall.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told reporters later that young toughs, not security agents, were responsible for breaking up the protest.

However, it was clear at the scene that the plainclothesmen were not teenage vigilantes. They were well-organized and were backed by uniformed police and snipers.

All of those detained — seven at the protest site and six on their way there — were released after two hours. Six were fined \$77 for "penny See SOVIET, Page 1A



Plainclothes agents arrest Boris Begun, center, son of imprisoned activist Josef Begun, during the Moscow rally

Klan suit verdict is \$7 million

KKK must pay in black's lynching

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — A federal jury awarded \$7 million in damages yesterday against the United Klans of America and six past and present Klansmen in the 1981 slaying of a black teen-ager whose body was left hanging in a tree.

The all-white jury awarded the verdict to the family of Michael Donald, 18, who was beaten and strangled on March 21, 1981.

"I'm glad justice was done," Donald's mother, said at a news conference.

"Money don't mean a thing to me. It won't bring my child back. But I'm glad they caught the guilty and brought them to court because I did everything I could to help."

Hearing on Klan assets

U.S. District Judge Alex Howard said he would hold a hearing within 90 days to determine the Klan's assets and what action would be needed to turn them over to Donald's family and the Alabama arm of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the plaintiffs.

No decision has been made on whether to appeal, said Klan attorney John Mays.

The verdict is expected to give the Donald family title to the United Klans' 7,000-square-foot national headquarters building in Tuscaloosa, said Maria Deen, an attorney for Donald's family.

The United Klans has about 2,500 members in the Southeast. State Sen. Michael Pugh, attorney for the Donald family, called the verdict a "landmark ruling that would make sure Donald's death See JURY AWARDS, Page 2A

3 arrested in multimillion-dollar insider case

By William Glebovich © 1987 The New York Times

NEW YORK — Three top financial professionals on Wall Street have been arrested and charged with insider trading that federal prosecutors said had produced millions of dollars in illegal profits.

The arrests, announced yesterday, add major momentum to the insider-trading investigation that has shaken the financial world for months.

Those charged were Robert M. Freeman, 44, who heads the arbitrage department at prestigious Goldman, Sachs & Co.; Richard B. Wig-

ton, 52, a vice president and a senior arbitrager at Kidder, Peabody & Co.; and another top Wall Street firm, and Timothy L. Tabor, 33.

Tabor is a former vice president of Kidder, Peabody. Until early January, he was head of arbitrage trading at Merrill Lynch & Co. Merrill said yesterday that Tabor was no longer with the firm.

All three denied any wrongdoing. Freeman and Wigton were arrested after surprise visits by federal agents to their offices yesterday. Wall Street sources said Wigton refused to leave his office willingly and was handcuffed.

Tabor was arrested at his East Side apartment on Wednesday night. He was jailed at the Metropolitan Correctional Center overnight. All have since been released on bail.

The government obtained evidence against the three from an informant who worked at Kidder, Peabody & Co. U.S. Attorney Rudolph W. Giuliani said at a news conference yesterday. Government documents filed in court yesterday referred to the informant only as "CS-1."

The documents said he was a person who "held a position of trust and responsibility at Kidder, Peabody & Co." during the reported scheme. "CS-1" has agreed to plead guilty to two felony counts,

according to the government. The government said the illegal trading took place between June 1984 and January 1986.

The new charges expanded the scope of what was already a broad investigation into insider trading on Wall Street. Ever since government agents arrested Dennis B. Levine on May 12, 1985, and Ivan F. Bousky last fall, investigators have been looking into accusations of pervasive illegalities at the highest levels of the financial world. When he was arrested, Levine was one of the top investment bankers at Dressel Burnham Lambert Inc.

One attorney said Bousky led the govern-

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Only hours after Reagan calls Fla. boy, \$4,000 for his liver transplant is stolen

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Hours after a hospitalized 7-year-old received a call from President Reagan, thieves broke into his school and stole \$4,000 that classmates had raised for his liver transplant, officials said yesterday.

Ronnie DeSillers received a phone call Wednesday from Reagan, who urged him to "keep the faith" and promised a donation.

Later, the money was taken from a school closet, said Elaine Patterson, principal of St. Anthony's School in Fort Lauderdale.

"I'm sorry that this is the lesson my children in this school have learned after a lot of hard work and all the money they've collected," said Patterson. "Who would come and do such a thing? It's a sickness."

The money was part of about \$100,000 raised so far in the community for Ronnie, who is in Miami Children's Hospital waiting for a

\$122,000 necessary for the transplant operation at Pittsburgh Children's Hospital. Final costs could reach that figure to \$200,000, which the family cannot afford.

Police said yesterday that they had fingerprints in the case, but had not made an arrest and were still investigating. The thief got into the accounting office where the money was stored by breaking a window, police said.

The stolen cash, donated by students from lunch money, bake sales and other activities, was to have been turned over to Ronnie's fund today.

At the White House, presidential spokesman Albert R. Tuttle said: "We're shocked. I can't believe it."

Reagan had called the boy earlier after learning of Ronnie's case from Vice President George Bush, who heard of the case from his son, Jeb, Florida's commerce secretary.

Ronnie was ecstatic at the president's call, even though he was scheduled before undergoing a bone-marrow test, said his mother, Maria. He wanted to speak to Reagan because they share a name and the experience of spending a lot of time in hospitals, she said.

"He said to the president he was not feeling well, and the president asked him why, and he told him that he did not have enough money to go to Pittsburgh to get his operation," DeSillers said.

Ronnie ended by thanking the president for calling.



Maria DeSillers with her son, Ronnie

Blind man blocked from insuring truck

By Douglas Kreuzt The Arizona Daily Star

Ronald Downing wants to know: Is there an insurance company out there that will sell him some liability coverage for his truck?

He doesn't believe the fact that he is totally blind should stand in the way.

"I'm not a second-class citizen just because I can't see, and I want to be able to do things for myself," said Downing, 55, who lost his sight nearly 20 years ago when a pipeline carrying sulfuric acid burst a few inches from his face. The accident occurred at a mine south of Tucson.

"I've tried to get insurance for the truck, but the companies say they won't do it because they can't control who drives it.

"Needless to say, I'm not going to be driving the truck," Downing said. "I can't see a thing. But it's important for me to have a vehicle of my own."

He explained why: "I do a lot of woodwork. If one of my friends is going to go to the lumber company to pick up some wood for me, I want to have a truck for him to use. "Another thing is, I like to go camping and fishing when I can get somebody to go with me. I want to have a

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