

Chernenko is buried in Red Square

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union buried Konstantin U. Chernenko in a hero's grave in Red Square today after an elaborate state funeral in which the new leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev hailed Chernenko as a man of peace and "faithful servant" of communism.

The coffin of Chernenko, the last Soviet leader born under the czars, was placed near the far right end of a row of graves in which past leaders and major historical figures of the Soviet Union lie, between the Kremlin wall and the tomb of the nation's founder Vladimir I. Lenin.

Artillery salvos thundered

across Red Square, the Kremlin bells pealed into the still afternoon air on a bleak late winter day and factory, ship and railroad whistles blew across the nation. Kremlin leaders had decreed that most work would stop work for five minutes in tribute.

In Washington, U.S. officials said President Reagan had sent Gorbachev a personal message proposing a superpower summit in the United States. Reagan said Monday he was "more than ready" to meet the new Soviet party leader.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Jaroslav Werner said Vice

President George Bush would meet Gorbachev today and hold a news conference "hard on the heels" of the session, set for 10 p.m. Moscow time (2 p.m. EST).

Bush said he came to Moscow bearing "a message of peace" from Reagan, who he said "has no greater hope and no greater goal" than peace with the Soviets.

The ritualized expressions of grief at Chernenko's death were overshadowed by the swiftness and vigor of the transition to the 54-year-old Gorbachev's leadership. Today's edition of the Communist Party organ Pravda was already basing its editorials on Gorbachev's words.

Gorbachev opened the funeral ceremony with a eulogy to the man who had served for only 13 months when he died Sunday at age 73.

"At this hour of grief, Soviet men and women are paying their deep respects to a faithful servant of our party and people, a staunch champion of the ideals of communism," said Gorbachev, the youngest Soviet leader in six decades.

Moments before the coffin was lowered into the freshly dug earth, Chernenko's widow, Anna, bid an emotional farewell to her husband. She stood by the side of his open coffin, stroking his forehead in grief and bending several times to press her cheek against his face

and kiss him.

The 10 surviving members of the Politburo stood at attention, their arms raised in salute, and Chernenko's coffin was lowered.

As the Soviet national anthem was played, the flag atop a Kremlin building was raised from half to full staff.

With hammer-and-sickle flags trimmed in black fluttering softly in the breeze, military officers carried Chernenko's coffin out of the House of Unions at 12:30 p.m., where it had laid in state.

A group of officers walked by with funeral wreaths and red satin pillows with Chernenko's medals pinned to them.

The coffin was placed on the waiting gun carriage, which began its slow, four-block trip down Marx Avenue, around the Moscow Hotel and across Revolution Square. It was escorted by soldiers walking in slow-motion parade march.

The caisson rolled to a halt before the tomb of the Soviet founder V.I. Lenin, while members of the ruling Politburo, including Gorbachev, gathered atop the mausoleum for the funeral ceremony.

Chernenko's open coffin, covered in red and black crepe, was placed on a low platform in front of the tomb, which sits near the base of the Kremlin's ruddy brick walls.



FORGING AHEAD—A woman uses a parking meter to steady herself against a strong wind that greeted her Tuesday as she stepped into an alley in downtown Columbus, Ohio. High winds whipped through central Ohio causing slippery sidewalks and damaging buildings and trees. (AP Laserphoto)

Mubarak gets Reagan rejection on strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan says Palestinians "should be represented" in peace talks with Israel, but he politely rejected a proposal by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak for preliminary talks between the United States and a joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation.

In a toast at a dinner honoring Mubarak Tuesday night, Reagan said Palestinians should be involved in every stage of the negotiating process and that "we must address forthrightly" the nature of that representation.

"These Palestinians should include representatives from the West Bank and Gaza and other Palestinians as mutually agreed by the parties," Reagan said. "These are wide parameters. They provide ample scope. They should be put to use."

But Reagan earlier made clear to Mubarak in a White House

meeting that separate talks between Palestinians, Jordanians and the United States were not the answer.

State Department officials said Mubarak did not disabuse Reagan of the notion that the plan is partly aimed at promoting contacts between the United States and the Palestine Liberation Organization. Officials said they were also concerned that the Arab nations were trying to get Washington to negotiate with Israel on their behalf.

One official said the American response to Mubarak "puts the brakes on the idea that somehow the Arabs don't have to deal with Israel, but only with the United States."

Mubarak, who has been on a five-day visit to Washington, was scheduled to address the National Press Club today before departing for a visit to London.

New trial denied rancher

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Millionaire rancher Rex Cauble has been denied a new trial by a federal appeals court on his conviction in a massive marijuana drug-smuggling operation dubbed "The Cowboy Mafia."

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said in its 11-page ruling Tuesday that "after carefully considering each of the grounds asserted by Cauble for a new trial, we affirm, without hesitation, the district court's denial."

Cauble had appealed the lower court's rejection of his new-trial request. The rancher, serving a 5-year sentence in the Big Spring federal prison, raised four of 11 points he had pursued in the Eastern District Court for Texas.

"We are convinced that Cauble raises no issue here which entitles him to a new trial," the federal

appeals ruling said.

Cauble was convicted in 1982 of violating racketeering, banking and criminal travel laws in connection with what prosecutors said was the largest drug-smuggling operation in Texas history.

The rancher claimed in his appeal that the government had withheld testimony favorable to him and that false testimony was used against him.

The federal appeals court said it believed that unheard testimony would have made no difference in the trial. The ruling also said the justices agreed with the lower court that Cauble had been given a fair trial.

Cauble was sentenced to concurrent, five-year sentences on each count by U.S. District Judge William M. Steger.

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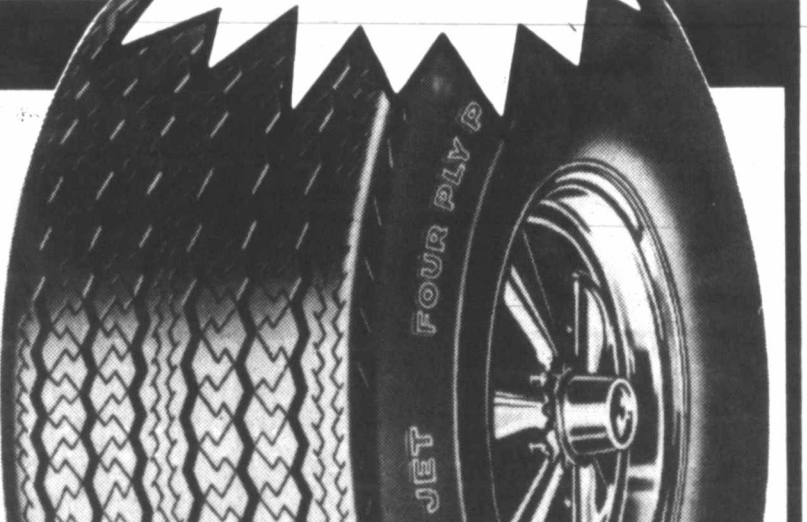
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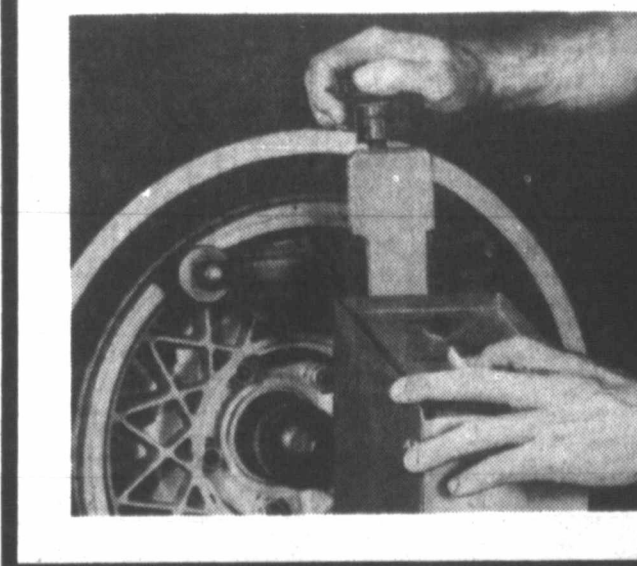
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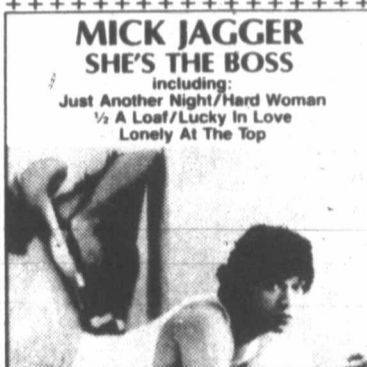
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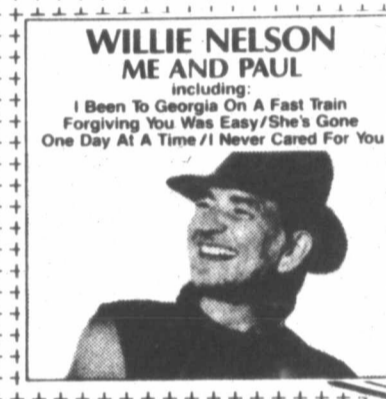
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Spring is a time for both cheer and woe

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's that time of year. The long, dreary winter seems to drag on without end. And, as nature edges toward a change, human patience manifests its limits in itchy behavior called "spring fever."

Over the centuries, poets and philosophers have described spring with a curious mixture of cheer and woe, reflecting the differing reactions of humans to the stress of changing weather.

Dr. Michael A. Persinger of Laurentian University in Canada said spring irritability — as he terms spring fever — usually begins to occur in March and April.

"It's triggered by a few bright days ... bright warm days that are then followed by more of the same cold" that has been plaguing people all winter, he said.

Usually spring fever follows a season of "the winter blahs," the cumulative effect of hundreds of small aggravations such as being cooped up indoors for months, Persinger continued. "If people have the

money they usually go on vacation. If not, a variety of things occur....

"We suspect that it's related to a kind of frustrated aggression. ... It's associated with an increase in irritability, a shift in sleep cycles and detached (feeling). A person begins to feel there must be something more to life," the psychology and neuroscience professor explained.

"Spring is a transition season when things change very rapidly," observed Helmut Landsberg, professor emeritus of meteorology at the University of Maryland.

"One major thing is apparently the change in light. ... The most rapid increase in light intensity occurs between February and April," Landsberg explained, and a change that seems to affect human glands and internal reactions.

Other fluctuations causing humans to react include "rapid temperature changes in many places, sometimes highly irregular, changing from low to high to low again," said Landsberg, whose research has concentrated on the biological effects of weather.

This places stress on the body and, scientists are beginning to believe, the mind, too. Human responses vary.

Malaise, romance and even depression are among the reactions to these seasonal changes — although spring fever has been most widely identified with vague feelings characterized by mind-wandering and restlessness.

Allen Robock, another University of Maryland meteorologist, defined spring fever as an increased interest in things other than work.

Dr. Michel Gauquelin, a French psychologist, attributes people's response to "spring hormonal crisis," when the endocrine glands are more active and sexual interest heightened.

"In northern climate populations in late winter and early spring, relative blood acidosis develops when body fatigue is most pronounced. Resistance to infection, to intoxication, to trauma and to emotional impacts is at its lowest level then," wrote Stephen Rosen in his book "Weathering."

Whether the changes are the result of hormones, high blood acid, sunlight or other factors, nearly

everyone observes and reacts to them.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson, commented that "In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love."

German studies in the 1960s found that most illegitimate conceptions tended to occur in May, which, the researchers suggested, "seems to indicate that spring may well be the season for all forms of impulsive behavior."

And in the United States the National Center for Health Statistics reports that births in recent years have two peaks — January and July. Allowing for normal periods of pregnancy, that would indicate that April is the most common month for conception, with October ranking second.

On the darker side, French sociologist Emile Durkheim noted a half-century ago that suicides increase in the spring.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control studied the nation's suicide rates between 1969 and 1978 and found that during that decade "the suicide pattern was distinctly seasonal, above average all spring and below average all winter."

Man has 65-year love affair with ham radio

By JAMES RAGLAND
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS (AP) — The year 1920 signaled the beginning of Elbert J. Haling's career as a ham. Haling, 10 at the time, became the youngest government-licensed operator of an amateur radio station in the United States.

He remembers the federal examination he had to take 65 years ago to earn his license.

"You had to be able to copy 10 words per minute in Continental code, draw a diagram of the transmitter and receiver you were planning to use and you had to know all the laws and regulations that applied to a radio operator," he said.

Haling has no children — radio has long been his baby. Like a proud father, he isn't shy about pulling out pictures of his old amateur radio station.

Now 75, Haling fiddles with radio dials as a hobby. He toys with a six-band portable radio with a four-band receiver in his Turtle Creek apartment. He often rises at 3 a.m. to tune to stations as far away as Australia and New Zealand.

"I never thought I'd live to be 75," said Haling, who was born in 1910 in Kansas City, Mo. "My father

died at 71, and my mother was in her late 60s. We moved to Texas directly from Kansas City when I was 5, and I've been a Texan ever since.

"My father worked for the Western Electric Co.," said Haling, explaining his initial interest in radio. "He brought home samples of microphones and such as they came out of the company. And I loved to talk on the microphones."

Haling's first and only station was called 5HY, and it was born in 1920. But before it could hit the air, Haling said, he had to rig up an antenna, but he did not have the two antenna poles necessary. His father had a solution.

"This was out in Oak Cliff," Haling said. "My father chopped down two 45-foot pine trees in some farmer's yard, tied them to the back of a 1920 Dodge and drove from Grand Saline through downtown Dallas on Pacific Avenue, which was nothing but mud at the time, and dragged them across the Oak Cliff viaduct to where the station was, and put 'em up."

Haling operated 5HY from his parents' Oak Cliff home for about 12 years. He found many ways to have fun with his new toy.

"I played checkers with a man over the radio. We argued a little and gave up. It was sort of an impasse," Haling said, adding that he also used his radio to communicate via Continental code "with all continents."

Those were the days for Haling.

"They didn't know what to think," Haling said of his classmates at the parochial grade school he attended. "I was the kingpin."

Haling's interest in radio led him to Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, where he earned his bachelor's degree in journalism in 1932.

His first job after college was at a broadcast station in Fort Worth.

Haling's two-year stay at the station typifies his entire career — constantly moving.

"In those days we called radio the revolving door," he said, "because you worked for so many stations. You were always hearing a different voice."

Haling's voice was heard next at WFAA in Dallas, where he remained until 1936, when he migrated to WBAP in Fort Worth. He credits himself with establishing the public relations and continuity

(commercial-writing) departments at both stations.

"I was writing a commercial at WFAA for what was supposed to have been a painless dentist. And while I was writing, I could hear patients yelling across the street," Haling said, laughing at the memory. "This almost discouraged me."

"I originated a prisoner's program, 'The Suburban Editor,' at WBAP. It became quite popular. They even held up an execution once so the guy could hear the program."

After his six-year stint at WBAP, Haling spent the next three years in the Army Air Corps, where he met Aaron Spelling, now a highly successful television producer. "I knew him real well ... I was a buck sergeant and he was a private," Haling said.

After Haling left the Air Corps, his revolving-door career began to spin even faster.

He had wanted to become a radio operator on a ship — any ship. But those plans were sunk after a magazine offered to buy an article he had written.

"My ambition had been — until I got the \$14.50 for my article — to be a radio operator on a ship," he said. "But I figured if I got that much for doing something that I enjoyed, I ought to pursue it."

Writer of Westerns find switch to crime pays off

By PHIL THOMAS
AP Books Editor

NEW YORK (AP) — Elmore Leonard likes to get his crime stories off to a fast start — just like a gun shot.

"I want to get right into it," Leonard says. "I don't like books that open with a discussion of the weather or a description of a place."

Which explains why the opening

sentence of his latest novel, "Glitz," reads: "The night Vincent was shot he saw it coming."

Vincent Mora is a Miami Beach detective. The punk who shoots him is a junked-up mugger. And in a bit more than a page of tight, hard prose, Leonard has Mora shoot and kill the would-be mugger, land in the hospital with two bullet wounds, and the reader

firmly hooked.

Leonard has readers aplenty, although it hasn't been until the last few years that he gained wide popular acceptance. This "amazes" the soft-spoken Leonard, who published his first novel in 1953 and has turned books out with regularity since then. "Glitz" is his 23rd.

"After more than 30 years of writing, I have the odd feeling of

just getting really started in the last few years," Leonard says, a wry smile on his bearded face.

"I think maybe it's because my particular style of writing has finally been accepted by the readers. That's very nice, of course, but for me the most satisfying thing is the writing itself. I've always felt that if I satisfied myself, I could satisfy the readers, and it seems that has

come about."

Leonard's books bring him more than enough money now, but it was a long time coming.

"I started out writing stories while I was at the University of Detroit," recalls Leonard, who currently lives in Birmingham, Mich., a Detroit suburb. "They didn't sell, but I decided to write seriously anyway."

"I decided that if I wanted to

make it, I had to narrow my field down. So, I picked Westerns, because I liked Western movies. I researched the history of the Southwest, then I wrote stories, and I sold my first in 1951."

Leonard was working for a Detroit advertising agency at the time and wrote when he could find time. He found enough to publish 30 stories and five novels during the 1950s.

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FATAL CRASH—An Army helicopter hovers near the site of Tuesday's fatal crash of an Air Force C-130 cargo plane. Six of the eight people aboard died when the plane, on low-level maneuvers, crashed at Fort Hood. (AP Laser-photo)

Military plane crash probed

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — Investigators were scheduled to renew their probe today into the fiery crash of a C-130 military transport plane that killed six of the eight people aboard.

The plane, which was dropping sand bags in a routine low-altitude mission, burst into flames and virtually disintegrated after it crashed Tuesday morning in Central Texas, officials said.

The two survivors were taken to Darnall Army Community Hospital, where they were in stable condition late Tuesday night, said Fort Hood spokeswoman Mary Mueller.

Ms. Mueller said the victims' identities would not be released until this morning so that their relatives could be notified.

Investigators from Dyess and

Bergstrom Air Force bases arrived on the scene Tuesday afternoon and were to resume poring over what one firefighter called "the mangled mess" today, Ms. Mueller said.

An eyewitness, Anita Nichols of Gatesville, said the 60-person-capacity C-130E Hercules was flying in formation with two other planes when it crashed about 11:15 a.m.

"One of them just kept getting lower and lower and lower," she said. "I thought, 'Oh my gosh, there's no landing place there.' All of a sudden, he went down and the whole thing burst into flames."

"He wasn't flying with the others," said William Farrar, a Gatesville police sergeant who lives near the crash site. "He was flying kind of erratic."

The plane was on a low-level mission from Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene to Fort Hood, simulating drops of supplies at altitudes between 800 feet and 1,500 feet, said Fort Hood spokesman Maj. George Creach.

"The plane in the middle started gaining altitude at a funny angle. Its left wing tipped up and it was more or less flying sideways," said eyewitness Charles Alton, who runs a grocery store less than a mile from the site.

"The last I saw of the plane was the wingtip on the horizon — then a ball of smoke," he said.

Volunteer fireman Larry McDonald, on the first truck to reach the scene, said the two who survived were standing 50 feet behind the fuselage.

Committee to try, try again on federal budget trimming

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Budget Committee, after rejecting both President Reagan's call for deep domestic spending cuts and Democratic proposals for tax increases, is ready to try again to chop \$50 billion from the federal deficit.

But the committee's senior Democrat, Lawton Chiles of Florida, said the panel was at an impasse — with no plan currently being offered capable of mustering majority support.

"Right now, I think we're headed for a train wreck," Chiles said after the committee on Tuesday rejected a pair of

Democratic-sponsored proposals for tax increases.

However, Committee Chairman Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M., was more upbeat, saying the panel will continue working to try to find the additional savings — and the magic combination that will pick up the needed 12-vote majority in his committee.

While conceding that the committee might consider supporting some form of tax increase "down the road" and "as a last resort," Domenici said the committee was not near that point yet. "We can't substitute tax increases for budget cuts this early

in the game," he said.

The committee was to work today on a variety of proposals that would make more extensive cuts than the general program freezes it already has adopted — but members said that no plan right now is capable of winning approval.

Aides said that so far, the committee has voted to cut \$12.3 billion from domestic programs in fiscal 1986, on top of a recommended \$21.1 billion reduction in the administration's defense buildup. The panel has rejected \$26.8 billion in domestic cuts the president wants.

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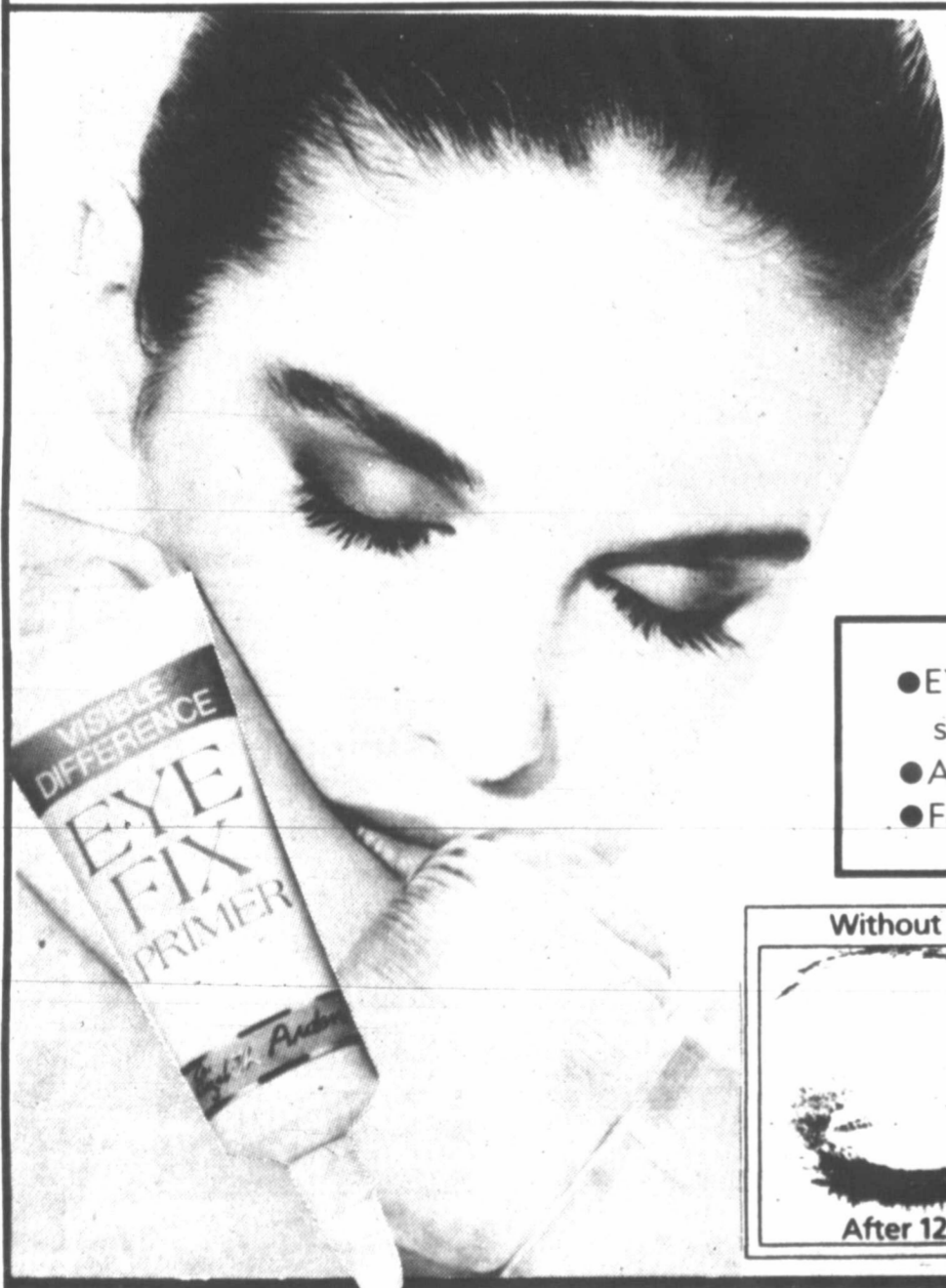
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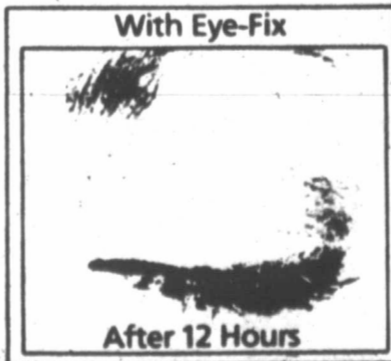
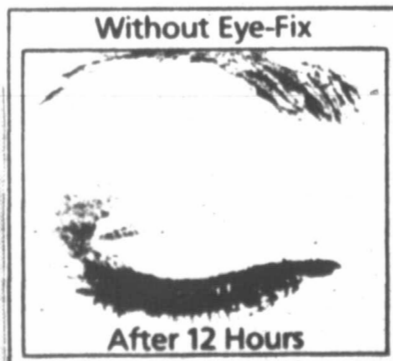


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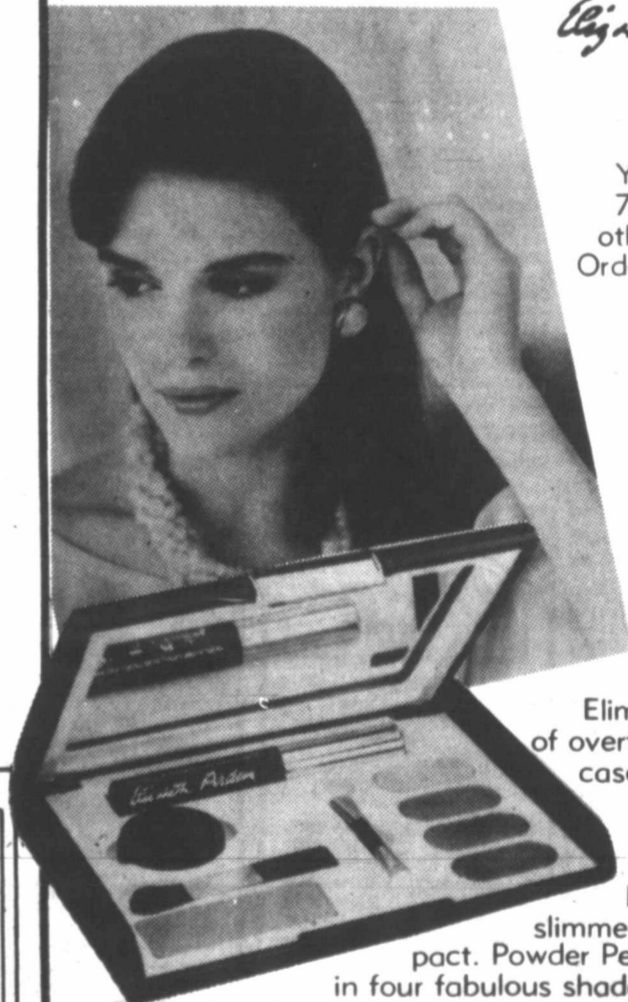
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