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Lithuania receives Kremlin ultimatum

Supply cutoff is threatened within 2 days

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MOSCOW — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev issued an ultimatum to Lithuania yesterday, saying that if the republic does not rescind its strongest independence measures within 48 hours, he will order other Soviet republics to start cutting off needed supplies.

In his harshest attempt at pressure thus far, he warned Lithuania that its independence campaign had degenerated into "an ever tighter knot, assuming the nature of a political dead end."

"Other constituent republics are asking quite simply why they should continue supplying products to Lithuania at the expense of their own needs," he declared in a letter to the leaders of the Lithuanian government that declared Lithuania's independence on March 11.

War of nerves

Gorbachev's letter was his strongest turning of the screw in the slow war of nerves the national government has been waging in its attempt to keep the Lithuanian rebellion from becoming a precedent for other dissatisfied republics to challenge Moscow's sovereignty.

Lithuania's initial reaction was unyielding, with officials saying the two-day ultimatum was designed to prove impossible to satisfy since it covers the Easter weekend in the heavily Roman Catholic republic.

"Over these two days, we will not do anything special," said the Lithuanian president, Vytautas Landsbergis, according to the Lithuanian information office.

Lithuania's new laws

Gorbachev's warning did not explicitly say Lithuania should revoke its declaration of independence, though it did say that "we are looking to" the Lithuanian authorities to restore the republic's status to what it was the day before independence was declared.

Instead of demanding a revocation of the declaration, the ultimatum said that unless Lithuania rescinded new laws that would establish citizens identity cards, challenge the Communist Party's right to certain properties, and reject the Soviet military draft, Gorbachev would instruct other republics to stop supplying "those categories of products that are sold on external markets."

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The Associated Press

Bush, Thatcher urge Gorbachev to back off

By Tom Raum The Associated Press

HAMILTON, Bermuda — President Bush and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher urged Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev yesterday to call off his threatened economic sanctions against breakaway Lithuania.

"Now is no time for escalation," Bush said after he and Thatcher met for several hours of discussions. "It is time for talk" between Lithuanian officials and Kremlin leaders.

Said Thatcher, "I abide by the statement the president just made."

Bush and Thatcher met with reporters hours after the Soviet news agency Tass reported that Gorbachev had given the Lithuanian government two days to rescind its "anti-constitutional actions" or face

the imposition of sanctions.

Bush traveled to Bermuda, at Thatcher's invitation, to discuss a variety of global issues — including German unification, NATO's future and the situation in Lithuania — in advance of his meeting next month in Washington with Gorbachev.

Bush said he would cooperate in tightening export laws if British investigators determine that a sealed load of tubing destined for Iraq amounted to an illegal weapons shipment.

He and Thatcher emphasized their agreement on most issues, particularly on the position that a unified Germany should be a permanent member of the North Atlantic

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Cross is secured at the top of 'A' Mountain for vigil of prayer and remembrance

200 carry cross up 'A' Mountain in Good Friday commemoration

By Joe Salkowski The Arizona Daily Star

No one can be sure how hot it was in Jerusalem about 1,950 years ago when Jesus Christ carried a cross up Golgotha hill to his crucifixion.

Israel's climate is comparable to Tucson's, and many paintings of the event show Christ sweating under his burden.

But to the 200 people who carried a cross up 'A' Mountain yesterday to re-enact Christ's climb, the after-

noon's 94-degree weather seemed to bring them a little closer to the historic desert of Judea.

"It is hot today, and I thought I might not make it," said Lorraine Aguilier, who carried a rosary near the rear of the procession. "But I know it wasn't a very pleasant trip

for him, so it's not that bad."

Yesterday's march was the 22nd annual Procession de Viernes Santo, or Pilgrimage for Good Friday, sponsored by Los Derrados, a barrio service organization.

"It is important because all of us are participants," said David Herrera, the group's president. "When you go to church, you're a spectator. People don't want to be spectators."

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Vegetables, gas lead way in price drop

By Dave Skidmore The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Wholesale prices, helped by a record drop in vegetable costs and lower gasoline prices, fell in March for the first time in seven months, the government said yesterday.

The Labor Department's Producer Price Index declined 0.2 percent last month after no change in February and a huge 1.8 percent rise in January, the largest in 15 years. Vegetable prices were down by 2.5 percent.

An unusually severe cold snap in late December, followed by unusually mild temperatures in January and February, caused the top-heavy price pattern. Fuel oil and vegetable costs rocketed in January. Energy prices started falling a



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ABC0 promises to promote environmental awareness

By Anne Hazard States News Service

WASHINGTON — ABC0 Markets Inc. of Arizona and three other grocery chains yesterday announced plans to fight fraudulent environmental product claims and to promote consumer goods that do no ecological harm.

ABC0's first steps in promoting "environmentally friendly" products will be reusable canvas shopping bags and a 5-cent rebate to shoppers who reuse plastic or paper grocery bags.

The program will take effect within 10 to 14 days, said ABC0 spokesman Rich Jennings. Shoppers will get the rebate for each bag they bring back and refill with purchases, he said.

The campaign was announced at a press conference by representatives of ABC0, which has 23 stores in Tucson, and several other chains: Fred

Meyer Inc. of Portland, Ore.; Raley's of Sacramento, Calif.; and Ralph's Grocery Co. of Compton, Calif.

The chains represent about 500 stores in the West.

The stores will place special signs on retail products that are determined by an independent certification company in most certain environmental standards.

"These standards are comprehensive and they're tough. In fact, we don't expect many products to qualify during the first year," Jennings said.

To qualify, product and packaging must be made from at least 50 percent "sustainable" or recycled materials. Sustainable refers to an agricultural practice that emphasizes conservation and a reduction in chemical use.

Waste emissions and effluents

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WEATHER



Hot chocolate bunnies.

As the Easter baskets are put together and the eggs hidden, today is expected to be sunny with a record high in the upper 80s, and northwesterly winds of 10 to 18 mph. Look for an overnight low in the upper 50s. Yesterday's high was 84, and the low 57. Details on Page 15A.

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Markets closed, no money sections

Poles are given proof of Katyn responsibility

By Esther B. Fein © 1990 The New York Times

MOSCOW — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev yesterday gave Polish President Wojciech Jaruzelski cartons of documents the Soviet leader said "indirectly but convincingly" proved Soviet secret police killed thousands of Polish officers in the Katyn Forest in the spring of 1940.

"It is not easy to speak of this tragedy, but it is necessary," said Gorbachev, as the Soviet government for the first time officially and publicly accepted responsibility for this long-denied crime of the Stalinist regime.

Jaruzelski said "The Soviet statement about the crime of Katyn is, for our people, especially important and valuable from a moral point of view."

"For us, this was an unusually painful question," he said.

Today, Jaruzelski is to visit the clearing in the Katyn Forest where a monument to the Polish officers was erected last year.

The fruit of what happened in the forest has been, as Gorbachev said yesterday, one of the "historical knots" that has complicated Soviet-Polish relations, particularly this

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