**Wire reports**

**World**

Premier elected to post

MOSCOW — Tikhon Kiselev, a deputy premier, has been elected to the post held by a senior Communist Party official in the government, a Soviet news agency has reported.

Kiselev, 63, will replace Pyotr Makhovski as chief of the Communist Party organization in Byelorussia, one of the Soviet Union's 15 republics. He was not announced whether he also will take over Makhovski's more important post as an alternate member of the national Communist Party's ruling body.

That decision is expected to be made by the party's Central Committee and was a surprise to many in Moscow. Kiselev likely will continue serving as one of the Soviet Union's 13 deputy premiers at least until then.

China sends protest note

PEKING — China has sent a "strong protest" to Vietnam over alleged Vietnamese military threats across the Chinese border and has warned that if such attacks continue "it will be absolutely impossible for them (Vietnamese) to escape the consequences."

China's official Xinhua news agency said the protest note from the Chinese Foreign Ministry was delivered to the Vietnamese Embassy in Peking yesterday.

Xinhua quoted the note as saying the repeated Viet- namese armed provocations and intrusions in Chinese border areas "cannot but arouse the intense indignation of the Chinese government and people."

"Should the Vietnamese authorities continue to ignore the protests and warnings from the Chinese side, and keep on violating China's sovereignty and territorial integrity and provoking incidents, it will be absolutely impossible for them to escape from the consequences," Xinhua quoted the note as saying.

There was no immediate Vietnamese comment on the note.

Connors: 'sedate crowds'

CANTON, Ohio — American star Jimmy Connors is having a bad day as he plays a bad game, but he's finding it hard to get used to the sedate crowds in China.

Connors, who appeared in New York last week, the powerful left-hander said after falling behind 4-2 in the first set.

In other second-round matches, Hrton Ismail of Zimbabwe, beat Jan Norback of Sweden, 7-6, 6-2, and Cliff Cliff of Australia, defeated Emile Mouton of Mexico, 6-4, 6-2.

Sashi Menon of India, beat Ross Case of Australia, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 in a first-round match.

**Moderate leader resigns**

LONDON — Former Prime Minister James Callaghan has resigned as leader of Britain's opposition Labor Party, setting the stage for a battle for control between the party's feuding left and right-wings.

Callaghan, 68, bowed to the urging of Labor's right-wings and another moderate party chief before new leadership selection rules, favoring the left, that as they come to understand the game better, they will get worked up.

Connors, the top seed, whipped fellow American Jim Delaney 6-4, 6-2 after falling behind 4-2 in the first set.

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Moore's son shoots himself

LOS ANGELES — Actress Mary Tyler Moore, whose movie "Ordinary People" dealt with the accidental death of one son and the attempted suicide of another, has seen her son's suicide, too. The actress' only child, Richard, 24, was killed late Tuesday night when he triggered his own shotgun and shot himself in the head, police said.

A coroner's investigation was trying to determine whether Richard had been drinking.

Moore herself was not touched by the sadness.

Moore's son shoots himself

LAWRENCE, Kan. — A law student, Larry McDonald, 22, shot and killed a professor who had given him a failing grade in his psychology class.

The shooting occurred yesterday at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, the university said in a statement. The professor, Charles R. Klopfer, 50, was pronounced dead at a local hospital.

McDonald, a junior, was arrested at the scene and was being held on a $25,000 bond.

**State**

Lancaster has tax surplus

LANCASTER — After agonizing over how much to raise taxes earlier this year, the Lancaster County Council now has a new problem: what to do with a $26,000 surplus.

"There's a lot of things that could be done with it," council member Fred Piyler said yesterday.

The county needs fire trucks, sheriff's patrol cars and a true "firehouse" to house them.

When the surplus was revealed last month Piyler and two other council members wanted to give most of it back to taxpayers with a 7 percent property tax reduction.

But at an Oct. 3 meeting, at which auditors verified the amount of the surplus, a majority of the seven-member council didn't go along with the idea of a tax cut. For one thing, members said, a 7-1/2 percent reduction would only decrease the tax rate by about 87 cents.

The council is scheduled to talk about what to do with the $25,000 when it meets Oct. 27.

Agencies miss deadline

Three quarters of South Carolina's state agencies missed the deadline for submitting plans for a 7 percent cut in personnel costs by July 1.

William Putnam, executive director of the state Budget and Control Board, said replies were received from only 21 of the 69 agencies and institutions affected by the Nov. 1 deadline.

The Budget and Control Board asked the agencies to submit the plans in order to avoid laying off employees if the state fails to shave $8 million from its proposed $1.1 billion budget for next year.

A total of 1,150 jobs must be cut from the state payrolls either through attrition or layoffs, the board has said.

One of the agencies which took steps to reduce its personnel costs Wednesday was the Board of Corrections, which, talking through a spokesman, expressed surprise its plans have been put in.

The Board of Corrections voted to close five prisons, cut 125 job positions and, in essence, lay off some workers in order to comply with the personnel cuts.

Nurses vote down union

SUMTER — Registered nurses at Tusmen Hospital have rejected union representation on a 51-19 vote, according to the National Labor Relations Board.

The determination of the voting was the opposite of what happened in August when other hospital worker, such as maintenance and janitorial help, voted to join the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employers.

Three ballots were challenged, but they did not figure into the election results because of the margin of victory.

Tusmen Hospital Administrator Ralph W. Abercome Jr. said, "It is a victory for the nurses. It's not a victory for me."

Other than the brief Abercome statement, hospital officials would not talk about the election. They issued a short press release saying,

"The registered nurses have voted not to affiliate with a union. We are gratified by this vote. We will now have the opportunity to work hard with all the RNs and with others to assure that this hospital is what they and the citizens of Sumter deserve.

Art Museum Director quits

GREENVILLE — Jack A. Morris Jr. said he quit as director of the Greenville County Art Museum because he couldn't make certain compromises.

Morris offered his resignation late Wednesday, and the commission voted to accept it 4 to 0, according to museum commission chairman Arthur McCall.

The resignation came after Morris had been under fire since late July when two museum employees charged him with unfair management practices and using his position for personal gain.

McCall said the commission would start immediately searching for a replacement for Morris.